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Dear Reviewer,

I am writing this letter to accompany an advance copy of L.E. Modesitt, Jr's new novel of Recluce, The Magic Engineer. The previous two recluce novels, The Magic of Recluce and Towers of the Sunset, each set at different times in the history of that land, have established Lee as a leading fantasy writer in the marketplace and as a talented original standing out from a forest of humdrum fantasy trilogists. Lee Modesitt writes in the science fiction tradition of Poul Anderson and Gordon R. Dickson when they write fantasy—rigorous, logical, entertaining, with depth and bite. The Magic Engineer is the same, only more so. I think it will be one of the most widely—read fantasy novels of the year. I hope it gets the serious review attention it deserves.

Sincerely,

David G. Hartwell