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Dorothy Dunnett

Book of condolence and appreciation

A Message from the Dunnett family

To everybody who has contributed to this moving testament, and to all our mother's readers worldwide:

We're both keenly aware that no words from us can substitute for the things Dorothy would dearly have wished to have had time to say about the encouragement, affection and inspiration she drew from so many delightful enthusiasts around the world. The warmth and joy of the 2000 Gathering (which we attended in Stirling) made clear to us the folly of introducing anybody as a Dunnett reader and friend. The two things are, of course, synonymous.

At a difficult time, our heartfelt thanks for your condolences; our lasting gratitude to our friend Bill Marshall for his work in giving us all such an important forum; and if there is anything to sustain us in the loss which we share, perhaps it is the faith that the values embodied in her books will endure. And none more so than Dorothy's gift - in her work and in her person - for bringing people together.

With every good wish to each one of you for a happy Christmastime and a bright new year ahead,

Ninian and Mungo Dunnett

Name: Alexandra Haropulos

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USA

Date: Friday, December 21, 2001 at 11:27:21

Comments:

Lady Dorothy changed the way I think about the world and the people in it with her Lymond books, as well as brought many hours of pleasure and excitement into my own world. These are lifetime gifts for which no one can be sufficiently grateful. Her books are works of mystery, art, play, scholarship, and, ultimately, generosity. I will think of her always. I hope that her family will accept our sincere condolences for our great and their greater loss.

Name: Jacqui Southworth

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Location: Fleetwood, Lancs England

Date: Friday, December 21, 2001 at 00:27:56

Comments:

She was the best author I have ever read - her writing comes back to me many times, in thoughts and deeds. No one author has affected me more.

Name: Mary Tickel

TN USA

Date: Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 13:41:26

Comments:

I first read "The Lymond Chronicles" as a teenager, and Dorothy Dunnett was a much needed teacher who

helped me to see outside of myself. She taught me that people are more complex and human than what I judged them to be, and that life is more terrifying, more exhilarating, more beautiful, and deeper than I'd ever hoped. She will always be a teacher. I'm honored that I've had the privilege of learning from her books.

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Date: Thursday, December 20, 2001 at 11:48:24
Comments:

Dorothy's books have inspired me; to research, to write and to travel. I have just booked my first trip to Scotland with the aim of seeing some of the places Lyndon and Nicholas called home. Thankyou Dorothy your writing will live wherever your readers are.

Name: Cindy Moorhead
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Date: Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at 21:35:48
Comments:

There are tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat, but I rejoice that Dorothy is back with her beloved husband. I've been reading her books since I first discovered "Checkmate" in 1976, and she's absolutely the best. Thanks for letting us know.

Name: naomi ryerson
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Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2001 at 03:38:16
Comments:

for almost 30 years the lymond chronicles have provided me with endless pleasure - lady dunnett's storytelling majesty was matched only by her glorious usage of the english language. i am sick to my stomach to know that her voice has been stilled. no lymond book #7? no book #9 of the house of niccolo? no followup to king hereafter? no more johnson johnson? fegs. many condolences to her family.

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Comments:

Like so many others who have written here, I was enthralled by Dorothy Dunnett's world and words for more than 30 years. She is one of the few writers whose works I can read over and over and find new delights in each rereading. I have been immensely grateful to the friend who loaned me The Game of Kings all those years ago, and I will miss her with all my heart.

Name: Carolyn Morgan
Email: Carolyn.Morgan@gecapital.com
Location: Bristol, England
Date: Monday, December 17, 2001 at 17:09:48
Comments:

I finished Gemini last Wednesday and went searching the web to find an address so that I could send my thanks to Dorothy Dunnett for a year of pleasure and excitement reading Niccolo for the first time. I was devastated to discover the news. My thanks to her and my sincere condolences to her family. What a great lady and what a great legacy.

Name: Margaret Lavender
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Location: Salisbury, Wiltshire**Date:** Monday, December 17, 2001 at 00:01:15**Comments:**

For over 20 years I was in intermittent correspondence with Dorothy - questions about Lymond; Following the Lymond Trail in the Scottish borders (how my children were bored, and Dorothy replied her sons were bored "doing" the chateaux for Queen's Play !) Then I followed the Lymond Rooftop race in Blois, which Dorothy told me fans were doing, but naturally, on terra firma! I wrote to Dorothy about the exact moves of the living chess game in Pawn. I loved my Lymond books, which are annotated so much, they are falling to bits - so then I requested all the hardbacks, which were given to me at various Christmases by my family - but the final ending in Checkmate.....I had to buy that book the minute it was in the shops, to read cover to cover, to find the real solutions - What a surprise. Then I was so happy Dorothy told me she was writing the Niccolo series.....my husband and I went to Venice, and followed Niccolo's trail there. We weren't able to go to Bruges until 2 years ago, and our hotel was right near Spangherts Street which we walked down every day; I saw and photographed the White Bear at the end of Spangherts Street; I photographed everything, picturing Niccolo and all his friends - and enemies, there. I pictured Niccolo on the Crane; and of course, I visited the Adorne Anselm house and the wonderful tiny chapel with his tomb. We even went to the "Wedding Banquet" of Margaret of York, and Charles the Bold! Wonderful. For the 4 days we were inside the surrounding canals of Bruges, I lived in another age, that of the 1460's on onwards. We visited Mechlen and saw Margaret Of Austria's wonderful Palace...and her statue. Oh, how we shall miss all these so real characaters, which Dorothy in her brilliance, made alive. And how wonderful to find the Lymond connenction on the last page of the last Niccolo book. I met Dorothy at long last, in Winchester, October 1989, at a book signing for Race of Scorpions - and cherish a photo of us together. It was there she reminded me we had been corresponding for over 20 years. We shall all miss her so very much - THE best historical writer. Our sympathies lie with her sons, over the death of their dear mother, not so long after Alistair.

Name: Stephen Swan**Email:**Swan_Stephen@hotmail.com

Scotland

Date: Sunday, December 16, 2001 at 21:25:57**Comments:**

"...lightsome from birth to death as the froth of the sea, and leaving no more behind us....." Not so.....

Name: Jennifer Hube**Email:**jah@monarch.net

Alberta Canada

Date: Sunday, December 16, 2001 at 01:45:34**Comments:**

I weep for the loss of such a wonderful woman. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends for this great loss. Her presence in this world was a blessing. I will always be thankful for what she brought to my life. Thank you Dorothy. God bless.

Name: Cynthia Allen**Email:**cjallen@attglobal.net**Location:** Beacon, NY USA**Date:** Friday, December 14, 2001 at 18:07:47**Comments:**

I was captured by Mrs. Dunnett's Lymond Chronicles in January of this year, and spent the happiest two months of my reading life in that captivity. I regret her passing, but she has left behind a world, based on history, detailed, dark yet glittering, with a hero who is more real than most people living. It is as fine a legacy as any one person could wish to leave behind.

Name:Kathy Mavrikakis**URL:** yahoo.com**Email:**katman1994@yahoo.com**Location:** New York, NY USA**Date:** Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 20:25:34

Comments:

Dear Dunnett Family, Your mother's work, specifically the Lymond series (I enjoyed the House of Niccolo last year) helped me to pull myself out of the depression September 11 left in my life. Each day as I ride the train into the city I lose myself in Lymond's world and I'm already worrying about it being over. The news of your mother's passing filled me with such a vacuum that I can not put it into words. I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences and accept the thanks that were due to your mother. Kathy Mavrikakis (NYC)

Name: Beverly & Joseph Christy-Vitale

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Oregon USA

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 02:33:50

Comments:

What sad news we received today; Dorothy Dunnett has stopped writing. Our deepest sympathies to her family and friends for their enormous loss. For 20 years we've told all our friends about this amazing writer. Her characters, complexity, wit, and emotional depth have never been equaled. Her writing has moved us like no other. We share the sorrow expressed here by so many.

Name: Anne Blythman

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Location: Wollongong, NSW Australia

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2001 at 02:31:11

Comments:

As a bookseller, I fell under the spell of Dorothy Dunnett's Lymond series back in the 1970s and remain an ardent fan, recommending her books to customers who invariably come back for more. I am devastated by the news of her death - perhaps we all thought she would go on forever writing her wonderful books. There is certainly no other author who compares.

Name: Susan Slusser

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Location: San Francisco, CA. USA

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 23:54:39

Comments:

I'm a sportswriter for a paper in San Francisco and I only wish that someday I can vaguely approach the brilliance that Dorothy demonstrated in volumes upon volumes of work. She was a spectacular writer who will be greatly missed.

Name: Jacqueline Leck

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Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 15:18:01

Comments:

In two days I leave to visit the disorderly knights and I will, of course, be taking Dorothy with me, I like to savour the books insitu. Saddened though I am by her death I can't help but feel that she is now re-united with her Lymond and we should be happy for them both.

Name: Karen Alvey

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Wiltshire England

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 11:48:37

Comments:

I heard the sad news of Dorothy's death 3 weeks ago and was devastated. I felt as though I had lost a friend as well as the best author I had ever read. But as time goes on I realise that we haven't lost Dorothy completely. All her readers and friends will continue to meet and discuss all of her wonderful work and she will live on through Lymond, Nicholas and Johnson to continue entrancing people the world over. I was

privileged to meet Dorothy twice over this last year and am very glad that I was able to thank her for years of delightful and fascinating reading. No other author on my bookshelf has been so well-read, no other author has been so much enjoyed. My sympathy to her family at such a sad time. My thoughts are with you all, and with Dorothy. Much love.

Name: helen thompson

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Location: limassol, cyprus

Date: Monday, December 10, 2001 at 12:10:36

Comments:

Like so many others, I discovered Dorothy Dunnett's novels as a teenager, and have read them over and over in the thirty-odd years since then. On the day that 'Checkmate' was published I was waiting outside the bookshop before it opened, and went back to my room at college, read the book straight through and then started it again! I have never found another author who has given me so much pleasure over the years; I know I will continue to read her books for the rest of my life. My deepest sympathies to all Dorothy Dunnett's family and friends.

Name: Ee Lin Kuan

Location: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date: Monday, December 10, 2001 at 10:23:53

Comments:

Lady Dunnett's incredible talent for writing has given me countless hours of reading pleasure. I hope her journey was a peaceful one.

Name: Kathy Jepson

Email: kandr@kjepson.fsnet.co.uk

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 15:48:34

Comments:

I never met Dorothy Dunnett although I have read and re-read all her books, both the historical novels and the Dolly series many times. Every time I read something of hers I find something new, a detail I overlooked before or a sidelight on history which I had never considered. She has been a constant source of pleasure and a companion through many trials and tribulations. I will sorely miss her work. My sympathies go to all her family and friends and I share their loss.

Name: Helen de Mink

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France

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 11:36:49

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett has been my absolute favourite writer since I discovered her books some 15 years ago. Her books have meant to me so much more than a very good story. The way she linked history, wit, fun, romance, travel descriptions, and "je ne sais pas quoi" is inimitable. I had the pleasure and honour to meet her once and she was so gracious and witty than I forgot to tell her how much I admired her. I think, however, she could tell. Through her, I met a lot of other Dunnett lovers, who have become friends. I was in Ireland a few weeks ago with them and we had a very moving session which ended with raising a wee drum to her memory. Although I was too distressed to write earlier, my thoughts have been with her family and close friends. May she rest in peace.

Name: Debbie Sthamer

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Location: Weston-super-Mare, England

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 00:23:48

Comments:

I look forward to encouraging my children to reading Dorothy's books when they grow up. They are only

babies now but her books will have as much appeal and value in fifteen years time as they do now. Her work is ageless. Such genius. Such a loss. I can only be grateful for the pleasure her work has given me and still gives me and will go on giving me.

Name: Gianluigi Thoman

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Date: Friday, December 7, 2001 at 23:00:40

Comments:

That's literature. Now Mrs. Dunnett continues her marvellous work together with the greatest authors. God bless her.

Name: Catherine Aitken

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Location: Bournemouth, England

Date: Friday, December 7, 2001 at 17:27:17

Comments:

I first read Game of Kings when I was 17 and stayed up all night, unable to put it down it was so entrancing. It is as good on the hundredth reading as the first. For the delight Mrs Dunnett's books have afforded me over the last 25 years heartfelt thanks. You are gone but your work will live on. No other writers has yet come close.

Name: Virginia Highstone

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Location: Elmhurst, IL USA

Date: Friday, December 7, 2001 at 13:11:14

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett has been my favorite author since the '60's when I first read The Game of Kings. Her works are the only books I read and reread - and she has quite literally spoiled my taste for lesser historical fiction. I had the great pleasure to hear her read in Oak Park IL last year. By chance I was reading The Game of Kings for the 6th time when I heard of her death from my eldest daughter, another Dunnett afficiando. I send my condolences to her family and my heartfelt thanks for hours of reading pleasure. Virginia Hignstone

Name: Mary Bristow

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Location: Tullahoma, TN USA

Date: Friday, December 7, 2001 at 00:50:10

Comments:

I have read Dorothy Dunnett's books for some 35 years with great pleasure, which was never diminished upon rereading. I never found any writer to match the depth, complexity and vividness she brought to her work. Lacking husband or children I have often felt compelled to read passages aloud to my cats for the sheer pleasure of letting the words loose from the page. I am greatly saddened that there will be no more, but am very grateful for that with which we have.

Name: Pat Pearce

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Location: Auckland, New Zealand

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 23:52:20

Comments:

My deepest sympathy to Ninian, Mungo and their families. I have only just heard the very sad news upon receiving the latest edition of "Whispering Gallery." Dorothy Dunnett has been such a part of my life for the last 25 years that I feel as if I have lost a personal friend. May she rest in peace.

Name: Birgit Sahn

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Location: Saarbruecken, Germany

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 12:04:29

Comments:

I am still at a loss for words. Dorothy's books have been a delight and an inspiration to me for years. Even though I never met her it feels like I've lost a friend. My mother died of cancer exactly a year ago in November. Re-reading Dorothy's books over and over again helped me tremendously during this time of sadness. My deepest sympathy and my heartfelt condolences are with her family for the loss you have suffered.

Name: Kathy Lear

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Location: Santa Barbara, California USA

Date: Thursday, December 6, 2001 at 07:41:52

Comments:

For twelve years I portrayed a 16th century noblewoman at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Southern California. For twelve years I read the Lymond chronicles each year, in toto, as part of my preparation for that portrayal. I owe Dorothy Dunnett a debt of gratitude for her inspiration that I can never pay back—not only because she is no longer with us, but because one cannot pay back that sort of gift: one can only pay it forward, and I will strive to do so. I grieve for the loss experienced by her family and friends, but I rejoice for the fact that the world was privileged to hold her and her great, generous talent for so long.

Name: David Bronstein

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NY USA

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2001 at 14:31:16

Comments:

I heard an interview with Lady Dunnett over a year ago on NPR. I found her fascinating. She seemed so warm and friendly. I started reading the Lymond Chronicles. They are tremendous. I look forward to reading all of her works. I am saddened to hear of her demise. I know she was a tremendous writer. I feel very fortunate that I discovered her writings.

Name: Jo field

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Location: Barnstaple, UK

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 22:15:00

Comments:

I have read and re-read anything and everything that Dorothy Dunnett ever wrote and my most prized possession is my signed copy of 'Gemini'. She was a magnificent author who transports me to another world in her writing. I have found nobody to touch her. I am shocked and saddened to learn of her death and would like to add my condolences to the many thousands that must already have been received.

Name: Grace Lee

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Location: New York, NY USA

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 18:13:39

Comments:

I discovered Lady Dunnett's work in Wordsmith, a great bookshop in Harvard Square. Luckily, the Lymond series were displayed face out. I found out about Dunnettwork from Tovah Hollander, who is still missed. Dorothy Dunnett leaves behind a body of work that has created a large, welcoming and prolific online community that will continue to discuss and debate her work in the years to come.

Name: Rose Hunneyball and Noel Finney

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Location: Aberdeen, Scotland

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 11:36:51

Comments:

We are all diminished by Dorothy's going, but she has left us a treasured legacy - books which have given, and will continue to give so much pleasure to so many, both now and in the future. To misquote Shakespeare, we will not see her like again. We do hope that in time there will be a Memorial Service for Dorothy, so that we can celebrate her life, and her gifts to us all.

Name: Susan Mildred

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Location: Adelaide, SA Australia

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 05:13:39

Comments:

I came to DD's two great series late, I had read her mysteries and enjoyed them, but it wasn't until I heard her speak and Adelaide Writers Week in 2000 that I read the Lymond series and am presently reading the Nicolo series. I am totally overwhelmed by her immense knowledge, her researching abilities and the just sheer magnitude of her imagination. She will be missed, but thank God she was here to give us her stories.

Name: Rosemary Panting

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Location: Mandurah, W.A. Australia

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 03:40:38

Comments:

If granted a wish for personal use it would be to write with a talent as awesome as DD's. She has left a magnificent legacy to the world. To her world-wide fans, her friends and especially her family, deepest sympathy, we all share the loss.

Name: Ainsley Painter

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Location: Tokyo, Japan

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 02:10:16

Comments:

No other author has ever made me work so hard, or rewarded me half as richly for doing so. My deepest sympathy to her family.

Name: Lorraine

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Canada

Date: Monday, December 3, 2001 at 17:38:39

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett shall always remain my favourite author. Her books challenged me as a reader. I laughed, cried, swore, and sighed reading them. I'd often quail at the hardships she put her characters through, but admired her deep and relentless perception that, as in life, people must traverse great trials in order to realize what they are capable of becoming. Though I shall greatly miss reading new Dunnett novels, I feel, somehow, that by finishing her last great work with the Niccolo series, Dorothy herself created a fitting epitaph by which we can remember her. She was a truly great writer.

Name: Toni Mandry

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Date: Monday, December 3, 2001 at 17:32:41

Comments:

I was introduced to Dorothy's books two years ago and a whole new world opened up to me through her rich

characterization and engrossing plots. Two incidents I wish to note: one the rediscovery of an original edition of King Hereafter in my grandmother's books, and two, meeting Dorothy herself in October 2000 in Oak Park, IL. Both of these mean so much to me and I can only imagine how you, her family and friends, are dealing with a much greater loss. My sympathies and gratitude ...

Name: Val Dean
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Date: Sunday, December 2, 2001 at 16:25:57
Comments:

My introduction to Dorothy's books was when I was on holiday in Bath about 20 years ago. It was a hot day, I had a long walk back to my hotel, so I bought a copy of King Hereafter. Then I went into the Roman Baths and took a tray of lemon tea on to the terrace above the baths - and started on the book. That was it. Fortunately I was then able to read the rest in sequence, which opened up a new world to me and brought history to life. Thank you, Dorothy.

Name: Anne Sydenham
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Date: Saturday, December 1, 2001 at 03:02:35
Comments:

I first read Dorothy Dunnett's Lymond series 10 years ago at the urging of a friend. Prior to that, although I had seen the books on the shelves of shops and libraries, I had failed to buy or borrow them. How wrong I was to overlook them for all those years. I devoured the Lymond series over the course of a month, and became a devoted Dorothy fan as a result. I have also read and waited impatiently for the completion of the Niccolo series which I also enjoyed immensely. It is very sad that Dorothy Dunnett has passed away, but she will live forever in the minds and hearts of her readers.

Name: Elisabeth Rehder
Email: lisa_rehder@web.de
Location: Berlin, Germany
Date: Saturday, December 1, 2001 at 01:36:03
Comments:

I came across my first Dunnett-novel (1st book in the Lymond series in German) at the age of 16, when I hated history in school. It opened my eyes to seeing the individual persons behind the sheer dates of history. I thank her for making me see a new universe... Elisabeth

Name: Phillip Musgrave
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Date: Friday, November 30, 2001 at 11:26:21
Comments:

I have just finished listening to a repeat of an interview with Dorothy Dunnett on ABC Classic FM, streamed over the Internet. I did not know of her works until hearing the interview, but in the interview, conducted by Margaret Throsby, she came across as a wonderfully warm, interesting and interested person. I look forward to discovering her works in the near future.

Name: Anne Ginders
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Date: Friday, November 30, 2001 at 07:03:32
Comments:

Dorothy's books fired a young girl's imagination enough to give her fuel for a lifetime career in period costume. The woman thanks her from the bottom of her heart. Thank you.

Name: Kay Whittington
Email: skwhittington@fedex.com
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Date: Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 18:53:16
Comments:

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family and close friends. I want them to know that their grief is shared by people, like myself, who didn't know Dorothy except in the most casual of ways. She was one of those people that once you met her, you could never forget her. I remember her introducing herself in Edinburgh as "Dorothy, not Mrs Dunnett or Lady Dunnett, but Dorothy." Thus, she immediately invited a roomful of strangers to be her friend. I only met Dorothy only three occasions, The Edinburgh Book Festival, the Edinburgh Gathering and the Philadelphia Gathering. I was enchanted by her grace, her humor and her love of life. When she spoke to you, she made you feel as if you were the most important person she ever met. After meeting her, I remember thinking that she was a person I would love to have as a personal friend. That wasn't possible, but she had that sort of charisma that drew you to her. So tonight, as I find myself overwhelmed by grief at her loss, I remember, not the author of the best books I have ever read, but the woman herself. Dorothy, not Mrs Dunnett, or Lady Dunnett, but Dorothy, a loving, beautiful person who has left us much too soon. And somehow, even though she touched my life so fleetingly, I feel as if I have lost someone very dear to me. I want to end this note with a quote from Checkmate which expresses very accurately my feelings about Dorothy. I have taken the liberty of altering the verb tenses and changing the masculine in this quote to the feminine: "For her, the gateway has opened and the loss is ours to bear...No one, once they had met her could remain the same... ..Every day she lived mattered. She belonged to life. It should have been allowed her." Thank you, Dorothy for the 30 years of reading pleasure you have given me. And, more importantly, for the mark you have made on my life. You will not be forgotten. May God's comfort touch each of us as we deal with our sense of loss...

Name: Ronna King
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Date: Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 17:50:48
Comments:

My life was enriched by her books. Lady Dunnett will be missed by many. My sincere condolences to her family and friends

Name: Karen Spencer
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Date: Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 17:09:43
Comments:

My sincere condolences to Lady Dunnett's family. I am so sad that she is no longer here but so grateful for the countless hours of pleasure her books have brought me. Her family must be so proud of the literary legacy she has left behind her. She was truly gifted and has enriched the lives of many with that gift. God bless and keep her.

