

Emil Petaja

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David Lebling — 30 Apr 2001, 08:58

From: "Alice Turner" <akt at attglobal.net>

What is Emil Petaja's series? The shamaness witch in Xena was a very bad hat, a worthy opponent, and the eps (3, I think) were quite thrilling, with a lot of wire work a la Crouching Tiger. I don't suppose Finnish and Lap mythology differs much, but "Finnish witches" doesn't have the uncanny sound of "Lapland witches."

According to <http://www.pandorasbox.com/petaja.html> (isn't Google wonderful?) the Kalevala-related books are:

Saga of Lost Earths, _The Star Mill_, _The Stolen Sun_, _Tramontane_ which make up the "Otava Series", and peripherally, _The Time Twister_.

These were all published by Ace in the mid-60s (remember Ace Doubles?). I'm sure they are all long out-of-print.

I'm 135 pages into Book 3 and already I feel that the writer is flagging. Those critters that Dr. Malone finds with the wheels and trunks seem plain silly to me, ditto the giant birds with the malevolent poops.

Agree completely. There are some excellent segments further on, though.

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