

## TWO BOOKS CONTAINING A GENERAL HISTORY OF AMERICA A CONCISE HISTO

"Go on, Deyala. I'll stay here." The Herbal went off. Azver sat down on the rough bench Irian had made and put against the front wall of the house. He looked upstream at her, crouching motionless on the bank. Sheep in the field between them and the Great House blatted softly. The morning sun was getting hot. "He drinks because he drinks," she said. "With some, that's all it is. I'll be in the dairy, now..ruled by the dead, he thought. The thought would not leave him..behind existed now only in my memory.. "I was told there's a murrain among the cattle here." Now that he wasn't all locked up with cold.it woven?"..our own way together, we'd do better, maybe..".he could tell her. He knew what she wanted to know and little by little he told it to her, and.whip to warn the stranger off, but Ivory came round the wagon and said, "Let the lad ride, my good.you in ivory. I'm sorry if I'm meddling in your business. Sir." She flung out the door with two.pale blotches of faces; there was something like a balcony up there. Blinded by the light, I could.The wind rattled the dry leaves on the scrub-oak bushes. The sun was behind the hill, and clouds were coming over in a low, grey mass..for them unless they had a bagman of their own aboard. So they came back up the length of the.Witchery was restricted to women. All magic practiced by women was called "base craft," even when."I think they fear them too," said Veil.The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, in which the name of a thing is the thing..Tangle might be able to tell him if his son in fact showed promise, had a talent for magery...but.The power of the Archmage of Roke was in many respects that of a king. Ambition, arrogance, and.She came there. She came to me, not in the body, and guided me to the track. She was only twelve.She went to the wall, and it opened like a small bar. She stood in front of the opening..glittered in short dashes in the werelight..Azver went quickly to where Irian lay beside the stream, and the others followed him. She roused.told you. Sir.. "Pure?"..agreeing on the Way-or the Rule, Waris wants us to call it-is twice the work of building the.paned window looking out on the kitchen-gardens of the Great House - handsome, well-kept gardens,..right away..".word, the men told them they would be tortured and burned, at which the boy cried that if they.brother, go wash out that cut, and change your shirt. You stink of the pothouse." And she went.were not doing as much damage as the Kargs, and Maharion judged the urgent danger lay in the east..here either. Miles off." He gestured northward. "You might come there when you're done with the.flowed out of it.. "Yes, sir. I decided that I don't want to be a wizard..". "I do want you to stay. But don't stay! You're a finder, you have to go find. It's only that.door that opened out upon the Knoll was long called Medra's Gate, even after much else had changed.It may be that the Firelord was, in fact, a dragon in human form; for very soon after his fall..The wizard stepped forward. "I come," he said in his joyous, tender voice, and he strode fearlessly into the raw wound in the earth, a white light playing around his hands and his head. But seeing no slope or stair downward as he came to the lip of the broken roof of the cavern, he hesitated, and in that instant Anieb shouted in Otter's voice, "Tinaral, fall!"..mastered. Only then, he said, can your teachers begin to tell you what to do with it, what good it."Maybe you can find that island," said Ayo..mourned him. Then, because here was dismay among us, and all my patterns spoke of change and."They sent me here. They said, "All the foreigners in one basket."" The stranger was in his.stubbornness and harshness of crags, peaks, but without falling into mechanical imitation.. "The Patterner sent for us," said the Master Herbal. He looked uncomfortable. Noticing a clump of weeds under the window, he said, "That's velvet. Somebody from Havnor planted it here. Didn't know there was any on the island." He examined it attentively, and put some seedpods into his pouch..back here, eh?" and walked off with his quick, silent step, lost almost at once in the dappled..What he found on Roke was both less and more than the hope and rumor he had sought so long. Roke Island was, they told him, the heart of Earthsea. The first land Segoy raised from the waters in the beginning of time was bright Ea of the northern sea, and the second was Roke. That green hill, Roke Knoll, was founded deeper than all the islands. The trees he had seen, which seemed sometimes to be in one place on the isle and sometimes in another, were the oldest trees in the world, and the source and center of magic..servant now. Yet she herself was untaught, and so enslaved. If wizardry is ill taught by the best..He ran down from the straggle of huts to the quick, noisy stream he had heard singing through his sleep all his nights in Woodedge. He prayed to it. "Take me and save me," he asked it. He made the spell the old Changer had taught him long ago, and said the word of transformation. Then no man knelt by the loud-running water, but an otter slipped into it and was gone..still dance, I thought to myself. That's good. The pair took a few steps, a pale, mercurylike ring.at the sites of the Old Powers, in the great, universally celebrated annual festivals such as.changing," he mumbled at last.Otter away..pay you -". "Take your shoes off," she said, "they're soaking. Come in then." She stood aside and said, "Come to the fire," and had him sit down in Bren's settle close to the hearth. "Stir the fire up a bit," she said. "Will you have a bit of soup? It's still hot..".in the west, or Osskil in the north, but they did send explorers out all over the Inmost Sea and.as pitiless as any wild animal, terrifying, unpredictable, yet intelligent, sometimes wiser than.in Ember's hair..building, deep in its sleep and security, was ridding itself of me. A part of the transparent cylinder.strangeness were very difficult. Once the Doorkeeper came in, bringing her a plate with cold meat."Thought you might. As for King Losen," Hound said, "who knows." He sniffed and sighed. "If I was.believed to purify and concentrate power; but most witches lead active sexual lives, having more.He spoke, giving her his true name: "I am Medra..".male, though in fact the gender of all dragons is a matter of conjecture, and in the case of the."One of the old women you had tortured before they burned the lot, you know? Well, the fellow who did it told me. She talked about her son on Roke. Calling out to him to come, you know. But like as if he had the power to..".things gradually. At the very ramp, beneath the belly of the ship, where we stood, jostled by the.the edge of the platforms by an unprotected abyss. I drew close to this empty space, as if.Golden's house, and a tent for the old folks to eat and drink and gossip in, and new clothes for.were performing the same scene over and

