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**Shadow Knight**

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Forget about finding AMBERZINE at your local store. We're allowed to print just 1,000 copies of each issue, so it's sold only by mail. Sample issues are \$10 each, and a subscription is \$40 for five issues.

For a limited time back issues #1-#5 are available as a set, shipped Air Mail or First Class, anywhere in the world, for just \$50. That's 832 pages, or three and half times the size of this book! Included are Zelazny's "Prolog" to *Trumps of Doom* (previously available only in the boxed edition), questions and answers about diceless role-playing, classified ads, cartoons, poetry, regular columns, and lots and lots of accounts of role-playing sessions. There are also informative articles about Zelazny's Amber, including a regular feature from Zelazny's literary biographer, Jane Lindskold.

Just to pick one nifty thing. Issue #5 featured a reprint of the 1946 novel by Henry Kuttner, *The Dark World*, with commentary by Ray Bradbury, Roger Zelazny, and others. Why? Well, (1) it was Roger Zelazny's favorite fantasy book when he was a kid, (2) the main character is named Ganelon, (3) the parallels with Amber are fascinating, and (4) it's a good book that's been out-of-print way too long.

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Let's see, wasn't there something else I was supposed to mention?

Oh yeah!

Here in this book you'll notice references to something called "The Salesman's Tale." That's Roger Zelazny's new Amber short story. Unpublished as yet, but coming in Amberzine #6, March of 1994...

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More grief was visited on hapless retailers, for whom grief was visited time after time by fans asking both "Is it in yet?" and "Why not?"

Which, in turn, led to grief on the part of the distributors, the intermediaries between the stores and Phage Press.

So the folks at Phage Press, Lisa & Ron Seymour, were subjected to far more than their share of the grief, as they shielded me from all the angry distributors.

Then there's the grief I laid on the writers. Cathy Klessig, Jason Durall and Joe Saul each had to put up with a lot from a cranky perfectionist (me)...

Kevin Siembieda (of Palladium Books) put up with another portion of grief when his ace writer (me), kept putting off doing other books because this one took near forever.

Most grievous grief was visited upon my friends and family, as I absented myself from their company overmuch.

Finally, worst of all, the grief I caused Kate is just too much.

Mea culpa, all, mea maxima culpa.

Anyway, this book is dedicated to all those who suffered waiting for it...

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