

Author Terry Brooks to speak about Shannara book series

CANNON BEACH — The Northwest Author Series will host Cannon Beach resident and world famous fantasy author Terry Brooks for its next program at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Cannon Beach Library, located at 131 N. Hemlock St. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

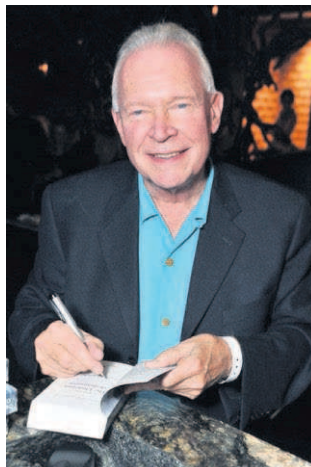
Brooks will talk about his Shannara book series and the MTV television miniseries adaptation, "The Shannara Chronicles."

Brooks writes mainly epic fantasy and has also written two movie novelizations. He has written 23 New York Times best-sellers during his writing career and has over 21

million copies of his books in print. An alumnus of Hamilton College with a Bachelor of Arts in English literature, and later a practicing attorney, he is now a full-time prolific writer.

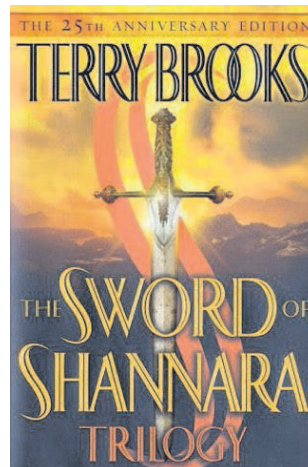
The Shannara book series consists of over 25 novels and counting, but is based on an original trilogy published from 1977 to 1985: "The Sword of Shannara," "The Elfstones of Shannara" and "The Wishsong of Shannara."

Set in a fantasy world that exists long after our own world has been destroyed in a nuclear war, the Shannara series tells of how humans have evolved into several "races" —



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Fantasy author Terry Brooks will speak Jan. 14 at the Cannon Beach Library.

gnomes, trolls, humans, dwarves and elves. The



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Terry Brooks' first Shannara book was "The Sword of Shannara," published in 1977.

land itself is called the Four Lands, with different

races in each area.

The first novel of the original trilogy, which took Brooks seven years to write, chronicles the adventures of the brothers Shea and Flick Ohmsford in their quest to retrieve the sword of Shannara to defeat the Warlock Lord who threatens the Four Lands.

The second novel, "The Elfstones," follows Shea's grandson, Wil Ohmsford, as he aids the endangered elven nation, helping it survive a horde of demons coming through a sealed-off dimension. The third novel, "The Wishsong," details the quest of Jair and Brin Ohmsford, the children of Wil, to save the

Four Lands from the evil magic within a tome called the Ildatch.

The television series "The Shannara Chronicles" premiered in the U.S. in January 2016 and focuses primarily on "The Elfstones" novel, with some elements of the other novels being gradually adapted into the show. The filming of the 10-episode season occurred in New Zealand. The series was nominated to a 42nd Saturn Awards for Best Fantasy TV Series for the 2015-16 season.

In June 2017, Brooks will see the publication of the beginning of his new quadrology, "The Fall of Shannara."

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These literary chimpanzees see no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil. From top, Edward James appears as Jonathan Swift, Justin Germond is Milton and Amber Blecha is Kafka in "Words, Words, Words," a scene from the David Ives play "All In The Timing," which opens at the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center this weekend.

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