

### Chapter 1 : A Wiki of Ice and Fire

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Product Details Synopsis Few books have captivated the imagination and won the devotion and praise of readers and critics everywhere as has George R. Now, in A Feast for Crows, Martin delivers the long-awaited fourth book of his landmark series, as a kingdom torn asunder finds itself at last on the brink of peace A Feast for Crows It seems too good to be true. After centuries of bitter strife and fatal treachery, the seven powers dividing the land have decimated one another into an uneasy truce. Or so it appears Few legitimate claims to the once desperately sought Iron Throne still exist or they are held in hands too weak or too distant to wield them effectively. The war, which raged out of control for so long, has burned itself out. But as in the aftermath of any climactic struggle, it is not long before the survivors, outlaws, renegades, and carrion eaters start to gather, picking over the bones of the dead and fighting for the spoils of the soon-to-be dead. Now in the Seven Kingdoms, as the human crows assemble over a banquet of ashes, daring new plots and dangerous new alliances are formed, while surprising faces some familiar, others only just appearing are seen emerging from an ominous twilight of past struggles and chaos to take up the challenges ahead. It is a time when the wise and the ambitious, the deceitful and the strong will acquire the skills, the power, and the magic to survive the stark and terrible times that lie before them. It is a time for nobles and commoners, soldiers and sorcerers, assassins and sages to come together and stake their fortunes For at a feast for crows, many are the guests but only a few are the survivors. From the Hardcover edition. Few books have captivated the imagination and won the devotion and praise of readers and critics everywhere as has George R. Now, in A Feast for Crows, Martin delivers the long-awaited fourth book of his landmark series, as a kingdom torn asunder finds itself at last on the brink of peace. Or so it appears. Few legitimate claims to the once desperately sought Iron Throne still exist-or they are held in hands too weak or too distant to wield them effectively. Now in the Seven Kingdoms, as the human crows assemble over a banquet of ashes, daring new plots and dangerous new alliances are formed, while surprising faces-some familiar, others only just appearing-are seen emerging from an ominous twilight of past struggles and chaos to take up the challenges ahead. It is a time for nobles and commoners, soldiers and sorcerers, assassins and sages to come together and stake their fortunes. For at a feast for crows, many are the guests-but only a few are the survivors. Few legitimate claims to the once desperately sought Iron Throne still exist--or they are held in hands too weak or too distant to wield them effectively. Now in the Seven Kingdoms, as the human crows assemble over a banquet of ashes, daring new plots and dangerous new alliances are formed, while surprising faces--some familiar, others only just appearing--are seen emerging from an ominous twilight of past struggles and chaos to take up the challenges ahead. For at a feast for crows, many are the guests--but only a few are the survivors. The fourth book in New York Times bestselling author Martin's landmark series arrives to the delight of fans the world over. This is historical fiction that never was, filled with gritty characters, realistic conflicts, heroism, barbarism, defeats, and triumphs.

