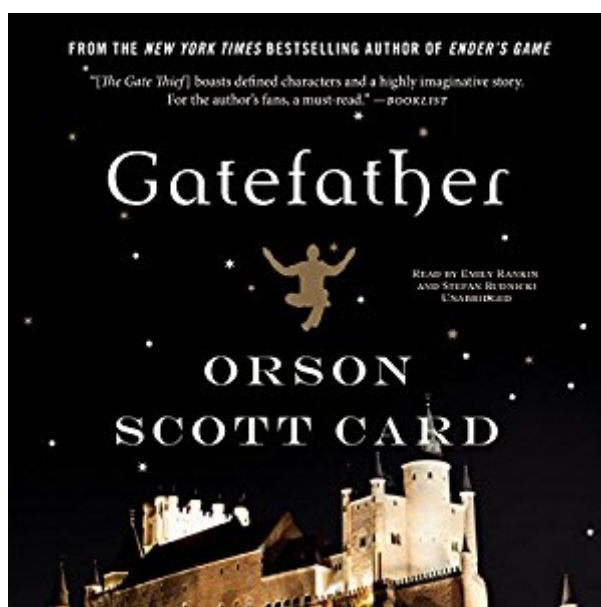


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# Gatefather: The Mithermages, Book 3



## Synopsis

The much-anticipated third installment in Card's New York Times best-selling Mithermages series Danny North is the first Gate Mage to be born on Earth in nearly 2,000 years, or at least the first to survive and claim his power, for families of Westil in exile on Earth have a treaty that requires the death of any suspected Gate Mage. The wars between the families had been terrible until at last they realized it was their own survival in question. But a Gate Mage, one who could build a Great Gate back to Westil, would give his own family a terrible advantage over all the others and reignite the wars. So it was decided that they all had to die. And if the families didn't kill them, the Gate Thief would - that mysterious mage who destroyed every Great Gate, along with the Gate Mage who created it, before it could be opened between Earth and Westil. But Danny survived. And Danny battled the Gate Thief - and won. What he didn't know at the time was that the Gate Thief had a very good reason for closing the Great Gates - and Danny has now fallen into the power of that great enemy of both Earth and Westil.

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When I watched THE PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, I was incredibly excited going into the third movie, and even halfway through. The movie promised a massive naval battle between the massed Pirates of the Caribbean and the English East India Company, with the goddess of the sea as a wildcard, and the principals (Barbossa, Sparrow, Davey Jones, and Will Turner) all looking to resolve their conflicting personal agenda. It was a heady mix. And PIRATES resolved it with ... three

ships battling in a whirlpool. It was exciting and personal, sure. But it wasn't the set-piece battle that the movies promised. I left feeling a little disappointed. GATEFATHER, the third volume of Orson Scott Card's MITHERMAGES series, left me with the same feeling. The first two books promised a massive war between the now-godlike mages of Mittlegard, while Danny North and Wad fought a much more personal battle against Set and his Sutahites. And .... it didn't really happen. Set is more or less neutralized about one-third of the way through GATEFATHER. The promised mage war, meanwhile, happens mostly offscreen. We're treated to a few interludes with members of Danny's family, but nothing that meets the expectations built up in LOST GATE and GATE THIEF. Instead, we're treated to Wad and Danny resolving some personal issues (and doing so entirely too easily). And there's talking. Dear God, there's talking. Page after page after page about the nature of magic, the relationship between inself and outself (or ka and ba, don't ask me which is which), the deeds of the Mithermages, Wad's personal relationship with Anenonoi and Bexoi, Danny's personal relationship with his fellow mages and the Muggles (excuse, me, "drowthers"). And it builds to a conversation with the bad guy that ...

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