

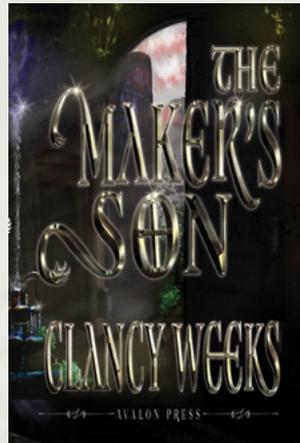
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affects the release of *Bitter Knight*, but only a little, as it only needs a few tweaks before it is typeset and a cover is chosen.

Some of this is due to the commission of a work for wind ensemble that I mentioned last issue. It's official now, and I'll be working on this almost exclusively for the next six or seven weeks. At eight minutes for a large ensemble, that's a whole lotta notes. For anyone interested, you can hear some of my work at Avalonpress.com.



Speaking of series... *The Maker's Son* is a brand new series set in an alternate universe where raccoons evolved in parallel with humans, eventually dominating the Americas. This one is intended as an open-ended series, where each book is its own complete story with its own set of characters, but with a single over-arching story arc. If it ever takes off, I'll invite other authors to write their own stories in this world.

THE INKWELL

by Clancy Weeks

So, it seems I can't adhere to a schedule, no matter how much I wish I could. Deadlines have already slipped, and will slip further. It's looking like the second volume of *The River Saga*, tentatively titled *Seed of the Sentinel*, won't have its second draft completed until sometime in February. This should not affect, however, the release of *The Ward*. This does mean, though, that the third volume, tentatively titled *The Fire of Unbreakable Will*, won't have its second draft completed until the middle or end of May, pushing back the release of the three volume set to sometime in August. This timeline also



Nothing, so far, should affect the release of *Anodyne Dreams II* in September. This is the second volume of my short stories, and will include two more entries in the Jonah Ford series.

While you're checking out old things, why not take a look at my first published novel, *Sleepers*. It's a fast-paced Sci-Fi thriller that keeps you guessing all the way to the end. It's currently only 99¢ both here and on Amazon. I'm hoping to begin writing the third book of the series in the first quarter of 2023--unless I get the itch to start it sooner. You never know.

CALENDAR

February

Complete book 2 of *The River Saga*
Release *The Ward*

End of March

Complete all final edits of *Bitter Knight*

End of April

Complete book 3 of *The River Saga*, release *Bitter Knight*

End of May

Complete edits of book 2 of *The River Saga*

End of June

Complete final edits of book 3 of *The River Saga*

August

Release entire *River Saga* series