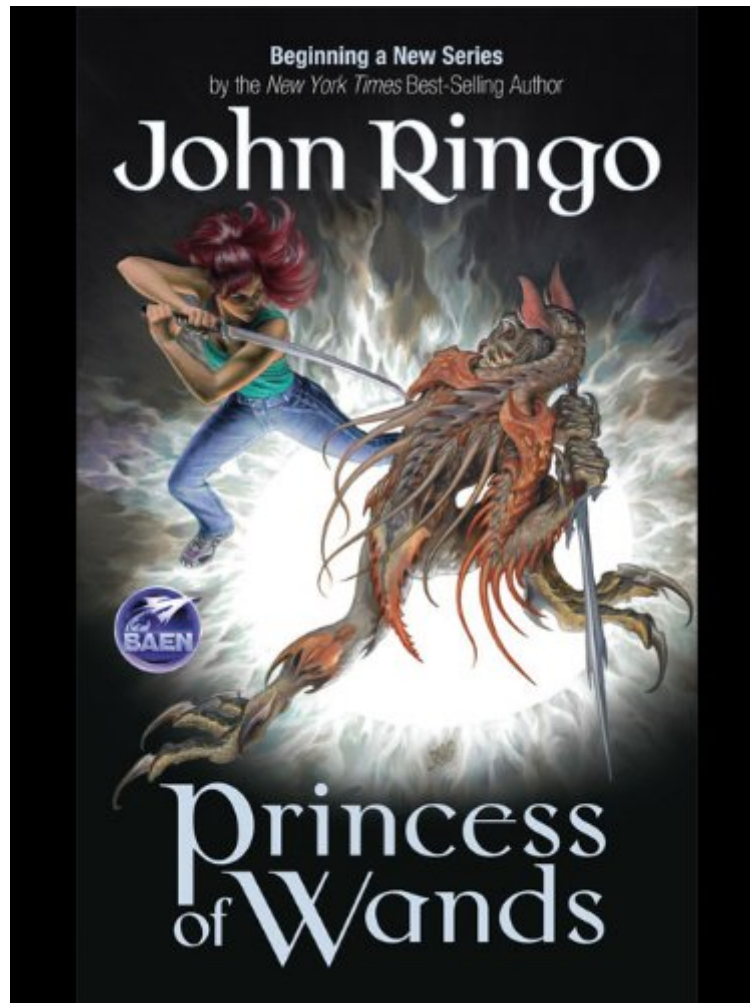




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Synopsis

Beginning a new series by the New York Times best-selling author JOHN RINGO "DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES MEET KILLER DEMONS! Special: distinguished by some unusual quality . . . Circumstances: a piece of evidence that indicates the probability or improbability of an event . . . Barbara Everette, homemaker living in a small town in Mississippi, had the perfect life. Perfect husband, perfect children, perfect house, perfect Christian Faith. She cooked and cleaned perfectly and managed all of the chores of the modern suburbanite, toting the kids, running the PTA, teaching kung-fu in the local dojo . . . Perfectly. But perfection has a price and the day came when Barbara snapped. She simply had to have "one weekend off." God had to grant her that much. It said no where that she was a slave. Waving goodbye to her hapless, entirely undomestic husband, she set out on the quest for a weekend of peace and maybe some authentic Cajun food. Detective Sergeant Kelly Lockhart, New Orleans Homicide, had a perfect record on his latest case: not a single suspect. And there should be at least five or six, given the DNA traces on the many bodies. Furthermore, his sole really outstanding clue, a mysterious fish scale, had disappeared into the recesses of the FBI Crime Lab. But the old fortune-teller was sending him into the bayou, down in the land of authentic Cajun food, on the track of a mysterious pimp with the admonition to "watch for the Princess." Or die. Barbara and Kelly were heading to a rendezvous that might be fate and might reveal the hand of God. There was more cooking in the swamps than jambalaya. Unknown to either, the mystery of the Bayou Ripper had Special Circumstances. At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (DRM Rights Management).

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Customer Reviews

I'm a total John Ringo addict and I was getting desperate waiting for something new. I decided to try book one of the Special Circumstances series, even though it's not the sort of theme I usually enjoy. I was delighted to find that Ringo's ability to write moving combat scenes carried over into this story about Barbara Everette, a devout Christian MILF who channels God's power to kill demons. She is also an amazing martial artist and expert shooter. It was a bit odd to have a Ringo main character who suppressed their sexuality, but at least Ringo made her beautiful with big boobs. Nice touch. Now, would someone please slap Ringo and tell him to get busy writing more Paladin of Shadows books? Thanks!

OK, don't jump on me right away, but the best thing about this story is how the church lady Barbara totally KICKS A\$\$.

Here's this soccer-mom scout-troop-leader good-wife with a killer body and a direct connection to the Big Guy's mojo, bringing salvation to a demon-infested small town somewhere in the bayous between Mississippi and Louisiana - not by witnessing, setting a good example or prayer, but by blowing the bad guys right back to hell. I first read this several years ago in paperback and loved it, but then I got a copy on my Kindle, and now I keep re-reading it when I need a good thrill. Aces, John!

This book, the first in a series, presents you with an unusual and unexpected main character. She's a Christian, stay at home mother and wife but as the book progresses she is shown to be so much more. Parts of the story are sprinkled with sci-fi fandom in jokes, and there is a fair amount of violence, but I think anyone looking for something different might enjoy this book.

This book is a fantasy novel. It contains sex; monsters; the occult, etc. If you don't like that kind of stuff...don't read this book. However, if you're a big John Ringo fan, like me, and happen to like that

kind of "stuff," then this book is right up your alley. Will this book ever become a literary classic, like *Gone With the Wind*, or win a Pulitzer Prize...NO! Does this book have any socially redeeming value...NO! It's just a fun, smutty little book by one of my favorite authors and I loved it!

This book is actually a series of short stories, each of which have individual strengths and weaknesses. First, my main gripe: chicks with major assets on the front end ALWAYS wear a super-strength sports bra when doing anything athletic. To have your main character fail to do so might be hawt, but the result for your female readers bears a strong resemblance to the reaction when male readers go through a scene where the guy gets kicked in the nuts. Bouncy front end + high-impact athletics = nerve damage, ok? That's the big gripe. That's it. The rest is pretty awesome. We have a fishy Cthulhuesque demigod rising from the primordial sludge, we have a Christian soccer mom doing battle with this evil using the skills she learned traveling the world with her military dad, and we have plenty of sweet, helpful pagans and witches to round it all out. We also have a story which takes place in a sci-fi convention, replete with loads of way-too-deep convention discussions and snarky in-jokes about famous sci-fi authors. We even have a short story at the end of the variety "using a nuke to kill a gnat", always good fun. Just, remember it's a bunch of short stories, not a cohesive whole.

John Ringo writes incredible stories and has some of the greatest and most memorable action sequences in modern fiction. This book is no exception, hang on for a thrill ride that leaves you wanting more.

I like this book a lot. The style was inconsistent ... so much detail it became boring in some places and so little detail in places I had to go back and re-read pages to see if I could find what I missed. Still it was over all a good book and worth the read.

god there are so many problems with this book but I would still read like 8 of this series. if you can't get past Mr. Ringo's obvious political stances or the super generic main character you might hate it, but if you like good old action movies no matter how problematic the concepts you are gonna love it.

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