### Chapter 2 : A Song of Ice and Fire / Characters - TV Tropes

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Here there be many a trope, in the great wide world of Ice and Fire. The first book out of a planned seven was published in 1996 and most recently, Book 5, was published in 2011. In addition to the main books, there are a variety of spin-offs and related media, such as prequels and in-universe history texts. The novels feature a large ensemble cast, narrated in chapters that relate action from the third-person limited perspective of alternating protagonists, some of them at times might be on the opposite side of a conflict. Some of the plots and subplots of the protagonists overlap with each other directly and indirectly, while others merely parallel the central action or counterpoint it in key ways. In general, there are three theaters of action in the books – the Wall, Westeros, and Essos – where a range of characters and factions gravitate around, slowly converging as the narrative of the series moves to the final act. Note that the wall of text below contains no spoilers – the backstory is that elaborate. Most of the series is set on the continent of Westeros, a world where the seasons can last for years. Westeros was once a world suffused with magic. Beings like the Children of the Forest allied with the First Men against the Others, a race of inhuman ice beings, and banished them to the Lands of Always Winter, with a giant Wall of ice built and manned to repel them. More recently, the dragon-riding Targaryen dynasty, refugees from the doomed Valyrian Freehold on the continent of Essos, unified the seven kingdoms of Westeros under a single realm. But some time later, even the dragons died, and with their death, magic has faded for more than a century across the known world prior to the start of the series. However, there are rumors, whispers, and prophecies that someday, the dragons will return. In the course of their rebellion, their alliance was cemented by marriage, with Lord Eddard Stark marrying Catelyn Tully, and governing as Warden of the North. He has five children with Catelyn – Robb, Sansa, Arya, Bran, and Rickon – and an illegitimate son Jon Snow, born while Ned was away at war to another woman he refuses to name. King Robert is also assisted by his own brothers in governing the Seven Kingdoms – Renly being one of the most prominent courtiers of the Seven Kingdoms, with close ties to the wealthy and powerful House Tyrell; and Stannis, the resentful middle-child who is disliked for his difficult personality, with his only friend being the former smuggler Davos Seaworth. At the start of the series, a long summer lasting for more than a decade is nearing its end, leaving many observers to fear the onset of an even longer winter which would be hard enough even during the best of times. Unfortunately, what follows would not be the best of times. The Alliance that opposed the Targaryen dynasty, which governed Westeros in the previous decade, fractures in the course of the first three novels, plunging the kingdom into civil war – and isolationist regions like the Iron Islands and the southern principality of Dorne take advantage of the crisis to assert their own agendas. Across the Narrow Sea, The Remnant of House Targaryen – the vengeance-mad Prince Viserys Targaryen and his younger sister Daenerys – live in exile, planning to return to Westeros and restore their dynasty. They court their own alliance of exiles, mercenaries, and ambitious local states to build an army and eventually invade Westeros again, to bring them back to power. Naturally, the general instability of Westeros with almost every region in turmoil and civil war is amenable to their interests. Unbeknownst to most of the players of this game of thrones, a much bigger threat than the instability of the government and potential invasion from Essos lies in the far North, in the Lands of Always Winter. The Others are cold, unnatural, and seemingly immortal beings whose powers allow them to convert the dead into wights, to serve as slaves in an inhuman army of the dead.

**Chapter 3 : The A Song of Ice and Fire calendar is out: Check out the art work**

*God Emperor of Dune is the fourth book in Frank Herbert's Dune Saga. The Novel takes place 3, years after the events of the previous Novel in the series, Children of Dune.*

