

The Editor,  
The Bookseller

Dear Sir,

***Brisingr*** slays rivals? Certainly not!

While it may be true that the first day's sale of ***Brisingr*** is a very healthy 41,000 copies in the UK, it is premature to claim world domination. Early worldwide sales of Stephenie Meyer's ***Breaking Dawn*** (published in August) are way out of the Dragon's reach. In the US, a staggering 1.3 million copies were sold on the day of publication (considerably more than double ***Brisingr***'s 550,000 US sales) out of a total print run of 3.7 million copies.

In Australia, ***Breaking Dawn*** sold 46,000 copies and in the UK 32,500 copies in the (not complete) week of publication. In India 22,000 copies have been sold, making it Hachette India's biggest seller since the launch of the company in April and in Germany, 94,000 copies of the English language edition have been sold to date.

So, for now, the dragon is simply breathing hot air.

Yours

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