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#### About the Author

The author of the celebrated Witch World series, Andre Norton has been called “one of the most popular authors of our time” by *Publishers Weekly*. She is a seminal influence on many of today’s top writers including David Weber, Eric Flint, and Peter Straub. Publisher Toni Weisskopf has been interviewed for a new documentary about Andre Norton being filmed now. Norton received the Grand Master award from the Science Fiction Writers of America and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the World Fantasy Convention. She was astoundingly prolific, with over thirty books in the celebrated Witch World series alone, and introduced three generations of readers to a wide range of science fiction and fantasy classics over a long and lauded career.

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