

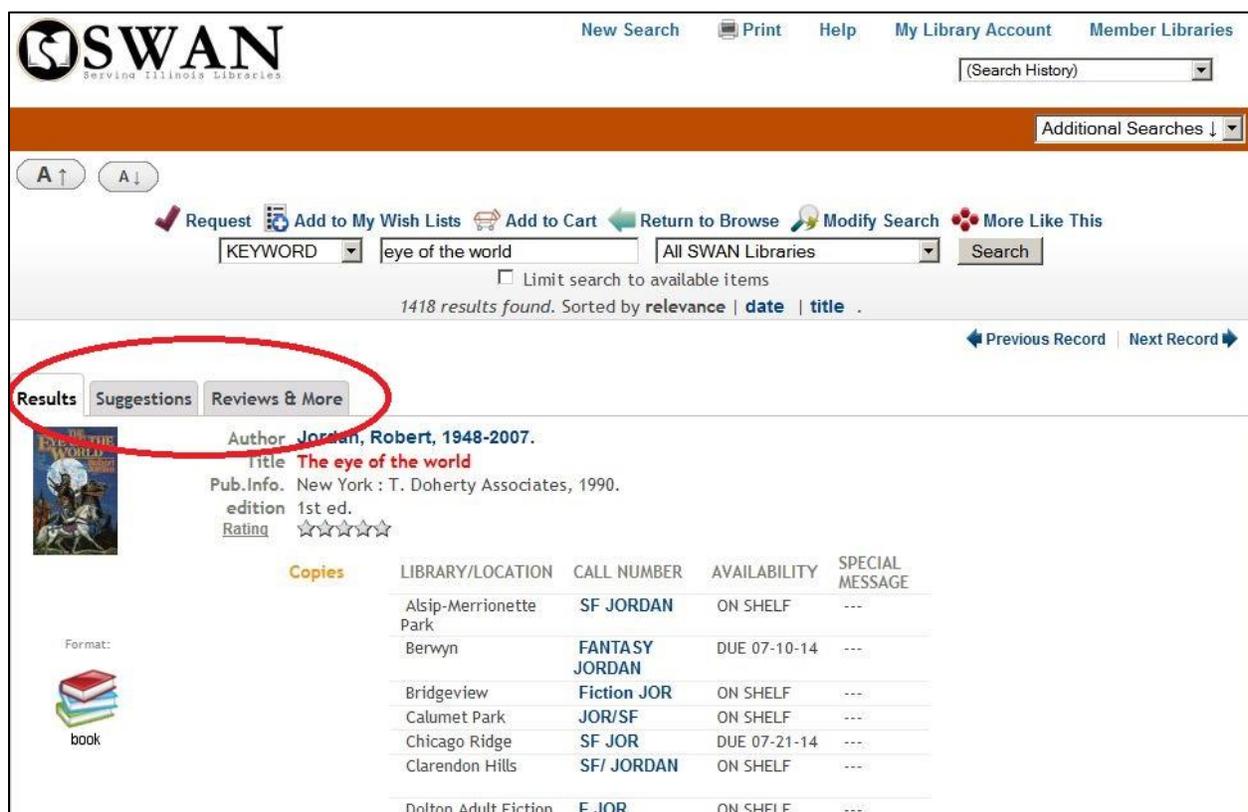
## Novelist Select in the SWAN Catalog

SWAN is providing all member libraries with a **basic subscription** to NoveList Select. The basic subscription includes:

- Recommendations to other titles, authors, or series using “more like this”
- Complete series information
- Reader reviews from Goodreads, which has 30 million members and 34 million reviews

Below is a list and description of features that will be available to all SWAN library patrons beginning on September 22, 2014. Note that with just one exception, clicks will not take you out of the SWAN catalog. The Novelist Select enhancements work alongside other enhanced content from Bowker Syndetic Solutions. For a demonstration of the Novelist Select enhancement, please visit the SWAN YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Sm0Qh4fVzs>. This link will be available from within the SWAN catalog for patrons to view beginning on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Beginning on 9/22/14, when you click on a title in the catalog, a new tabbed display is presented.