Name: Pam Wilcock
Email: dwandpw@alphalink.com.au
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Date: Thursday, November 29, 2001 at 06:59:26
Comments:

We, here in Australia, were told of Dorothy Dunnett`s passing yesterday on our national FM radio station. I felt just as I have on completing a reading of one of her magical series - full of sadness but so glad to have read them. We were today treated to a replay of the interview made last year, and it was again like reading her books- you got some much more out of them a second (or tenth) time. I was lucky to meet her last year, and I told her that I also paint and that my family come from Dunfermline. Quick as a rapier, she replied with - "perhaps you will also be in the `Notable daughters of Dunfermline` book also". What a wonderful thought - but it won`t happen as I`m not nearly as talented as she was. The world has been enriched by her presence and my condolences to her family. Pam

Name: Tricia Houghton
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Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at 21:46:35
Comments:

Special wishes to you all at this sad time. Thanking you for sharing your amazing mother with us. She has given me and many others so much joy over the years and I am certain will continue to do so for centuries to come.

Name: Emma Smallwood
Location: Wilmslow, UK
Date: Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at 20:25:34
Comments:

I was saddened to hear the news of Dorothy Dunnett's death. She will be missed by many, but what a wonderful legacy she has left us. Just open one of books and be transported to another world, another time.

Name: Arlene Sindelar
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Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 22:33:42
Comments:

I have only met Dorothy Dunnett through the shimmering worlds she created with words. My life has been richer because of her. Thank you for whom she was beloved personally, for sharing her with us all, and for allowing us to express our grief and her importance to us her readers. For thirty years I have relished her poetry, her imagination, her painstakingly constructed historical canvas, her characters so brilliantly drawn. Our loss is heartfelt and great at her death. But she left so very much for the world to cherish and enjoy.

Name: Rita Burnett
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Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 19:54:58
Comments:

To say that Lady Dunnett changed my life is a huge understatement. She changed the way I look at life, at people, at history, at other cultures and religions. She made it possible to meet many wonderful, warm and caring Dunnett people, who have become my friends, who introduced me to other friends and other authors that I have enjoyed. She opened doors that I would never have opened on my own. As Philippa thought of Francis at the end of Checkmate when she thought he had died: "Men throughout Scotland and over the narrow seas who lived different lives, because they had known him. No one, once they had met him, could remain the same." "...the light, charming voice which had drawn her from her warm home...and had taken her through deeper seas and over crests more steep than her spirit alone would ever have striven to conquer." So many words from that scene fit Dorothy herself. I was so lucky to have read her books, to have met her on occasion, to have received some correspondence from her, and to be influenced by her wonderful, tolerant view of the world. Her books have the place of honor in my library and always will. She has been and will always be my favorite author of all time. I did not live close to her geographically, but my world feels somehow out of balance and out of tune, tilted wrong. My deepest sympathy is extended to all of you who love her.

Name: Anne Dunnett
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Location: Wick, Caithness Scotland
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 12:52:59
Comments:

Sincere sympathy to Lady Dunnett's sons and grandchildren. What a wonderful worldwide legacy of words she has bequeathed to all her avid readers.

Name: Nancy Bauer
Email: nebauer@juno.com
Location: Reston, VA USA
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 02:04:44
Comments:

My condolences to the family and all the friends and readers of the most superb writer of historical fiction of this day and age, Dorothy Dunnett. That clever mind is stilled but she lives on in her wonderful characters and the ineluctable world of her imagination that she gifted to all of us in her books...which can be read and reread eternally without failure to enchant. Thank you Dorothy and goodnight....flora das flores.

Name: Gillian Atherton
Email: gatherto@tassie.net.au
Location: Evandale, Tas Australia
Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 02:04:19
Comments:

My sincere condolences to the family of Dorothy Dunnett. Surely she is a legend as the creator of the most wonderful historical novels ever written! I have had the pleasure of introducing them to several friends. They have given me hours and hours of pleasure, becoming thoroughly involved with the characters. When a book finished it was so sad to leave them all. Even re-reading one finds something, some nuance that has been missed, and can enjoy and be involved all over again! I treasure a CD from the ABC interview she gave with Margaret Throsby, and through listening to her speak, with her choice of music I felt I knew her a little.

Name: Carla Passino
Email: cpassino@softhome.net
Location: London, UK
Date: Monday, November 26, 2001 at 14:12:27
Comments:

Goodbye Dorothy, the woman who made us all dream. You will be sorely missed.

Name: Cecily Erhardt
Email: r.erhardt@chello.nl
Location: Zaltbommel, The Netherlands
Date: Monday, November 26, 2001 at 13:49:26
Comments:

My deepest condolences to Dorothy's family. She was a wonderful writer who brought history to life with her brilliantly researched novels. She will be sorely missed by everyone who ever read her books.

Name: Manfredi Bargioni
Email: manfredi@operamail.com
Location: London, UK
Date: Monday, November 26, 2001 at 13:30:41
Comments:

Dorothy, thanks for having transported us through time and space in Samarcanda, Cyprus, Florence, Bruges, Edinburgh, Timbuctu. Thanks for having enriched our lives and dreams with your tales. With deepest condolences, Manfredi Bargioni

Name: Susan Lewis
Location: Wakefield, England
Date: Monday, November 26, 2001 at 08:32:29
Comments:

Thank you, Dorothy. You enriched the world, and made a difference.

Name: Susanne Lloyd
Email: slloyd@alumni.ubc.ca

Location: Vancouver, Canada

Date: Monday, November 26, 2001 at 06:54:50

Comments:

I offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy Dunnett on the loss of one who understood and practised the art of living to the fullest. The world is poorer for losing her, but much the richer for having had her among us.

Name: Anne Johnson

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Location: Vienna, Virginia USA

Date: Monday, November 26, 2001 at 02:38:06

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett's wonderful characters have been my constant companions for many years as I read and reread all of her books. On each reread, I find something new to think about and somehow no other author seems to quite satisfy. She has widened my horizons in traveling with Lymond and Nicholas. Her quotations and references to myths, scripture, the Koran and literature which predated the 15th and 16th centuries has led me to further research. Her history is always accurate and she makes you feel that you have truly entered the world of her characters. I feel so fortunate that I was able to meet her when she was in Virginia in September 2000. What a delightful and interesting lady! God bless her and keep her. God make His face to shine upon her. God give her peace both now and evermore.

Name: Maggie Helliwell

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Location: Keighley, W Yorks England

Date: Sunday, November 25, 2001 at 22:06:48

Comments:

Approximately every other Christmas for over 30 years my mother and I would buy each other the latest Dorothy Dunnett. We would each buy our own and then find it almost impossible to wait for Christmas Day so that we could start devouring the next instalment. Though I had already appreciated that the magic Christmas Dunnett anticipation had gone for ever it was still enormous shock to read of her death. I wish to add my sympathy and condolences to the rich layers of all the others. I wrote to her once as the only book I had taken on a 3 year world trip was *Pawn in Frankincense* and of course she replied, gently chiding me to 'get a life!' and perhaps consider doing other things with my time-of course I did, but I have returned to her novels year after year, to marvel at the erudition, giggle at the humour and weep at the desolation of loss and the realities of life. I did meet her at a book signing in Leeds Waterstones, a magical evening, in which she charmed us, read us a chapter and had a kind word to say to each and every one of us. That year, that night I bought both my mother's and my signed Christmas presents together, cherished possessions. Paradoxically I will not miss her because I will always be able to take the books off the shelf and immerse myself again in her familiar world. Thank you Dorothy.

Name: Olva Stewart Pharo

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Location: Cypress, TX USA

Date: Sunday, November 25, 2001 at 17:44:44

Comments:

No single person has had such a profound effect on my life as Dorothy Dunnett. I found "The Game of Kings" in 1961 at the tender age of 13 and was captivated by the most fabulous hero ever created. Over the following years as each new book came out it became more and more important that I meet the woman who was having such an influence on my life. I wrote the publisher who passed on my letter and I got a very gracious response from Dorothy. We started a correspondence. In 1973 I flew to Edinburgh to meet her. It was the beginning of many meetings to come. I even sold all my belongings in 1975 and moved to London. It was a very hard time. I moved back to Texas. But I remain a Anglophile forever. After my abortive attempt to "become" a Brit I tried to find a life again in the US. I married and had a son (Alexander after Alec Guthrie) and in 1994 I returned for The Gathering in Edinburgh. There I met Tevia and all the gang who started "DunnettWorks". And Dorothy who I had not seen for 20 years, she remembered. I am so glad that I attended

the last Gathering in Philadelphia, 2000. I had a feeling that it would be the last time I would ever see her but not that it would happen so soon. I will never forget her. She was the most generous person. Always ready with a response. Her letters were wonderful. My visits in her home will always be cherished memories. Though I never met her sons I have a few delightful stories about them. She will live forever through her wonderful stories and the heroic characters she created. And she will live through all of us who will continue to discuss and read her books and try to spread the word to anyone who will listen. God bless you, Dorothy Dunnett, the world is a better place because of you.

Name: Jo Heaton

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Location: Wellington, New Zealand

Date: Sunday, November 25, 2001 at 09:01:40

Comments:

My special 'reading sofa' became special because that's where I spent a winter reading the Chronicles. My special 'reading mug' I bought in Edinburgh, chasing down some glimpses of the world she created for me. Dorothy Dunnett sent me off on amazing journeys - in my mind, and with my backpack. And there are journeys I'll have yet, because she fuelled my imagination with her writing. A speedy journey to those who loved you, from those who admire you.

Name: Nancy J. Silberman

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Location: Philadelphia, PA USA

Date: Sunday, November 25, 2001 at 02:36:24

Comments:

My husband, Walter, died in February 2001, and this summer I wrote Lady Dunnett to tell her that, although I miss him deeply, I was carrying on and enjoying life. She wrote back in September with words applicable to her own death: "You will find, a great loss does in time have a liberating effect. After that, everything else falls into proportion, and you don't really grudge what happens. You've got a lot to give carrying on your own life, and also adding in what you learned living with Walter. We all expect a lot of you. So there." All I have to do is substitute "Lady Dunnett" for Walter, and I realize that my best memorial to Dorothy is to make more of my life than I would have had I never known her or read her work. A challenging goal, but I shall try. njs

Name: Margaret Hauser

Location: Leongatha, VIC AUSTRALIA

Date: Saturday, November 24, 2001 at 22:16:25

Comments:

Months after finishing Gemini my mind returns to the complex characters and story line woven by an incredible author. This morning I visited Dunnett websites to discover what other readers thought of the conclusion to The House of Niccolo Series and was very saddened to learn of Dorothy Dunnett's death earlier this month. I have read through these Condolences with tears in my eyes and would like to add my own to her family, friends and fans. This amazing lady has had an influence on people across the world and will continue to do so as we read and reread her wonderful tales.

Name: Jo Kirkham

Location: Rye, UK

Date: Saturday, November 24, 2001 at 19:18:55

Comments:

For thirty-nine years Dorothy's books have been part of my life. An enriching experience every time there was a new one published, and each time I re-read them - always noticing something new however many times I did so. I recall the nail-biting wait for the next volume - and then the pleasure at meeting her characters again in another set of adventures! However, it was not just the books themselves - but the inspiration she gave me - and us - to investigate further. After reading the story - it stimulated some to try to find her sources and then find out even more about the places and events she described. The reading of her books gave extra pleasure in looking at things like Renaissance and Celtic art, in hearing and playing music of those periods, in holiday and "Gathering" destinations, and in all sorts of widening of experience of things as diverse as dowsing to quizzes. Dorothy, you have left us such a legacy of pleasure for the future. Thankyou for

sharing your fun, quick mind, imagination, and detailed research with us. You have also - and indeed sometimes I think one of the most valuable legacies you have left us - given us the chance of friendship with people of like-mind from all over the world. "Dunnett people" are special. They think and feel the same way and are interested in similar things. My deepest condolences to your family. I feel privileged to have known you. R.I.P.

Name: Barbara Bell
Email: writerbarbie@sympatico.ca
Location: Sydenham, Ontario Canada
Date: Saturday, November 24, 2001 at 02:59:13
Comments:

Friday, November 23, 2001 To the family, friends and many fans of Dorothy Dunnett worldwide, my heartfelt sympathy. I had nurtured a dream that, once my children were away at university, I might take a year to write in Scotland. Edinburgh's a cosy city, I thought. Perhaps I might even meet Dorothy Dunnett. How do I describe the impact her work has had on me? I read the Lymond books, curled up near the woodstove during a frigid Canadian winter, my infant son asleep beside me. My husband (a non-reader) would come home, and I would have to hurry around to make supper, while I told him in my own inadequate words of the fascinating, brilliant, irresistible world inhabited by Francis Crawford. Eighteen months later, I remember breathlessly recounting to my husband, as we strolled the shore of the Atlantic Ocean, what Lymond was getting up to. (I think I was reading Pawn in Frankincense by then). Now my son is seventeen, and alas, my marriage is long since ended. When my former husband came to pick up the children tonight, my first words to him were "I'm so sad. Dorothy Dunnett has died. Do you remember?" And right away he said, "Cornflower blue eyes." If I ever meet my other half, as I believe Dorothy Dunnett did in her husband, he may not be Francis Crawford, but I just know he will be a Dorothy Dunnett reader. Thank you Dorothy, for the gift of your words. Barbara Bell

Name: LINDA BARRELL
Email: barrells@tinyworld.co.uk
Location: TAUNTON, UK
Date: Friday, November 23, 2001 at 20:35:33
Comments:

Trying to find some library books to take on holiday to Malta in 1983 I again picked up Disorderly Knights; still thinking that it looked like hard work I decided to give it a try as it might fit in well with my destination. If it wasn't for me well, I had three other books. Can you imagine how wonderful it was reading that brilliant writing in the place in which it is set. Getting home I started to read the rest of the books and of course found that I didn't need to be in the right place to visualise the story. The writing did that spectacularly well for me. I feel as though I have lost some one close. I am so very sad. No more anticipatory visits to the bookshop for the next volume. No more opening the crisp new pages to see what conundrums and puzzles I will have to unravel and trying not to go straight to the end to find out the answers. (I don't think I ever managed that one). The only consolation I have is in 14 books lying on my shelves whispering to me to pick them up again for the umpteenth time. I know I will do this and will, as ever, discover something new. This is the only obituary an author needs. Dorothy you will be missed.

Name: Maryhelen Clague
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Date: Friday, November 23, 2001 at 17:31:46
Comments:

I always hoped to meet Dorothy some day but never had the opportunity. I wrote to her over the years and she very kindly responded, giving me encouragement with my own writing in so friendly and kind a manner I felt as though I knew her as a friend. Her Lymond books remain among that short list of books which have profoundly affected me and I love them above all historical fiction. I send my condolences to her family. I hope it is a comfort to know that through her writing she has a huge wider family of people all over the world who also loved her.

Name: Denise Gannon

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Location: Basildon, Essex UK

Date: Friday, November 23, 2001 at 01:47:03

Comments:

I haven't felt able to write before, but after spending the last week in Dublin with friends, all of whom I have met through Dorothy, I would like to add my deep regret at her passing. We celebrated her life and work and raised a wee dram to her. She has given us all so much, and will be with us forever through her work. I had the privilege of being invited to her home for lunch after the Edinburgh Gathering of 2000. She was gracious and kind, and made us feel so welcome. During the 30+ years I have been reading her books, she has become part of my life. I will never forget her. My condolences to her family and all those whose life she brightened.

Name: Caroline Burns

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Location: Frodsham, Cheshire United Kingdom

Date: Thursday, November 22, 2001 at 20:54:41

Comments:

In a train on the way to the Edinburgh 2000 Gathering last July I started to worry. I had never met Dorothy before, but her books had been a lovely important part of my life for the last 9 years. What if I didn't like her when I met her? With that fantastic intellect she might be a haughty prima donna. Would that alter my enjoyment of her work? Of course, as you all know, I needn't have worried. DD appeared suddenly at the welcome reception and started asking my friend and I about where we had travelled from. She was so kind and charming and there are photos of me and my friend, Yvonne, with huge speechless smiles of enjoyment on our faces as she spoke to us. The whole weekend and our encounters with Dorothy, both in person and when she was giving her talks, were such a totally positive and wonderful time. I came away a bigger fan than ever, not only of DD's books but of her attitude to life. She had suffered tremendous personal loss with the death of her husband, Alistair, yet still retained an infectious joie de vivre. She gave so much and now we are all reeling with the loss. It's over a week since I found out and I am still emotional when I read or talk about her. I went into a book shop on Wednesday and, as usual, looked at the Dunnett shelf as I passed. This time it was different. The first of many sad firsts. The image I can't get out of my head is of all those "ghosts" who, I like to imagine, would have attended her funeral - Archie, Phillipa, Kate, Gelis, amongst others, with Francis and Nicholas as almost invisible pall-bearers. God go with you, Dorothy. Thank you for everything.

Name: Paula Lester

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Location: Mt Shasta, CA USA

Date: Thursday, November 22, 2001 at 04:27:47

Comments:

At first with Bill Marshall's note, I was too stunned to write. Have had time to reflect on the years my first Game of Kings paperback has been with me and my girls--and how wonderful it was to be able to have it to turn to when we lived in a remote area of Siskiyou County here in far northern California--miles and miles from any library-- Of course the collection has grown and each volume has had its own special group of vividly drawn characters and situations that satisfy on so many levels. Our sympathy to the family.

Name: Heather Mitchell

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Location: Ottawa, Canada

Date: Thursday, November 22, 2001 at 04:13:04

Comments:

I just heard the sad news about Dorothy this evening from my mother, another Dunnett fan. It's so hard to take in because she was one of those people you feel will always be there, just as her books are always there to give delight, stimulate thought and evoke such powerful emotions. I feel so fortunate to have met Dorothy twice. It's comforting to see from the messages below that there are countless others who share in what can only be described as a huge loss -- to her sons and grandchildren, to her fans, and to her beloved Scotland. She has gone into the light.

Name: Liz Ignatuk
Email:liz_ignatuk@hotmail.com
Location: Milmont Park, PA USA
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 18:31:07
Comments:

It is still difficult for me to accept that Dorothy Dunnett is gone. I cannot think of anyone who was more alive, who loved life and people and who transformed others with her joie de vivre so well as Dorothy. She has had a tremendous impact on my life. Not only did I fall in love with Thorfinn and Lymond and other unforgettable characters whom she created out of her infinitely fertile imagination, but through Dorothy I was able to meet so many of her readers from all over the world whom I now call friends, and because of Dorothy we have continued to get together and will do so in the future. Her writing has changed me by enabling me to see the world in a new light: no longer could I be content to accept stereotypical views of anyone when Dorothy had explained the intricate variations in so many cultures the world over. And her personality has changed me by encouraging me to strive for excellence and to give more of myself so as to follow her example. Although I could never hope to duplicate them, the sparkle of her personality and the brilliance of her wit continue to shine in my memory. It is so hard to believe that someone who so epitomized the joy of life could be gone. I am so thankful that I was able to talk with her on several occasions and that my husband and I had the opportunity to have dinner with her and that I told her how much she had changed my life. To Dorothy's family and close friends I offer my deepest sympathies. "Your cause of sorrow must not be measured by [her] worth, for then it hath no end." I know that we, her readers, took much of her time away from you, and I apologize for that, and I thank you for all that you gave up for us. We are all blessed to have known her. The world is a poorer place without Dorothy Dunnett, but I know she would want us to remember her only with joy, and so, for her sake, I will try. But right now it is very hard because I truly miss her.

Name: Eleanor Cannan
Email:ecannan@xs4all.nl
Location: Zeist, Netherlands
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 14:48:16
Comments:

I have been reading Dorothy Dunnett's books for well over 20 years, not just for the hugely enjoyable stories and wonderful characters, but with fascination and admiration for the huge amount of knowledge and research in them. Although I read and loved the Lymond and Niccolo series, King Hereafter eventually became my personal favourite, with its wonderful picture of 11th century Scotland and its bold Macbeth/Thorfinn theory. Even my husband read that one! I've lost someone who gave me so much pleasure, for which I'll always be grateful. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Avril Brodey
Email:avril.r@merseymail.com
Location: Liverpool, Merseyside England
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 12:45:25
Comments:

I was devastated to hear the sad news about Dorothy Dunnett yesterday. I was privileged to meet her several times. She always went out of her way to remember some detail about you and to make you feel important despite the fact that she came into contact with so many people. Her genius, her modesty and her unaffectedness were a rare combination. She will always remain my favourite and beloved author. My deepest condolences to all her family. Avril Brodey

Name: Crystal
Email:cumbusc@aol.com
Location: Florahome, Florida Usa
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 12:27:43
Comments:

When I held my first daughter shortly after giving birth and told her about the many wonderful things she had to look forward to, I was thinking specifically about the deep pleasure I got from reading Dorothy Dunnett's books. I love books and I have many favorite authors, but Dorothy Dunnett stands out even among my favorites. I've been known to beg people to read her books, and I got many thanks after they did. My

sincerest condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Lynn Roarty
Email:lroarty@central.murdoch.edu.au
Location: Perth, WA Australia
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 11:55:11
Comments:

My 'Lymond' books have been constant companions for 25 years - the first unpacked after every move, pride of place on the shelves. Over the years, they've been joined by King Hereafter and 'Niccolo'. Each one of them offers something new with every reading. Dorothy Dunnett's books have been to me amusing, informative and always intriguing friend; warm, well-loved companion; challenging teacher. Dorothy Dunnett has created a legacy that ensures she will be always respected and remembered with great affection. The 'treasure house' of her mind was breathtaking. My sincere condolences to her family.

Name: Crister Norling
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Location: Norrköping, Sweden
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 04:03:11
Comments:

My deepest condolences to the family. She has brought me much joy and excitement. The world is poorer for her passing.

Name: Jenny Golding
Email:pjnjgold@iinet.net.au
Location: Perth, WA Australia
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 00:57:24
Comments:

It has taken me over a week to send this message because everytime I have sat down at the keyboard to write something I've been unable to put into words what Dorothy Dunnett means to me. I still cannot, except to say that she has been my favourite and most loved author for 25 years, the one I have turned to in troubled times as well as when I just want to read for pleasure. I've lost count of the number of times I've read Checkmate, it will always be my most cherished book, closely followed by King Hereafter. Her books have enriched my life beyond measure. My sincere sympathy to her sons, how fortunate you were to have such a mother! My sympathy also to the the rest of her family and loved ones.

