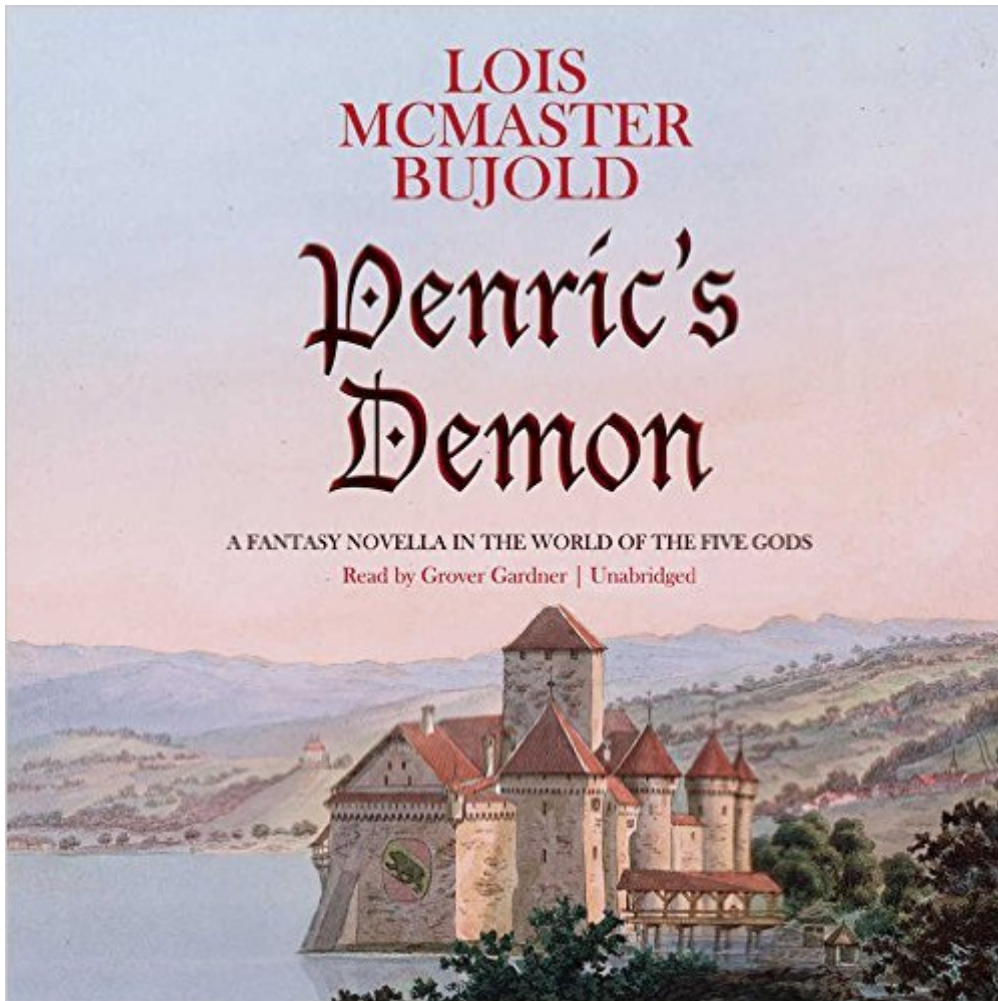


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Penric's Demon: A Fantasy Novella In The World Of The Five Gods (Curse Of Chalion Series)



Synopsis

[Read by Grover Gardner] Set in the fantasy world of the author's acclaimed novels *The Curse of Chalion*, *Paladin of Souls*, and *The Hallowed Hunt*, this novella has the depth of characterization and emotional complexity that distinguishes Bujold's work. On his way to his betrothal, young Lord Penric comes upon a riding accident with an elderly lady on the ground, her maidservant and guardsmen distraught. As he approaches to help, he discovers that the lady is a Temple divine, servant to the five gods of this world. Her avowed god is the Bastard, "master of all disasters out of season," and with her dying breath she bequeaths her mysterious powers to Penric. From that moment on, Penric's life is irreversibly changed, and his life is in danger from those who envy or fear him.

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Customer Reviews

I am a huge fan of Lois McMaster Bujold, it's ridiculous how much I love her books and the *Chalion/World of the Five Gods* series is my absolute favorite – mostly because of those Five Gods or, rather more accurately, because of the Bastard God. So when I found out there was a new novella from that world and featuring demons and a dedicatee of the Bastard Himself – well, my squeal of delight could probably have been heard in space. And the absolute best thing about all of this – LMB didn't let me down. She never does. This may only be a novella, but it's a beautifully crafted one that's packed with all the hallmarks I love from her longer work. Penric is not the most impressive of heroes – he's a younger son without any prospects, he's not

strong or particularly brave, in fact heâ€™s lanky and skinny-looking, and although he thinks he might quite like to go to university heâ€™s not all that clever, he just wants to get away from his quiet, backwater town and its mountains of cheese. Penricâ€™s also kind hearted, which is how he ends up with a demon. I love how even the slightest brush with the Bastard God causes disruption and disaster, in season or out. Thereâ€™s so much mischief and cunning humor involved whenever the Bastard (or his followers) pass by and poor Pen gets saddled with a barrel load. I particularly enjoyed his demon and the many personalities it had gained over its long existence. I also loved that thereâ€™s nothing stereotypical about it â€” but then when has anything to do with the Bastard been predictable. Fun, beautifully told and very satisfying, I loved every second of this novella. Penric is a decent guy and his demon definitely helps keep things interesting, even without the flurry and confusion they cause amongst the temple divines.

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