The idea of the Middle Ages as a uniform white culture is probably one of the most entrenched misconceptions about the medieval period. This is especially true when it comes to fantasy literature. Western medievalist fantasy literature relies heavily on European history and mythological traditions. Detail of a map of Middle Earth, annotated by J. Note Haradwaith in the south and Khand in the east. Helen Young, scholar of fantasy interpretations of the Middle Ages and author of *Race and Popular Fantasy Literature*, offers several examples of this in our most popular fantasy literature. She has pointed out that fantasy is built on a foundation of racist stereotyping in J. While neither of these are technically medievalist, being intended more as prehistoric fantastic histories than medieval fantasies, they have still had a profound influence on the way medievalist fantasy approaches race. These authors may not have intended for their work to be racist. If they were alive, they might be horrified at these allegations. The works of these authors began a tradition that has profoundly though, one hopes, not irrevocably shaped how race is treated in fantasy up to the present day. By proxy, this has had a significant impact on the broader public understanding of the Middle Ages. Eventually, all fantasy versions of the Middle Ages look more-or-less the same. And few fantasy books are more a product of this self-reinforcing process than George R. Martin himself claimed that his novels are more-solidly based in history than any other fantasy work, even Tolkien. He told John Hodgeman in an interview: I sort of had a problem with a lot of the fantasy I was reading, because it seemed to me that the middle ages or some version of the quasi middle ages was the preferred setting of a vast majority of the fantasy novels that I was reading by Tolkien imitators and other fantasists, yet they were getting it all wrong. In a Publishers Weekly interview, Martin also said: Their historical background, the texture of their worlds, tends to be rather thin. Historical authenticity is the well he returns to time and again to explain issues in his construction of Westerosi culture. In other interviews, especially when challenged on the violence, rape, sexual assault, child marriage, and other disturbing elements in the novels, he falls back on their supposed historical authenticity. He has a tendency to generalize, taking the culture of a specific place or time in the Middle Ages and using it as a marker for the entirety of the era. And they had strong ideas about the roles of women. Fantasy is, by its nature, transformative and speculative. It allows us to create better worlds, to explore the lives of others, to strip away the banalities of everyday life and dive deep into our hopes, fears, dreams, psyches, pasts, and futures. We read fantasy to find the colors again, I think. To taste strong spices and hear the song the sirens sang. There is something old and true in fantasy that speaks to something deep within us, to the child who dreamt that one day he would hunt the forests of the night, and feast beneath the hollow hills, and find a love to last forever somewhere south of Oz and north of Shangri-La. In writing *A Song of Ice and Fire*, Martin did not choose to be bound to the Wars of the Roses; he chose to write a medievalist fantasy world. That is the problem. This has been disappointing for his fans, many of whom are people of color who would like to see themselves reflected in his world. And moreover, these fantasy fans of color would love to see more good characters of color in works as major and influential as *A Song of Ice and Fire*. The problem truly arises when his fans believe with his encouragement that his neomedieval world is authentically medieval and use that belief to shape their idea of history rather than the other way around. The problem is the feedback loop. Martin argues that a primarily white Middle Ages is historically accurate. This leads some of his readers to believe that Westeros is an accurate depiction of the Middle Ages because Martin says it is. Thus, anything Martin writes is an accurate depiction of the Middle Ages. Of course, many readers push back against this, arguing for a more nuanced view of the Middle Ages, or as I have here that medievalist fantasy is not historical fiction. But reading critically and against the text can be very difficult, and often the loudest voices in the room are from those who refuse to interrogate their preconceived notions. Game of White People Dothraki in Westeros. See more of his work at: Not until *A Feast for Crows*, the fourth book in the series, do we get any person of color at all as a point-of-view character Arianne Martell, though she is still technically Westerosi, being from

Dorne. When John Boyega star of, among other things, the latest Star Wars films mentioned how overwhelmingly white the cast of Game of Thrones is along with The Lord of the Rings, and Star Wars , the comments section on fan site Winter is Coming descended into hostile, often nakedly racist, remarks. In their minds, even discussing racial inequality is racist. By their warped logic, the only way not to be racist is to pretend race does not exist. A similar issue occurred at another Game of Thrones fan-community website: Watchers on the Wall. Inclusive Histories Westeros, of course, is a fantasy world. But it is the continuous insistence, on the part of Martin and many fans, that Westeros is a relatively accurate representation of the Middle Ages that makes this discussion necessary. As such, it is important for medievalists to point out that the kind of historical accuracy that Martin strives for is ultimately impossible; works like Game of Thrones are, fundamentally, fantasies. This is especially true now, with the renewed attempt by white supremacists to co-opt the Middle Ages. The past is much more complicated, and inclusive, than many give it credit for.