Name: Christina Chapple
Email:chapple@i-55.com
Location: Hammond, LA USA
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001 at 00:38:07
Comments:

I just re-read "The Game of Kings" -- as I have been re-reading it for about 30 years. The magic kicked in and I couldn't put it down. Thank you so much, Lady Dunnett.

Name: Mary-Louise Coates
Email:mlcoates@newtoncountryday.org
Location: Wellesley, MA United States
Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 22:07:57
Comments:

I was so distressed to hear of the death of Lady Dunnett. The appreciation in the Boston Globe said it all so beautifully. She took you to another place and time with her writing. In October of 1989, I was wandering through the Montgomery County, MD, library, and I picked up a book called The Game of Kings. I opened it, read the first sentence, "Lymond is back", and I was hooked. Six months and six volumes later I emerged from the 16th century to find myself still in Bethesda, MD, still with three children, a husband, and a dog and two cats who all wondered where I had been. THANK YOU, Lady Dunnett, for creating the kind of characters and worlds where one can learn, be challenged, enthralled, and entertained. "We shall not see her kind again"

God grant you rest, and your family, peace.

Name: Kate Hannam

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Location: Sheffield, U.K.

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 21:01:02

Comments:

I never met her - that is my loss. I think of her sons and grandchildren - may they be comforted just a little. by this barrage of words from those who were lucky to be born with The Dunnett Gene. If a person has The Dunnett Gene you are entrapped for life in a world of superb fiction. If you are unlucky and do not have it, then there can be no true explanation of why Dunnett People meet and laugh and love. Even more so at The O'Spit. Bill Marshall flew in on Friday after attending her funeral, because he just couldn't think of anywhere in the world he would rather be, than amongst Dunnett friends. I felt the same. May we remember her for the rest of our lives, and feel grateful that we have so much still to talk about. May she Rest in Peace.

Name: Dee Hinson

Email: spurman@ns.sympatico.ca

Location: halifax, N.S. Canada

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 15:56:54

Comments:

I am deeply shocked and saddened at this news. Lady Dunnett's books have been a big part of my life for the past 25 years. I know my sister and mother, who I introduced to the books, will join me in sending my deepest sympathy to her family.

Name: Lesley Smith

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Location: Orange, NSW Australia

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 05:55:31

Comments:

On the 2 occasions I had the privilege to meet Dorothy Dunnett she had the ability to make a briefly encountered stranger feel like a loved friend. The warmth she radiated is a treasured memory. Lady Dunnett has given me years of reading pleasure, and been indirectly responsible for wonderful journeys in Britain, Europe and New Zealand, and for the joys of meeting kindred spirits in fellow readers. She is sadly missed, but the legacy of her writing will ensure that she is remembered with joy and gratitude.

Name: Louise Herzfeld

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Location: Fairfax, VA USA

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 01:35:18

Comments:

It is a great sorrow to me to learn that Lady Dunnett has died. She was my favorite author and I feel as if I have lost a great friend. Lady Dunnett's books gave me countless hours of enjoyment and escape into her novels. The obituary from the Boston Globe expressed my feelings. The writer spoke of his mother reading the books during his father's illness and getting much diversion from all the books. Last year, we were very fortunate to hear and meet Lady Dunnett when she toured the USA with a stop at a local bookstore. It was such a joy to see her in person. Although she told the audience that she wouldn't write another book, I kept hoping she would. I was first introduced to the Lymond series when our library posted a reading guide for a book group to discuss the series. I never did find the reading group, but I found the books on the library shelf... the old copies in hardback. And I have found none to compare with the enjoyment I received from the books. Please extend my sympathy to Lady Dunnett's family. I will miss her greatly.

Name: Nora Siri Bock

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Location: New York, USA

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 00:11:20

Comments:

How can I be anything other than sad? For me, Lady Dunnett has been the standard-bearer of the best of fiction writing and I will selfishly miss her, knowing we'll have no further treats from her. My deepest sympathies go to Lady Dunnett's family and friends. If it is hard for me, I can only imagine how difficult it is for those who knew her, knew her beauty and joy and shared in her love. Dorothy Dunnett has comforted me when I needed a place to escape from the problems of life. Her stories aren't pretty, but life isn't pretty. But her stories are alive and, because of her amazing talent, she will remain alive for me forever.

Name: Beverly Buck

Location: Denver, CO USA

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 23:48:55

Comments:

My condolences to Lady Dunnet's family as I contemplate the death of my own parent from pancreatic cancer. I have spent countless hours enthralled by Dunnett novels. I thank the extended Dunnett family for lending us those hours she might have spent with you.

Name: AnnMarie Hall

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Location: Camano Island, WA USA

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 22:44:19

Comments:

Although I had the pleasure of meeting Dorothy once, it would be presumptuous of me to say that I knew her. Nevertheless, I do believe that she was a shining example of someone who lived life to the fullest. I am sorry that she is gone, but most of all I am grateful that she lived. And that she shared her magnificent talents with the rest of us. For nearly 25 years now, I have been reading and rereading her work. I first read Game of Kings when I was 13 years old. I have grown and changed a great deal since then. The fact that I continue to find all of her books to be fresh and complex and exciting after all of this time is a testament to Dorothy's phenomenal skill as an author. I am struggling to type this while holding my restless baby daughter on my lap. I hope someday to be able to share Dorothy's work with her, and with her sister. And most of all, I hope to raise both my daughters to follow their dreams and utilize their talents and live life to the fullest the way Dorothy did.

Name: Virginia Hahn

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Location: Fremont, California United States

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 21:58:58

Comments:

Years ago, when I was a teenager, my grandmother said of the Lymond books, "They leave you breathless!" And she was right. Dorothy Dunnett's novels have been leaving me breathless for years. I reread her works every few years, and they never fail to challenge and enchant. My shock and sadness at hearing of her death is tempered only by my feelings of gratitude for her brilliant, fascinating, and unforgettable works which could only have been written by a great soul. Thank you Ms. Dunnett. God bless you and your family!

Name: Sr. Nuala Cotter, r.a.

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Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 20:49:54

Comments:

I would like simply to add my own condolences and to say simply that I will pray for Lady Dunnett and her family. Her work has given me hours and hours of pleasure and puzzlement. I would have liked to have thanked her personally for her scholarship, her love of Scotland, and her wonderful ability to tell a story. All of those qualities inspired and delighted me -- and will continue to do so, I believe.

Name: Eva Irene Carlsen

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Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 20:31:59

Comments:

I felt personally bereaved on learning about Dorothy Dunnett's death. even though I have never met her. By chance I discovered The Ringed Castle in a second-hand bookshop some 15 years ago, and was hooked. By and by I found the remaining books in the Lymond Chronicle, and they and The House of Niccolo, King Hereafter and the Johnson Johnson books have given me hours of pleasure during the years. It is fascinating to see how Dorothy Dunnett has taken a small incident in history and spun her story around it. Her knowledge was immense. My interest in history has certainly not become less after reading her books. Please extend my sympathy to Dorothy Dunnet's family in due time.

Name: Gill Hall**Email:**gdhall@cwcom.net**Location:** Reading, UK**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2001 at 19:42:56**Comments:**

I was shocked and saddened by the news last week of Dorothy's sudden death. I have been unable to stop thinking about her and all my prayers are with her family and friends at this difficult time. Their loss is so much greater than mine; I only met her once, at the Edinburgh Gathering last year, but her books have been part of me for 25 years. Thank you, Bill, for giving me the opportunity to express my great indebtedness to her and my love and admiration. Her wonderful, poetic writing style, her wit and humour and her scholarship illuminate everything she has written, and in addition she has gifted me a great love of Scotland and its literature. My life has been greatly enriched thereby. God grant quiet rest.

Name: ally smith**Email:**allysmith@cougars100.fstnet.co.uk**Location:** Keighley, W,Yorks England**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2001 at 19:38:43**Comments:**

I only discovered the works of Dorothy Dunnett in September and am a third through the House of Niccolo series. I wish to add my very sincere condolences to her family to whom her great achievements must be, in time some consolation to them.

Name: Jane Williams**Location:** London, England**Date:** Monday, November 19, 2001 at 17:13:04**Comments:**

For Lady Dunnett's family deepest sympathy. Thirty years ago, a fractious teenager at boarding school, I was given a copy of PiF. The shock of reading a book that felt so right was almost physical and I remember then thinking that I should write to Dorothy Dunnett but all I could think of was to say thank you which seemed too little and it never got done. So for all your books and for the difference they made, thank you.

Name: Linda Butcher

UK

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 16:33:02**Comments:**

All of her readers felt Dorothy to be a friend and those of us lucky enough to meet her knew her to be a best friend, almost family, she seemed to know us so well. How she relished teasing us! The news of her death came as a shock, especially as she had been on my mind a lot during the previous week because Denise Gannon and I had been planning our next Dunnett Day. We hope the Day will still be as full of joy as usual, a Day to keep Dorothy alive in our hearts. Two things have been going around in my mind. The first is a quote from Checkmate, a quote that I have carried in my memory and in my purse from the day that I first read it: "More than your death I fear mine, because you would be left here to mourn for me." The second is something Dorothy said in Edinburgh: "If the theory of a circle of souls is true then there is a soul out there I would dearly love to meet again." She wept, we all wept. She is somewhere with that soul now and we have all that she created for us. My last meeting with her was in her house after the Edinburgh Gathering. She greeted my husband with open arms and a cry of "Oh good, a man!" and then she accidentally drank his glass

of wine but she made up for it by constantly refilling his glass. He fell in love! We assumed she would be tired after the hectic weekend and thought we should leave at the end of the afternoon but she would not let us go. She showed us around her home and study and entertained us well into the evening, not from politeness but from the sheer pleasure of hospitality. I rejoice in her life and I mourn for my dearest friend. My thoughts are with her family, her colleagues who bore the burden of knowledge before us and with all the readers around the world who have lost this wonderful woman.

Name: Ian D. McKinnon

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Location: Hong Kong,

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 13:10:18

Comments:

I first met Francis Crawford of Lymond in my final year at school, when I took down the "Games of Kings" from a shelf in The Stirling's Library in Glasgow, I can still remember the shelf, one of those low ones underneath the huge windows! That was in 1963, the rest of Dorothy Dunnett's books followed me through my career at roughly 2 year intervals, "The Queen's Play" half way through Glasgow University and "Checkmate", flown to the Far East, courtesy of Porteous, the Glasgow Bookshop, next to the Stirling's Library, and read in one straight session in my bedroom on the south side of Hong Kong Island. Niccolo went travelling throughout China and Indo-China and both of them will all be in pride of place in my Sarawak retirement bookshelves, where they will be read and re-read and hopefully finally fully understood. Though I only wish I had Francis's and Niccolo's gift of "Tongues" on my travels! Dorothy - Thank you for the years of pleasure past and the years of pleasure to come. Ian McKinnon

Name: Brenda Ransome

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Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 10:51:46

Comments:

I was introduced to Francis by a dear friend (thank-you Nadia) about 7 years ago and was immediately hooked! This was what historical fiction was supposed to be - interesting, lively, fun, deep and with a hero who was so real (he had foibles!) but was so loveable. While reading GoK there were so many times that I wanted to shake Francis Crawford - hard. Then came Nicholas - I didn't love him immediately, (he suffered because he wasn't Francis) but I grew to appreciate him and he became another of my heroes. I've since re-read all these 14 books again and again - and on every page I find something new. These books are a true delight - just like the lady herself. My husband who doesn't usually re-read anything is working his way through Niccolo again after re-reading Francis. I've introduced friends to my special books and they've also become fans. Nadia and I had the very good fortune to go to Adelaide last year and meet Dorothy. She bought us a drink at the Hilton Hotel in Adelaide and we spent the afternoon with other friends in her company - on the way back to Melbourne we smiled like schoolgirls. So while we are saddened by her passing we look back to Adelaide and smile and are thankful that we knew her. Vale Dorothy.

Name: Valerie Sedin

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Location: Sydney, NSW Australia

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 05:32:51

Comments:

I first read Dorothy Dunnett's books back in 1967, she has been with me since then, it does not seem possible that she is gone. I read about her passing with deep sadness. Her style and humour is so very rare. I hope her two sons and the rest of her family will get some comfort from reading this condolence book, and know that their mother is going to be missed by many people from around the world and from all walks of life.

Name: Kathleen

OR USA

Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 04:03:52

Comments:

It has been rare in my experience to pass a book on the shelf at a bookstore and swear that my name was

being called. But this is what happened to me with Dorothy Dunnett's books. Three times, at least, I walked by the Lymond Chronicles, picked up Game of Kings, and put it down. Lymond would not let me be until he had won me over. If the first line of the Game of Kings had me hooked, it was the humor, wit, and scope of the books that kept me going until I'd read them straight through. She will be missed greatly, but we will have her still in her wonderful work.

Name: Cynthia Witt

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Date: Monday, November 19, 2001 at 03:11:14

Comments:

I discovered the wonders of Dorothy Dunnett in the early '70s, when our local library displayed Disorderly Knights. After speeding through 3 pages, I stopped, went back to the beginning, and did what I never do - read every single word. Since then I've haunted the library, and more recently, the local bookstore, for each installment of Lymond and Nick. When Caprice and Rondo appeared, I quickly realized I'd missed something, and found that To Lie With Lions had not gotten to our area. Interlibrary loan worked its magic, then a friend who had been transferred to England searched bookstores there, sending a copy to my husband as my Christmas gift that year. It was truly all I wanted! I've taken copies of the books with me where-ever I've gone, and they have been my constant companions in good times and bad. When I learned of her death, we had just returned from a weekend vacation in VA, where I had finished my 7th re-read of Spring of the Ram. She will remain alive in our hearts and minds, and her influence will be immeasurable for generations to come. Our All Souls Day service was postponed to last week, and I held her in my thoughts throughout. Her family and friends were blessed to know her and I join my condolences to those of all her admirers. May she rest in peace.

Name: Chris Van Beck

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Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 21:40:01

Comments:

I switched on BBC Radio 5 by accident tonight and heard the writer of Nicolo series referred to in the past tense and I knew. My heart sank for selfish reasons. Reading the comments of condolence I learnt another thing. Dorothy Dunnett is alive and will continue to live everytime we friends re-read her novels and a new reader discovers the pleasure of her writing and research. I discovered her in 1975 and she destroyed all my ignorant prejudices about romantic historical fiction. I never knew her but her vibrant humorous witty clever voice is in my head. She is a brilliant star.

Name: Lynne Button

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Location: Milton Keynes, UK

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 21:10:27

Comments:

To Lady Dunnetts family and friends my deepest condolences at this sad time. I accidentally stumbled upon PinF in 1974, the sixth and last choice of library selections when I was far from home and feeling rather home sick. I was hooked and there has not been a month since when I have not dipped into the well of joy which is to read DD. My life has been blessed and enriched through her books and the friendships made with fellow readers. Thank you Dorothy

Name: Sherri Rose-Walker

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Location: Pacifica, CA USA

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 19:24:05

Comments:

Requiem Lady Dorothy Halliday Dunnett 1923 - 2001

O, she doth teach the torches to burn bright!

We light our tiny candles
nourish their growth if we can
protect them from darkness too great for their strength
join with other travelers.
But if one light, more luminous than the rest,
illuminating subtle, intricate, dangerous paths
leading always to the eternal, untarnished altar
goes out from among our pilgrim throng to greater mystery
how, then, can we travel on?
Our lesser lights flicker, falter and dim
we stumble and weep, the path obscured.
Cold to our bones, we mourn that radiant, stellar life
whom the teaching stars, from their heaven, had blessed
in whose presence we, too, burned more bright.

Sherri Rose-Walker
Pacifica, California November 12, 2001

Name: Bob Walker
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Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 19:21:20
Comments:

With a sad heart I'm writing in response to the news about Dorothy. She was such an extraordinary woman. Her light will shine in the hearts of millions of us who enjoyed her works. Those who were able to enjoy her personal appearances were touched beyond compare. I know your loss is made more extreme due to your devotion and assistance in so many aspects of her career. Our sympathy goes out to you, and all of her family and friends we can only reach through your good graces. To read Dorothy is to come to love her, for her deviousness and comedy, for her candor, for her intensity, for her incredible research, for her dedication to her standards and ideals. She was a light to follow in these dark times. Our lives are greater for her time here, and lessened by her passing. You indicated in your newsletter that you are posting communications on your web-site. Sherri Rose-Walker, my wife, a popular poet here on the coast of California, and a devout Dorothy fan, has written a requiem poem for Dorothy. Dorothy's effervescence may no longer be among us, but her spirit and the power of her wit and intellect will never be lost. Those of us in the Dorothy Dunnett Admiration Society will long cherish her work and life, and pass it along to the future generations. Please, continue to keep us informed of the events that take place in and around the Dunnett landscape. We know there will be situations and events that we will only know from you. Thank you for ALL your efforts to inform and amuse us fans. We feel closer to her through you. Our warmest and deepest regards, Bob Walker and Sherri Rose-Walker

Name: Joss O'Kelly
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Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 19:07:11
Comments:

I was so saddened when I heard the news about Dorothy's passing. The books speak for themselves - or would do if her many, many readers did not derive so much pleasure from unravelling them - but my abiding memory is of the lady herself. She was so generous with her time and whenever we met, at Gatherings, talks or book signings, would always remember us and stop to talk. And, of course, she inspired so many of us to emulate her travels in our own small way and follow in the footsteps of Lymond or Niccolo. All my thought are with her family at this sad time.

Name: Elizabeth Leigh
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Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 18:52:09
Comments:

In 1974, I picked up *Game of Kings*, and was hooked from the first page. And in 2000, I opened *Gemini*, and knew I would never have this delicious pleasure again -- the first page of a new Dorothy Dunnett book. That is when I began to mourn the loss of this intelligent, wickedly devious novelist. Hers are the only books which I can read anywhere, anytime, and in any state of mind. Dorothy saw me through sickness, exams, divorce, long airline waits, and many lunch hours and I cheerfully passed on the books to anyone I thought would enjoy them -- with a glint in my eye since I KNEW that I was 'hooking' another reader for life. I actually drove the car while reading *Checkmate* at the same time -- I was in the midst of one of THOSE scenes (the Library scene, I believe), and COULD NOT put the book down to go pick up my husband from his class. As I contemplated Dorothy's passing, I realized that she would be meeting her dear Alistair and I prayed that Lymond, Niccolo and all her characters (those that made it to Heaven!) would be there too. My sympathy to Lady Dunnett's family, as well as to all her readers.

Name: Mary Warner

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Location: London, England

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 13:12:39

Comments:

I was introduced to the *Lymond Chronicles* and DD's exquisite imagination fairly late on, about 10 years ago, by my brother who loaned me *'Game of Kings'*. "You'll enjoy this," he said. My family were always voracious readers and I devoured books. I'm a fast reader, and like most fast readers don't cover each word, but take in sentences, even paragraphs in a glance. *'Game of Kings'* was a struggle and I abandoned it for a while. "Try again", my brother encouraged. So I did. I slowed down and savoured it and found nuances and subtleties I had missed in my headlong dash to read it the first time. I was then hooked, of course. Lymond as Don Luis had me roaring with laughter as did Lord Grey's wonderful thencenes with hith lithp - "Ith there no word in English wanting an Eth?" Priceless. Magnificent set pieces - Francis and Richard's sword fight at Flaw Valleys. Poignancy - with Richard slowly coming to the realisation that his younger brother wasn't what he seemed and his determination to save his life. Tears then, of course. And there's Phillipa. The story of an ugly duckling changing to a swan brought us one of fictions's most enduring heroines. They were so well matched and I couldn't wait for *Checkmate*. When I got towards the end, excitement rising as I anticipated Lymond meeting Phillipa once more, I came to ... "At pointblank range there was no possibility of missing. He aimed into the fair, weary, rancourless face, and then at the heart, and both balls found their mark and brough death in the end, not with the sweet ambiguity of an arrow but with the finality which frees the earth at once of body and soul, and all that was good or bad in either." The shock I felt on reading this was so absolute, I couldn't read further. In fact I was sure I'd misread it, that DD hadn't really killed Lymond that I couldn't bring myself to read on. I went back a couple of pages and re-read them slowly so I would pick up the clue that he wasn't, couldn't be dead. It must have been all of 10 minutes before I dared continue. I felt exactly the same way yesterday on reading of DD's death. I hadn't known until then. I went into the Random House site for something else and saw the announcement. I immediately came to this site for confirmation, my sense of disbelief so strong I had to come here, to Dorothy's home. And because this is real life and not fiction there was no Archie to say, "My dear, look up." The expressions of grief and loss here mirror my own exactly. Dorothy Dunnett has given us a legacy of extraordinary writing and for that we are all the richer. She will never be forgotten. To her close family I give my heartfelt condolences and to her world-wide family of readers I join you in celebrating her extraordinary talent and her gift to us.

Name: Jane Hall

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Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 13:01:59

Comments:

My heartfelt condolences to the family of Lady Dunnett. I first read her as a teenager in the 1960's and since then have eagerly anticipated the publication of each new work. She re-affirmed the values of love, duty and responsibility; but never preached. Fifteenth and sixteenth century history was opened up with unparalleled depictions of the movers and shakers of those times. The disadvantage of this was that her intelligence, wit, scholarship and sense of fun actually spoiled me for any other contemporary author (with the possible exception of Robertson Davies). It was Lymond and Niccolo who saw me safely through a recent, long period of cancer treatment and my gratitude to her for this is boundless. I felt her love for the world and for all of us, thank you,

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Location: Hampton Park, Vic Australia

Date: Sunday, November 18, 2001 at 06:25:20

Comments:

Annie is an ardent reader of numerous books by many authors, Dorothy Dunnett's novel's are the only one's that I became aware of the special interest taken by readers world wide; accompanying Annie to meetings of other fans in and around Melbourne we were privileged to meet, dine, listen to her and talk with her on her melbourne visit in March 2000, I would like to comment on her Animated presentation of various writings, her warm and interesting personality. For me, every time Annie reads one of her books, I will remember a lovely lady who inspired many lives with her writings. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

Name: Rose Helmberger

Location: Madison, WI

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 22:12:50

Comments:

My deepest symathy to Lady Dunnett's family on the death of your mother. I have known her through her books for 25 years, but I met her only briefly last year. She has left us a monumental body of literature that will be read and loved for generations to come. We, her readers, grieve for her loss as if she were our own, but she was not. She was yours. I know that if ever she were asked what her greatest legacy would be, she would have answered, unhesitatingly, my children. God Bless.

