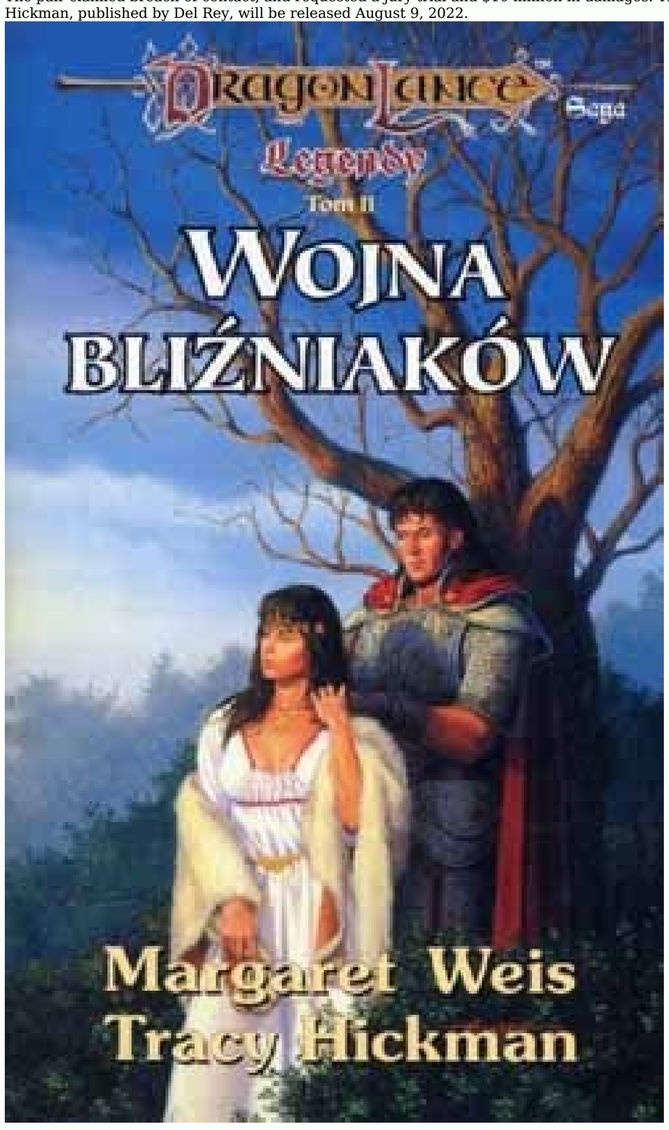


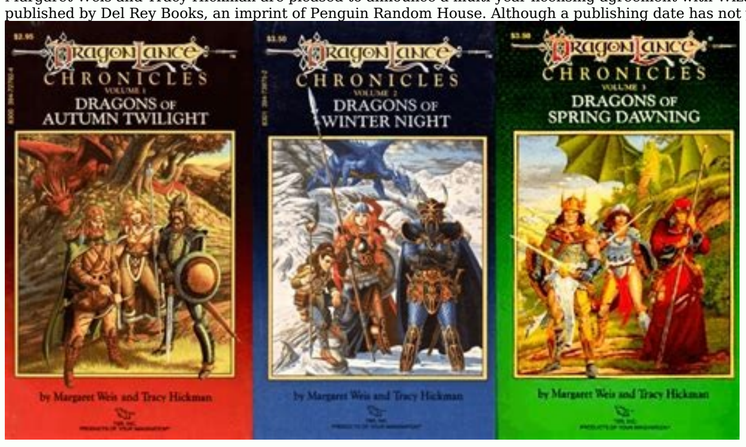
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Margaret weis and tracy hickman new book

