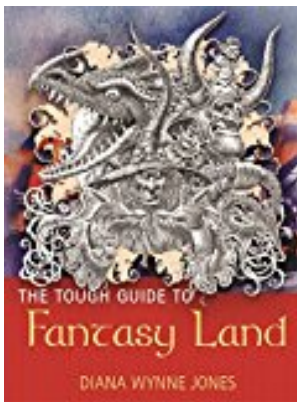


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Review "An A-Z of fantasy tropes, motifs and cliches. Blindingly funny." -- Jon Courtenay Grimwood
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