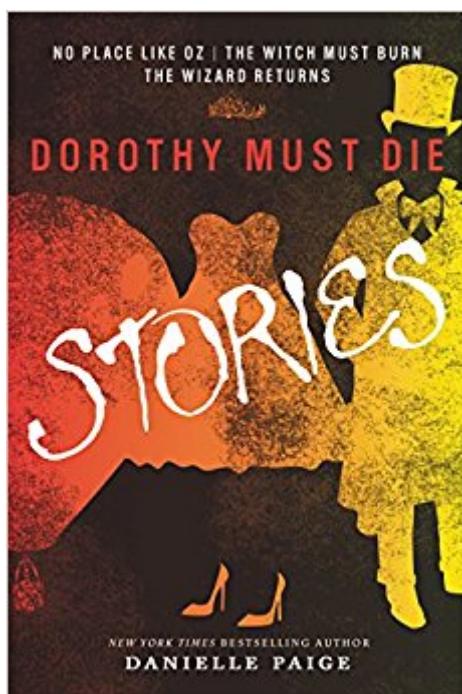


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# Dorothy Must Die Stories: No Place Like Oz, The Witch Must Burn, The Wizard Returns (Dorothy Must Die Novella)



## Synopsis

A collection of three prequel novellas to the New York Times bestselling Dorothy Must Die series by Danielle Paige! These three prequel novellas to the New York Times bestselling Dorothy Must Die series follow the iconic characters from the beloved classic The Wizard of Oz as their lives intertwine to bring about the downfall of Oz. Dorothy begins a journey down a darker path. Glinda the Good Witch may not be so Good. And the Wizard realizes that Oz is his destiny. Kiss the land where troubles melt like lemon drops goodbye. Here there's danger around every corner and magical shoes won't be able to save you. Long before Amy Gumm got swept away from a Kansas trailer park . . . Dorothy Gale received a mysterious package on the night of her 16th birthday: a pair of red high-heeled shoes. And with a knock of her heels, Dorothy returned to the magical land that made her a star—and Oz would never be the same again.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up•Previously published as individual ebooks, three prequel novellas to Paige's Dorothy Must Die (HarperCollins, 2014) are collected in one wonder-filled volume. Each entry takes place after Dorothy's original visit to Oz but before the events of the series opener. In "No Place Like Oz," Dorothy is back in Kansas but no longer content with her drab home after the glamorous and action-packed adventures she left behind in Oz. Surprised with mysterious glittery red shoes for her 16th birthday, she uses their magic to whisk her family back to Oz. Even there, her discontent and hunger for more power grows, and when the opportunity arises to usurp Ozma's throne, she seizes

it at great cost. In "The Witch Must Burn," readers are given more insight into Jellia's character and background. Formerly Ozma's attendant and now one of Dorothy's head maids, she has seen the chaos that the new despot's and evil Glinda's rages have wrought. Readers are reunited with Nox and the other members of the WICKED group trying to overthrow Dorothy, and the seeds for the revolution are slowly sown. In "The Wizard Returns," Pete (or Ozma's alter ego) puts the con man to the test: with no memory of his past wrongdoings, will the Wizard continue to make the same mistakes? Or is he capable of being selfless, thereby becoming a possible ally in the fight to free Oz from tyranny? Readers get an even greater sense of the power plays and double alliances that have plagued Oz for generations. These tales can be read as standalones. **VERDICT** Paige continues to weave an intricate spell that will delight series fans. *Shelley Diaz, School Library Journal*

