

A Two-Story Building - Solution

This shop is offering some fantastic deals—you get to trade items in 2-for-1!

The first section of this puzzle contains a group of oblique clues, each of which solves to the title of a fantasy novel (clued by “fantastic deals” in the flavor text). The numbers in parentheses are enumerations.

Clue	Enumeration	Answer
English rock band (founded 1976) made up of male monarchs	(1 5 2 5)	A Clash of Kings
Kristen Hersh’s eighth studio album describes a small empire	(7 7)	Crooked Kingdom
Fossilized tree sap encasing Anisoptera	(9 2 5)	Dragonfly in Amber
Mythical flying lizard adventure	(11)	Dragonquest
Adjective describing a firstborn child	(6)	Eldest
Court-jester-like lunar heavenly body	(4 4)	Fool Moon
Bryophyte blossom	(10)	Mossflower
Multiple inlets of the Indian Ocean beneath nighttime shepherds’ delights	(3 4 5 3 5)	Red Seas Under Red Skies
Large rock of Hadyn’s 45th	(5 2 8)	Stone of Farewell
Witch’s pot with a very dark hue	(3 5 8)	The Black Cauldron
Pencil art featuring the third Arabic numeral	(3 7 2 3 5)	The Drawing of the Three
Epithet of Alexander on a search for pheasant	(3 5 4)	The Great Hunt
Maned feline, sorceress, and wooden holder of clothes	(3 4, 3 5, 3 3 8)	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
Pair of extremely tall buildings	(3 3 6)	The Two Towers
One of three people at Jesus’ birth possesses something terrifying	(3 4 3’1 4)	The Wise Man’s Fear
Units of language, made up of Greg Ward’s lighting simulation software	(5 2 8)	Words of Radiance

Unfortunately, the solver will soon realize that the publication years of these books don't quite align with the years given in the puzzle's second section. The required a-ha is the realization that each of the books is the second novel in a series (clued by "two-story building"), and must be replaced with the first book in its respective sequence instead ("trade items in 2-for-1").

Second Book	First Book	Publication Year
A Clash of Kings	A Game of Thrones	1996
Crooked Kingdom	Six of Crows	2015
Dragonfly in Amber	Outlander	1991
Dragonquest	Dragonflight	1968
Eldest	Eragon	2002
Fool Moon	Storm Front	2000
Mossflower	Redwall	1986
Red Seas Under Red Skies	The Lies of Locke Lamora	2006
Stone of Farewell	The Dragonbone Chair	1988
The Black Cauldron	The Book of Three	1964
The Drawing of the Three	The Gunslinger	1982
The Great Hunt	The Eye of the World	1990
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	The Magician's Nephew	1955
The Two Towers	The Fellowship of the Ring	1954
The Wise Man's Fear	The Name of the Wind	2007
Words of Radiance	The Way of Kings	2010

From here, all of the publication years align, and it is a simple matter to extract the final answer . . .

Year	Book Title	Index	Letter
1955	The Magician's Nephew	4	M

1990	The Eye of the World	5	Y
2006	The Lies of Locke Lamora	7	S
1964	The Book of Three	1	T
2002	Eragon	1	E
1988	The Dragonbone Chair	5	R
1968	Dragonflight	9	I
2000	Storm Front	3	O
1991	Outlander	2	U
1982	The Gunslinger	7	S
1996	A Game of Thrones	2	G
1986	Redwall	5	A
1954	The Fellowship of the Ring	6	L
2007	The Name of the Wind	5	A
2015	Six of Crows	3	X
2010	The Way of Kings	6	Y

... **MYSTERIOUS GALAXY**, which is, indeed, the name of a fantasy bookstore.