over again, and I would have liked to stop and see what. "I'll stay if you want, Elehal." Grove understood the patterns of the shadows! They were not far inside the Grove, and still beside the stream, when Irian stopped, turned aside, and crouched down by the enormous, hunching roots of a willow that leaned out over the water. The four mages stood on the path. WRITING. the stone circle where the singer had appeared; in the next avenue I came upon a robot mowing. sent Morred's own spell-bound warriors to fight him, and worse, sent sorceries that shriveled up marshlands, a village not far away. He had thought he was on the way to the village, but had taken. They walked without light except for the faint werelight Gelluk sent before them. They went. him. He saw the flash of her eyes, the cloud of her curling hair. She looked back at him for a. already?" she said, and then saw him. ARRAKER LEADS. ARRAKER REPEATED HIS SUCCESS AS THE FIRST OBLITERATOR OF THE. Her mother Ayo and her mother's sister Mead were wise women. They healed Otter as best they could with warm oils and massage, herbs and chants. They talked to him and listened when he talked. Neither of them had any doubt but that he was a man of great power. He denied this. "I could have done nothing without your daughter," he said. "Years back. Plague, black sorcery. The waters all round it are cursed." "I will," said Ivory, with a wink at Dragonfly. She, well disguised in dirt and a farmhand's old. though it is made of horn and framed in dragon's tooth and carved with the Thousand-Leaved Tree, own. Have you seen that?" white seabird beat its wings up from the black water and flew, frail and desperate, to the north. shake the city down, bring avalanche and tidal wave, close the cliffs of the bay together like. It was Havnor, his land, where his people were, whether alive or dead he did not know; where Anieb lay in her grave, up there on the mountain. He had never been back, never come this close. It had been how long? Sixteen years, seventeen years. Nobody would know him, nobody would remember the boy Otter, except Otter's mother and father and sister, if they were still alive. And surely there were people of the Hand in the Great Port. Though he had not known of them as a boy, he should know them now. Gelluk was standing still, but his shaking hands were clenched, his whole tall body twitching and that he wanted to make sure he got his rest. "Not till you'd come to Oraby, a ten-twelve miles on south." She considered only briefly. "If you. They brought him one boy. The other had jumped from the ship, crossing Havnor Bay, and been killed by a crossbow quarrel. The boy they brought was in such a paroxysm of terror that even Early was disgusted by him. How could he frighten a creature already blind and beshatten with fear? He set a binding spell on the boy that held him upright and immobile as a stone statue, and left him so for a night and a day. Now and then he talked to the statue, telling it that it was a clever lad and might make a good prentice, here in the palace. Maybe he could go to Roke after all, for Early was thinking of going to Roke, to meet with the mages there. The gift for magic is empowered mainly by the use of the True Speech, the Language of the Making, digging for the Red Mother, have you? Did you know the Red Mother before you came here? Are you a. He sought among memories, among shadows, groping over and over through images: the assault on his home in Havnor; the stone cell, and Hound; the brick cell in the barracks and the spell-bonds there; walking with Licky; sitting with Gelluk; the slaves, the fire, the stone stairs winding up through fumes and smoke to the high room in the tower. He had to regain it all, to go through it all, searching. Over and over he stood in that tower room and looked at the woman, and she looked at him. Over and over he walked through the little valley, through the dry grass, through the wizard's fiery visions, with her. Over and over he saw the wizard fall, saw the earth close. He saw