The screenshot shows the SWAN catalog interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "eye of the world" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are navigation links: "Request", "Add to My Wish Lists", "Add to Cart", "Return to Browse", "Modify Search", and "More Like This". The search results are displayed in a table with columns: "Copies", "LIBRARY/LOCATION", "CALL NUMBER", "AVAILABILITY", and "SPECIAL MESSAGE". The "Results" tab is highlighted with a red circle.

Copies	LIBRARY/LOCATION	CALL NUMBER	AVAILABILITY	SPECIAL MESSAGE
	Alsip-Merrionette Park	SF JORDAN	ON SHELF	---
	Berwyn	FANTASY JORDAN	DUE 07-10-14	---
	Bridgeview	Fiction JOR	ON SHELF	---
	Calumet Park	JOR/SF	ON SHELF	---
	Chicago Ridge	SF JOR	DUE 07-21-14	---
	Clarendon Hills	SF/ JORDAN	ON SHELF	---
	Dolton Adult Fiction	F JOR	ON SHELF	---

The **Results** tab contains the SWAN bibliographic record and the list of holdings.

The **Suggestions** tab contains the new Novelist Select content which is described in detail below.

The **Reviews & More** tab contains the Syndetic Solutions content available in the catalog since 2013.

## Suggestions Tab: Novelist Select content

**Reader Ratings and Reviews** contains links to reviews and ratings from Goodreads, which is another EBSCO service included in the SWAN Novelist Select basic subscription.

Reader Ratings and Reviews

Goodreads is the largest social network for readers. Members provide ratings and reviews of books to express their personal opinions and to help others determine if they would enjoy a book. Goodreads respects the right of individuals to express themselves, but does not tolerate abusive behavior.

Reader Rating: ★★★★★ ( 5361 reviews )

[Read reviews on goodreads](#)  

Click on the [Goodreads](#) button or reviews link to open a pop-up window containing reviews.

[Write a review](#) (you'll need to sign in to your Goodreads account or sign up) (showing 1-6 of 5,134)

By Keely (Albany, NY) · ★★★★★ · December 01, 2007

The first series that showed it was possible to rewrite Tolkien and make a mint was Shannara. After that the doors were flung wide open, and the next to take advantage was Robert Jordan. Of course, all authors take some inspiration from older works, as Virgil did to Homer, and Milton to Virgil--a... [...more](#)

By Alex · ★★★★★ · September 16, 2010

THE WHEEL OF TIME SERIES BY ROBERT JORDAN: I tried. I gave it over two years of my life and I still couldn't keep going till the end. Of course, the real end will probably be book fifteen or twenty or, heaven forbid, twenty-five and up. I'm talking about Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time series. Curr... [...more](#)

By Mika (Provo, UT) · ★★★★★ · September 23, 2008

Let me preface this by saying very clearly that I mean no offense to The Wheel of Time fans. It's just my opinion, yes? Just my humble opinion.

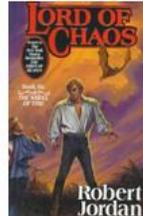
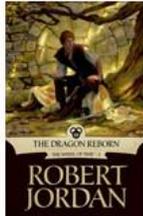
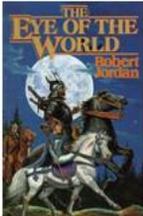
So. Simply put: I hate this book. Somewhat passionately. The Romgi will attest to the fact that while I was reading I would mutter to myself about how rid... [...more](#)

Clicking the **Write a review** button will take you out of the catalog to the [Goodreads](#) login page in a new tab or window. You need to have a Goodreads account to contribute a review.

**Books in This Series** displays the first several books in the series, in publication order. Click **(more)** to expand the list and see them all. Click **(less)** to collapse it again. Click on any of the titles beneath the book jackets in this row to perform a catalog search for the item. After displaying the item, patrons can easily place a hold for the item.

