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GRIM OAK PRESS TO PUBLISH *UNFETTERED* FANTASY ANTHOLOGY

Genre's Best Writers to Contribute Against Fellow Writer's Cancer Debt

SEATTLE, WA — Grim Oak Press, a new publishing company formed by webmaster and freelance writer Shawn Speakman, will be producing **Unfettered**, a fantasy short story anthology by some of the best writers in the genre, for a very good cause.

In 2011, Speakman was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. He completed the recommended chemotherapy, but lacking health insurance, the treatment left him with almost \$200,000 of financial debt. At the suggestion of *New York Times* bestselling author Terry Brooks, and with the help of nearly two dozen authors who call Speakman a friend, Grim Oak Press will publish the short story anthology **Unfettered**, with the proceeds helping to alleviate the medical bills.

Authors contributing include: Terry Brooks, Patrick Rothfuss, Naomi Novik, Brandon Sanderson, RA Salvatore, Tad Williams, Jacqueline Carey, Daniel Abraham, Peter V. Brett, Robert VS Redick, Peter Orullian, Todd Lockwood, Carrie Vaughn, Blake Charlton, Kevin Hearne, Mark Lawrence, David Anthony Durham, Jennifer Bosworth, Lev Grossman, Steven Erikson, and Shawn Speakman

Some of the authors will be writing short stories set in the fantasy worlds that made them famous. Other writers will be creating entirely new tales. The contribution by so many noteworthy authors of bestselling titles speaks to the generosity found within the science fiction and fantasy communities.

Unfettered will be published as a trade hardcover as well as a leather-bound, signed and numbered edition limited to 500 copies and autographed by all contributors. Speakman will also publish his full-length urban/high fantasy novel, **The Dark Thorn**, through Grim Oak Press to further offset treatment expenses.

Orders are currently being accepted for **The Dark Thorn**, which is tentatively scheduled to publish in August 2012. **Unfettered** will be released by early 2013.

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If you'd like more information about Grim Oak Press or wish to set up an interview about its projects, please email Shawn Speakman at shawn@grimoakpress.com

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