



Titus Awakes: The Lost Book of Gormenghast

By Gilmore, Maeve. Peake, Mervyn.

Vintage. 1 Paperback(s), 2011. soft. Book Condition: New. Hailed as a gothic fantasy of manners, inspired more by Charles Dickens and Robert Louis Stevenson than by J.R.R. Tolkien, the three novels of the Gormenghast series *Titus Groan*, *Gormenghast*, and *Titus Alone* helped secure Mervyn Peake's reputation as one of the "50 greatest British writers since 1945" (London's Times). The series only ended due to Peake's illness and early death from Parkinson's disease, at 57, though there were tantalizing notes suggesting the direction that the story would take. His widow Maeve Gilmore, also an artist and writer, wrote this novel from those notes, though she never sought to publish it. Found among her papers after her death, *Titus Awakes* appears here at last, "a treasure salvaged from the ruins" (New Statesman). 265.



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