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**David Eddings** (born [July 7](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_7), [1931](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1931)) is an [American](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) author who has written several best-selling series of [epic fantasy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High_fantasy) novels. David Eddings' wife, **Leigh Eddings**, is uncred as co-author on many of his early books, but he has since acknowledged that she contributed to them all. She was a cred co-author starting in the mid-1990s.

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## [] Biography

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Born in [Spokane](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spokane%2C_Washington), [Washington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington), in 1931, Eddings grew up in [Puget Sound](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puget_Sound). In the ‘Rivan Codex,’ he described a good day in Seattle as ‘when it isn’t raining up;’ rain became a consequent feature in many of his novels. After graduating from high school in 1949, he worked for a year before majoring in speech, drama and English at junior college. David displayed an early talent for drama and literature, winning a national oratorical contest, and performing the male lead in most of his drama productions. He graduated with a BA from [Reed College](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reed_College) in 1954 and an MA from the [University of Washington](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Washington) in 1961. He wrote a novel for a thesis at Reed College before being drafted into the US army.

After several years as a college lecturer, a failure to receive a pay raise drove David to leave his job, move to Denver and seek work in a grocery store. He also began work on his first published novel ‘High Hunt,’ the story of four young men hunting deer. Like many of his later novels, it explores themes of manhood and coming of age. Convinced that being an author was his future career, David moved to Spokane where he once again relied on a job at a grocery shop for his funds. He worked on several unpublished novels, including ‘Hunseeker’s Ascent,’ a story about mountain climbing, which was later burned as David claimed it was, ‘a piece of tripe so bad it even bored me.’ Most of his attempts followed the same vein as High Hunt, adventure stories and contemporary tragedies. ‘The Losers,’ tells the story of God and the Devil, cast in the roles of a one-eyed Indian and Jake Flood was not published until June 1992, well after David’s success as an author was established, although it was written in the seventies.

David’s call to the world of fantasy came from a doodled map he drew one morning before work. This doodle later became the geographical basis for the world of Aloria, but David did not realize it until several years later. Upon seeing a copy of Tolkien’s ‘The Lord of the Rings,’ in a bookshop, he allegedly muttered, ‘Is this old turkey still floating around?’ and was shocked to learn that it was in its seventy-eighth printing. David realized that the world of fantasy might hold some promise for his talents, and immediately began to annotate his previously forgotten doodle.

He currently resides in [Carson City, Nevada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carson_City%2C_Nevada).

On [January 26](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/January_26), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007) it was reported that Eddings accidentally burned about a quarter of his office, next door to his house, along with his [Excalibur](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Excalibur_%28automobile%29) sports car, and the original manuscripts for most of his novels. He was flushing the fuel tank of the car with water when he lit a piece of paper and threw it into the puddle to test if it was still flammable.[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Eddings#cite_note-0)

On [February 28](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/February_28), [2007](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007), David Eddings' wife, Leigh Eddings (born Judith Leigh Schall), died following a series of strokes. She was 69.[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Eddings#cite_note-1)

## [] Works

All of Eddings fantasy series are set in their own unique worlds.

### [] *The Belgariad* and *The Malloreon*

*Main article:* [*The Belgariad*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Belgariad)

*Main article:* [*The Malloreon*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Malloreon)

[*The Belgariad*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Belgariad) is Eddings' first [fantasy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fantasy) series; [*The Malloreon*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Malloreon) is the sequel. The books follow the adventures of [Garion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgarion), [Polgara](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polgara_the_Sorceress), [Belgarath](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belgarath), and their companions.

### [] *The Elenium* and *The Tamuli*

*Main article:* [*The Elenium*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Elenium)

*Main article:* [*The Tamuli*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Tamuli)

*The Elenium* and its sequel *The Tamuli* feature the Pandion [Knight](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knight) [Sparhawk](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sparhawk) and his comrades.

### [] *The Redemption of Althalus*

*Main article:* [*The Redemption of Althalus*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Redemption_of_Althalus)

*The Redemption of Althalus* is a standalone novel about a thief who mends his ways.

### [] *The Dreamers*

*Main article:* [*The Dreamers (novel series)*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Dreamers_%28novel_series%29)

*The Dreamers* series tells the story of a war between the Elder Gods and their allies and an entity known as the Vlagh.

### [] Non Fantasy

* [*High Hunt*](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=High_Hunt&action=edit&redlink=1) - a story revolving around a hunting expion that spirals out of control.
* [*The Losers*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Losers) - a story about a man struggling to rebuild his life after an accident.
* [*Regina's Song*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regina%27s_Song) - a thriller about a woman after the murder of her twin sister.

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* [*The Hidden City*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Hidden_City) (1994)

### [] *The Dreamers* series

* *The Elder Gods* (2003) with Leigh Eddings
* *The Treasured One* (2004) with Leigh Eddings
* *Crystal Gorge* (2005) with Leigh Eddings
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