**Chapter 4 : A Song of Ice and Fire Series by George R.R. Martin**

*You'll need strength, cunning, and strategy to win the Iron Throne.*

Martin at Archipelacon in Mariehamn , Martin was already a successful fantasy and sci-fi author and TV writer before writing his A Song of Ice and Fire book series. He grew frustrated that his pilots and screenplays were not getting made [25] and that TV-related production limitations like budgets and episode lengths were forcing him to cut characters and trim battle scenes. Tolkien in his childhood, he wanted to write an epic fantasy, though he did not have any specific ideas. Martin in [30] In , Martin gave his agent, Kirby McCauley , the first pages and a two-page story projection as part of a planned trilogy with the novels A Dance with Dragons and The Winds of Winter intended to follow. Bantam Books published A Storm of Swords in a single volume in the United States in November , [15] whereas some other-language editions were divided into two, three, or even four volumes. Since the events on the Iron Islands were to have an impact in the book and could not be told with existing POV characters, Martin eventually introduced three new viewpoints. On one hand, Martin was unsatisfied with covering the events during the gap solely through flashbacks and internal retrospection. On the other hand, it was implausible to have nothing happen for five years. Printing the book in "microtype on onion skin paper and giving each reader a magnifying glass" was also not an option for him. The Winds of Winter The Winds of Winter will resolve the cliffhangers from A Dance with Dragons early on and "will open with the two big battles that [the fifth book] was building up to, the battle in the ice and the battle [ And then take it from there. Four hundred pages of the sixth novel had been written as of October , although Martin considered only as "really finished"; the rest needed revising. He also revealed there had been a previous deadline of October that he had considered achievable in May , and that in September he had still considered the end-of-year deadline achievable. He further confirmed that some of the plot of the book might be revealed in the upcoming season of Game of Thrones. There are a lot of dark chapters right now Winter is the time when things die, and cold and ice and darkness fill the world, so this is not going to be the happy feel-good that people may be hoping for. Some of the characters [are] in very dark places. On the other hand, Martin noted the challenge to avoid a situation like the finale of the TV series Lost , which left some fans disappointed by deviating too far from their own theories and desires. This included the end stories for all the core characters. However, he will see if his audience follows him after publishing his next project. Martin believes the most profound influences to be the ones experienced in childhood. Lovecraft , Robert E. Howard , Robert A. Above all, the books were extremely unpredictable, especially in a genre where readers have come to expect the intensely predictable. However, where historical fiction leaves versed readers knowing the historical outcome, [81] original characters may increase suspense and empathy for the readers. Writing process[ edit ] Setting out to write something on an epic scale, [87] Martin projected to write three books of manuscript pages in the very early stages of the series. Martin said he needed to be in his own office in Santa Fe, New Mexico to immerse himself in the fictional world and write. On occasion, improvised details significantly affected the planned story.

### Chapter 5 : Song of Ice & Fire - Official Thorium Mod Wiki

*A Wiki of Ice and Fire is fan-created for George R. R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire and HBO's Game of Thrones. We are part of the information about A Song of Ice and Fire provided by calendrierdelascience.com, which provides the web space and technical support.*

Oct 05, Richard Sutton rated it it was amazing Right up front â€” no spoilers, here or bite-sized impressionsâ€”! This morning, I laid down the last volume of George R. And settle in, I did. My w Right up front â€” no spoilers, here or bite-sized impressionsâ€”! This morning, I laid down the last volume of George R. My wife remarked more than once how distant I seemed while immersed in each book. Thinking that I would want to write a review once I finished each book, proved impossible as one dissolved into the next. It became clear that the only review I could offer would cover the series. With a fervent wish for a cathartic revelation, I plowed through each volume, until it became clear to me that this was not a typical story, writ large. If I rated books by weight alone, this would be five stars. Fantasy writing is clearly alive and well. Finally, at some sort of pinnacle, reside those books where important nuggets of truth and wisdom are skillfully imparted to the reader. That is where I would set this series, but not without a few caveats. As a writer myself, I know what a fully conceived story can demand, and how much emotion is invested in the creation of real characters. Then there is my admiration for any well-crafted written work, whether it be ponderous or very brief. If any novel can hold me and transport me, then I say the writer has done a good job. I have had no experience reading anything that held me so long or provided such a satisfying ride along the way. Riding blind, mostly, it took me until I was some time into the entire work, before I began to see what Mr. Martin had in mind for the trip or the destination. It was plagued with frustration, disillusionment, sadness and even a touch of pain, but I never begrudged him any of it. Neither serves completely to define any of the characters. Foremost, this series is about real life and power. It unfolds the way life unfolds: None of these can be considered minimal tidbits and signposts set solely to enhance the natural progress of the story. No, each of these becomes an entire meal and is best digested by a reader who enjoys several differing courses. If a sense of place, completely established is not something you revel in, this will be a cumbersome reading. The author delves into complex interrelationships, details of setting and details of spirit. He describes family crests. He tells their history and spares us no irony. Nuance is everything here, as it is in real life. Missed detail, I found out early on, have a habit of coming back as unexpected answers, so I stifled my occasional desires to skim ahead. So reading the sequences of description brought the experiences of the characters home for me. Ditto for the careful descriptions of the food and drink. After the third volume, I found myself dreaming of Westeros â€” the primary setting, as well as the interactions of the characters. Finished by his son Christopher Tolkien from notes and drafts, it also was not an easy read, but a transforming one. The ideas it expressed were so fundamental and thought-provoking, they resided in my mind for many years after I completed the book and are still there, now. Where any similarity ends, though is in the brutal honesty of the characters, their speech and their missteps. These are real people, crippled by their sins as much as their dreams. That makes their behavior so understandable that at times, I found myself recalling memories in an endless avalanche of recognition. The stories are true. The author also covers some spiritual ground that deserves tilling again and again. Fortunately, for me, it was rendered gently. The evolution of two major characters, along these lines, although unique, still was familiar enough to be completely believable for this reader. The collision between the old and the new is illustrated throughout the series, mirrored in our own civilizations. Mirrored in our own wars and hatreds. The HBO series, it turned out, did not dilute my pleasure or surprise during the many bumps in the darkness at all. I had expected that giving me an initial memory of the characters faces would minimize my grasp of the suggestions within the writing. In my case, however, the reverse held true. There is justice, and there is acceptance and there is discovery, but much takes place along the way. If you keep yourself open to the many details and the many characters. The ending and catharsis eventually unfold where you believe they will, but not in the manner or at the hands of the expected, or in the expected destination, so it pays to keep the details sorted out for the riches experience. Again, the appendices helped. I think I lost some serious

