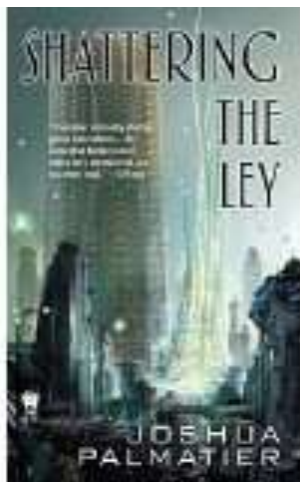


Shattering the Ley



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Modern industrial cities are powered by and illuminated by electricity. Erenthrall and much of its world are driven by the ley, a natural force people have learned to exploit. As the Baron pushes the Wielders to do more and more with these forces, the Kormanley seek a return to the natural state. Civil disobedience, mass uprisings, and vicious retaliations mount and disturbances in the ley increase in intensity and frequency. What happens when the ley is extended beyond its limits, and when those opposed to its use begin tampering with it?

As he has proven in earlier works, Joshua Palmatier is a master world builder and adept at weaving magic and special abilities into the fabric of everyday life. In reading his works, and this is no exception, one is wholly transported to the world he so masterfully creates. *Shattering the Ley* proved to be an interesting and intriguing read. At this time, the two follow-up volumes of the planned trilogy are available and I look forward to reading them.