Books in This Series

Wheel of time



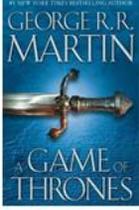
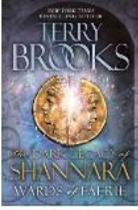
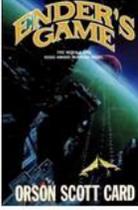
1. The eye of the world
2. The great hunt
3. The dragon reborn
4. The shadow rising
5. The fires of heaven
6. Lord of chaos
7. A crown of swords

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**You Might Also Like These...**

**Series:** Lists other suggested series based on the title you have searched.

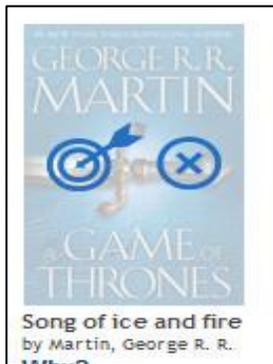
▼ Series

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Hover over **Why?** to see why this series is being suggested.



The Song of Ice and Fire and the Wheel of Time are both lengthy fantasy series with multi-layered plots and many characters. Both series have elements of political struggle and battles. -- Rebecca Sigmon



Hover over the book jacket image to vote on the appropriateness of this suggestion. The arrow means this title is “right on target”, while the x means it’s not a good recommendation.

Click **Show Titles** to open a pop-up that shows titles in that series; from this screen you can perform a catalog search on a specific title and place a request.

Books in This Series

Song of ice and fire

1. [A game of thrones](#)
2. [A clash of kings](#)
3. [A storm of swords](#)
4. [A feast for crows](#)
5. [A dance with dragons](#)

The series, "Tales of Dunk and Egg," is a series of novellas that are a prequel to the "Song of Ice and Fire." The series is currently being adapted into a TV series by HBO called "Game of thrones" which debuted April 17, 2011 starring Sean Bean and Peter Dinklage.

**Titles:** Lists individual titles based on your selection. Click on the title underneath the book jacket to search the catalog for that title. As with series above, hover over **Why?** to see why this title was suggested and hover over the book jacket image to vote on the appropriateness of the suggestion.

▼ **Titles**

<p><b>The hobbit, or, there and back again</b> by Tolkien, J. R. R. <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>The unremembered</b> by Orullian, Peter Vance <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>The wise man's fear</b> by Rothfuss, Patrick <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>Wolf in shadow</b> by Gemmell, David <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>The magic of Recluce</b> by Modesitt, L. E. <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>Wards of Faerie</b> by Brooks, Terry <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>Agents of artifice</b> by Marmell, Ari <a href="#">Why?</a></p>
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**Authors:** Lists authors based on the title search performed. Click on the author to perform an author search in the catalog. Once again, hover over **Why?** to see why that author was suggested and hover over the author's name to vote on the appropriateness of the suggestion.

▼ **Authors**

<p><b>Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973</b> <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>Card, Orson Scott</b> <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>Martin, George R. R.</b> <a href="#">Why?</a></p>	<p><b>Goodkind, Terry</b> <a href="#">Why?</a></p>
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**Recommended Lists & Articles from NovelList:**

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- ▶ [Author Read-alikes](#)
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Click on either link to expand the list.

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Click on article titles to show the article in a pop-up window:

The screenshot shows a pop-up window with a close button in the top right corner. The window title is "NovelList" with the tagline "Empowering Librarians... Enraging Readers". The article content includes a "Description" section about George R.R. Martin's series, a "Genres" section listing Fantasy and Science Fiction, and a "Why readers love this author" section with three paragraphs of text.

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**NovelList**  
Empowering Librarians... Enraging Readers

**Description:** George R.R. Martin's series called A Song of Ice and Fire is clearly different from the Fantasy novels of the 80's and 90's, and with the HBO television adaptation, new legions of fans are discovering the series.