brain fat, too. The ending brings what you finally expect it to, yet it seems not to really end the tale at all, somehow. Martin may certainly feel the need to continue the trip in the future. I hope he does. If you like tidy packages and tidy players, this Song may not be your favorite. On the other hand, if you enjoy a road trip that shows you a good time, serves up tasty meals and leaves you wistful for the next, buy a ticket right away. And be sure to take a light jacket.

**Chapter 6 : A Song of Ice and Fire**

*First Movie Montage of "A Song of Ice and Fire".*

New Dawn, New Love by Assassin master ezio 91 reviews A difficult home life becomes worse for Shireen Baratheon as she begins to find herself drawn romantically to her friend Devan Seaworth, yet even outside home, both of them are in danger, from unexpected sources. Meanwhile Willem and Marissa face problems of their own which threaten to drive a wedge between them and their families. Her mundane life is about to take a turn, Adventure follows The greatest fighter and commander of his age. This is a story of how he defined a golden era of an entire continent along with his wife Margaery Stark, The Queen of Winter, after crushing his enemies in the War of the Five Kings. T - English - Adventure - Chapters: Now, as the great game begins, and forces from the darkest nightmares wake again, House Cassius will return to Westeros and the game of thrones will be changed for ever. For the Crown, the Senate and the People of Farsos! T - English - Drama - Chapters: Along the way, he finds friendship and honor in the most unexpected places. No romance; friendships and minor background relationships only. T - English - Chapters: All the Houses are still alive. Will it end in war or a sturdy peace? T - English - Fantasy - Chapters: Jon Snow has abandoned his vows to fight alongside his brother in a war of the Five Kings. While the fates of men might be changed, the Old Magic can only hold back the tide of the Others for so long. The Dragonfly Effect by JeanZedlav reviews Lord Mace Tyrell has always wanted his daughter to be queen, but he faces one major obstacle to that goal: I changed one detail in the books, and made Mace Tyrell a bit more proactive. Jon, King in the North, discovers his true identity and fights an ancient evil. Daenerys meets new allies and battles for the right to rule Westeros. Jaime Lannister seeks redemption, and the scattered Stark children return home, armed with new skills. Hybrid of book and show canon, ignores S7. T - English - Family - Chapters: But when events conspire to expose their relationship; it puts their love for each other to the test. She, however, gets more than she bargained for, being hurled back in time to the court of King Joffrey, surrounded by enemies and one snarling dog. What to do try to get back or to fix things that went so horribly wrong? T - English - Romance - Chapters: K - English - Friendship - Chapters: Now a widow, the Princess of Winter must once again do her duty. K - English - Drama - Chapters:

Chapter 7 : A Song of Ice and Fire - Wikipedia

*Bestselling Books: Fire & Blood: Years Before A Game of Thrones (A Targaryen History) (A Song of Ice and Fire), A Game of Thrones / A Clash of Kings / A Storm of Swords / A Feast of Crows / A Dance with Dragons, The World of Ice & Fire: The Untold History of Westeros and the Game of Thrones.*