Name: Pam Benstead

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Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 21:45:54

Comments:

Thanks to Lady Dunnett I can enjoy the most marvellous books and characters, and have met online so many wonderful people. My heartfelt condolences to her family on their loss. The pleasure she has given through her books will never die.

Name: Stephen Swan

Scotland

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 19:17:47

Comments:

It's given to a very few to truly enrich the culture of their own and future ages. Dorothy Dunnett is one such. A light passes from our world with her death.

Name: Sandra Pidgeon

Location: London,

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 13:32:53

Comments:

I met Francis Crawford as a teenager when 'Queen's Play was given to me, and walked into a world of beauty and delight and passion. The power of Dorothy Dunnett's language and the magnificence of her creations have been both joy and consolation through all the years since. To her family and friends, the greatest sympathy - but oh how much I envy you!

Name: Jonathan Richstein

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Location: Alexandria, VA USA

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 13:22:45

Comments:

It was with great sadness that I learned of Ms. Dunnett's passing. My condolences to her family. She was one of those magical authors who I would recommend to friends who would then also fall under her spell. She will

be missed.

Name: Jill Roberts
URL: Warwickshire

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 09:05:25
Comments:

I wish to add my condolences , Lady Dunnett`s characters have peopled my imagination since I discovered The Game of Kings as a teenager in the 60s .

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Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 08:44:44
Comments:

My deepest condolences to the family. The world is poorer for her passing.

Name: Mo Gregory
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Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 05:19:06
Comments:

" 'God is great, God has called her... She has won the Truth: she is in Paradise. In the night does she see the sun, and in the darkness does she see light. When God decreeth a matter, it is not for man to deny him.' 'I would have said farewell,' Nicholas said. 'The loss is yours and not hers,' said the Arab" Thank you Abul Ismail. Thank you Dorothy

Name: Elke Chapman
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Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 03:07:45
Comments:

To think I put down her GAME OF KINGS at least three times, never getting past the first chapter, until one day I tried again and was hooked, of course. There must be a special place in Heaven for a writer who has given so much pleasure to so many avid readers over the years. I am glad to have met her last year at GATHERING 2000 and will remember her every time I read her books again. May all of our notes give some comfort to her family. She was a truly great lady.

Name: Jocelyn Reynolds
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Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 01:53:52
Comments:

I would like to add my condolences, both to Dorothy's family and friends, and us too: her dedicated fans. Some of us got to meet her; I was one who never did, and I've regretted it ever since I missed my one opportunity. I have been a Dunnett fan since the early '80s, when a friend thrust the entire stack of the Lymond Chronicles into my hands, and said, "Read this." I did, virtually non-stop, and ever since I have been amongst the many who constantly harassed bookstores with the question, "Anything new by Dorothy Dunnett?" I have read and re-read the Lymond Chronicles, the House of Niccolo, the Johnson Johnson series, I read "King Hereafter" twice, even though it wasn't my favorite. We've lost someone so many have treasured deeply, whether or not we knew her personally. What an impact she's had - reading other people's condolence postings brings it home. She created such an astonishing body of work with her magnificent prose, and we don't have anybody to take her place. I join with all her family, friends, and fans in mourning her. - Jocelyn

Name: Catherine Waters
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Location: Melbourne, Australia
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 01:10:42
Comments:

My deepest sympathy to all of you. I have grown up with Dorothy Dunnett books having discovered Francis at 18 over 20 years ago. Not only are the books constant companions but they have led me to a new world of friendships as I Chat to different reader on the Net. I have a treasured photo of myself and Dorothy taken last year, not that I could say anything despite her warmth I was so in awe of her. She gave the world so much.

Name: Helen Matthews
Location: Atlanta, GA USA
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 00:44:38
Comments:

I wish to express my condolences to Dorothy Dunnett's relatives and friends. I have read all of her books and enjoyed them thoroughly. I have learned so much about history and so many new words! Several months ago I learned that Dorothy was to visit Atlanta and I was really looking forward to hearing her speak on writing but it was cancelled due to the illness leading to her death.

Name: Sandra Speiden
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Location: Somerset, VA USA
Date: Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 00:06:41
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett was an enchantress. I fell under her spell from the moment I first met her in Washington, D.C., during her 1997 book tour for the newly-published Vintage trade paperback editions of the Lymond Chronicle. Ah, but that's not quite accurate; as I had really come under her spell seven years earlier, when I had been loaned a set of the Lymond Chronicle - and was hooked from the first sentence. Never have I met a person who personified more totally the term joie de vivre. Her entrance into a room would fill the place with an almost palpable radiance. She was clearly so delighted to be with the people who had read her books. Each successive time I was fortunate enough to be around her - in Edinburgh in 2000 and then Philadelphia only two months later, and then Washington, D.C., again a few days after that - I basked anew in her warmth, wit, knowledge and sense of fun. I had been so looking forward to having yet another chance to listen to her, and joke with her, on her planned book tour to the United States just two months ago. I had motel, rental car and plane reservations made far in advance. I couldn't wait to see her face when I, "The Virginian", showed up in Florida - both in Miami and again the next day in Sarasota! She, the "Honorary Naxette," had decided in Philadelphia that maybe the Naxettes should be re-named the "Sandrettes." Because of time constraints, at that meeting a limit was imposed of two books per person for her to sign. I had cajoled anyone who was standing in line with only one book to add one of my own. After a while, Dorothy looked up with that wonderful twinkle in her eyes and inquired, "Is everyone here named Sandra?" And when I told her that I had an entire bookcase devoted to copies of every edition of her books that I could lay my hands on, she asked me if I'd send her a photograph of it - which I did. Her response - so typical - was, "Your photograph is indeed stunning. I feel I've been thoughtless - if I'd written far fewer books, you wouldn't have had to go to quite so much trouble." And she wrote, too, of her delight in getting my feather boa - "her final piece of 'Naxette' equipment." Now", she said, "I feel legitimate." What a woman. Thank you, God, for having given us such a rare treasure. My deepest sympathy to her family and close friends. May you take comfort in knowing what joy she brought us. Sandra Speiden/Violante, Princess of Naxos

Name: Allegra Sloman
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Location: Vancouver, Canada
Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 21:54:11
Comments:

I have been reading the Niccolo series to my son, daughter, husband and brother-in-law for months now, and had started the second chapter of Race of Scorpions when I got the news. The five of us just stared at each other. Then I just took a deep breath and read another chapter. Her works have breathed life into dull

history. Every chapter prompts a discussion about how many of the institutions we take for granted came into being, and how many of the evils we see in the world today have their roots in a history that Dorothy Dunnett could make more real than anything I've ever seen on television. Worlds open up. My daughter is fascinated by the character of Katelina, and feels her anger and disappointment personally. My son takes an interest in all matters martial, and the menfolks have many long discussions about when various weapons and ship designs were introduced. I myself am rendered inarticulate by her descriptions, which are better than anything I have encountered in a lifetime of ardent reading. For her family I feel deep sympathy. It would have been horrible for us all, especially her and her family, to lose her without the chance to say goodbye. But worse, I feel, would have been to lose her slowly to a debilitating illness. I think all of us are saddened by the knowledge that we will not have the gift of her wit and physical presence and the delightful anticipation of her next novel. But when I put that against her contributions to her country and literature, I think of the blessings instead. May the Creator ease the grief of her family in their loss.

Name: Helen F. Gray

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Location: Washington Depot, CT USA

Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 18:47:45

Comments:

I found her by accident, almost. A friend of a friend sent me the first volume of the Lymond Chronicles and I was hooked. Apart from the excitement of the characters, all of them, from Lymond to Nicholas, and the extraordinary historical research, I think what made me such a fan was the sheer lyrical beauty of her prose. It was magical and fabulous and I feel selfish in saying how much I shall miss her.

Name: Maria Giorgio-Stokdal

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Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 18:08:37

Comments:

Twenty-three years ago I was transported into a world of courts and castles. With each rereading Dorothy Dunnett manages to steal my breath away. I was shattered to hear of her passing. The literary world has lost a great genius. My condolences to her family. She will remain for me one of the greatest historical fictional writers of all time. Maria Giorgio-Stokdal

Name: Barry Creasy

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Location: London, UK

Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 14:09:17

Comments:

My deepest sympathies to Lady Dunnett's family. Scotland (and the rest of the world) has lost a great novelist who did indeed make 'the whole world to hang in the air'. Parva domus, magna quies.

Name: Kathryn Johnson

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Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 10:33:23

Comments:

My sincerest condolences to Lady Dunnett's family. I was always going to write and say how much I enjoyed the books and to own up that Lymond was one of only two fictional characters I'd ever believed in, and alas, never did.

Name: Alexandra McAdam Clark

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Location: London, UK

Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 09:47:33

Comments:

I was introduced to Dorothy Dunnett by a friend in the 1970's and have been an admirer of her work ever since: her fantastic historical research, strong women characters and perception of gender, class, world events are breathtaking. I feel a real loss and my condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Hilary Wilson

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Location: Weiterstadt, Germany

Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 07:52:49

Comments:

My mother introduced me to DD many years ago and I have not looked back, Lymond, Nicholas, Thorfinn and Johnson Johnson have continued to captivate me from that day to this. I have reread these books more often than any other, My condolences to Dorothy's family and close friends, the world has lost its greatest author.

Name: Catherine Eddy

Location: Edmonton, Canada

Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 03:08:18

Comments:

Every human being is unique and irreplaceable. Dorothy Dunnett lived a life rich in family, friendship, contributions to the welfare of her community and country, music, art, and literature. Through her books she extended those gifts to a worldwide community. I owe to her not only the pleasure of her novels, but also much of the interest of trips to Bruges, Venice, Edinburgh, and Orkney, the serendipity of coming upon a bust of Catherine Corner in a museum in Detroit, the fun of E2K and the Nikado, and contacts with many Dunnett-loving friends. She is gone, but we have her books--to paraphrase Auden on Yeats, "The current of her feeling failed: she became her admirers./ . . . / The words of a dead woman / Are modified in the guts of the living."

Name: Yvonne Davis

Location: Arlington, Texas USA

Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 02:29:24

Comments:

I am deeply grieved by the death of our beloved Lady Dunnett. The world is poorer now, but is so much richer for her life, her marvelous work, her creative genius. I am reminded of Philippa's devastation when she thinks Lymond is dead, but then remembers how his life had changed lives, and realizes that she must carry out his goals and ideals. Of course, Lymond was not dead, and we must accept that there will be no more splendid books from Lady Dunnett. But we have all been changed by her works, and we will never forget her. We join with her family in mourning her death, but with them, we rejoice and give thanks for her life.

Name: Greg Little

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Date: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 00:52:27

Comments:

I first read the Lymond series this past spring and summer, and I have to say that they captured me in a way no work of fiction has ever done. I would be very much surprised if I come across an author more skilled at developing characters so fascinating and so very human. As an aspiring author I've raised the bar of what I can work to achieve to the level of what she wrote in life. My condolences to all who loved her and her work.

Name: Donald Drysdale

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Location: Edinburgh, Scotland

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 23:54:06

Comments:

In Edinburgh's Royal Mile this morning, the autumn sunshine streamed defiantly in through the windows of the bright basilica that is the Canongate Kirk, lifting the spirits of those attending Dorothy's funeral service. This web page, containing such a magnificent wealth of heartfelt tributes to her, must have lifted the spirits of many who were unable to be there. The warmth and friendship she shared with so many have not ended with

her passing, but will live on through her books - a continuance for her that is echoed in the future that she created for Nicholas at the end of 'Gemini': "...not to begin a new life, but to continue the one that was already his, with his friends."

Name: Susanne Moreton

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Location: Poole, Dorset

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 23:09:58

Comments:

The books of Dorothy Dunnett have given me interest and pleasure in a way no others have done. There is a shared camaraderie among her readers. When you discover a colleague is also a reader your acquaintance takes on a new dimension. I hope her family can derive some comfort at this time from knowing how much she was appreciated.

Name: Joan Gillham

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Location: Melbourne, VIC Australia

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 22:56:07

Comments:

I am devastated, a light has gone out in the world and there could never be another like her. Her writing was the finest I have read and on so many levels. My sympathy to her family and friends. Thank you Dorothy for the great legacy you have left us, your books will keep you close to us all. Thank you to BILL MARSHALL for your kind efforts on our (her fans) behalf.

Name: Colin Clark

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Location: Franktown, CO USA

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 20:57:15

Comments:

Back in the late 70's I was introduced to the Game of Kings by a friend who lately refuses to speak to me... Kate, if you read this, no other literature I have read has ever helped me the way the Lymond Chronicles have. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for the gift. And to all of DD's devoted fans, and to her family, my condolences and best wishes.

Name: Richard Child

Email: rwchild@home.com

Location: Toronto, Ontario Canada

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 19:50:41

Comments:

As a lonely teenager at a boarding school a housemaster gave me The Disorderly Knights. I still have that copy almost thirty years later, along with everything else I could find in print. My life and those of my friends have been enriched by the verbal tapestry she wove and the colours in it will remain strong long into the future. Would that we could all leave such a legacy to the world.

Name: Kate Holloman

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Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 19:14:48

Comments:

Life will never be the same again, without the author of Francis Crawford and the poetry will live on 'Tant que je vive, mon coeur ne changera', The intricacies and the conundrums amde each book a challenge and an exciting read. I always thought that Francis would be a great topic for a wonderful BBC drama. Condolences to all her family and friends. Now its time to re-read everything.

Name: Mike Brain

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Location: chester, uk

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 16:43:43

Comments:

goodbye to a lovely lady who graciously called me friend. I shall miss her mischievous sense of humour, her soft scots burr, her dedication to all her fans worldwide, but her books will live on.

Name: Teresa Claudino

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Portugal

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 15:22:07

Comments:

My condolences to Lady Dunnett's family and friends. I am very sorry, and I can not find any adequate words to express how I awed, fascinated, charmed, amused, shocked, how much I learnt, how much I felt, from her books. Thank you. I can only imagine the loss to all those who knew her.

Name: Ian Mockford

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Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 12:57:16

Comments:

I never met Dorothy, and now I never will. And yet she touched my life greatly. Her books are an inextricable part of my life, my history, and who I am. As a fan I knew and loved her. I can't believe she is gone. The loss I feel is immeasurable. How much greater the loss for her family and friends? My deepest sympathy. Her work is the benchmark against which I judge everything I read. Nothing really measures up. The range of her skill stuns me: the beauty, the resonance, the broad sweep, the minute detail, the complexity, the intelligence, the feeling, the surprise, the warmth and, most of all, the wit. The genius. The warm, bubbling brightness and joy. Surely her spirit shines on in her work.

Name: Stefania Dorudottir

Location: London,

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 12:54:50

Comments:

Thank you, Lady Dunnett. Scotland will never see your like again.

Name: Sandra Hails

Email:ian.hails@hunterlink.net.au

Location: Singleton, NSW Australia

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 11:26:08

Comments:

I've just heard the sad news of Dorothy Dunnett's passing. My thoughts go out to her family and friends. Its hard to expres my feelings at this time, except perhaps to say I feel like this when I finish one of her books. I don't really want them to end there... and then I think but I can always re-read it. I know she hasn't really ended here either as she will live within us each time we pick up one of her books again. What a precious gift she has given to us all.

Name: Pam

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Location: Malvern, Worcs, UK

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 10:59:02

Comments:

We all know how much our lives have been enriched by just having read the words that Dorothy wrote for us to read. How fortunate I was to have found her books so long ago. I send my condolences to her family. Thank you so much for having shared her with the rest of us. What I always thought was wonderful was that

she was just as nice or even nicer as I hoped she would be. NO wonder she was loved by so many. Still is. She will always be with us.

Name: Susan Fischler
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Location: W. Yorkshire, UK
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 10:09:19
Comments:

My deepest condolences and best wishes to Dorothy Dunnett's family. I hope they can take some comfort in the knowledge that the world mourns with them and her writing will always be treasured. I only discovered her books three years ago, but she gave me a world and people I will never forget. I never met her, yet she truly changed my life. Thank you for letting us share her.

Name: Keren Gilfoyle
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Location: Nottingham, UK
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 10:08:18
Comments:

I am shattered. That diamond intelligence that illuminated so much, has gone. Although Lymond was always in the background of my life, as my mother read the books long before I did, it wasn't until that as a writer struggling to express my own voice that I found Lady Dunnett, through Niccolo. My first reaction was dismay: someone had already written the sort of book I was trying to write. But reading more of DD's writings gave me the courage write in the language that was natural to me, using the richer English of the non-English: she gave me freedom, as well as a world of friends. I am glad I was able to meet her and talk a little with her; the writer in me grieves that I was never able to talk to her as I wanted to talk to her. My deepest sympathy goes to her sons and her other family, and also a thought for Johnson, who - unlike her other 'sons' Lymond and Nicholas - never came to his safe harbour. Goodbye, Lady Dunnett: this world is colder and greyer now without your imagination.

Name: Sandra K. Sorensen
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Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 04:04:08
Comments:

A family has lost a beloved mother and grandmother, and Scotland has lost a National Treasure. The world has lost a caring a gracious lady. Pleaase accept my heart-felt sympathy.

Name: Kathy Sievers
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Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 03:26:44
Comments:

I began reading Ms. Dunnett's books in the late 1980s. I spent hours each evening reading the Lymond series (during a stressful time of my life), and then afterwards began following Niccolo, anxiously awaiting each new volume. I always wanted to ask Dorothy if she knew men who were really like those she wrote about. My deepest sympathy to her family and to all those who loved and respected her. None will ever fill her place.

Name: Sally Vogt
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Location: St. Louis, MO United States
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 02:41:49
Comments:

It was with great sorrow that I read of Dorothy Dunnett's recent passing. I immediately thought of the great legacy she left us all in her writings and her unique ability to bring to life history and all its characters, so we too could share in her inspiration and wit. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Gretchen Alarcon
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Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 02:21:31
Comments:

I first encountered Dorothy's books about 4 years ago. They were the first I had read in years the managed to tell a complex tale of love, hope, betrayal, change, commerce...life! Since reading the series, I have found myself drawn back again and again - to recall how Niccolo expressed a point, or what quotes Lymond used to declare his love. How very fortunate we all are to have had her spirit in the world, and how much will she be missed. Rest now dear soul, and may your light shine on those who are left behind.

Name: Elaine
California USA
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 01:31:17
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett books have been part of my life for over thirty years. Her thoughts as expressed there are woven into all layers of life. Thank you, dear lady, for writing them so we could share. Rest in peace.

Name: JoAnn Rodgers
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Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 01:12:12
Comments:

What a privilege it is to have seen Dorothy Dunnett in Philadelphia. When I first read Game of Kings, I remember how I felt grateful for the quality of the writing. Now I feel grateful for the quality of her person as well. I know her family, even in their grief, must be very proud of her. Her writing is beautiful and her personality was lovely.

Name: Paula Resch Conner
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Location: Ongar, Essex UK
Date: Thursday, November 15, 2001 at 00:01:41
Comments:

Reading Dorothy Dunett has given me so much pleasure and has helped me through bad times. I'm sorry I can write so little in appreciation of one who wrote so much so well.

Name: Marilyn Barry
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Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 23:24:56
Comments:

When I bought my first copy of The Game of Kings, in 1964, by Dorothy Dunnett, an author I didn't know, I had no premonition that my life was going to change. Through Dorothy's wonderful stories I became inspired to grow in knowledge, to venture in her footsteps to places I'd never been and to make friendships with people who, without a shared love of her works, I'd never have known. At Edinburgh, for Gathering 2000 and in Philadelphia, it was my privilege to meet Dorothy and to be able to thank her in person for the pleasure her books have always given me. My most sincere sympathy is extended to her sons and family in the loss of this gifted lady. God bless.

Name: Melanie Jenkins
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warks UK
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 22:45:55
Comments:

I was lucky enough to meet Dorothy Dunnett as an inexperienced bookseller at an author event in the bookshop where I worked. I knew nothing about her books, and certainly nothing about any of the characters in the book she was talking about (To Lie With Lions), but her vivacious and infectious enthusiasm kindled my interest, and I went home that night with Niccolo Rising. Very soon after, I had read it and become addicted. Six years later, I am still reading my way through both series, slowly, no more than two a year, because I want them to last forever. And I know that even when I do finish them, they will still last forever. Because that's what good books do, and Dorothy Dunnett's books are the best. She lives on in her work, in the memories of all her fans, and in the anticipation of all those who still have the pleasure of discovering her.

Name: Nichole David

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Location: Takoma Park, MD USA

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 22:25:03

Comments:

I've been waiting to write because I just didn't think anything I had to say could express my feeling of loss. I only discovered Dorothy Dunnett in June. I was, of course, an instant fan (How could you not be?). I read the Lymond Chronicles almost non-stop. One night I received the bad news that a friend's mother had passed away. I couldn't sleep so I stayed up all night reading Pawn in Frankincense. Maybe not the best choice for grieving, but still it brought me great comfort to escape into Dorothy's world for a night. I was so moved by her work that I was planning to write to her, as so many of you have. Then she fell ill, so I was waiting as Bill considerably asked us to. I can't regret that I didn't bother her with a letter in her final weeks, but I still feel a pang that I missed the chance. She was the only author I ever felt the need to write to. She was the only author that I imagined might care what I thought about her work. My thoughts are with her family. Please know we are all thinking of you.

Name: Glee Harrah Cady

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Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 21:32:00

Comments:

My sincere condolences to the family of Dorothy Dunnett. I can not regret her quick passing. I can and do regret only having met her 3 times because each time was a jewel of a moment -- so personal, so vivid, so much to cherish. And she has brought me many friends and acquaintance in fiction and throughout the real world, too. I, as do many, divide my life into before and after Dunnett discovery. Before Dorothy, I didn't know about Bruges, thought Flemish primitive painting was foolish, didn't know that Elizabeth I of England, Suleiman the Magnificent of the Ottoman Empire, and Ivan the Terrible of Russia were contemporaries. I didn't understand the lure of the sea as healing and a place to seek. And I thought that Romance Novels and the people who wrote them were shallow and not worth my time. So wrongheaded and stubborn of me. So much brought to my life because she wrote so well. We will all miss her and regret that there will be no more of her wonderful novels to enjoy for the first time. We can meet her anytime, however, by reading the ones we already have, again and again.