**George R. R. Martin**  
by Roberta Johnson; updated by Jessica Zellers

**Genres**

- Fantasy
- Science Fiction

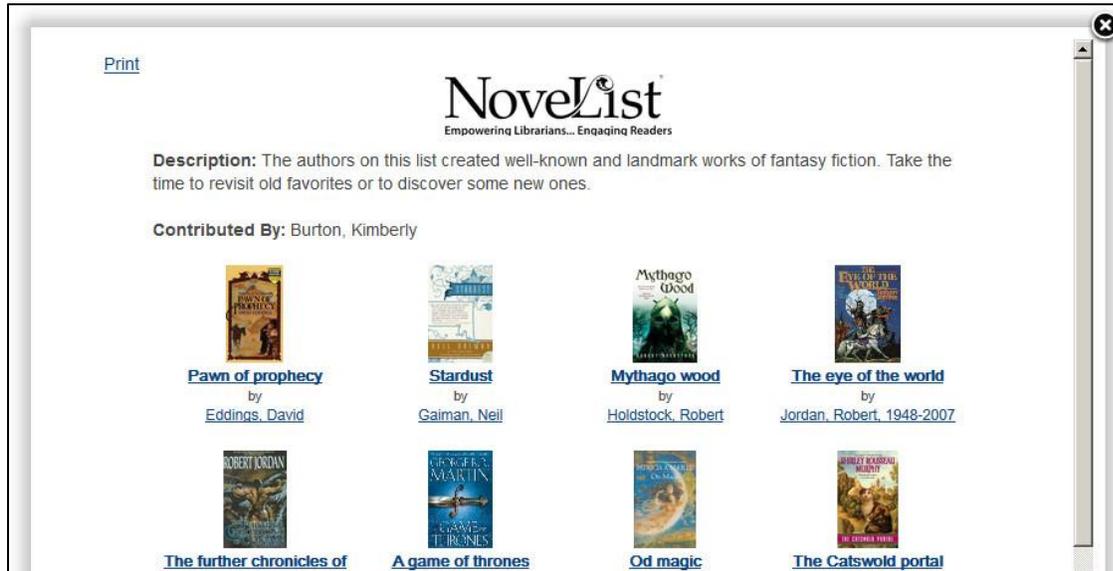
Why readers love this author

Many readers felt that the hefty fantasy novels of the 80s and 90s were getting a bit stale. Lengthy quests, weeping princesses and warring races had become cliché. Then in 1996 Bantam published George R. R. Martin's *A Game of Thrones*. Martin had written other novels, as well as writing for film and television, but *A Game of Thrones*, the first in a projected series of seven books entitled A Song of Ice and Fire, was clearly something different – and with the HBO television adaptation, new legions of fans are discovering the series.

Martin's Seven Kingdoms resemble England during the Wars of the Roses, with the Stark and Lannister families standing in for the Yorks and Lancasters. The story of these two families and their struggle to control the Iron Throne dominates the foreground; in the background is a huge, ancient wall marking the northern border, beyond which a barbarian horde, the undead, and direwolves menace the south.

Each novel in Martin's saga averages nearly 800 pages, with appendices of character lists, maps and family lineages. He structures each chapter around a single character. Because his characterization is so robust, seeing Catelyn or Bran as the chapter heading instantly positions the reader in a particular place and state of mind. Don't get too attached to any character, though, for Martin does not scruple to kill them off. A wide breadth of age, race, gender and physical strength mark the cast, and they are also dispersed along an arc of decency and cruelty. These are not gentle times, and these are not stories of heroic pig keepers who become princes. The battles and language are graphic, and there are scenes of sexual violence. Incest is a pervasive theme, with most of the

