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John Joseph Adams, called "the reigning king of the anthology world" by Barnes & Noble, is the bestselling editor of many anthologies, such as *OZ REIMAGINED*, *THE MAD SCIENTIST'S GUIDE TO WORLD DOMINATION*, *EPIC: LEGENDS OF FANTASY*, *OTHER WORLDS THAN THESE*, *ARMORED*, *UNDER THE MOONS OF MARS: NEW ADVENTURES ON BARSOOM*, *LIGHTSPEED: YEAR ONE*, *BRAVE NEW WORLDS*, *WASTELANDS*, *THE LIVING DEAD*, *THE LIVING DEAD 2*, *BY BLOOD WE LIVE*, *FEDERATIONS*, *THE IMPROBABLE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES*, and *THE WAY OF THE WIZARD*. He is a four-time finalist for the Hugo Award and the World Fantasy Award. He is also the editor and publisher of *LIGHTSPEED* and *NIGHTMARE*, and is the co-host of *Wired.com's THE GEEK'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY* podcast. Forthcoming anthologies include *WASTELANDS 2* (Night Shade Books, 2013) and *ROBOT UPRISINGS* (Doubleday, 2014). Find him online at johnjosephadams.com and on Twitter @JohnJosephAdams.

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