Name: Margaret Lowe

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Location: Edinburgh, Scotland

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 20:33:34

Comments:

The world seems so much poorer now that Dorothy is no longer around to enrich all our lives. Her readers owe her so much for the host of historical and literary detail, the breadth and depth of character, the meticulous research she undertook for every book; we were not only totally involved with her characters, but could have complete faith in her portrayal of historical characters and events, and, in addition, were given a wealth of background information of the period; she made us feel we were living through the lives and times portrayed. I am not the only one who will feel gratitude as long as I live. Thank you, Dorothy, and my thanks also to her family for encouraging her to write. My heartfelt condolences go to her sons and their families, and also to her many close friends who will miss her very much indeed. I never knew her, but feel that I did; the Book Festival will never seem the same without her sparkling personality to enthral us. Mol an latha math mu oidhche.

Name: Danielle Crop
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Location: Phoenix, AZ USA
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 20:27:04
Comments:

Thank you for picking up a pen and writing for us. Your books are the finest I have ever read and it is a great loss to me that there will be no more. I wish I could have met you! Thank you for your words!

Name: Ann Casey
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Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 19:28:56
Comments:

As Shakespear said "Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds". I will love her books all the more I think ,now that I know there will be no more.And as ever she has left us with many questions unanswered, with the connection between Nocolas and Francis.each of us will form our own answers ,but I suppose we will wonder if we right or not for ever.What other writer has died leaving us with such a legacey to keep our minds for ever active with her charater.I know that as an avid reader of her books since the 1960 I am hooked and will continue to read them again and again.I am lucky to have lived in Scotland for awhile and travelled greatly in Europe ,but there are still many places left that she has made me want to visit.There has always been the anticipation of waiting for that next book,almost as good as reading the books themselves.this is something that I will sorely miss.So all I can say is Thank you Dorothy for the gift of Nicolo,lymondand McBeth they will remain my friends for life.

Name: Christine Deasey
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Location: Leominster, Hfds England
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 18:36:22
Comments:

"I wouldn't mind dying," I said to her once, "If I had written those books. Is that how you feel about them?" She smiled, and thought. "An artist is never satisfied," she said. I loved her. She was the best person I have ever known.

Name: Donna Flatley
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Location: Oakdale, CT USA
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 18:12:15
Comments:

I began reading the Lymond Chronicles more than 30 years ago and was enchanted. The books haunted me for over 10 years until I rediscovered them. Since then, I have read every book of the Chronicles and the House of Niccolo as they became available. Dorothy, thank you for so many years of reading pleasure. RIP dear lady.

Name: Karen Knight
Location: Victoria, BC Canada
Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 16:58:17
Comments:

Thank you, Dorothy. Sleep well.

Name: Susan Cummins
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Location: Falls City, NE USA

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 15:29:46

Comments:

When I discovered the wonderful world of the Lymond Chronicles 30 years ago, I had no idea of the richness they would add to my life. Dorothy Dunnett was not only an incredibly gifted writer, she was an educator. Through her I have travelled to many exotic places in the world and have learned much that has enriched my life. I never tire of rereading her books. The world is a less colorful place without her, but her books will continue to be her lasting legacy.

Name: Janet Angelini

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Location: London W13 0DD, UK

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 14:39:43

Comments:

Thank you, Dorothy. Thank you, Ninian and Mungo, for sharing her with us. I never had the opportunity to actually meet her, but she has been a strong, sharp, warm, witty, demanding, stimulating presence in my life for over thirty years. The sense of loss is deep and poignant and she will be sorely missed. But what gifts, and how brilliantly she developed them and how generously she shared them. "And then she walked forward and smiled..."

Name: Elizabeth Acri

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Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 13:22:12

Comments:

I have loved Dorothy's books since the first time I read The Game of Kings. Her research and scholarship were extraordinary but it is the characters that I loved best. I feel very close to Francis, Sybilla, Richard, Phillippa and the rest. The first time I read The Game of Kings I could not believe it was fiction. I was fortunate enough to meet Dorothy last year at the Gathering in Philadelphia. She was so warm and friendly, she made you feel she had been your friend for years. I will miss her very much and extend my sympathy and condolences to her sons and grandchildren. She was a very special woman and we were lucky to have had her with us.

Name:Ann Mary Bishop

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Location: Windermere, England

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 11:27:43

Comments:

I never quite dared to bother Dorothy Dunnett while she lived, but I would like to say that her books are wonderful, she brought history to vivid life with such humour and insight! Every time I read them I discover more. I breed Maine Coon cats, and I have a litter born this morning, I plan to name them after some of her characters as my personal tribute to her. Like people all over the world I mourn her loss and send sympathy to her family and friends.

Name: Sarah Meir

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Location: Jerusalem, Israel

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 09:58:39

Comments:

I had the chance to tell Dorothy, at E2K, that she had personally helped me, without knowing it, of course, by letting me "inside" the thoughts of a severely dyslexic person (Rita, in "Dolly and the Bird of Paradise") at a time when I was struggling to understand how my own dyslexic daughter saw the world and coped with it. Apart from my own personal enjoyment of the worlds Dorothy brought to life in her books about Lymond, Macbeth, and Nicholas de Fleury, she had an immense, indirect, impact on all the Meir family by creating Rita. I was so glad I had the opportunity to meet her. Dorothy will be sorely missed, but I am sure the time is not

far off when she will be recognized as one of the leading British novelists of the 20th century. The body of work she created is her best memorial.

Name: Margaret Scott

Location: London, England

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 09:36:30

Comments:

Simply the best writer. Her scenes live over and over in my head. The photograph of her and me together in Boston has been in pride of place in our living room since 1992. Her sons must be so sad - but how proud to have had that wonderful woman as a mother.

Name: Elizabeth Corbett

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Location: Melbourne, Vic. Australia

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 06:08:45

Comments:

To the family and close friends of Dorothy Dunnett. I would like to offer you my heart felt sympathy at the death of your mother, grandmother and dear friend. I know that at such a time there is nothing that can erase the horrible, dull and at times gnawing sense of loss. However, when my own father died it was a comfort to know that mine was not the only life seriously affected by his parting. Please take some small comfort from the knowledge that she is missed by many, least of all me. I only recently joined the ranks of her fans. I have since found out that my grandmother was a Dunnett reader before me. I have in turn opened up this world to my son and many dear friends 'so it goes on' and always will. Thankyou for sharing her with us.

Name: Kay Nute

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Location: Seabrook, TX USA

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 04:31:43

Comments:

"Thou art a monument without a tomb, And art alive still while thy book doth live And we have wits to read, and praise to give..." -- To the Memory of My Beloved Master William Shakespeare, and What He Hath Left Us by Ben Jonson Her art lives, we offer praise, and we grieve.

Name: Shirley Burns

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Location: Orlando, FL USA

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 00:25:53

Comments:

I am currently "on the rooftops of Blois with Thaddy Boy and troupe". This is the third time I have been there. For as long as I live, I will make the journey from THE GAME OF KINGS to CHECKMATE, only to begin, however leisurely, again. I had so wanted to meet Dorothy and thank her for the gift of Lymond. I said years ago that Dorothy Dunnett had ruined me for reading any other author. Now I find that this is exactly the position of avid readers throughout the world. No one has been able to match her intellect and ability to fascinate. I find myself reading three or four pages by any other novelist and tossing it down. They pale in comparison. Dorothy Dunnett has left us such treasure. She was such treasure. I wept upon reading the words. Silent tears that sprang quickly and demanded to be released. My sympathies to her family and close friends. Alistair was her Lymond. Now they are together. I have my Lymond now, as well. As it happens, born and raised in Edinburgh. But irony does not end there. My heroic Scot is currently battling cancer. We had planned to be at the Festival this past September, in time to meet Dorothy. But Dorothy's path was interrupted as well as ours. Instead we were in hospital while my husband had two drastic surgeries and now I understand that Dorothy was regally accepting the last chapter of her tremendous life. I want to thank you, BILL MARSHALL, for your devotion to Dorothy and to letting us all know of things Dunnett. Your devotion comes across in every correspondence.

Name: Justine Griffith

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Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 00:23:42

Comments:

I am at a loss with what to write, and I feel that Eric Bogle puts it more aptly in his song 'Safe in the Harbour' "Have you stood by the ocean on a diamond hard morning And felt the horizon stir deep in your soul Watched the wake of the steamer as it cut through blue water Been gripped by a fever you just can't control. Or to throw of the shackles and fly with the seagulls To where green waves tumble 'fore driving sea winds Or to lie on the decking on a warm summers evening Watch the red sun fall burning beneath the earths rim. But to every sailor comes time to drop anchor Haul in the sails and make the lines fast You deep water dreamer Your journey is over You're safe in the harbour at last. Some men are sailors but most are just dreamers Held fast by the anchor they forge in their mind In their hearts know they'll never sail over deep water To search for the treasure they're afraid they won't find. So in sheltered harbours they cling to their anchors Batten down the boilers and shut down the steam And wait for the sailors to return with new treasures That will fan the dull embers and fire up their dreams But to every sailor comes time to drop anchor Haul in the sails and make the lines fast You deep watered dreamer Your journey is over You're safe in the harbour at last. And some men are schemers who laugh at the dreamers Take the gold from the sailors and turn it to dross They're men in the prison they're men without vision Whose only horizon is profit and loss. So when storm clouds come sailin' across hue blue ocean Hold fast to your dreaming for all that you're worth For as long as there's dreamers they will always be sailors Bringing back their bright treasures from the corners of earth. But to every sailor comes time to drop anchor Haul in the sails and make the lines fast You deep water dreamer Your journey is over You're safe in the harbour at last You're safe in the harbour at last."

Name: Ros Emms

Location: ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 23:27:16

Comments:

I had the pleasure of meeting Dorothy at the Adelaide Writers Week 2000 and passing on to her my heartfelt thanks for giving me the Lymond Chronicles as my 'security blanket'. I revisit the books whenever I'm having a bad time in my life and glory at the wonderful stories. I am much saddened by Dorothy's death, but she will remain with me all my life through her great talent and gifts.

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 23:15:59

Comments:

My deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and readers. In summer 1976 I first came across 'Checkmate' in an American 'Stars & Stripes' bookstore in Heidelberg, Germany. It impressed me so much that in November the same year I went to London to buy the other five books of the 'Lymond' saga and stayed the next three days in my hotel room to read them all. Totally hooked and impressed by the beautiful writing I visited Scotland and especially the Borders for the first time in 1977 and came again and again and again ...At the Frankfurt Bookfair I found Dorothy Dunnett's address and phone number and finally dared to call her - she was in the middle of writing 'King Hereafter'. What a wonderful woman! So kind, so warm. She really changed my life with her books, as I finally moved to live in the Scottish Borders in 1993. In October that year I acquired my first Deerhound puppy, which I wanted to name after that Irish Wolfhound 'Luadhas', if I only knew how to pronounce it and know its meaning. Dorothy was kind enough to respond to my message on her answering machine and called back. So ever since I have a Deerhound called 'Luadhas'. She actually met him at her home, when we were visiting her after the Gathering in 1994. Whenever we met afterwards, she always inquired after him and received pictures of him and his Deerhound companion Sean (named after Connery and Bean). Now I am also owned by Linga, Luadhas' litter sister, and Macbeth, their nephew, whom I brought to the last Gathering. Dorothy Dunnett has enriched my life enormously, for which I will be always grateful. Her spirit is eternal and will live in all her friends and readers forever. Thank you, dearest Dorothy. Waltraud, Luadhas, Sean, Linga, and Macbeth

Name: Jill Bromstead

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Location: Alamo, CA USA

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 22:13:46

Comments:

Farewell Lady Dunnett. What joy you have brought me over the last twenty-five years!

Name: Marlo Newton

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Location: Melbourne, VIC Australia

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 21:30:54

Comments:

I am reading Caprice and Rondo for the first time as I read of Lady Dunnett's death on my Georgette Heyer email list. I am so very sorry. I was planning to get to Gemini and then write, expressing my fervent thanks for the journeys of the mind she takes me too, as I read and roam all over the world. I was in Sinai in June this year and then came home to read Niccolo and Gelis' meeting. I could see them. crystal clear in my mind, standing where I stood. I had pledged to go to Turkey and Cyprus next time I travelled, and take Dorothy with me in place of the Lonely Planet! My sincere condolences to the family and friends of this amazing author. A woman of Valour.

Name: Dee Noble

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 21:23:02

Comments:

Thank you to Dorothy - for the incomparable novels we all love - for the 'community' of fellow readers to share them with - for your gracious, unbounded generosity in all your dealings with your loving admirers. Thank you to Dorothy's family - for sharing her with us all. It can't have been easy but, as you can see by the messages, meeting her, in person, by correspondence, or simply through reading her novels, was truly a life-enriching experience. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Dee Noble

Name: Shane Marshall

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Location: Sydney, NSW Australia

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 21:22:52

Comments:

I will always be grateful to Lady Dunnett for her marvellous books and for the way she has "put my mind to work" ever since I read GOK back in the 1960s. She has left a legacy which I hope will enrich many other lives in the years to come. My sympathies to her family at this time. Vale, Dorothy Dunnett.

Name: Gabrina Kikkert

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Location: Roosendaal, The Netherlands

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 20:38:00

Comments:

I'm sad she has passed away and grateful for all that she leaves behind. What a life, what a legacy!

Name: Sylvia Hotz

Location: Rossdorf, Germany

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 20:25:22

Comments:

My taste in literature was forever changed by this magnificent storyteller. She gave me a completely different view at people behind history. And Dorothy Dunnett was a very warmhearted and charming person. My condolences to the family

Name: Sandra Gobbers

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Germany

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 19:55:43

Comments:

Thank you, Dorothy Dunnett for the gifts you gave us! Lymond and Nicholas will always be a part of my life. For consolation I quote The Smiths: "...don't feel bad for me, I want you to know, deep in the cell of my heart I really want to go, there is another world, there is a better world - well, there must be..."

Name: Anne S

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 19:35:54

Comments:

I discovered Dorothy Dunnett's work when I was in career limbo. Asked my ideal job, I would reply "Dorothy Dunnett's research assistant". Alas it was not to be, but the inspiration of her own life and the unforgettable voices of her characters will always be there to challenge me to expand the horizons of mind and spirit "through deeper seas and over crests more steep". She took her readers to places they had never been before and made them want to stay. What gifts she gave.

Name: Sharyn Udell McKee

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Location: San Mateo, CA U.S.

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 19:05:08

Comments:

I feel so lucky to have discovered Lymond and Nicholas. I am a late comer, having spent this summer and fall reading both series. Although I read them from library books, I am now weekly buying a book until I own them all because I plan to read and re-read them. I am currently reading King Hereafter. I am so glad that I discovered the web site and I thank you all for sharing.

Name: Bev Tiffany

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Location: Omaha, NE USA

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 18:58:02

Comments:

I first met Francis Crawford of Lymond in the 60's as I searched the library shelves for a good historical novel and he has been a wonderful part of my life for forty years. I mourn the passing of the woman who brought so much joy into my and so many other lives. I rejoice in her wonderful talent and gift she shared with others. I am so thankful for the day I found Game of Kings on that shelf and for the path I've followed since then. I've visited so many places through Dorothy's words. A whole new world of interests have opened for me. Thank you, Dorothy. My prayerful condolences to family and friends who are left behind as Dorothy moves on to new places to discover and rejoice in. Bev Tiffany

Name: Susan Higgins

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Location: Atlanta, GA USA

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 18:15:20

Comments:

The sky has darkened and I feel as though I have lost a cherished friend and teacher. My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends on their loss. Words, Churchill said, are the only things that last forever. Mrs. Dunnett's work has enriched, and will continue to enrich, my life immeasurably; making other worlds real, creating matchless adventures of fun and daring and unforgettable characters, and all the while heightening my appreciation for subtlety, ambiguity, intricacy, and heroism. I have treasured her books since discovering "The Game of Kings" some thirty years ago and count myself incredibly lucky to know her work. I deeply mourn her passing. "Now boast thee, death, in thy possession lies a lass unparalleled," as Shakespeare said of another queen. Except I hope death will prove merely a means of transporting to the

Almighty his favorite storyteller, whom I wholeheartedly agree is the finest of our time.

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 18:10:37

Comments:

I first heard of Dorothy Dunnett's books from a friend who was training with me to teach English. I'm ashamed to say I rather dismissed his over-enthusiastic (as I then thought) rant. Later, (but not, in fact, too much later) I found the Lymond books in my local library and read them entirely in the wrong order, totally fascinated. Since then I've lost count of how many times I've read and re-read, gaining fresh insights each time into the "real" history as well as the world of Francis Crawford of Lymond and Niccolo - and MacBeth. Her books have been an inspiration to me, and a reassurance that there are others who share my deep love of medieval and Renaissance literature. Her books have sent me on quests to Orkney and Russia, and my deepest regret now is that I never wrote the letter I'd planned to let her know in person just how much her writing has meant to me.

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Location: Cirencester, UK

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 18:05:17

Comments:

There can be very few people who have added as much constructive happiness to my life as Dorothy - not just through the enjoyment of reading her books, but of exploring the realms of the imagination she opened up and the many enduring friendships I've made with people who share my pleasure in her work. Our personal contacts were much appreciated but few - but I liked just knowing that that shining intellect and warm and special person existed ! As well as all her other virtues, what a wonderful way with words she had - the gift of stopping the reader in her tracks in admiration of the sheer rightness of it. My deep sympathy goes to family and friends who have lost so much more.

Name: Lilian Sloan

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 17:51:30

Comments:

Having recently enjoyed a holiday in Rhodes, where Race of Scorpions came alive, I was so pleased to be able to visit the Valley of Butterflies, The Medieval city of Rhodes town and other cites mentioned in the book. I came home and read the book again - but it is impossible to read one and am now reading the series - again. What a staggering contribution she has made to genre of the historical novel. I understand that she has just completed the Companion II and it would seem that she has completed the package of work she set out to achieve. I hope so as her talents will never be forgotten.

Name: Peggy Mitchell

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Location: Edmonton, AB Canada

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 17:38:41

Comments:

"No legacy is so rich as honesty" William Shakespear. The brilliant, painful, awe-inspiring honesty of Dorothy Dunnett's work will live on. Thank you, Dorothy, your work has touched and changed my life and I do believe that the fire of your work will live on for as long as the written word is read. Peggy Mitchell

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 17:36:11

Comments:

I first read the Game of Kings in 1983 after a friend's recommendation and almost stopped after the first chapter. I didn't like the character or his actions. I kept on only because of my respect for my friend and discovered how Dorothy continually fooled me. More than that, she educated, entertained, provoked, uplifted and inspired me. Reading the Chronicles and the Niccolo series has been one of my greatest life pleasures which has now been shared by my wife, daughter, mother and mother-in-law. I took my mom to the 2000 Gathering where we met Dorothy who exceeded all our expectations. We are all blessed not only for her work, but her spirit, generosity, graciousness, humor and friendship. What an incredible legacy for us.

Name: Florence Chichester

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 17:22:41

Comments:

I first found Dorothy Dunnett and Francis Crawford of Lymond in 1970 and have been an avid fan ever since, eagerly awaiting each new Dorothy Dunnett title. I was devastated to learn today of her death. Although historians up to now may not have acknowledged her contribution, we who loved her writing know that her meticulous historical research and writing ability have made the periods she explored come to life more than any historian has ever done. My heart goes out to her family and I commiserate with her fans the world over. She is now reunited with her beloved Alastair.

Name: Sue Morrison

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 16:11:41

Comments:

I met Francis Crawford many years ago and was enthralled with all of the books. They are without a doubt the best historical novels I have ever read. Mystery, action, intrigue, impeccable scholarship, marvelous writing and wonderful characters--they were all in the books. I just got my companion last week and was looking forward to reading the books again with that aid at my side. My prayers are with Lady Dunnett's family and I am sorry for the loss to us all but what a legacy she left us.

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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 16:05:59

Comments:

I've been out of touch with my Dunnett lists for some time, but something prompted me to reconnect today. I was shocked and saddened to discover the news of Dorothy's passing. I had the great privilege of meeting her in Philadelphia and will cherish the photograph of us together even though I was dressed as the "adoring maiden" in the Nikado! She will be sorely missed. My sympathies to her family and friends.

Name: Bob Berger

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Location: Portland, OR USA

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 15:24:00

Comments:

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Dorothy Dunnett. I started reading her novels with 'Niccolo Rising' and went back and read the 'Lymonds' while waiting for the next Claes installment to appear, almost like clockwork, every two years. To have met her in person and experience only briefly the warmth, graciousness, intellect, and wonderful sense of humor she had is a memory that I'll always treasure; I can only begin to fathom the sense of loss to immediate friends and family. My heartfelt condolences go out to them and the extended family of Dorothy's readers.

Name: Judith Hayman
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Location: Hamilton, ON Canada
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 13:57:25
Comments:

Like many others, Dorothy's books provided not just a wonderful read, but the inspiration and motivation to change my life. Often her words, or words she had quoted, made me realize that I was taking myself far too seriously or not seriously enough. We have the books and they will be there for us and for many others to come. Meeting her last year in Philadelphia gave me the opportunity not just to thank her but to provide some tangible offering of thanks. It also made me realize that the amazing woman that Dorothy was far outshone her books. Her family and friends have been remarkably generous in sharing her with us, her readers, all these years. Thank you for that and deepest sympathies on your loss.

Name: Jane French
Email: jane.french@lsc.gov.uk
Location: Gillingham, Kent England
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 13:00:46
Comments:

I have been a reader of Dorothy Dunnett's work for 30 years and because of her, like so many others, I have been inspired to explore the literature, languages and art of the past. It has been a wonderful experience. With deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family and friends. With deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family and friends

Name: Kathleen Stern ``
Location: Yorkshire, England
Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 12:59:54
Comments:

I discovered Dorothy's books in the early 70's and have recommended them to as many people as I could. My English students, sisters and friends all became as entranced as I was. I wrote twice to her and received lively and warm replies, even when I would have thought she was far too busy (I hoped) producing further books for me to feast on again and again. I was fortunate to attend her book reading and talk in Leeds when 'Gemini' came out, and will always remember what a warm and witty person she was in the flesh. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her family and I am just grateful that I will still be able to revisit her people and the worlds she created still. I will not anticipate the arrival of further treasures in the future however, and that is a real loss and deprivation. There will never be another Dorothy! The magnificent sense of completeness and fulfilment that she achieved at the end of 'Gemini' evokes the hope that she and we can someday experience it as reality.

