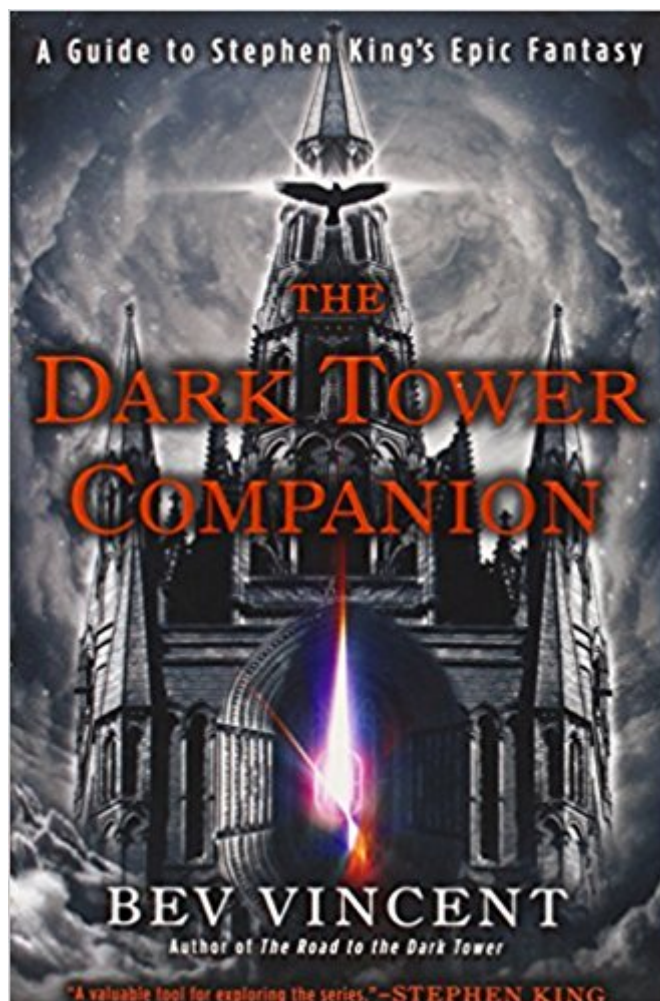


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A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO STEPHEN KING'S BESTSELLING DARK TOWER

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The story of Roland Deschain of Gilead, the last gunslinger, and his lifelong quest to reach the tower and save humanity across infinite parallel worlds is one that has consumed Stephen King throughout his career as characters and concepts crossed back and forth between the series and the rest of his fictional universe. The Dark Tower Companion is the ultimate compendium to King's evolving magnum opus, presenting the mythology, history, and geography of this epic fantasy that has captivated generations of readers. Featuring interviews with Stephen King, Ron Howard, Dark Tower expert Robin Furth and others, Bev Vincent reveals The Dark Tower's influential literary origins, examines its connections to the vast majority of King's other novels, explores the expanded universe, catalogs the major characters, locations and concepts, and includes a travel guide to the story's real-world locations, giving fans who have followed Roland's journey — or those who are discovering it for the first time — a fascinating overview of the series and an inside look at the creative process of one of the world's most popular authors.

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Praise for Bev Vincent's The Road to The Dark Tower — "Wonderful...opens doors to

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Really gets into the twists and turns and oddities, and helps smooth over the rough edges for a more complete understanding of Stephen King's magnum opus. I actually got this before I had finished the entire series (like about Book Five), but stubbornly resisted looking at it until I had read the rest of the books first. Any questions I may have had were answered.

Everything and anything you want to know! Absolutely my favorite series and this is a great addition to have with the books. Anything you want to know about all the characters (and I mean ALL the characters) history of places, maps and diagrams. Overall a great buy.

Wish I would have had this book when I read the series especially the Gunslinger. Makes things clearer. Wish the print was a little larger.

This guide clarified many parts of the series that were a bit confusing. I cannot wait to start reading it all over again.

This book is a very good companion and guide to this series of books as they are very elaborate and contain a lot of material.

This book works fantastically as a refresher for any Constant Reader who finds that it has been a little too long since they made the journey with Roland, Susanna, Eddie, Oy and Jake. I, like many others, once despaired that King would ever finish the quest, and when he did, I read the last the books back to back. Recently I realized just how long it has been since I did, and reading through this book was helpful in reminding me about the ins and outs along the path of the beam. This is a great resource for the serious fantastic of the series.

A problem with Stephen King's Dark Tower series is its length and number of characters. This book helps keep everything straight in terms of timetable, geography, and both primary and secondary characters.

Loved that it gave an in depth look at the dark tower series

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