Edit The story of A Song of Ice and Fire takes place in a fictional world, primarily upon a continent called Westeros but also on a large landmass to the east, known as Essos. Most of the characters are human but as the series progresses other races are introduced, such as the cold and menacing Others from the far North and fire-breathing dragons from the East, both races thought to be extinct. There are three principal storylines in the series: As the series progresses, all three storylines become increasingly interwoven and dependent on each other. The series is told in the limited third-person through the eyes of a number of POV characters. By the end of the fourth volume, there have been twenty-five such characters, although these include eight who only appear once apiece. While the series is set in a fictional world and Martin has acknowledged his debt to the works of J. Tolkien, Jack Vance and Tad Williams, the series differs from these earlier works in its greater interest in and use of realistic elements. While Tolkien was inspired by mythology, A Song of Ice and Fire is more clearly influenced by medieval history, most notably the Wars of the Roses. Likewise, while Tolkien included romance in his tales, Martin writes frequently, albeit in a clever fashion, of sexual matters. On his website, Martin has acknowledged historical fiction authors such as Bernard Cornwell and George MacDonald Fraser to be influences on the series. Background Edit The background to A Song of Ice and Fire is revealed through the lengthy appendices which follow on from each volume, with additional information revealed through the novellas, the text of the novels themselves and the role-playing game. The narrative is set primarily in the fictional Seven Kingdoms of Westeros, a large, South America-sized continent with an ancient history stretching back some twelve thousand years, and where the seasons last for years. The original inhabitants of the land were the children of the forest whose old gods are still worshipped in the North , a diminutive race who lived in harmony with nature and employed powerful magic. The First Men , a civilization of primitive warriors wielding bronze weapons and riding horses, crossed over from the eastern continent via a land bridge destroyed in the resulting conflicts and fought a series of wars against the children which ended with the Pact of the Isle of Faces being signed, with the First Men taking control of the open lands and the children remaining in the forests. The Pact was weakened after four thousand years by the emergence of the Others , an enigmatic race from the furthest north, who swept south into Westeros and caused great death and destruction, bringing about a night that lasted a generation and a winter that lasted decades. In the War for the Dawn , the Others were thrown back by the First Men and the children of the forest, and the vast Wall was raised to bar their passage south should they come again. In the following centuries the children gradually disappeared, and it was presumed that they died out or left Westeros altogether. Approximately two thousand years after the War for the Dawn, the Andals crossed the narrow sea from the eastern continent. The Andals wielded iron weapons, had tamed horses to use in battle and brought with them the Faith of the Seven. They landed in the Vale of Arryn and over the course of several millennia subjugated the southern kingdoms. However, they could not take the North due to natural defences. Over time six great and powerful kingdoms were forged across Westeros: A seventh kingdom “ that of the Riverlands “ was repeatedly conquered by its neighbours and eventually was destroyed altogether, whilst the small desert kingdoms in the far south of Westeros were divided by constant struggle and war. One thousand years prior to the events of the novels, a great host of refugees from the region of the River Rhoyne on the eastern continent “ displaced by the growing power of a distant empire called Valyria “ crossed the narrow sea under the warrior-queen Nymeria and landed in the southern-most part of Westeros. The Rhoynar allied with the native Lord Mors Martell and conquered the southern peninsula of Dorne , forging another powerful kingdom. By five centuries later the expanding Valyrian Freehold had reached the far coast of the narrow sea and established links with Westeros, using the island of Dragonstone as a trading port. However, a mere century later the Valyrian Freehold was destroyed by a titanic disaster known as the Doom. The Valyrian

family that controlled Dragonstone, the Targaryens, spent a further century in preparing their forces, and then launched a devastating invasion of Westeros under Aegon the Conqueror. Although their forces were tiny, they had with them the last three dragons in the western world and they were able to use these to subjugate the continent. Six of the Seven Kingdoms were conquered in this initial war, but Dorne resisted so fiercely that Aegon agreed to let them remain independent. The last dragons died out a century and a half into the Targaryen rule, but by this time they had become the ruling power on the continent and their rule was not challenged at this time. King Aerys himself was killed by Ser Jaime Lannister, a member of his own Kingsguard, who since then has been nicknamed the Kingslayer.