Name: Louise Tempest
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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 12:29:41
Comments:

Dorothy was unique. I will always be grateful for her works, which are of course also unique. The pictures that she painted in words stay with her readers for a long time. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to meet her, if only briefly, at a book signing. I too was entranced as so many others here have been, by her energy, wit, charm and life-force. My condolences to friends and family.

Name: Elaine Wells
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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 12:06:08
Comments:

May light perpetual keep her. My deepest sympathies to her family, friends and all the strangers who came to love her and her works.

Name: Teresa D'Astoli
Email: tmdastoli@hotmail.com
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Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 10:24:15
Comments:

Lymond and Niccolo lent me hours of reading joy, I well remember the wait for the 'next' Niccolo. Dorothy Dunnett brought me colour, plot, history, intrigue and beauty , an unforgettable boxed set of gifts. Thank you, vale DD. My condolences and best wishes to her family .

Name: Sarah Gibson
Email: sgibson@hao.ucar.edu
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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 19:46:42
Comments:

My son Nicholas was born in late May, 2000. Since we had pretty much decided on the name, I thought it would be appropriate to start a reread of the House of Niccolo during the last few months of pregnancy, in preparation both for our Nick and for the publication of Gemini. I ended up reading the bulk of the series after Nick was born, and usually during his night-time feeds. The result is that I have intense memories of sitting in a darkened room, holding my baby son close to me, while I read with the aid of an "itty bitty book light". As I delved into Dorothy Dunnett's marvelously complex world I was simultaneously aware of the sweet simplicity of my nursing son and the dawn chorus of birdsong outside (3 AM in midsummer England). I grieve her passing, and wish I had met her, but know that her books will always be a focus of intense joy for her readers.

Name: terry hutton
Email: th@howehutton.com
Location: Chicago, IL USA
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 19:18:56
Comments:

Nearly forty years ago, I happened across "The Game of Kings." I was hooked in the first paragraph, and have remained hooked on Dorothy Dunnett's works ever since. Meeting my all-time favorite author in Philadelphia and then again in Milwaukee a week later as she toured the U.S. for the last time was a thrill. It was difficult to imagine such a great writer and historian, painter and musician, and philanthropist, being so warm, outgoing, friendly, humorous and just plain fun, but she made it so easy to just be with her. I envy those who knew her well. I will miss her more than I can say, but be grateful all my years for her body of work and the pleasure it has given to me and so many others. I wish her family the best in these sad circumstances, and hope they can take solace in the joy she brought to so many others with her wit, skills, and hard work. She is a model for us all. Farewell, Lady Dunnett, from one of your legion of admirers and fans. We'll not be lucky enough to see your like again.

Name: Debbie Shelton
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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 19:12:04
Comments:

I discovered Dorothy Dunnett in the 60's with Game of Kings, and have been a devotee of the books and the author ever since that time. Her works have been my constant companions and will continue to be valued friends. My most profound sympathies go out to her family; please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be missed.

Name: Teresa Eckford
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Location: Ottawa, ON Canada
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 19:04:08
Comments:

Lady Dunnett's Lymond Chronicles are on my TBR shelf. I now wish I'd taken the time to read them all before her untimely death. Her body of work is an inspiration to writers (historical and otherwise) everywhere. To her sons and extended family I extend my sincere condolences and understanding. I lost my own father to the same disease (pancreatic cancer) just last month. Best, Teresa Eckford

Name: Mary T. Dresser

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Location: Clearwater, Florida U.S.A.

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 18:14:46

Comments:

I came home from a writer's conference and discovered that Dorothy had died. And I cried. I have never done such a thing for an author. Her writing twined itself around my imagination. I wrote to her asking her advice on my work and she had the unique kindness to answer me. I wanted to write historical novels and she advised me to set them in my own country as she had done. She---and Lymond---were from Scotland and there she would stay as an author. So I have stayed in the US and tried to emulate her in a small way---in a big country. Building characters who also love and honor their country. I think I loved Dorothy although I never met her in person and I hope my book, STAND FAST, and its sequels will be a credit to her. Nothing can come close. Rest, friend, you did good work. You will live. Mary T. Dresser

Name: Barbara Rhodes

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Location: Dallas, TX USA

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 18:03:12

Comments:

All omnivorous readers know that when you meet one of those SPECIAL authors, trumpets sound in Heaven. We are allowed only a few authors who seem to breathe into our very souls, they become part of your own private treasure chest. Dorothy was one of my treasures. I met Lymond a very long time ago when I was in high school. As many others here have already said, life was never quite the same afterward. I remember the joy of finding DISORDERLY KNIGHTS on the new book shelf at Doubleday and realizing that MY wonderful author was going to continue that great series. I bought the hardback copy outright--a first for me, since had I existed in a paperback universe up to that point. After that, I always bought her books in hardback, the minute I saw them, a thing which I still do with only one other author. As a librarian, I had the joy of sharing her with people who were tired of fluffy historicals. I created some Dunnett-addicts and made many friends that way. Now we have all lost a unique part of our universe. My deepest condolences to Dorothy's family and to all us readers. To lose that special author is to lose a treasured friend.

Name: Penny Thompson

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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 17:54:25

Comments:

I read Game of Kings in 1962, when I was 17. I have been reading and re-reading Dorothy Dunnett ever since; she has remained my favourite author all of my adult life. I can hardly believe that there will be no more eager waiting for the next book to appear. Although I was never fortunate enough to meet her, I feel as if I have lost a beloved friend. She was the world's greatest writer of historical fiction and her characters will live for ever in her books and in her readers' minds. I would like to send my condolences to her family and many friends. May she rest in peace for ever with Alastair.

Name: Jeanne Stapleton

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Location: Sacramento, CA USA

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 17:32:32

Comments:

I was very saddened to return home yesterday evening after a weekend away and learn of the death of Lady Dunnett. I had the very great pleasure of meeting her in person in Denver, CO several years ago; she remembered my name from several letters I'd written her, and she greeted me with a warm and enveloping

hug. She has been a very great role model for me personally and professionally; my greatest aspiration, even at my age, is to grow up to be like Dorothy Dunnett. I know she missed Alastair, and I am glad that such great loves can be together again; I do grieve for her sons and their families, who will miss her warm and radiant presence in the holidays ahead. I am glad she has left us this legacy of art, in literature and in portraits, and she had kindled my interest in Scotland in a way no one else had ever managed to do. Adieu, Lady Dunnett; you are, were and remain one of the greatest wordsmiths and keenest observers of the human soul that has ever graced this planet.

Name: carol malone

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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 16:36:27

Comments:

Reading the paper over breakfast this morning I discovered that Dorothy Dunnett had passed away. I can't say how sad this made me feel. It was during my "A" levels in the mid 70's that I first came across that most wonderful and complex hero, Francis Crawford. I was hooked and despite the numerous re-readings I'm still discovering elements. There are too many favourite passages to name but the joy one feels when you know one of these passages is just around the corner is wonderful. And the death of Christian Stewart still brings tears. Reaching the last couple of chapters, in both the chronicals is always sad, knowing that the tale is coming to an end and that too soon you will have to put the last book down. I send my sympathies to Dorothy's sons, their families and her friends.

Name: Kerstin Hehl

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Location: London, UK

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 16:24:45

Comments:

After discovering Dorothy Dunnett 17 years ago, my life has never been the same. Her books opened a whole new world to me. She may be gone, but her words will remain to be treasured forever. Thank you so much for that.

Name: Kathy Harrison

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Location: Laxey, Isle of Man

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 15:44:04

Comments:

We have seen the passing of a very great woman and my sympathy goes to Lady Dunnett's family and friends whose grief I can only begin to imagine. Lady Dunnett's books have been truly inspiring to me - I have learned so much about history, geography, art and must - and I have loved her characters for nearly 20 years, having read and re-read them. But not only was she a great author, she was a great Lady. I shall never forget that, when I once wrote to her to thank her for her writing, she took the time and the trouble (out of an action-packed day, I'm sure) to respond to me in person in such warm tones. I have never felt so privileged. Thank you for everything . . . You will be sadly missed.

Name: Nancy Smith

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Location: Schertz, TX United States

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 15:40:58

Comments:

Her books changed my life. I am so thankful I went to the Gathering in Philadelphia last year and got to meet her. I have the tapes of her speech to play back now. She was the one author I do gush over. I will miss her so much.

Name: Lucie Leblanc

Location: Calgary, AB Canada

Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 15:33:36

Comments:

Dorothy has meant so much to me through her characters since I discovered her in the 70s. I like to envision Dorothy now with her love, Alastair, and am comforted that they are together. This world has definitely lost some vitality with Dorothy gone. Thank you, Dorothy, for enriching my life with that glimpse of the wonders of your mind and heart.

Name: Pat Barker**URL:** aol.ca**Email:** patlbarker@aol.com**Location:** Grimsby, Canada**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2001 at 15:15:02**Comments:**

As well as a brilliant wordsmith of the highest rank, we have lost a wonderful spirit companion. Her compassion, bravery, and great sense of joy live in her books, and always will; but we so miss her 'presence' among us. She touched us all so deeply; expanded and enriched our lives. My sincere condolences to her family.

Name: Monique Reed**Email:** monique@mail.bio.tamu.edu**Location:** College Station, TX USA**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2001 at 15:05:35**Comments:**

She has left a literary legacy that will shine forever.

Name: Carol Atkinson**Email:** atkinson@gaccontractors.com**Location:** Panama City, FL U.S.A.**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2001 at 14:55:44**Comments:**

I "met" FC in September, 1984 and like all us never looked back. I bought all six books of the LC that day and experienced the joy of being able to read them one right after another. I then had to do what many of the rest of you had already done wait patiently for each of the books of HN to be published. I, too, was thrilled to discover the internet web pages devoted to my favorite author (particulary Bill Marshall at James Thin). I was privileged to meet DD on several occasions and then went to Philadelphia last year to enjoy that marvelous experience. "For something have we been born. For something have we been brought here we worked with all we had been given; and for one another." Time and time again, she wrote her own epitaph.

Name: Jude Young**Email:** jude@faber.co.uk**Location:** London, United Kingdom**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2001 at 14:40:36**Comments:**

Dorothy's words are better than mine: "A moment later the music began...All that was bold and noble and happy in created sound burst from the metempirical quills, and it was blasphemy not to rejoice." Pt4, II The Game of Kings I was very sad on hearing this news and send my condolences to the family, but will always rejoice in the works that have been left behind.

Name: Cathy Brown**Email:** cbontbrown@aol.com**Location:** Arlington, Texas USA**Date:** Monday, November 12, 2001 at 14:14:29**Comments:**

Our cynosure is gone. Now we know what Lymond's familiars would have felt when his end finally came. Lady Dunnett was our Lymond with all his wit, ideals, magnetism and honor. My sense of loss pales in comparison

to her family and friends, but it is palpable just the same. Thank you, dear lady, for all you have given us. Lymond's last words bring peace: "We have reached the open sea, with some charts; and the firmament."

Name: Barbara Karpel
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Location: Baltimore, MD USA
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 14:07:55
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett is my favorite writer of historical fiction and the best ever; that will not change, no one will match her. I cherish her books and thank her for them. My condolences to her family and friends. I feel her loss and I knew her only through her books, so how much greater is their loss and grieving. She will be missed by many, but she left her life's work to console us. Take care.

Name: Jan
Scotland
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 13:50:29
Comments:

I was so sorry to hear about the death of Dorothy Dunnett. I have read and reread her books many times. No one else has ever been able to match her skill with detail and intrigue. I always felt that I had "feasted" on her books while other authors still left me hungry for more. My sincere condolences to her family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

Name: Georgina Tsierkezou
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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 13:43:54
Comments:

I first discovered Dorothy's Game of Kings and the magnificent Lymond when I was 17 and loved both it and him immediately. It was some time before I found the rest of the series but loved them all equally once I had read them too! Last year I read them all again and once I had finished I felt that this time I simply had to send a card of thanks to Dorothy. This I did. A little later and quite by surprise, I received a kind reply from her secretary in answer to my little card. Now I have something else to treasure along with her books. I'd like to thank Dorothy again for her wonderful gift to us and lament that there will be no more - but then what we have is so much. My thoughts and condolences to her family and friends in this time of grieving. George

Name: Merrill Stevenson
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Location: Buenos Aires , CF Argentina
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 13:39:28
Comments:

Why it is that Dorothy Dunnett is superior to all other writers of historical fiction -- even the greats, such as Zoe Oldenbourg -- I will never quite know. It is not only that her characters are more complex and compelling, her stories multi-layered, their settings more vivid. To open one of her books is to step quite literally into another world, complete with sights and sounds and poetry. Perhaps it is partly that she opens the door on that world without tedious explanations, those implicit footnotes inadequately disguised as storyline with which most writers, unsure of their own scholarship, try to bring their readers up to speed on period detail. Lady Dunnett did not need to condescend to her readers by standing between them and history. I thank her for illuminating the past with her sharp mind, passionate heart and deft pen, and above all for King Hereafter. My condolences to Lady Dunnett's family.

Name: Petra Stengel
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Location: Nienwohld, Germany
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 13:28:46
Comments:

Thank you for your wonderful books, which have changed my life because they woke my interest for an exciting and fascinating period of history. And thank you especially for the characters in your books who are like a family for me. I will re-read the books again and again. I will miss you. Petra

Name: Kit Boot
Email:kreboot@aol.com
Location: London,
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 13:10:16
Comments:

Desolation and tears. And thanks. And joy. She changed my life too.

Name: mishi bellamy
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France
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 13:00:43
Comments:

To lose such a fine writer is to lose a friend. No more letters, no more thoughts. Silence. One can only say that Lady Dunnett's voice was one that spoke to thousands. As we read her books and lived with the wonderful characters she breathed into life there was nothing between us and the words. We were there - in every page - having the time of our lives. Lucky us that discovered her. To her family, a heartfelt thankyou for sharing her. It must have been hard sometimes. But her words will live for as long as discerning people read and thus Dorothy herself will endure. Tante que je vivre.....

Name: Glenda Berry
Email:glenda.berry@lineone.net
Location: Chelmsford, UK
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 12:27:16
Comments:

I was terribly shocked to read of Dorothy Dunnett's death and send my sympathy to her family and friends. I consider Lady Dunnett to be the supreme contemporary storyteller. To read her books is to enter the world of the 15th and 16th centuries, complete with sights, sounds, smells, speech, music and characters, and become totally immersed in it. I, like many others, have re-read her books until they fell to pieces and I've had to replace them. Together with Elizabeth Bennett, Francis Crawford is my favourite fictional character and has certainly set a standard that no mere mortal could reach! I know that it was unreasonable to expect another series like the Lymond Chronicles or the House of Niccolo but I was desperately hoping that Lady Dunnett would have the time to write a final book in the Johnson Johnson series. Alas there will be no more books - but she has left a rich heritage for her admirers who, I'm sure, find in each re-reading another facet of a situation or another clue to later events.

Name:April Lee
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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 12:16:28
Comments:

A good book is one of life's chieftest joys. And to the world's readers, and my poor self, Lady Dunnett has given the immeasurable pleasure of her works. My life has been touched and enriched by her, though I have never had the pleasure of meeting her. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Name:Lesley Bousbaine
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Location: Leicester (formerly Lanark), UK
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 12:12:01
Comments:

She will live on through her writing and in our hearts. She was a wonderful person to share herself with all of

us. My sympathy to her family.

Name: Gill Hughes
Email: in5694@wlv.ac.uk
Location: Birmingham, UK
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 12:05:09
Comments:

I grieve for her family. Dorothy Dunnett was not only a very remarkable writer but a very remarkable person. My grateful thanks to her for all the books have meant to me and my deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Name: Doris Bampi-Hautmann
Email: capreacula@gmx.de
Location: Munich, Germany
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 11:28:55
Comments:

The world seems greyer now. Someone, whose books have opened a wonderful new world for me, full of wit, erudition, poetry, insights, of love for learning and beauty, never-ending joy and fascination, of laughter and tears, charm and the true meaning of charisma, has gone. I`ve never met her, I wish I had. What an extraordinary mind, what a brilliant personality, what a loss. My condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Patte Beans
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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 11:24:18
Comments:

Her talent for words was such that I have only to think of her books and feel joy. When I have no time to read, they are still there in my mind. We are so fortunate to have had the pleasure of her work, and I am grateful that she was able to finish it. Thank you, Dorothy.

Name: Susie Henley
Email: susiehenley@hotmail.com
Location: Cheltenham, Glos. UK
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 11:07:16
Comments:

I was very sad to hear of Dorothy's death. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Joy Goodenough
Email: joy@inprint.co.uk
Location: Stroud, Gloucestershire England
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 11:03:39
Comments:

Dorothy was my favourite author from the time I was sixteen. Each book was peerless and will be repeatedly read for the remainder of my life. She gave me worlds where history books only showed shadowy hints. I will miss her company as long as I live. Thank you for the greatest pleasure literature could bring.

Name: Pam Davies
Location: Leeds, UK
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 10:34:59
Comments:

What a loss to us all. I had the privilege of meeting Dorothy twice when she came and signed books in Leeds and will remember this charming, bright, youthful, lady. I didn't expect any more tales of Niccolo or Lymond, but had hoped for more of Johnson Johnson or something new and astonishing from this extraordinary writer. Thank you, Dorothy, for your books and your other contacts with your readers. My sympathy to her family in

their greater loss.

Name: Pen Robinson
Email: pen@pensnest.co.uk
Location: Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 10:21:39
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett had such charm, and was so immediately adorable, that I find I grieve as for a lost friend. My sincerest sympathies to her family and others who were close to her. I know you have many, many joyful memories to cherish. For myself I am glad to have the pleasure of her books, already read, to be re-read, and to share with the community to which they have introduced me.

Name: sarah hughes
Location: London, England
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 08:57:17
Comments:

I first read Dorothy Dunnett's work when I was 15 years old. For the last 12 years she has been my favourite writer as well as the only one whose books I regularly had to replace due to constant rereading. She was a wonderful writer and a true ambassador for Scotland. My thoughts are with her family at this time.

Name: Petra Cmiel
Email: cm@pinnau-holz.de
Location: Hamburg, Germany
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 08:36:32
Comments:

This is a very sad message, and my condolences are with Lady Dunnett's family. The books of Dorothy Dunnett had been and will be the treasure of my life. Nothing I could write can express my feelings. I'm very sorry that I didn't have the opportunity to meet her for anyone I had the pleasure to meet through her books told me about her charme, her wit and her humor.

Name: Barbara Fearnley-Wood
Email: Morvoren@sympatico.ca
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 08:24:30
Comments:

Dorothy's death comes as a personal loss. Thanks to God, she had a long and fulfilling life and a happy marriage to Sir Alistair. I first read the Disorderly Knights in 1966 and Francis, Niccolo and Co, have helped me through some very difficult times including a heartwrenching uprooting from my native Cornwall in 1967 to come to Ontario. Dorothy's books influenced my life in many ways. Like so many of her readers her stories pushed me to look up subjects I might never have considered. Dorothy's influence includes trying to organize my thoughts properly when speaking and writing, attempting to observe individuals and events more clearly, and, as so many of you wrote, to be a better person. Dorothy's love of Scotland shone through her books, as did her empathy and concern for the very young. I have never read the chess game in PinF or the terrible voyage down the Atlantic coast of Norway RC without tears. I wish so much I had been able to meet her. The last time I wept at the death of someone I had never met but whose work affected me deeply was when the conductor Sir Adrien Boult died nearly 20 years ago. Most sincere condolences to Dorothy's family. So many of us will miss her, while thanking fate for her life and writing. Barbara Fearnley-Wood

Name: Ceri Ann Jones
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Location: Copenhagen, Denmark
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 07:20:21
Comments:

Thirty three years ago in the local library aged 13 having demolished every Georgette Heyer I could find I discovered Lymond and historical fiction has never been the same since. The layers, the intricacy, the details,

all the things that frustrate me with others, was there perfect. I was in heaven. Its never changed, every book has been sheer delight. For such gifts I can never thank her enough. I will miss her.

Name: Hartmut-Ortwin Feistel
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Location: Berlin, Germany
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 07:04:54
Comments:

With great sadness I learned this morning of the death of Dorothy Dunnett, who over the years has given me so much pleasure and enjoyment through her books.

Name: James van den Heever
Location: Johannesburg, South Africa
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 05:55:54
Comments:

In profound appreciation of a writer who redefined fiction and enjoyment in it, and with sympathy for her family

Name: Clinton Orman
Email: hambonehaggis@yahoo.com
Location: San Francisco, CA USA
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 05:05:57
Comments:

I was greatly saddened by the news of Mrs. Dunnett's death. I have a draft for a letter to her on my computer desktop(not sent) in which I talked about my ideas for a movie version of Game of Kings, strictly in the imaginary realm... I was compiling a CD of renaissance music which I had picked out for various scenes. Most prominent was Valentin Hausman's "Catkanei" (found on almost every compilation of popular renaissance songs) for what you would hear after the final shot of Sybilla throwing her arms open. This music I felt perfectly mirrored the leap of joy my heart felt on reading those last few lines. So among other reasons I am saddened that I will not get to connect with her about my own small reflections on her great work. Mrs. Dunnett has been so influential on my life. I went to Scotland last summer, I'm sure largely because of her books, and since reading the Lymond series last year I'm devouring history books and classes. Her work re-awakened a sense of the romantic and of adventure that I haven't experienced in fiction since childhood. Her work has influenced me in the realm of art, history, and also life itself. My sincerest condolences.

Name: Simone Woods
Email: simonewoods@bigpond.com
Location: Canberra, Australia
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 05:02:39
Comments:

What a joy it has been to read her books. Such sadness though, to know such a lively, warm and intelligent woman has left us. My thoughts and wishes go to her family and to all of us, her fans who will miss her. I am so glad I had the chance to meet her at the Gathering in Edinburgh in 2000 and thank her for the immense pleasure her books have given us all. She will be greatly missed.

Name: Maureen
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Location: Hicksville, LI, NY USA
Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 04:58:47
Comments:

My deepest sympathies to Dorothy's family at this time. The world is diminished by her passing. We are forever enriched by her life.

Name: Jennifer Halfpenny
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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 04:30:13

Comments:

I have been a fan of Dorothy Dunnett for a quarter of a century. I have read her books many times over, and will no doubt continue to do so. I am shocked and saddened at the news of her passing, but happy that at least I had the pleasure of meeting her. Dorothy's spirit will remain with us through her literary works, and her memory will live on through the network of fans that daily communicate via the email lists dedicated to discussion of her books. Sincere condolences to her family.

