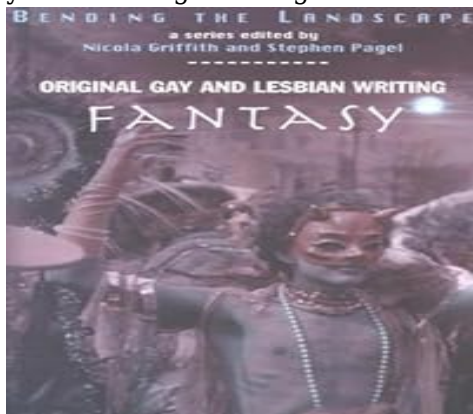


Bending the Landscape: Fantasy By Nicola Griffith I can't put it any better than the quote on the back of the book: BTL:F "demonstrates that gender and orientation can be used to create spectacularly imaginative plots and rich works of fantasy". The Sound of Angels was wonderful - but to my mind belonged in a science fiction collection given the technological story linchpin - and made me wonder how wonderful or awful it would be to be neurally linked to someone while they died. Beside the Well was a beautiful (and dark) story set in a Japanese setting that I found quite lyrical - and reminded me a bit of the novel 'The Fox Woman' I read quite a while back. Young Lady Who Loved Catepillars was a superb and asian fantasy about a young girl who absolutely refused to conform and the girl who might love her with a little help from a butterfly with but one day to live on the world. In Mysterious Ways was a super (and funny) little tale from a favourite author of mine Tanya Huff where thief is asked to steal a minor god's relic and is stuck between that rock and a hard place. In the House of the Man in the Moon was my favourite of the tale about a man who even as a child could sense spirits and who tries to reconcile his present day aiding of the police with his youthful vengeance against a man who preyed on children like he once was. 9781585675760



When I was a teenager I used to drive to a libraries that belonged to my co-op (meaning I could use my small town library card to check titles out) where no one knew me. My favorite stories were Frost Painting Gary in the Shadows Water Snakes Cloudmaker Magicked Tricks Sound of Angels The Home Town Boy There Are Things Which Are Hidden from the Eyes of the Everyday and the Young Lady Who Loved Catepillars:

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1998: I'm curious to read the science fiction collection to see if I like it better. I really enjoyed the first seven stories as well as the Leslie What and BJ Thrower pieces: Antologian pointtina on esitellä "kvääriyttä" eli homoja ja lesboja. Sinällään tämä on myös kiinnostava aikamatka parinkymmenen vuoden taakse koska kvääriys nähdään tässä kuitenkin edelleen hyvin cissukupuolisena. Että sinällään niistä ajoista on jo päästy paljon eteenpäin: 9781585675760 Having read the Horror and the Science Fiction books in this series of short stories with a gender/gay/lesbian/bisexual bend when Mr, Dude said he had a copy of the out-of-print fantasy volume in the series I begged pleaded and nuzzled neck, The result: I got to enjoy this selection of short stories: Not surprising to those of you who know me well the Science Fiction selection is still my favourite but this one certainly was more enjoyable to me than the Horror issue: Granted I have a low gorge factor so the horror had too much 'ick' factor when I read it. This the fantasy series has some solid stuff in it and nearly no 'ick, Frost Painting was a pretty story about transition and the fear that holds us back in what - though less enjoyable - we are used to. Gary in the Shadows was a sad tale and a really touching one about a man whose ghosts literally come back to haunt - and protect - him. Prince of the Dark Green Sea was a wonderful gay re-telling of the tale of the fisherman and his wife. Water Snakes was really touching - and reminded me quite a bit of some of Jeanette Winterson's work: Gestures Too Late on a Gravel Road was quite haunting and left me feeling very sad though a little vindicated, The notion of not quite saying goodbye soon enough haunts most of us I think: The Fall of the Kings was the longest tale read like a novella and was so wonderfully dark and sensual that I think it placed second in my favourites of the book. It is also the most classically fantasy story in the book: Cloudmaker had a unique story idea but left me a little confused and cold, Magicked Tricks was a fun also sword-and-sorcery setting fantasy story and a cute romp to boot: It's basically a murder mystery with a bit of a magical twist, The King's Folly also left me a little cold but really it had a solid idea and a nice twist, The Home Town Boy only suffered from being too darned short but was otherwise a neat idea. Expression of Desire was a nice vampiric tale with an interesting take on both desire and hunger and with a neat counterpoint of frustration and letdown, There are Things Which are Hidden from the Eyes of the Everyday was downright erotic and read a little like an X-rated version of 'The Alchemist. 'Full Moon and Empty Arms was a soft and fluffy piece but to be honest wasn't all that fantastical just a little bit spiritual: Mahu was wonderful - an aging soldier who gets a chance to relive his youth through the magic of Hawaii and some powerful memories of those he lost during Pearl Harbor: The Stars are Tears was a Thieves World story a world I've never read and suffered a bit for my unknowing I think: Two very hunky gladiators who are in love suffer when one is tempted by a fellow who falls from the sky (literally). An interesting tale and it whetted my appetite for Theives World, Desire was a nice diary-entry piece about learning who oneself is through the use of spirits and ghosts: In Memory Of was a Whitewolf tale with shapeshifters and had a nice dash of the erotic within its story, I quite admit I enjoyed the Whitewolf world when I was younger so this one likely titillated me a bit more than it might someone else: This was just the best story in the book - and I'm glad it was the last, A common thread throughout most of the tales was one of loss - nearly every character had lost a previous lover to violence illness or some other unnatural death: I find it telling that in this series - written in the eighties - there's very little prose that includes a collected and stable couple: It's not surprising (and especially given a short story collection conflict breeds more of an interesting reading experience) but it was interesting. Once there I would check out as many LGBT titles as I could get and this title was one of them, I can't say all the stories are good but some of them are and some of them are even great, For my 17 year old closeted queer self finding this book was like finding a slice of heaven, 9781585675760 So many great stories in this collection! Definitely recommended for anyone looking for stories with lesbian or gay character or for people who enjoy fantasy stories. 9781585675760 There were some real gems and some authors whose work I will now seek out: These short stories had elements that I really loved or connected with. The short stories listed above were the ones that made an impact on me in some way. Some of the stories had a unique concept/plot or a really genuine portrayal of queer love affection and life. There were three stories I didn't read: The Fall of Kings In Mysterious Ways and In the House of the Man in the

Moon: The last two because I didn't get to in time and the first one because I lost interest in it. The rest of the stories either didn't feel fantasy or queer enough for me, And what is enough for me? Well I like my fantasy like I like my queerness: OBVIOUS! And for the big question. would I read this anthology again? Yes! I really liked the stories I liked so I would want to read them again. But you will recognize them. Bending the Landscape stretches the standard fantasy genre. The other two are for Science Fiction and for Horror. This one however was tremendous. Not all the stories are perfect. In fact a couple are duds. But overall this anthology hits the mark almost every time. Come visit my blog for the full review...<https://itstartedwiththehugos.blogspot>. 9781585675760 A solid anthology. No total clunkers but not too many stunners either. Just a lot of solid stories. After that it blurred together a bit. I'm happy that this series exists though. 9781585675760 Ihan perus novelleja. Ns. kiintiöhomoista taisi tulla ilmiö vasta jokusen vuoden myöhemmin. 9781585675760 I liked every story in this anthology.' Ergo enjoyable. 9781585675760 These stories just weren't very good. 9781585675760 This was a fun anthology overall. This anthology didn't blow my mind. And that's why I liked them so much. 9781585675760.