

'Rediscovered' Excalibur brandishes uneven blade

By Peter Brickwood

(Excalibur by Sanders Anne Laubenthal. 236 pages, \$1.95 paperback. Ballantine Books.)

Here we have the tale of Arthur's long-lost sword, Excalibur, rediscovered by one of his remote descendants. Joy of joys, this climactic struggle between good and evil happens practically in our own back yard—Mobile, Alabama.

A young woman academian, Linnette, sobbing the "secrets" of her expected spinsterhood onto Rhodri's strong shoulder is more

an image of the '30's than of today.

Later we are treated to a backwoods slob making improper advances towards a maiden in distress. She is saved by Anthony, the Lancelot figure.

The story switches back and forth between modern reality and Arthurian fantasy. Ms. Laubenthal apparently knows the legends and

portrays them well.

With the entrance of Pen-drasons, Tarot seances, Queens of Orkney and such the tale definitely improves. It even becomes rather interesting at

times when dealing with alternative realities and witches that can teleport.

For Arthurians, it will be another fascinating variation on a theme. Who would have thought

that Arthur had a navy, and that Prince Madoc would sail away to set up a new kingdom; in America of all places.

Nonetheless, it is a passable read.

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Nomination period for all positions opens: Thursday September 28th, 1978 at 9:00 am.
closes: Friday October 13th, 1978 at 5:00 pm.

Nomination forms for all positions will be available from the office of the Chief Returning Officer which is located in the CYSF offices Room 105 Central Square.

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