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September 21, 2014

Set in a fictional medieval world where certain gifted people are born with powers of magic that allow them to heal and to destroy, Vassal mainly tells the story of two people: a woman who is trying to insure justice by working within the laws of the land and a man who is trying to create a more just world by fighting against the laws of the land. Aislin is a young vassal whose father's death has left her vulnerable to the depravations of the powerful lord who oversees her fiefdom. Unable to refuse his insistence that she marry, she compromises and chooses to marry a man that she hopes will not interfere with her plans to restore her lands and protect the peasants under her care. Her new husband, Darrion, is a powerfully gifted man who is fighting his own battles and claims to have little interest in usurping Aislin as the true leader of his new wife's lands.

Ames is a talented writer who does an excellent job showing how good people can work against their own best interests when they do not know whom to trust and whom to fight. Cruelty, injustice, and tyranny threaten to destroy Aislin and Darrion's chance to become loving partners, and the betrayals of others often put them in the unfortunate position of distrusting each other. The true villains were not always the ones I suspected, and Ames has a superb skill for redeeming the seemingly irredeemable and credibly creating characters who use a mask of moral superiority to disguise or excuse their own misdeeds.

This was a thoroughly enjoyable book which also had the perk of leaving me thinking for days. I look forward to more tales of Tir Athair.

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A New Steampunk Heroine to Follow

October 16, 2013

Perhaps one of the trickiest things about writing good steampunk is inventing and describing in credible detail mechanical

items that do not exist. Michael Wombat does an excellent job of creating inventions that are simultaneously easy to visualize and plausible for the reader. His heroine Thea, aka Moth Girl, is a spunky, no nonsense gal with a strong will and a quick mind. I look forward to reading more of her adventures.

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A real fairy gardening manual

May 28, 2013

Most of the fairy gardening books out right now focus on pretty photographs without much useful content. Julie Bawden-Davis and Beverly Turner's book is a refreshing change from that trend. The book is still loaded with gorgeous pictures, but it also comes with practical advice for fairy gardeners. In addition to great design tips, there is also plenty of information on how to properly plant a miniature garden and a decent list of plants best suited for fairy gardening. If you are looking for a true fairy gardening manual instead of a picture book, this is the book for you.

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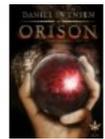
3 of 3 people found this review helpful

A very fun read!

March 22, 2013

What a fun book this was! I stayed up last night to read it. I'm hoping there will be sequels, because Edgar and his grandmother are very cool characters. Plus, I have to love books with characters named Corinthian.

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Orison

February 28, 2014

I have been eagerly awaiting Daniel Swensen's next work after since I read his short story Burn. While Burn is a solid science fiction tale, Orison is a wonderfully written fantasy novel that interweaves the perspective of three great characters: a thief named Story, a banished wizard named Wrynn, and a guard of the queen named Ashen. Each of these characters struggles to navigate the dangers of a city fraught with conspiracies of powerful people who have no qualms about using Story, Wrynn, and Ashen as disposable pawns.

"Good and evil are leaky boats that will not hold the weight we place in them," a priest warns Story as she tries to balance her loyalties and her survival with her desire to live by her own terms. This sentiment is a running theme in Orison, where good people must often make tough choices and those who seem to be bad often reveal themselves to be dealing with their own shifting alliances and unpredictable fortunes.

Throughout it all, Ashen, Story, and Wrynn try to protect those they love while making sure that a powerful talisman does not end up in the hands of someone who will use it to create chaos, war, and suffering. This sometimes brings them into direct conflict with one another, and it is hard to know who to root for when Swensen's honorable and powerful characters collide with one another.

Orison is an engaging novel with complex characters that leave me hoping that Swensen will be writing more.

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A Story of Loyalty and Loss

November 05, 2013

The wonderfully engaging story of a peaceful kingdom's fall into chaos is shown through the experiences of Liam, a traveling troubadour who finds himself trapped in between two princes fighting for control of the kingdom. Liam's sense of justice and loyalty slowly pull him into a series of difficult choices, and his desire to simply move on to safer lands proves to be an impossible dream. His trials are masterfully told by Ames, and I only have one word of caution: this is one of those tales where over and over again characters that Ames has made you love suddenly die a brutal death.

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A Beautifully Written Fantasy Novel

October 16, 2013

The Wizard and the Rat is one of my favorite books this year. Engler does an excellent job of revealing a complex world and compelling characters in a way that is easy to follow. Although Hyral and the Rat come from vastly different backgrounds, it is their similarities that slowly bring them to realize they can work together to tackle the injustices that plague their world.

Rat is the ultimate underdog, a young man who has been disowned by his family and must struggle to survive in a brutal world where might is right and only the most vicious survive. Hyral is a different kind of underdog: a high status wizard whose unorthodox teaching methods set him at odds with the rest of his institution. Both men have become disillusioned with themselves and the world around them. They carry a tremendous load of guilt for their failures. While they journey toward an epic battle, they also help each other confront their own personal demons.

One of the most refreshing things about The Wizard and the Rat is its originality. It skillfully combines alien life forces, wizardry, and a quest in unique ways that are both credible and thought-provoking.

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Reviewed Burn ...

Burn

May 28, 2013

One of the great pitfalls of many science fiction is that many sci-fi writers get so distracted by the novelty of an idea that they forget to develop characters. Burn does not have this flaw. With Alexa, Swensen creates a character whose raw emotions and justified sense of betrayal drive the plot of his story. While I would have liked to see a little more development of Cav since his betrayal seems to be the final breaking point for Alexa, the main character of this story is a truly compelling heroine with a voice that is credible and intriguing.

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