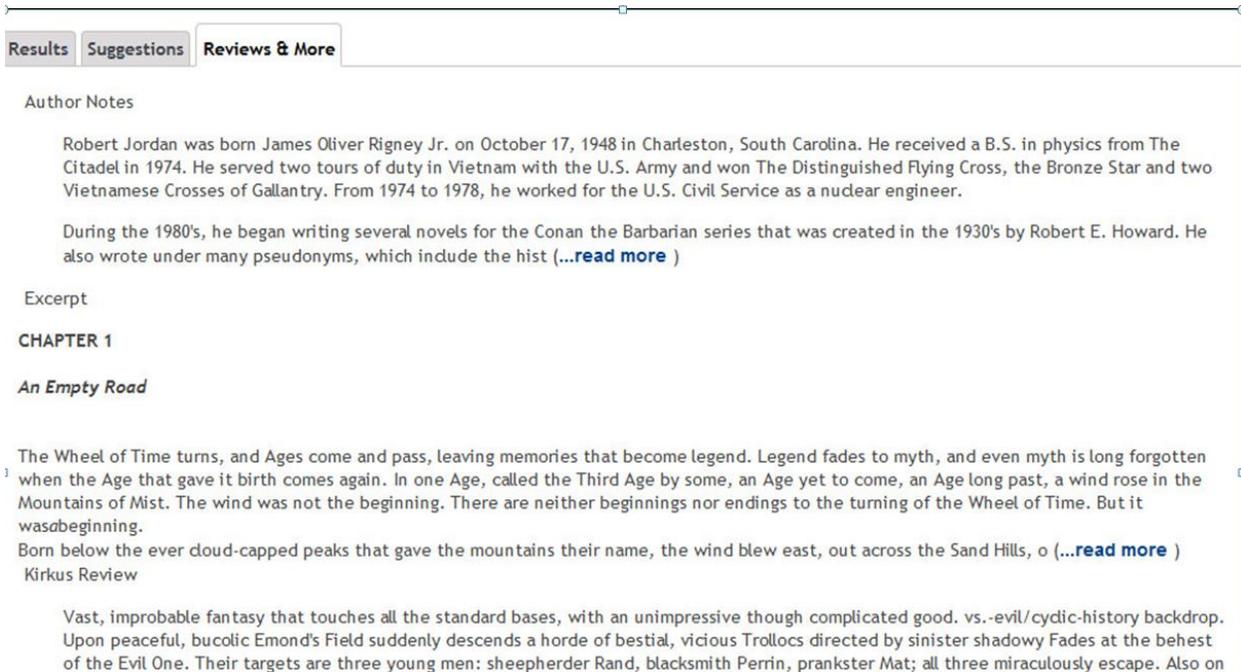
In the Recommended Reads window you can click on titles or authors to perform a search of the catalog for that specific title or author. You can also print the list.



The screenshot shows the NoveList website interface. At the top left is a "Print" link. The main heading is "NoveList" with the tagline "Empowering Librarians... Enraging Readers". Below this is a "Description" section stating that the authors on the list created well-known and landmark works of fantasy fiction. A "Contributed By" section lists "Burton, Kimberly". The main content area displays eight book covers in a 2x4 grid, each with a title and author name below it: "Pawn of prophecy" by Eddings, David; "Stardust" by Gaiman, Neil; "Mythago wood" by Holdstock, Robert; "The eye of the world" by Jordan, Robert, 1948-2007; "The further chronicles of" (partially obscured); "A game of thrones" by George R. R. Martin; "Od magic" by Robert Jordan; and "The Catswold portal" by Robert Jordan.

## Reviews & More Tab: Bowker Syndetic Solutions

This display contains the summaries, reviews, and excerpts provided by Bowker Syndetic Solutions. This “enhanced content” has been provided in the SWAN catalog since 2013.



The screenshot shows the "Reviews & More" tab selected in a navigation bar. Below the tabs is the "Author Notes" section, which provides biographical information about Robert Jordan, including his birth date (October 17, 1948), education (B.S. in physics from The Citadel in 1974), military service (Vietnam), and career (U.S. Civil Service as a nuclear engineer). It also mentions his work on the Conan the Barbarian series. Below this is an "Excerpt" section for "CHAPTER 1: An Empty Road". The excerpt begins with "The Wheel of Time turns, and Ages come and pass, leaving memories that become legend. Legend fades to myth, and even myth is long forgotten when the Age that gave it birth comes again. In one Age, called the Third Age by some, an Age yet to come, an Age long past, a wind rose in the Mountains of Mist. The wind was not the beginning. There are neither beginnings nor endings to the turning of the Wheel of Time. But it wasabeginning. Born below the ever cloud-capped peaks that gave the mountains their name, the wind blew east, out across the Sand Hills, o (...read more )". Below the excerpt is a "Kirkus Review" section, which starts with "Vast, improbable fantasy that touches all the standard bases, with an unimpressive though complicated good. vs.-evil/cydic-history backdrop. Upon peaceful, bucolic Emond's Field suddenly descends a horde of bestial, vicious Trollocs directed by sinister shadowy Fades at the behest of the Evil One. Their targets are three young men: shepherder Rand, blacksmith Perrin, prankster Mat; all three miraculously escape. Also on

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