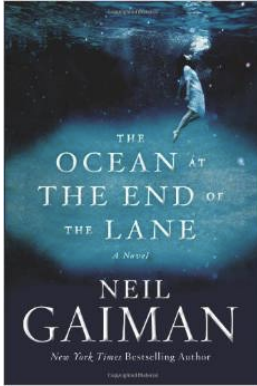


***The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman  
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Neil Gaiman's intent was simple: to write a short story. What he ended up with instead was *The Ocean at the of the Lane*--his first adult novel since *Anansi Boys* came out in 2005, and a narrative so thoughtful and thrilling that it's as difficult to stop reading as it was for Gaiman to stop writing. Forty years ago, our narrator, who was then a seven-year-old boy, unwittingly discovered a neighboring family's supernatural secret. What happens next is an imaginative romp through otherworldly adventure that could only come from Gaiman's magical mind. Childhood innocence is tested and transcended as we see what getting between ancient, mystic forces can cost, as well as what can be gained from the power of true friendship. The result is a captivating tale that is equal parts

sweet, sad, and spooky. --[Robin A. Rothman](#)