© 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates Andrew Liptak Cover artist: Larry Elmore Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman are officially returning to the Dragonlance franchise. Weis announced today that she and her writing partner will be writing a new trilogy set to follow their classic fantasy novels with Del Rey Books, with the first installment to tentatively hit stores later this year. If you browsed a bookstore in the 1990s and early 2000s, you likely came across rows of books bearing the Dragonlance logo: the long-running franchise of Dungeons & Dragons tie-ins ran for nearly two hundred volumes, led by Weis and Hickman's original trilogy, which was first published back in the 1980s. At the time, Hickman was a game designer for Tactical Studies Rules (TSR), and devised an epic campaign setting that pitted its characters against dragons. He and TSR recognized the potential that the setting had—it could be more than just a game setting, it could also be the basis for a series of novels. He and Weis went on to write three novels between 1984 and 1985, Dragons of Autumn Twilight, Dragons of Winter Night and Dragons of Spring Dawning, following the inhabitants of the world of Krynn. (These three books were also the focus of a detailed Dragonlance Reread on Tor.com a few years ago, headed by Mahvesh Murad and Jared Shurin.) The books were immediately successful, and TSR would go on to set up other multimedia franchises within various campaign settings, most notably Forgotten Realms. Weis and Hickman published more than 30 additional installments of the series, the last of which hit stores in 2006. Now, they'll return to the franchise, but not without a couple of bumps along the way. The pair began writing the trilogy in 2018, but last year, word broke that the pair had sued Wizards of the Coast for $10 million for breach of contract, over some issues with the publication process. Back in December, they settled and withdrew the lawsuit, allowing the book series to move forward. pic.twitter.com/1ZunpN7L77 — Margaret Weis (@WeisMargaret) January 25, 2021 According to Weis, the new books will return fans to the world of Krynn and will bring "our beloved characters to a new generation of readers." There isn't a firm release date just yet, but Weis and Hickman say that they're anticipating the first installment will hit stores later this year. © 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates Image: Del Rey Dragonlance: Dragons of Deceit, the next book in the Dragonlance series of Dungeons & Dragons novels, arrives on Aug. 9, 2022. Written by creators Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman. Its release follows months of litigation with rights holders Wizards of the Coast. Weis made the announcement on Twitter. The Dragonlance Chronicles began with D&D's original publisher TSR in 1984, with Dragons of Autumn Twilight. It introduced fans to the world of Krynn, and characters such as Tanis Half-Elven, Raistlin, Flint Fireforge, and Goldmoon.
The original trilogy also included the novels Dragons of Winter Night and Dragons of Spring Dawning. The Dragonlance franchise also included numerous tabletop role-playing adventures that were designed and published contemporaneously. The world of Krynn and its characters have since made cameos in many D&D publications, including recent game books for 5th edition. The existence of not one but three new Dragonlance novels came to light in October 2020 when Weis and Hickman filed suit against Wizards of the Coast.
The pair claimed breach of contact, and requested a jury trial and $10 million in damages. The issue was settled in January 2021, clearing the way for the publication of these new books. In September, Hickman told Polygon in an interview that he was "gratified" with the settlement. It's official! Dragons of Deceit by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman, published by Del Rey, will be released August 9, 2022.



We're returning to old friends while introducing a new heroine to the classic world of Dragonlance. pic.twitter.com/JS5LS8kEIl— Margaret Weis (@WeisMargaret) December 17, 2021 "This story that we're telling in this new series is very much a capstone for us," he said at the time. "It was important to us that we be able to tell the story we wanted to tell, and that we tell a story that brought all of us together again in Dragonlance." On Friday, Weis let slip for the first time what that story will be about. "We're returning to old friends," Weis said in a tweet, "while introducing a new heroine to the classic world of Dragonlance." Cover art, released today, shows a trio of characters wearing armor and holding weapons. Behind them stands a proud young dragon. Pre-orders are available at local booksellers and online. Prices taken at time of publishing. $26 at Amazon $26 at Target Editor's Note: The following press release was posted by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman on their social media platforms. Wilmington, NC – January 25, 2021 – Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman are pleased to announce a multi-year licensing agreement with Wizards of the Coast to produce a new, three book series of Classic Dragonlance novels. The new trilogy will return fans to the most beloved characters from the original novels along with introducing a new strong protagonist. The books will be published by Del Rey Books, an imprint of Penguin Random House. Although a publishing date has not yet been formally set, they anticipate announcing when the first book will be released later this year.



"We couldn't be happier to be returning to the world we love," says Margaret Weis. "Dragonlance is what brought Tracy and I together so many years ago. We're thrilled to be able to do this for existing lovers of Krynn while bringing our beloved characters to a new generation of readers." The first Classic Dragonlance novel, Dragons of Autumn Twilight, was written by Weis and Hickman and published in 1984. Since that time, more than 190 novels have been published in the setting. Weis and Hickman have collaborated on numerous series over the last 30 years including projects set within the world of Classic Dragonlance and outside of it. Two notable series are The Death Gate Cycle and The Darksword Series, both published by Penguin Random House. "We credit the fans of Dragonlance for making this journey possible," says Tracy Hickman. "We wrote this series out of our thanks to them for this amazing life-long journey…and from our wish that they join us once more on the road to Solace." The license for the series was secured by Weis & Hickman in 2018. Their recent dispute with Wizards of the Coast was resolved at the end of 2020, with all parties pleased to have come to agreement on how best to move forward with the trilogy. All are focused on producing the best series possible and will not comment on the past dispute other than to say it has been resolved. Watch for additional news from Weis and Hickman about Classic Dragonlance and other projects on the horizon in the coming months. Bookmark the permalink.