Name: Bonnie Presley

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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 01:42:11

Comments:

In the past when friends asked what Mrs. Dunnett's books were about, I struggled to give an answer. Now, I think I know. She wrote about love, in all its forms, love between man and woman, parent and child, countrymen, even that binding force between enemies. She wrote with love and care, and we loved her and she loved us, in relationship to her, as part of the process of creating those realities that she and we loved so much. I am so blessed to have shared time on earth with her. She was one of the real reasons to be alive now. All of the contributions on this page have moved me, because they are all about love.

Name: Anita Lehman

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Date: Monday, November 12, 2001 at 00:32:00

Comments:

Oh, the riches that I've received from our beloved Dorothy! She gave me words...glorious words fashioned into stories full of wonder and drenched in history. She brought music to my life...music as the symbol of goodness and of grief, of love and loss. Her writing thrilled me, sparked my curiosity, and gave me the gift of laughter and joy. She made my heart ache, and brought me to tears time after time. Now, I weep for her passing.

Name: Tracy Therrian Olmsted

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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 23:57:41

Comments:

My mother (Rita Burnett, who some of you know) introduced me to Dorothy's books when I was fourteen. I have grown to adulthood reading them again and again and I believe they are beyond brilliance. They have been one of the most precious experiences in my life. There are many things to be inspired by in her books, but most inspiring is the women who wrote them. She showed me, at a young age, the kind of art we are capable of. She has given me a goal of excellence to strive for that I doubt I will ever reach, but whenever my courage tires I hear a voice in my head saying, "Francis, Francis, This is what you should be!"

Name: Linda M. Harris

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Location: Moorestown, NJ USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 23:54:57

Comments:

I first read the Francis Crawford series and the Johnson Johnson series some years ago. It took me a while to read. I finished the Nicholas series last fall, I think. I feel as if I have lost a dear, friend and part of me. I am glad she went peacefully if she had to go at all.

Name: Tina Martin

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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 23:49:03

Comments:

Such sadness... I will meet her again on the page, but now there will be no more. The only time in my life I ever wrote to an author was after finishing reading Checkmate in one marathon session over 25 years ago. In a daze, I asked her for something written in Lymond's hand. Her note back to me signed "Francis Crawford of Lymond" in a small neat hand is one of my most cherished possessions. I made 2 pilgrimages to Scotland and this past summer, visited Bruges. She opened so many doors for her readers. How she will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Name: Charles Reeves

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 23:38:17

Comments:

Le corps sans ame plus n'estre en sarcifice; Jour de la mort mis en nativite'; L'esprit divin fera l'ame felice Voiant le verbe en son eternite'. Laters, Charles

Name: Ellie Weld

England

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 23:08:15

Comments:

This news has left me speechless. How could a woman of such huge gifts, such enormous vitality and charm, suddenly disappear? Through her marvellous books Dorothy has given such delight to her thousands of readers. The brilliant writing, the humour, the vivid character-drawing and the sheer power of her story-telling make her books like no others. She wasn't very tall but she was certainly larger than life. My deepest sympathies to her family and to us, her readers.

Name: Margot Cummings

Location: Victoria, BC Canada

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 22:49:45

Comments:

Dorothy has been my idol since 1988, when a friend introduced me to Lymond. Other historical fiction has not come up to the standard that she has set - rich detail, complex characters, and immersion rather than a dry history lesson. I am so glad I got to meet Dorothy at Greywalls last year. I discovered that she was a vital, witty woman with firecracker energy. My condolences to her family and friends in this time of loss.

Name: catherine phillips

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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 22:45:50

Comments:

Learning of Dorothy's death just as I finish reading the last of the Niccolo series seems in a strange way appropriate. Dorothy brought me and many of my friends not only great reading pleasure but opened so many avenues for further research. Dorothy brought history alive through Niccolo and Lymond and I will always be grateful to her for that. Rest in peace Dorothy, your wonderful work is done.

Name: Elizabeth Russon

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Location: Bowmanville, Canada

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 22:38:58

Comments:

I never met Lady Dunnett but her writings have affected my life in so many ways. I can honestly say that her

writings have inspired two marriages and four kids in my group of friends. It has inspired me to try to be the very best I can be, and to stretch myself to take up music and sports that my working class Scottish upbringing would not have allowed me to do. Many thanks, Lady Dunnett, the world is going to be a less adventuresome place without you.

Name: Karen Poulin**Email:** Mombat16@aol.com**Location:** Derry, NH USA**Date:** Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 21:46:56**Comments:**

My sincere condolences to the family and close friends of Dorothy Dunnett. She was blessed in that the books she wrote were recognized so early for the treasures they are. And that she would know how much they were appreciated during her lifetime. Dunnett readers have long known that you can't read just one and that the reading of a Dunnett book is not an ending. Inquiring minds want to know more, to discuss these books with other like-minded readers. How many other works of fiction have been responsible for such a global community of avid rereaders ? Thank you, Dorothy. Your gift to us was magnificent.

Name: Hilary Renson

Spain

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 21:29:33**Comments:**

I sit here in tears because it feels as if I have suffered a personal loss. I have read The Game of Kings and the rest of the Lymond series so many times over the last thirty five years, always finding some new facet to enjoy, some remembered passage to savour again. I have been moved to read how many other readers found her writing to have had an influence on their lives. How rare that must be for an author to achieve, how good that Lady Dunnett knew that she had achieved it. My condolences to her family, my thanks for her wonderful life.

Name: Kathrin Meyer**Location:** Ingolstadt, Germany**Date:** Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 21:23:42**Comments:**

Danke für alles, Mrs. Dunnett.

Name: Hugh Mackenzie**Email:** hughniven@shaw.ca

B.C. Canada

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 21:10:49**Comments:**

I never did get round to writing to the nice lady who chatted to me on the Hope pier while her little boy fished for sillocks 50 years ago. I meant to say how much I enjoyed the Lymond novels which subsequently appeared. Instead, my condolences to the family on their loss. She brought joy to many.

Name: Cheryl Grothaus**Email:** clg9@columbia.edu**Location:** New York, NY USA**Date:** Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 21:05:36**Comments:**

My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Dorothy Dunnett, from whom I have learned so much of heroism, history, art, literature, music, philosophy, mystery, beauty, the world, the human heart, love, life and wisdom. She has given me such great pleasure, and for that I am profoundly grateful. -- Cheryl Grothaus

Name: Barry Wright**Email:** UncleTantra@aol.com**Location:** Santa Fe, NM USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 20:47:39

Comments:

Francis Crawford of Lymond was for me a bittersweet discovery because as a reader I was forced to realize that I may never again encounter a character so complex, and as a writer I was forced to realize that I may never create one even a fraction as interesting. But thanks to Dorothy Dunnett I now know what is possible, and that is quite a gift. She "set the bar" for what writing can be and I will be trying just to touch those heights for the rest of my life.

Name: Jaclyn Reding

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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 20:27:01

Comments:

I learned of Ms. Dunnett's sad passing just this morning. I immediately wrote to the friend who first introduced me to her work years ago to thank you for having done so. And now, as soon as I finish typing this message, I am going to the local bookstore and I am going to purchase one of my favorite Dorothy novels, and I'm going to give it to another friend who I know has never before read her. Somehow this seems the most fitting way for me to celebrate her life, her great talent, and to mourn her loss. Thank you, Dorothy, for the many wonderful adventures you gave us. And thank you, too, James Thin and especially Bill Marshall, for providing her readership with such a wonderful place to celebrate her work, both while she was with us...and now that she is sadly gone.

Name: Sue Cone

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Location: Livingston, NJ USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 20:14:43

Comments:

My deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family and friends. I feel privileged to have met her, and to have had the chance to thank her for the very great pleasure she has brought me over the years. What a legacy she has left - her books to be enjoyed by generations, and a worldwide community of friends who come together because of her incredible mind and joyful spirit. I am so thankful for the gift of her books, to re-read, discuss and question - and to enjoy. Through them, she will stay forever in my heart and mind, and never be truly gone. She will be there, at each turn of the page.

Name: Jeanette

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Location: Little Rock, AR USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 19:03:05

Comments:

I was introduced to Dorothy Dunnett's books by a member of my reading group and I have had the pleasure of some fantastic journeys and wonderful adventures thanks to her. All of her books are on my keeper shelves and I have this marvelous alternate universe that I can enter any time I want to because all of her books are re-readable, countless times. My very best wishes and a fond farewell to her wherever she may be.

Name: Olive Millward

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Location: Exeter, Devon UK

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 18:16:30

Comments:

Discovering DD at the airport, nearly 30 years ago, changed My life, in ways one would not expect by just buying a book to while away a long flight. New and exciting travel experiences came my way, I fell in love with Brugge, drove round the Atlas mountains, explored Turkey and Tunisia, Climbed mount Sinai, sailed in St. Lucia, walked miles in Cyprus, to name but a few of the DD inspired countries I have visited. Other things have happened, new friendships made, new interests formed, and followed through, I really am so grateful for the

life and work of Dorothy Dunnett. The world will be a poorer place now that she has "walked Over" Olive Millward. Exeter UK

Name: Marydot Pinto
Email: MaryPinto@aol.com
Location: Carbondale, IL USA
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 18:02:40
Comments:

I had the most unforgettable pleasure of sharing an hour with Dorothy over the telephone one evening a couple of years ago. The letter she sent me some time later hangs framed above my computer. My many copies of the Chronicles and House grace the top shelf of my bookcase. She has been my standard for fiction for almost 40 years. Through her I traveled a world centuries old but forever new by her words spun into images and story. Because of her my world is rich with ideas and friends, with memories of scenes, with snippets of dialogue that made a lifelong impression on me. DOROTHY DUNNETT, THE ONLY AUTHOR YOU'LL EVER NEED. Marydot

Name: Patricia Maynard
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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 18:01:06
Comments:

Words are simply incapable of conveying the deep feelings of loss I've been experiencing ever since hearing of Dorothy Dunnett's death and even though I never had the pleasure of meeting this extraordinary writer, I feel as though I've lost a dear and treasured friend. As Dolores Fortino so poignantly said in her post here, "I have never cried for the death of an author before. I am sick with loss." That's true for me as well. My heart goes out to all of her loved ones. Pat

Name: Constance Kochenderfer
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MI U.S.A.
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 17:51:41
Comments:

I felt I had met Dorothy in her books where her descriptions painted pictures and her laughter bubbled up and her generous heart made strong characters. I am a visual reader who participated in camel and ostrich rides and went down rivers and rode sleighs until I was exhausted. My heart goes out to her family and friends and to all of her faithful readers. Dorothy, we miss you so much!! You will live forever!! Connie

Name: Jo Beverley
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Location: Victoria, BC Canada
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 17:43:14
Comments:

Like so many, I feel as if I have lost a dear friend, so I can only imagine the loss felt now by her family and close friends. My deepest sympathy to you all. Dorothy Dunnett feels like a dear friend almost entirely because of her books, which are not only grand creations, but are suffused with her intelligence, vision, impishness, and goodness of heart. Like so many, I have been a Dunnett reader for decades -- since 1972 -- and that, of course, means re-reading, many times. I did meet Dorothy twice -- once briefly in Boston in 1992, but then with more time and ease in Philadelphia last year. It was pure delight to spend time in her company, and she crackled with zest and life, even despite jet lag and a busy schedule. It is that same energy that makes her books so rich and entrancing. Or, as John said above, seductive. Yes, indeed. She was every bit as seductive as her most seductive character, Lymond. I wish we could have kept her here longer, but it is a wonderful thing to be able to celebrate a rich life well lived, and a magical, enduring legacy to readers present and to come.

Name: Christine Gordon
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Location: Minneapolis, MN USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 17:25:37

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett, who came into my life less than a decade ago when a friend recommended her books, has brought me many hours of joy and pleasure. I love her books, but I also love the friendships, both online and in person, that have been a result of my initial reading. I am also deeply grateful to have met the wonderful woman herself last year: in Edinburgh, Philadelphia, and in my home town of Minneapolis when she was here during her tour. She has brought so many great joy; we will miss her.

Name: Kate Kinney

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Location: Sacramento, CA USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 17:24:33

Comments:

I am saddened by Dorothy Dunnett's death and tremendously grateful to have the gift of her work. It has touched my life in ways I wouldn't have dreamed possible. My deepest sympathy to Dorothy's family and friends.

Name: Eileen Marshall

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Location: Wakefield, UK

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 16:03:23

Comments:

I've just got back from a weekend where I met old friends who are also DD readers, where ever I go I seem to meet someone and it makes an instant bond. I've been lucky enough to meet Dorothy several times, and I'm so pleased to have had the opportunity to tell her how much pleasure she has given me over the years. She will always be remembered by thousands of people all over the world. Eileen Marshall

Name: Philippa O'Keefe

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Location: London, West Hampstead England

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 15:28:55

Comments:

What a great loss to the written word, never have I enjoyed reading novels so much as Dorothy Dunnett's Lymond and House of Niccolo. How I envy those who had the opportunity to meet her. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. However her wonderful books will continue to give endless pleasure to us all and to future generations.

Name: Frances Quinn

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Location: Dublin, Ireland

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 15:20:02

Comments:

I was so shocked & saddened to hear the news of Dorothy Dunnett's death; she had the rare talent of creating characters that lived & breathed, not just existed on paper. No-one else has ever come close to her standards of writing. She will be sorely missed.

Name: Carol Wendland

Location: Houston, Texas USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 15:08:22

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett cited her husband as a model of heroism, and shared his practical sense of civic commitment. Her own fiction was as great a gift to the world as anyone could give. We loved her characters, but we knew that their vivid perception, ethical clarity and wicked humor were only reflections of the real

hero: the author herself, whose strong voice saved our lives during the years or decades when each of us felt alone out there. She proved just as heroically generous in person, seeming to take as much joy as she gave in writing letters, signing books, and (re-)answering questions (or not). Her power and grace will continue to sustain us as we mourn her loss. My thoughts and prayers go to her family. ~Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt~

Name: Maryann Cook

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Location: Metairie, LA USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 14:48:33

Comments:

I began reading Dorothy's books over thirty years ago. As works both of entertainment and scholarship they excel in every respect. Reading them has improved my life, inspired me to learn more of history, to learn another language, to acquire new skills. I can't think of another author who has had quite this same effect. My prayers will be said for her family and friends. She was an inspiration. Thank you, Dorothy.

Name: Valma Carson

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Location: Maroochydore, Queensland Australia

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 14:42:13

Comments:

As with many others, I woke this morning to read the those terrible words on my email. I went to bed last night wrapped up in 'The Ringed Castle' for the 12th time and it still draws me, every waking moment, even though I know what is going to happen next. I have never read another author that makes the words sound so beautiful in your mind as you read them, they fit together so perfectly and make a pure image inside your head. She was my one and only heroine and I have a deep regret that I will never now meet her. May she rest in Peace with Alistair. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. Valma

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Location: Ottawa, ON Canada

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 14:23:23

Comments:

No author and no person ever had such an impact on me - except maybe one of her own vivid, brilliant characters, to whom she gave such life. What a creator she was: of worlds, of ideas, of other times.... and she had the skill to affect our lives with them.

Name: Fred Threlkeld

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Location: Sautee-Nacoochee, Georgia USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 14:11:06

Comments:

Faced with a long overnight stay in a Greyhound Bus Terminal, Waterville, Maine, in July 1965, I bought "Queens' Play" and my life has forever been enriched by Dorothy Dunnett. My collection of signed hardbacks with personal notes from Mrs Dunnett have been re-read every decade and have provided countless hours of pleasurable reading. Thank you, Mrs Dunnett, for your gifts to the world.

Name: Brenda M. Cook

Email: nd,bmc@btinternet.com

Location: OLD PORTSMOUTH,, England

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 13:41:16

Comments:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Dorothy Dunnett. She was a witty and erudite lady who set new standards both of scholarship and of the imaginative exploitation of established facts. She has carved the

bench-mark against which historical novels will be judged for the next generation.

Name: Carol Fieldhouse

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 12:24:48

Comments:

My sincerest condolences to everyone in Dorothy's family. There is never a good time to say goodbye, but we can be deeply thankful for a life well and fully lived. I feel a real sense of loss in realising that we will miss the opportunity to try and persuade her to answer our many questions about her magnificent writing and simply to enjoy her presence among us. She has changed lives and widened horizons among all of us who have had the pleasure of following her heroes through books and adventures and through cities and paths all over Europe and Africa. I now never plan a journey without seeking out the Dunnett connection and thinking on many levels about the complex interplay of past, present and future in our world. Thank you. Rest in peace.

Name: John Dierdorf

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Location: Austin, TX USA

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 10:30:32

Comments:

My sincere sympathies to Dorothy's family - there is never a good time to lose a loved one, but she was so full of life and energy that her death seems particularly cruel. I had the good fortune to spend some time with her in Philadelphia last year, and I'd like to repeat a comment I made about that evening: "I don't think I've ever met someone as SEDUCTIVE as Dorothy -- when I said something she gave a totally convincing impression that I was the center of her universe and that she'd never met anyone more fascinating. I have no idea how long we'd have talked if the bartender hadn't started making meaningful noises and we realized the lounge was empty and he wanted to go home. Oh, I'll miss her because there won't be any more books and we'll never find out how JJ's story ends, but the world is a much grayer place for the lack of Dorothy THE PERSON. She brightened all she touched, and that's an epitaph more precious than the glowing obituaries she'll undoubtedly accumulate in the next few days." I envy those in her family who had the pleasure of their mother and grandmother for their entire lifetime, not for a few hours.

Name: Belinda Holdsworth

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Location: Sydney, NSW Australia

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 10:05:36

Comments:

She gave so much joy and pleasure and I was lucky enough to meet her briefly during her visit to Sydney and thank her. My condolences and sincere sympathy go to her family at this time.

Name: Sandra

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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 09:32:02

Comments:

My thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy's family. Edinburgh was more special for her presence. We, her fans, are fortunate to have such a body of work to remind us of her.

Name: Anne Artymiuk

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Location: Leeds, UK

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 09:16:51

Comments:

I heard about Dorothy's death late last evening and when I woke up this morning and remembered the world seemed a greyer place. I am just so grateful that I discovered her books and was able to meet her on several

occasions before this sad day. Jabatek ummek wahad f'il dunya. RIP

Name: Julia Bishop
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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 08:21:38

Comments:

How impossible to think that that intelligent, talented woman with the bubbly personality is no longer with us. Dorothy has left behind books we can re-read and savour and, thanks to her, we have made new friendships. In her memory, let's value them!

Name: Mary Miller
Email: marypmillerne@aol.com
Location: Omaha, NE USA
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 08:00:15
Comments:

Dorothy had the gift for bringing history alive. I have visited St.Mary's Loch & the Priory of Inchmahone & imagined Francis there. I can't read about the later career of Mary Queen of Scots without wondering what part Francis took. And I stop and think, "But he never lived." But that is not true, for he lived fully on the page & in the mind of Dorothy Dunnett. She gave him to us & he lives for us too, in all his glorious faults. Dorothy wrote such complicated & beautiful books that you can return to them again & again, seeing new clues & details each time. She raised historical fiction to a higher plane. I felt like I belonged to a secret society--those who knew her books. May that society continue to grow as her reputation spreads

Name: Jennifer Ruth Smith
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Location: Wantage, Oxon UK
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 07:43:32
Comments:

My deepest sympathies to Lady Dunnett's family and close friends. One of the great highlights of my teenage years was finding and reading the Lymond Chronicles and having C16 Europe spring into life with wit, passion and smells. Then the pleasure of getting friends to read her books and lusting after Lymond (locked in L). King Hearafter, JJ and House of Niccalo followed to give further delight. As others have said, the books are made for reading and reading again, each time finding new depths. The other great delight she gave me was the finding of worldwide community of Dunnett reader and their long suffering families. I treasure having heard her speak at the Gathering in Edinburgh last year and meeting her, however briefly. Lady Dunnett was a women of grace and wit. The world is a better place because she passed through it.

Name: Patricia Turner
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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 06:16:26
Comments:

Say goodbye to the sea for me - the best line - the beautiful line. Thankyou Dorothy for the pleasure of your books. Pat

Name: Patricia Turner
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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 06:15:00
Comments:

Say goodbye to the sea for me - the best line - the beautiful line. Thankyou Dorothy for the pleasure of your books. Pat

Name: Mickey Thies
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Location: San Antonio, Tx USA
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 05:50:27
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett was magic. She will live forever in the hearts of her many fans through the reading and rereading of her books. She was part of my life for over 27 years. Meeting her in Edinburgh and Philadelphia last year are moments I will treasure. Thank you Ninian and Mungo for sharing your mother with all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with you both. "It happened peacefully." Kate to Francis in GofK I am so very glad that it did. Mickey

Name: Barbara Lethbridge
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Location: North West River, NF Canada
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 05:23:16
Comments:

Dorothy is one of the only two authors I buy in hardback. I enjoyed the books in solitude until I found the online Dunnett groups. I have met so many great people among the other readers. I treasure my memories of last year's Edinburgh Gathering, and actually meeting Dorothy, and I will always keep the two letters she sent me. Those of us meeting in Dublin next week will celebrate her life and drink a toast to her shade.

Name: Karen Bayer
Location: Toronto, On Canada
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 04:43:34
Comments:

Dorothy dunnet's work has been not only a fabulous way to spend an afternoon - but also a source of inspiration. She rekindled my interst in history and also my desire to put pen to paper. I thank her and will miss her work greatly.

Name: Tina Dallas
Email:dallast@sympatico.ca
Location: Toronto, Ontario Canada
Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 04:23:33
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett's books have brought pleasure and delight over the years and have provoked much thought. The magical world she created has inspired so many of us, encouraging us to expand our knowledge and leading to so many rich experiences and friendships. I am honoured to have met her and to have participated in the Edinburgh and Philadelphia gatherings in 2000. "This was a soul that [was] gifted and eager and generous; beloved of many; destined surely for fame..." My deepest sympathies to her family.

