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## Debut Novel from Epic Adventure Writer

*Virginia* – Loremark Publishing has released a debut novel by Christopher C. Fuchs, a writer of epic adventure. *Lords of Deception* is available in e-book, paperback, and hardback formats from major retailers, local bookstores, and the Loremark storefront at Gumroad (<https://gumroad.com/loremark>). The book was professionally edited by Anne McPeak and Tricia Callahan.

*Lords of Deception* is the first of a rapid release of three novels (which are set for release on December 8, 2019 and February 8, 2020). The nearly 600-page *Lords* is set world of Earthpillar, in which the Earth evolved differently: new continents, new peoples, and materials like metals have alternative properties. Every Earthpillar book and short story is connected and spans from prehistory to the steam age. The books will appeal to fans of epic fantasy, historical fiction, and action & adventure.

Emperors and kings believed the secretive Order of the Candlestone had been buried long ago, its assassins forgotten. But Arasemis, a reclusive warrior-scholar, is determined to revive the Order and return the continent to its primitive origins—if he can control his apprentices. In his way is Arthan, a young nobleman who wrestles with providing honorable service to a weak king. Arthan must learn to navigate political intrigue while avoiding Arasemis’s new assassins. Arasemis, Arthan, and their companions learn that help can be found in the most unlikely of places, even as the shadow of war looms across the continent. But trust is always elusive.

Lords of Deception (War of Four Kingdoms #1)

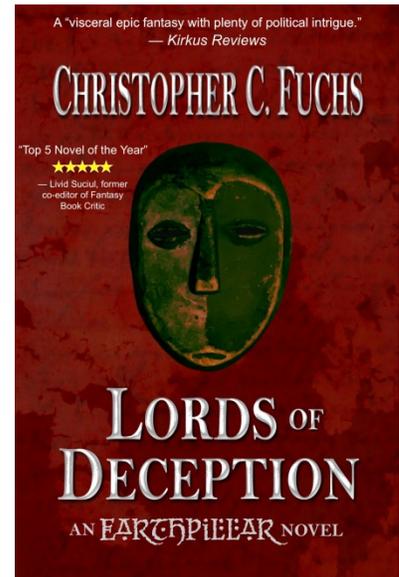
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“I’ve worked on these novels for about a decade, taking my time to build real depth to the Earthpillar world before publishing them,” says Mr. Fuchs. “I wanted to emulate the richness of Tolkien and the swashbuckling adventure of Alexander Dumas, while embracing the modern view of conflicted characters and mixing in my own take on alternative materials. I’m pleased with the result, early reviews are very positive, and I’ve really enjoyed creating it. More to come!”

Readers can learn more about the world of Earthpillar at Mr. Fuchs’s website (<https://earthpillarbooks.com>). Subscription to the roughly monthly Earthpillar newsletter provides two free e-book novelettes, discount codes on other books, and updates on new releases. Mr. Fuchs can also be found on Goodreads and Twitter (@ChrisCFuchs).





### **“Top 5 Novel of the Year”**

"One of the best fantasy debuts I've read in a while. The writing style takes a little to get used to as it is more old fashioned and closer to Dumas... However, the depth of the universe, the very interesting characters (heroes, villains, major and minor), the action that keeps one guessing (and the quite high body count of characters for that matter) and more generally the narrative force of this novel is such that once one starts understanding what it is all about and gets a feel for the setting, it is really hard to put it down... Overall highly recommended and a top 5 novel of the year for me."

— *Liviu Suciul, former co-editor of Fantasy Book Critic, 5-Star NetGalley Review*

### **“Visceral Epic Fantasy with Plenty of Political Intrigue”**

"This debut novel sees a fragile peace imperiled by a cult of assassins... Fuchs' epic fantasy is a marathon of political maneuvers packed with assassins, deadly concoctions, and saber-rattling nation states... Readers, even fans of Game of Thrones, might gape at the volume of characters and territories in rotation. The focus inevitably falls on a handful of players, and the narrative thrill comes from the carefully plotted metamorphosis... By the end of this series opener, the principal cast has undergone dramatic changes in anticipation of wider adventures.

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— *Kirkus Reviews*

### **“My New Obsession”**

"You can get bad books, average books, good books and then there are books you wish you could wipe from your memory so that you can relive the experience of reading it for the first time again. This is one of those books!...This series is my new obsession."

— *Zoe Pollock, Book Blogger, 5-Star NetGalley Review*

### **“Hard to Put Down”**

"This book (I had an ARC) was really well written - I enjoyed it a lot. It describes a crumbling kingdom on the brink of war with its neighbours, as the nobles beneath the king jockey for position and shadowy powers scheme to bring everything crashing down. The narration rotates through the characters with each chapter (a bit like the style of Game of Thrones) and cleverly reveals the plot as this characters experience it. The story is pacy and I found it hard to put down. Can't wait for book two."

— *Jonty S., 5-Star NetGalley Review*

### **“Intriguing”**

This tale was quite intriguing. It's been a while since I've read a medieval-like high fantasy novel. I also liked the idea of Arasemis being a warrior-scholar. Usually, a character is designed to be one or the other. I found all the characters to be intriguing and I loved that it jumped from one character to another. I prefer to be able to capture the story from multiple perspectives, so I love being able to follow different characters!

— *Angelique G., 5-Star NetGalley Review*

### **“Unique”**

"I really enjoyed the book and am looking forward to the sequel. Characters are well developed and plot moves quickly. The plot was unique."

— *Anthony P., 5-Star NetGalley Review*