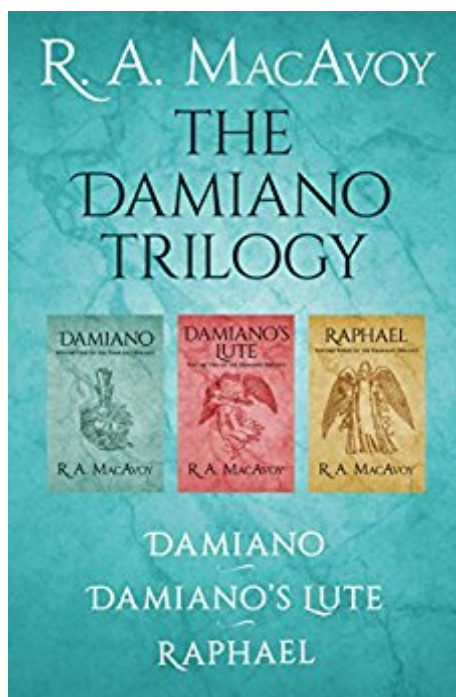


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An alternate-history fantasy of faith and wizardry set during the Italian Renaissance from the author of *Tea with the Black Dragon*. Discover three novels of magicâ"light and darkâfrom a winner of the John W. Campbell and Philip K. Dick awards. In *Damiano*, our hero is Damiano Dalstrego, a wizardâs son, an alchemist, and the heir to dark magics. But he is also an innocent, a young scholar and musician befriended by the Archangel Raphael, who instructs him in the lute. To save his beloved city from war, Damiano leaves his cloistered life and sets out on a pilgrimage, seeking the aid of a powerful sorceress as he walks the narrow path between light and shadow, accompanied only by his talking dog. But his road is filled with betrayal, disillusionment, and death. In *Damianoâs Lute*, shattered by the demonic fury of his dark powers, Damiano has forsaken his magical heritage to live as a mortal man. With the guidance of the Archangel Raphael, the chidings of a brash young rogue, and the memory of a beautiful pagan witch, he journeys across a plague-ridden French countryside in search of peace. But the Father of Lies reaches out once again. In *Raphael*, weakened by his contact with mortals, the Archangel Raphael falls prey to Lucifer, who strips him of his angelic powers. Sold in the Moorish slave markets, confused and humbled by his sudden humanity, Raphael finds his only solace in the friendship of a Berber womanâand the spiritual guardianship of his former pupil Damiano Dalstrego. Now available in one volume, this epic of demons, dragons, romance, and heroic adventure is a saga you will never forget.

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I think the reason Roberta MacAvoy's Damiano novels are not better known is that they are so hard to classify. Is the Damiano trilogy collected in this ebook ("Damiano," "Damiano's Lute" and "Raphael") an alternate history of a time when the pope was exiled in Avignon, and the Black Death and the condottiere made life miserable, brutish, and short for almost everyone else? Is it the story of a witch who wanted to be a musician, and his little talking dog? Is it the tale of a struggle between two brothers, who happen to be the Seraph, Raphael and Lucifer, Prince of Darkness? MacAvoy has a way of bringing me into every scene, using precise language and memorable detail. If history is fair to fantasy authors, Damiano and his lute and his little talking dog will outlast all of the overblown 'ologies' of Brooks, Goodkind, and Martin.

I'm delighted at the chance to add this beloved trilogy to my kindle for such a bargain price -- it's one of those works that is a fresh pleasure to reread over and over down the years, and one of the fantasy worlds that stays with you like a sunny secret garden in the mind. It's true that these books are based in history. But they are also fantasy of the highest order -- it's MacAvoy's great gift, to magically transform a real time, from the modern (the Black Dragon novels) to the antique. And oh, can she write! This is prose to emulate -- simple, lyrical, memorable.

It weaves magic, music and mythology into a cloth of light. The reader is so lifted into the story that the characters become companions on the journey. It is a delight both joyful and sad as life itself.

Loved a story about music and magic, good and evil, set in medieval-renaissance Europe. There aren't enough good stories about bards!

I first read this when it first came out and this story has stuck with me. It's the best kind of book, one where you live in that world while you read the story. R. A. MacAvoy is one of my lifetime favorite writers. This is not a simple story, but it's rewarding and rich.

loved this series when I read it long ago in paperback. Although as usual the scan into kindle was not edited, it's still excellent.

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