Name: Constance Callahan
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Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 03:13:29
Comments:

I have no words. She changed my life. She will be missed. But her husband was gone, and her work was done. I am more happy than I can say that I had the chance to meet her twice, and that I found her to be generous with her time and her energy, and charming beyond measure. We will not see her like again. All my sympathy for her family, and my thanks for giving us all so much. "The strangest and most terrible power we possess is the power we have, each of us, over the chance-met, the stranger, the passerby outside our life and our kin. Speak as you would write, as if your words were letters of lead, graven there for all time, and for which you must take the consequences. And take the consequences." -- Dorothy Dunnett, Queens' Play

Name: Bel Bachmann

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Location: St. Catharines, ON Canada

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 03:00:03

Comments:

My most heartfelt condolences go to Dorothy's loved ones. I owe her so much. Since the 60s, she has peopled my imagination, decorated my daydreams, and guided me on a lifelong education, romping through history, geography, art, and music. I will always have that rich reservoir of images, sounds, textures and colours to enchant me, and friends with whom to share them. I never met Lady Dunnett in person, but through each of her books, I found the humour, the scope, the vivacity and grace of a warm, caring person. I'm here to honour her. Respectfully. Thankfully. Gladly. May she have fair winds and good seas on her journey home. "The words! I collected them in all shapes and sizes and hung them like bangles in my mind." (Hortense Calisher)

Name: Maria Zobrist

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Switzerland

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 00:41:47

Comments:

So shocked and sad at this midnight hour. I've avidly awaited the next precious title for the last 14 years. Living abroad, searching for previous books in every european capital I chanced to visit, saddened by the sparse collections in the english sections. My insight into history has been changed, enriched, and the passion will always be with me. My heartfelt sympathies to her family, and all close friends.

Name: Vicki Hartstein

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Location: Sydney, NSW Australia

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 00:37:59

Comments:

I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Dunnet in the hope that they will gain strength from all the love for her that reading her books generated in people all over the world.

Name: Susan Anderson

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Location: Canterbury, UK

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 00:29:36

Comments:

The world seems a littler emptier today. We have all experienced the little bereavement of reaching the last page of the last chapter of one of her marvellous novels. So sad that such a great lady has also reached the end.

Name: Rebecca Ikawa

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Location: Tokyo, Japan

Date: Sunday, November 11, 2001 at 00:15:42

Comments:

My deepest sympathies to Dorothy's family and friends. She gave so much of herself through her writing it is selfish of me to be so devastated. I am truly grateful for being able to experience her astounding works. They will be treasured forever.

Name: Ruth Barnett

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Location: Grasonville, MD USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 23:34:34

Comments:

Just yesterday, while I was substituting for a salesperson at our local hospice consignment shop, I met a woman who was looking for a good book from our used book shelf. She said that she especially liked historical fiction, and her favorite author was Dorothy Dunnett! We looked at each other with that special gleam of recognition, and launched into our favorite shared memories of both series, and the Dolly books. We hugged like old friends. Indeed, Dorothy made us all feel like old friends as we laughed and cried with her and she shared so fully and graciously her talents and her love of people--and of Scotland. My sympathy is extended to the family and close friends who will feel this loss most deeply.

Name: Heike Follmann

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Germany

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 23:24:21

Comments:

I have just recently discovered the work of Dorothy Dunnett, which has opened to me a whole new world of intelligent, witty, interesting and intriguing stories and characters. In reading and discussing her books together in the Internet, I've made the acquaintance of some other Dunnett-readers and -admirers, which I'm very glad of, and who really have made it - like Lady Dunnett's work itself - into my mind and my heart. I'm sad that now I won't have the chance to get to know Lady Dunnett personally. But I'm sure that a part of her charme, her wit, her humour and her intelligence will forever be preserved in her works. My deepest sympathy and my thoughts are with her family and friends all over the world. Heike Follmann

Name: Ann Scott

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Location: Carmel Valley, CA USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 23:16:33

Comments:

What pleasure you have given me over the years. It is comforting to know that every time I read one of your books you will be there behind the wonderful words like a beloved friend. My sympathy to your family and my love to you.

Name: Jennifer Cameron-Smith

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Location: Canberra, Australia

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 23:09:58

Comments:

While mourning Lady Dunnett's passing from this world, I would celebrate the legacy she has left to us. Few people have such a positive impact on so many. 'Is e Dha fhein as buachaill dhomh, cha bhi mi ann an dith.'
(Salm 23)

Name:Debbie Smith (of Niccolo Fame)

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Location: Auburn Hills, MI USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 22:54:08

Comments:

At age 15 I met Niccolo Vander Poele, the man that was destined to bring me into the world of 15th-century trade and adventure. At age 20 I met Dorothy Dunnett, the woman that was destined to bring me into the world of literature and history, and into my life-long passions of writing and art. I gratefully attribute my finding of her books to the discovery of my greatest passions in life (which have in turn become my livelihood and studies at university), and I consider her my life mentor. She changed my life so. Now at age 21 I mourn her passing, but I celebrate what she has done for me and for many readers (and non-readers) across this earth. I can only imagine what she has done for those who truly knew her, as a person. In spirit, and in book, she lives. "May your journey, when it comes, be a swift one, with happiness waiting, and friends."

Name: Steph Haxton

Location: Penzance, Cornwall, U.K.

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 22:26:53

Comments:

How can one say thank you for such wonderful gifts? And Dorothy Dunnett's writings were gifts her readers. Dorothy breathed life into historical novels in such a way that few others will ever match her. Our love and sympathy go to her family on the loss of a very, very special lady.

Name: Pam Thomas

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Wiltshire UK

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 22:07:44

Comments:

For three quarters of my life Dorothy has been my favourite author: I have laughed and cried and treasured all her books, and loved Lymond and Thorfinn and Nicholas and even JJ. When I began writing I was inspired by her, and I still look up to her as the epitome of all historical novelists, beside whom almost all other authors seem pale shadows. I feel so privileged that I was able to meet her at Edinburgh last year, and to thank her in person (with a big hug!) for all the years of pleasure she has given me, and for indirectly introducing me to the community of Dunnett readers all over the world. I am trying not to grieve, for of all people she led a wonderfully fulfilled and happy life, but it is very hard to be philosophical at a time like this. She has taken us through deeper seas and over crests more steep than our spirits alone would ever have striven to conquer. Pam

Name: Griseldis Grillmayer

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Location: Vienna, Austria

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 21:54:05

Comments:

There is not much you can say to someone who has lost one of his beloved. Mrs Dunnett with her novels gave us a great gift. She made a lot of people very very happy. And by reading her books, a part of my live has been changed, has been made better. For us, she will always be present through her books. Griseldis Grillmayer

Name: Terry Hiebert

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Location: Annandale, VA USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 21:48:48

Comments:

Dorothy's family and friends have my deepest sympathy. I am sure they will treasure her memory and will appreciate the love and respect her writings generated from many thousands of avid readers. Words cannot suffice to describe the feelings her books gave so many of us. Dorothy will be remembered forever, each time someone opens for the first, or fiftieth time, one of her books.

Name: Audrey Beach

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Location: Newbury , Berks. UK

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 21:08:09

Comments:

Dorothy's books have been my constant companions since 1964. They have given both my husband and myself hours of pleasure, many wonderful holidays and the pleasure and privelege of meeting a very special lady. Thanks to her I have also found many kindred spirits and gained dear friends. Thank you Dorothy for everything. Our heartfelt condolences go to all her family and friends. Audrey and David

Name: Nancy Wright

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Location: Pasadena, CA USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 21:05:54

Comments:

On the night of November 10, 1556, Richard Chancellor, his son and many others were lost at sea in one of the most poignant scenes in The Lymond Chronicles. Lymond lost his friend that night. I feel the same tonight, exactly 445 years later. Though I only met Dorothy twice, and corresponded with her a just a few times, she had the knack of turning even the most casual acquaintances into friends. She had instant warmth, charm, and an evanescent sense of fun. Her books have sustained me through every kind of depression, and I know they will do the same this time, that I can pick up Ringed Castle and read again of that shipwreck and lose myself once more. Her spirit is evergreen.

Name: Zeba Clarke**Email:** pzclarke2@onetel.net.uk**Location:** Brighton, UK**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 20:55:28**Comments:**

A friend recommended DD to me in 1986 and I have read and re-read the books every since. I've managed to make a couple of converts and the same features crop up every time we talk about her writing - the wit, the wisdom, the wry narrative voice, the phenomenal research, the dazzling descriptions, the complex, vivid characters. Thank you, Lady Dunnett, for enriching our lives. We will miss you.

Name: Barton Wright**Email:** ordinant@hotmail.com**Location:** Near Boston, MA USA**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 20:07:34**Comments:**

Not everyone makes it through Game of Kings. I tried and failed twenty-five years ago, and my life was impoverished with the result. I started back through the journey a year and a half ago to quell the urgings of my entire acquaintance, all of whom had preceded me. I finally learned what they already knew: that once you hear Lymond scream, your heart is branded, seared forever. I was so lucky to see Dorothy in Philadelphia a year ago. She wanted everyone to call her Dorothy, as regal as she was. Those of us who loved her are a hundred thousand souls with no one to love us but ourselves.

Name: Kathryn Bates**Email:** katz@starband.net**Location:** Port Ludlow, WA USA**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 20:06:08**Comments:**

I first encountered her work in the early 1970's, with a copy of Pawn in Frankincense. Then, while on a short visit to Edinburgh in 1975, I stumbled across Game of Kings, Disorderly Knights, and the others (excepting Checkmate) in an Edinburgh bookstore -- perhaps it was Thin's. Read them voraciously, and more than once. I knew there must be another book to the series, and finally, wrote to the publisher. After acquiring Checkmate, and reading the entire series several more times (and loaning it out, and buying more books) that I wanted this set to keep in hard cover. Knowing no other way to find out (I was living in Naples, Italy at the time) I wrote to Dorothy, asking who her hardcover publisher was. I very soon received a wonderful note telling me that while the hard covers were out of print, she had one or two left over she'd be happy to sell. Of course, I was excited and promptly forwarded a money order to her for the books. They were a copy of Queen's Play and of Disorderly Knights, signed by Dorothy. They remain among my treasured possessions. Since that time, I've written short notes once or twice -- I never wanted to disturb her writing! I am so glad to have had the experience of reading these wonderful novels, and those of the Niccolo' series, as well. They've given me a wonderful sense of history, and in far more broad a way than I would ever have achieved without them. I had reconciled myself that she was not likely to begin on another similar series, but was hoping to have an opportunity to meet her on a proposed trip to Scotland next spring. My husband and I both send our condolences to the family - we will miss her, too.

Name: Martine Daeuwel**URL:** <http://www.geomaler.de>**Email:** daeuwel@geomaler.de

Location: Berlin, Germany

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 19:53:56

Comments:

Oh what a sad day it was, to hear she has gone. ... weh mir, wo nehm ich, wenn Es Winter ist, die Blumen, und wo Den Sonnenschein, Und Schatten der Erde? Die Mauern stehn Sprachlos und kalt, im Winde Klirren die Fahnen. (F. Hoelderlin) I feel very sad and trying to comfort my grief with thoughts of what she has given to me for nearly 25 years now through her books. A cosmos full of thoughts, action, laughter, ideas, characters - a whole world. And I remember, when I had the honour to meet her, it was so extraordinary astonishing to find a person who was like her book, witty and charming, brilliant and warm. I am glad, she shared her world with us and she left us this "cosmos" of her creation to our eternal enjoyment. I 'll miss her, and my deepest sympathy is with her family and friends, and the loss they bear with her depart. Martine Daeuwel

Name: Lisa Borden

Location: Oakland, CA USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 19:48:48

Comments:

I have never devoured a set of books like I did the Lymond Chronicles and House of Niccolo. I discovered them 3 years ago and read as fast as I could, although always dreading reaching the end. I am just sorry I never expressed my appreciation to their gifted author directly. I had been greatly looking forward to her book tour visit to California this fall, I am so sorry that opportunity to see her in person did not come to pass. She really was a unique talent, a great gift to readers. My condolences to her family and friends and my fellow readers.

Name: Judith DePrisco

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Location: Knoxville, Tenn. USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 19:37:02

Comments:

I first discovered The Lymond Chronicles in a small bookstore in Chapel Hill, N.C., while looking for a facsimile edition of an illustrated manuscript, when I notices an interesting looking paperback. As book store customers are wont to do, I read the first several pages of "Kings" and was an immediate convert -- the facsimile edition forgotten. All six books in the series went home with me that day, and I spent the next couple of weeks with the most extraordinary books that I'd ever encountered. Beautifully detailed research, excellent historical detail, mesmerizing plots and the most unforgettable characters ever created. It's been a pleasure to re-read the series over the years because each reading brought new details to light and a greater appreciation for this writer's craft. What a delight it was to find that a second series was being released -- Niccolo was added to the family. I admired Mrs. Dunnett's craftsmanship and am extremely grateful that those books were lying on a table in Chapel Hill so many years ago. With her example before me, I was led to think about things we often forget these days: love of one's country and an appreciation of its history as well as those who have gone before us; working one's craft with keen sighted devotion and dedication and joy; the rewards of a mind that never stops wondering and questioning. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Dunnett's family, who suffer her loss on a different personal level. She was an extraordinary woman -- and I will certainly remember her every time that I open one of her books.

Name: Kathleen Lewis

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Location: Charlwood, Surrey England

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 19:36:17

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett has given me more pleasure over the years than any other author. She was unique. I would like to send my most heartfelt condolences to her sons, their families and her friends.

Name: Simon Hedges

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Location: Gloucester, England UK

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 19:22:36

Comments:

These books you can read, and read again, and read again. Dorothy Dunnett in person was a joy. And the mind that produced these books glittered and sparkled with wit and grace, like diamonds in velvet.

Name: Ros Williams

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Location: Wells, Somerset UK

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 19:16:38

Comments:

Such a terrible shock as so unexpected. My condolences to all her family. Dorothy Dunnett has been my favourite fiction writer since the 70's when I first found her stories.

Name: Sue Bates

Location: Leicester, England

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 18:36:52

Comments:

She will be sadly missed. Her novels have opened a new world to me and I have re-read and re-read them. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Name: Robyn

CA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 18:35:50

Comments:

She has reached her open sea, with some charts, and the firmament.

Name: Petra Fuhrmann

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Location: Vienna, Austria

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 18:22:23

Comments:

The World will miss one of it's greatest author lived on it. For me she will be immortal any time I took one of her marvellous books. I am sure, there are a lot of people feeling like me all over the world. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Name: Olive DePonte

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Location: La Jolla, CA USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 18:18:30

Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett's influence on my life has been immeasurable. From the day my mother brought Game of Kings home from the library in 1967, I have been a devoted reader. I made friends in college because of her. The man I married first came to my attention when I saw him reading Checkmate. Dorothy has whetted and sustained my interest in Medieval and Renaissance history, and spurred me to read classics of literature I never would have glanced at, had Lymond not quoted lines from them. I revel in her wit, glorious use of language, consummate story-telling skills, and the accuracy of her historical research. I have followed in Lymond's footsteps in Scotland, England and France, and Niccolò's in Africa. Last, but by no means least, through Dorothy I have been blessed with friends around the world, a joyous community of sentient, erudite, challenging fellow Dunnett readers, for whom I am most grateful. To Dorothy's family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss. May she live forever in peace with her Alastair. We have all been blessed and enlightened by her presence in the world, and we will never forget her.

Name: Mary Johnson

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 17:37:22

Comments:

I am bereft, as I'm sure the rest of Dorothy's fans are to hear of her passing. How that immense intellect could be crammed into one small person has to be one of life's great mysteries. How fortunate we are that she chose to write marvelous stories - had she decided to be a scientist she probably would have cured the common cold. My deepest sympathies to her family and close friends. Sincerely, Mary Johnson

Name: Jane Cotton

Location: Keith, Scotland

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 17:36:08

Comments:

I am heartsore at the loss of someone who has been a part of my life for over 35 years. The writings of Dorothy Dunnett were brought to me by my late mother in an effort to distract a convalescent and fractious child. It was instant addiction and I think I spent more winters in bed accompanying Phillipa on her travels than I did at school. I could not have had a better history teacher; I will always be grateful for the richness she added to my life. My thoughts are with her family and friends.

Name: Julia & David Samson

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 17:18:52

Comments:

My condolences on your loss. She will be missed greatly.

Name: Jani

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 16:53:57

Comments:

My deepest sympathy to Dorothy Dunnett's family at this sad time. What a legacy she leaves the world.

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 16:25:11

Comments:

My deepest sympathies to the Dunnett family and all of her friends and loved ones on this sad and sudden loss. She was a great stylist and tremendous writer, leaving behind a superb body of work that has enlivened and challenged and delighted readers all over the world. For an author, there are few greater achievements.

Name: Claudia Lane

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Location: Kenilworth, IL USA

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 16:13:11

Comments:

I am so sad to hear about Dorothy Dunnett's passing. She has meant so much to me since I first began reading her books, a mere 2 years ago. Since that time, a period of intense reading and re-reading, the characters and stories of The Lymond Chronicles & House of Niccolo have been part of my daily life. I am so thankful that she devoted her extraordinary talent to writing these books. My sincere condolences to her family and friends for their personal loss. Fondly, Claudia Lane, Chicago

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 16:11:16
Comments:

What she gave her readers will never be forgotten and will always be appreciated. Thank you Dorothy for every word and my God grant you an eternity of adventures. With deepest sympathy to her family. Denise M. Smith Philadelphia, PA USA

Name: David Boyd
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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 16:10:27
Comments:

The closest opportunity I ever experienced to meet Dorothy face-to-face occurred at a book-signing at Waterstone's in Boston. I couldn't leave work; a friend drove 100 miles to meet her on my behalf and I keep my signed edition of "Checkmate" in view where I write. • I confess that I have indeed met Dorothy, on every printed page turned, through her matchless prose, her elegant web of plot construct, and her brilliant mind. • Through Bill's newsletters, I have met Dorothy many, many times and I thank him for those pleasures and insights into the Queen of Historical Fiction. • Lady Dunnett's was a life lived. Salute!

Name: Dolores Fortino
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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 16:08:48
Comments:

I have never cried for the death of an author before. I am sick with loss.

Name: Rowena Williamson
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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 15:56:43
Comments:

I read The Game of Kings nearly 40 years ago, and Dorothy Dunnett has been my favorite author since then. Her books, reread many times, have given me joy and appreciation for her craftsmanship. Her books gave me incentive to write, and I regret that I never met her to thank her for the gift of her beautiful characters.

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 15:53:00
Comments:

I was very sad to hear the news this morning. I'm currently re reading the Lymond Chronicles, and I'm on the last part of "Checkmate." The very last line of the book seems appropriate, both for her and us, her readers. "We have reached the open sea, with some charts; and the firmament." My sympathies are with her family at this sad time.

Name: Beth
NC USA
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 15:44:37
Comments:

Dorothy Dunnett's books changed my life. How grateful I am for her life and work, and that I was privileged to meet her twice last year, if only briefly, during her book tour. My heartfelt sympathy to her family and

friends...words cannot express. "[She] made the whole world to hang in the air." (RC)

Name: Julia

UK

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:53:01

Comments:

Lady Dunnett gave me a lifetime of delight. I read each of her novels as they were published, and through them I have made many friends. She has been an inspiration and example to readers around the world, who will wish to express their affection and gratitude. Every sympathy to her family and friends at this ad time.

Name: Liz

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:46:40

Comments:

I just wanted to extend my sympathies and say just how much I truly enjoyed Mrs. Dunnet's works. I am very sorry for your loss. Liz

Name: Sheila Fields

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:42:51

Comments:

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to see her in person, during her book tour last year. She was remarkable in her desire to be seen by her many fans as a "real person" and not just a distant image. She was such fun to be around at the Dunnett Conference in Philadelphia. You could be forgiven if you forgot that she was the author and came to see her as just another enthusiastic reader who sometimes seemed equally surprised and puzzled about the plot twists, as if her characters had wrestled control from her. My initial reaction to news of her death were tears. But I know that this is a selfish response. I am crying for myself knowing that there will not be another book. But I was particularly touched by her bequest of her archive to the National Library of Scotland. Bill chided us (appropriately) to celebrate her life as she would not have wanted us to be sad. I will try, but as usual, Dorothy left us a another challenge that will take some time to work out.

Name: Sue Collins

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:37:06

Comments:

The world is a poorer place, but at least she will be with her husband. My condolences and thoughts are with her family.

Name: Scott Milner

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:36:32

Comments:

It is ironic that last night I was talking to my wife about the Lymond Chronicles and their effect on me and then this morning I find out that Mrs. Dunnett had passed away. My condolences and sympathy go out to her family and to her fans and friends across the world. We have lost a literary treasure and an irreplaceable author. I will miss her and the reading of her books will take on a new poignancy.

Name: Neil Anderson

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Date: Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:15:53

Comments:

I learned this morning (Saturday) of Dorothy Dunnett's death, and it saddened me immensely. I first started reading her books at University back in the late 80's and was instantly hooked. The complexity and richness of the writing, the beautiful descriptive passages and intricate plotting were completely engrossing and totally enjoyable. Here in Bermuda books do not last long in the humidity, but I have constantly replaced my paperback copies of House of Niccolo and Lymond whenever they have disintegrated in the humidity. My thoughts and condolences go out to Dorothy Dunnett's close family.

Name: Gill Othen**Email:** 101540.540@compuserve.com**Location:** Kenilworth, UK**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 14:04:39**Comments:**

I have known and loved Dorothy's books since I was 14, and remember the acute stress of waiting for "Checkmate", and how wonderful it was when it appeared at last. I feel as if someone I knew has left us, and I send my deepest condolences to her family for their sad loss. We have lost a beloved writer, their loss is far more grievous.

Name: Tarja Rainio**Email:** tarja_rainio@hotmail.com**Location:** Helsinki, Finland**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 13:43:51**Comments:**

I discovered Dorothy Dunnett's work just a year ago. I devoured the Lymond Chronicles and now in the middle the Niccoló series. Her work reintroduced me to historical fiction which I hadn't read for several years and made me want to read more.

Name: Carmel Macpherson**Email:** carmel@hldu.org**Location:** Canberra, Australia**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2001 at 13:20:16**Comments:**

I discovered Dorothy's Game of Kings when I was 16 years of age. I am now 51 and I never found an author who bettered the intelligence of her writing, the strength of her characterisation and the joyfulness of the landscapes she depicted. There are many, like me, who travelled to Scotland and breathed in the history, the joys, the tragedies that Dorothy brought to life through Frances Lymond and Phillipa. I feel a great hollowness in my life, knowing that there will never be another Dorothy masterpiece to look forward to. The community and fellowship her works inspired amongst her readers are but one of the many legacies that she gifted to us. Dorothy - thank you... Carmel Macpherson Australia

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