



*Butcher Bird* by Richard Kadrey (I finished it on July 4th, so it's technically a 3rd-quarter book).

## Books in Progress

- *Ghosts* by Paul Auster (in *The New York Trilogy*)
- *The Ill-Made Knight* (book 3 of *The Once and Future King*) by T. H. White
- *Borne* by Jeff VanderMeer

I've been reading these books to the kids at bedtime:

- *D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths* by Ingri and Edgar d'Aulaire
- *Peter Pan and Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens* by J. M. Barrie (2019 Arcturus paperback edition)
- *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J. K. Rowling

The kids haven't really been enjoying *Order of the Phoenix* as it is extremely long and wordy, so we will likely abandon that book. They also didn't love *Peter Pan*, so we may give up on that one as well. They do enjoy *Norse Myths* but we are making slow progress, as we only read one of the chapters occasionally.

## Films Watched

- *The Fellowship of the Ring* (2001 film)
- *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (2017 film)
- *Ant-Man* (2015 film)
- *The Martian* (2015 film) (Extended Edition on Blu-ray)
- *Thor* (2011 film)
- *The Last Starfighter* (1984 film)

## TV Shows Watched

We watched the following *Doctor Who* serials:

- *Earthshock* (1982 *Doctor Who* serial fan edit)
- *The Five Doctors* (1983 *Doctor Who* serial fan edit)
- *Full Circle* (1980 *Doctor Who* serial fan edit)
- *Logopolis* (1981 *Doctor Who* serial fan edit)
- *State of Decay* (1980 *Doctor Who* serial fan edit)
- *Warriors' Gate* (1981 *Doctor Who* serial fan edit)

We watched the following episodes of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*:

- Season 5, Episode 5: "Disaster"
- Season 5, Episode 6: "The Game"
- Season 5, Episode 18: "Cause and Effect"
- Season 5, Episode 19: "The First Duty"

We watched the following episodes of *Babylon 5*:

- Season 1, Episode 1: “Midnight on the Firing Line”
- Season 1, Episode 2: “Soul Hunter”
- Season 1, Episode 3: “Born to the Purple”
- Season 1, Episode 4: “Infection”
- Season 1, Episode 5: “The Parliament of Dreams”
- Season 1, Episode 6: “Mind War”
- Season 1, Episode 7: “The War Prayer”

We also watched:

- *Babylon 5: In the Beginning* (1998 TV movie)
- Lindsay Ellis’s trilogy of videos about *The Hobbit* movie trilogy (available on YouTube)
- *Lego Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu* Season 1, Episode 1: “Way of the Ninja”
- *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* Season 1, Episode 1: “Ambush”

On to the third quarter! If all goes well, I will keep up with the weekly posting, and at the end of 2018 I’ll have a post for each week, and a wordy, strange, and wildly uneven journal of the year. I have no idea yet whether I’ll want to try to continue the weekly journal into 2019. It seems like good practice or a good source of raw material for *something*, even if I don’t know what that thing will be.

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