Plot summary Edit A Song of Ice and Fire follows three principal storylines, divided by geography and participants. Likewise, Balon Greyjoy also re-claims the ancient throne of his own region, the Iron Islands, with an eye towards independence. The second storyline is set on the extreme northern border of Westeros. Here, eight thousand years ago, a huge wall of ice and gravel was constructed by both magic and labor to defend Westeros from the threat of the Others, a race of ice creatures living in the uttermost north. This storyline follows Jon Snow, the bastard son of Eddard Stark, as he rises through the ranks of the Watch, learns the true nature of the threat from the north, and prepares to defend the realm from it, despite the fact that the people of Westeros are too busy warring to send support. By the end of the third volume, this storyline has become somewhat entangled with the civil war to the south with the arrival of one of the claimants to the Iron Throne after the defeat of his armies in battle. The third storyline is set on the huge eastern continent of Essos and follows the journey of Daenerys Targaryen, the last scion of House Targaryen and another claimant to the Iron Throne. Though her story is separated from the others by many thousands of miles, her stated goal is to reclaim the Iron Throne, and it is presumed she will travel to Westeros before the end of the series. While she has no memories of Westeros and is barely known there, she may still be welcomed: The eponymous Song of Ice and Fire has been mentioned only rarely in the series so far, most notably in a vision Daenerys sees in the House of the Undying in A Clash of Kings. This vision depicts her dead brother Rhaegar speaking of his son, saying, "He is the prince that was promised, and his is the song of ice and fire". It is implied that there is a connection between this song, the promised prince, and Daenerys herself, who according to her granduncle Aemon will fulfill the prophecy the Valyrian word "prince" is gender-neutral, just as their dragons are hermaphrodites.

Origins of the series Edit George R. Martin had a long love of model knights and medieval history, but his early novels and short stories mostly fit into the science fiction genre; however, eventually several fantasy stories did appear, such as The Ice Dragon. After Beauty and the Beast ended in Martin returned to writing prose and started work on a long-planned science fiction novel called Avalon. The direwolf has several pups, which are taken by the youngsters to raise as their own. After a hiatus spent producing a television pilot for a series called Doorways, Martin resumed work on A Game of Thrones, but the book grew much larger than he had planned. As a result of this, Martin then expanded his plan for the series to four books, and then to six. Publication of A Game of Thrones followed in early In order to fit A Game of Thrones into one volume, Martin had pulled out the last quarter or so of the book and made it the opening section of the second book, which he then named A Clash of Kings. Growth of the series Edit After expanding the series to four volumes, Martin remarked, "What can I say? Martin found it difficult to make this work without an over-reliance on flashbacks. He found it extremely difficult to go back and start again, especially as this novel was not planned for in his scheme for the series, and work on the book progressed slowly. By May A Feast for Crows had become longer than A Storm of Swords and his publishers said they could not publish the book in one volume. After discussing the matter with his publishers and his friend and fellow writer Daniel Abraham, Martin decided to split the book by character and location instead. In a May statement, the author also said that this move now meant that the series would require seven volumes. Martin recognized that this decision could cause frustration among some of his fans. Despite initial hopes of A Dance with Dragons being published quickly after A Feast for Crows, the writing and revision process for this fifth novel proved more difficult than anticipated, with significant unforeseen rewrites and structural changes to the book being required. The book was eventually published in July to strong critical praise, but a more mixed fan reception. Martin began work on The Winds of Winter soon after, initially using chapters delayed from the previous book, and hopes to complete the book in As of

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September Martin has not yet completed *The Winds of Winter*, citing slower progress than expected despite taking time off his usually busy schedules to dedicate to the book. He now anticipates a release. It is widely expected that given his age and weight Martin will not complete his epic novel.

### Chapter 8 : Race in A Song of Ice and Fire: Medievalism Posing as Authenticity | The Public Medievalist

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### Chapter 9 : A Song of Ice and Fire (Literature) - TV Tropes

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