**PRAISE FOR DOROTHY MUST DIE:** "Gone are the days of rainbows, Lollipop Guilds and pretty much anything to sing about in a major key. For those willing to go on a quest with a heroine more attuned to our times than the Dust Bowl era, there's no place like it. (USA Today)" "Readers of Baum's books will take special delight in seeing new twists on the old characters, and they will greet the surprise climactic turnabout with the smugness of insiders." (Kirkus Reviews) "Dorothy Must Die is kind of the ultimate in girl-powered literature. You've got empowered heroines, sure, but Paige also conjures a formidable villainess in Dorothy and some manipulative lady revolutionaries. Here, women and girls are allowed to be anything. This really is a woman's world." (Nerdist.com) "Debut author Paige doesn't hold back in this fast-paced action novel. Give this cinematic upper-YA novel to fans of A. G. Howard's *Splintered*, Frank Beddor's *Looking Glass Wars*, and TV shows such as *Once Upon a Time* and *Grimm*." (School Library Journal) "Paige delivers a solid, intense, and strange narrative that draws deeply on its source material." (Publishers Weekly) "[Dorothy Must Die] strikes a similar tone to Marisa Meyer's Cinder series, with its blend of fantasy, humor, and horror, and it will likely inspire fans of that series to make their way to the Emerald City." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books) "Paige has spirited readers back to The Wizard of Oz. It's a classic made more sinister." (ALA Booklist)

The final novella of the Danielle Paige *f* Dorothy Must Die prequel series is Queen of Oz and this, as you might guess, is about Ozma. I never did read the Wizard of Oz books as a kid, so I suspect that there was a lot more detail to Oz than what MGM showed us with Judy

Garland! I watched the Emerald City mini-series earlier this year as well, and I think that may have even helped me a little bit in understanding some of the stories of Oz that I didn't know about before. Mombi is a young girl who wants to be a witch, a good witch mind you. She has some magical abilities, but she wants to learn more. So she goes to Glinda in hopes of becoming her apprentice of sorts. Naturally things don't quite go as planned, as Glinda isn't really up for teaching anybody anything to do with magic. Then Lurline, a fairy queen, comes to Mombi and tells her that she must go hide in secret and to care for this child, Ozma. For she is the true ruler of Oz and if any of her enemies would know about her, there would be great and terrible danger. This is when little Ozma gets transformed into a boy, by mistake, I think. And so Pete grows up thinking he's nothing special except for Mombi's servant boy. It was another interesting little story. I can't help but feel that maybe the order of these novellas got a little jumbled. Maybe not though. I did read them in a very odd order of the years with many books in between. It just felt like at times, Dorothy hadn't returned yet, then she was, then she didn't. I just would've thought that these novellas would follow a certain timeline. As in the last one I read the other day, Dorothy was back! Now in this one, she is apparently back in Kansas. While it was still an interesting read, I couldn't really figure out its point. It basically just shows us what Ozma was doing in her time away from the throne. Perhaps there's a different order these novellas are meant to be in and that would've helped to make more sense. As this is the final one of the prequel series, it doesn't really lead you right into Dorothy Must Die. But again, it was still an interesting read, just not as enlightening as I would've hoped for. Overall Rating 3/5 stars

My understanding is that these stories were not offered hardbound by the actual publisher, so my purchase was from a third party who bound them. They did a very nice job. My only small complaint is that several of the pages were bent and even slightly ripped at the top. I'm not sure what caused this, and it wasn't enough to make me contact for an exchange/return. Overall, I'm happy and would order again!

Very entertaining reading, im glad i found this series always been a wizard of oz fan, but this is something else, totally different from what we already know about dorothy, the writer did an amazing job with the serie looking forward for more....

Story 1 After purchasing the original series to Dorothy Must Die on the morning of June 2, I came across these books later that night. As quickly as I could I decided to purchase these as well. They arrived the day after the first three Dorothy Must Die books (June 8), and I was pleased with my order. I purchased this one, and the second one, so that I could get started on the series. Since I purchased 3 books together I got free shipping which was a pleasant surprise! I've already started reading this book, and I'm almost done. There are some times when it kind of drags along, but, for the most part, it's pretty well written, and holds your attention.

Very glad I purchased these because they gave me a better understanding of everything. Highly recommend to read these novellas!

I love this series and I like how it tells stories from various points of view. This one is another great one.

Wonderful series. No Oz fan should go without reading.

Great idea for fans of this series. Very cool collection of Novella by Daniella Paige. A must for you or someone you know that loves this series.

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