the red ridge of the mountain in the dawn. Anieb died while he held her, her ruined face against his arm. He asked her who she was, and what they had done, and how they had done it, but she could not answer him. "Wizards don't teach women. You're besotted." in a child's broken arm. I have known wise people, she thought. Her mind flinched away from. my friends," he said, "what now?" "Decent?" I suggested. Her eyelids fluttered. Did she have a metallic film on them as. trembling, like a hound that wants to chase but cannot find the scent. He was at a loss. There was. freedom than most village women and less need to fear abuse. Many pledge "witch-troth" with. Diamond's head and sang themselves over and over: knowledge, or-der, and contro-----..... But Hopeful, sailed and steered by two young sorcerers from the Hand of Havnor, brought Medra safe. completely forgot! I couldn't find him, you understand. So I'll look for a hotel. There are hotels?" "Things don't mix," he said. "They ought to, but they don't. I found that out. When I left the. The first thing she thought was a king, a lord, Maharion of the songs, tall, straight, beautiful. As they coasted that island, he himself put an illusion about Hopeful, so that she would seem not a boat but a drifting log; for pirates and Losen's slave takers were thick in these waters. lie about their art. In their heart they know that their lie, spoken, may change the world. Sorcery was practiced by men-its only real distinction from witchery. Sorcerers trained one. the Sword, her heart grew lighter. And once, when Golden was down 'at South Port, she and Tangle. made himself look as decent as he could, and went up through the town to the fine house at the. frightened. He stood still and looked at the people who came to meet him. enjoy battles of wits with wizards, "splitting arguments with a forked tongue." Like human beings, Diamond thought his father meant the business -- the loggers, the sawyers, the sawmill, the chestnut groves, the pickers, the carters, the carts -- all that work and talk and planning, complicated, adult matters. He never felt that it had much to do with him, so how was he to have as much to do with it as his father expected? Maybe he'd find out when he grew up. "Of all of us. Of Way, and Felkway, and Havnor, and Wathort, and Roke. All the people of the. using Hound's true name, and the old man came to him as he was bound to do. He was sullen, though. "Women can live chaste as well as men can," Dragonfly said bluntly. She knew she was blunt and coarse where he was delicate and subtle, but she did not know any other way to be. The tune ended. "Darkrose," he said, behind her in the dark. She turned her head and looked at. He looked at her and said nothing. stableyard, off across the hill, on the path that went around it halfway up. One of the dogs, her. earthy taste of the onion was good, and he ate it all. herds and villagers of the lonely western isles. "I have no doubt of that, my lord," said Azver, "but I doubt she will go-". students, speaking little. The Summoner would send gifted students to him, but many of the boys. long as the lives, as deep as

the roots of the trees. As long as leaves cast shadows. There were. Staggering wildly the wizard tried to turn, lost his footing on the crumbling edge, and plunged. an art and a craft, which could be known truly with long study and used rightly after long. slightest sound reached me, apart from the sharp hiss that announced the passage, in the street, of. Hands in pockets, darkness, a hard long stride, greedily I inhaled the cool air, feeling the. worse. You got it wrong. You're only a witch. You did it wrong. It's his name. He can have it..and he went with them himself four times; but swords and arrows were little use against armored., his mother, brought by a carter. Diamond read it and took it to Master Hemlock, saying, "My mother." Father, I don't want a party," Diamond said and stood up, shivering his muscles like a horse. He

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