

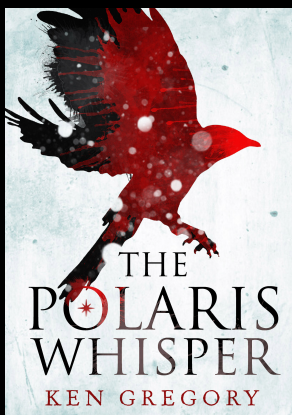
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In autumn 2013 Blackstaff will be publishing their first fantasy novels by Ken Gregory and Laurence Donaghy which they will be launching at TitanCon 2013.

Ken Gregory



Ken Gregory is a Belfast-born author who is releasing his debut novel, *The Polaris Whisper*, published by Blackstaff Press in October 2013.



Amongst other projects, he is currently working on the second book in the Polaris Trilogy, *The Poison of Newgrange* as well as a new series, *Shahryâr's Heir*, a reinvention of the Arabian Nights stories. Ken is currently in discussions with several production companies and developers for the film and gaming rights of *The Polaris Whisper*.

Laurence Donaghy



Laurence Donaghy is the author of an urban fantasy trilogy which will be launched in print by Blackstaff Press at TitanCon 2013.

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