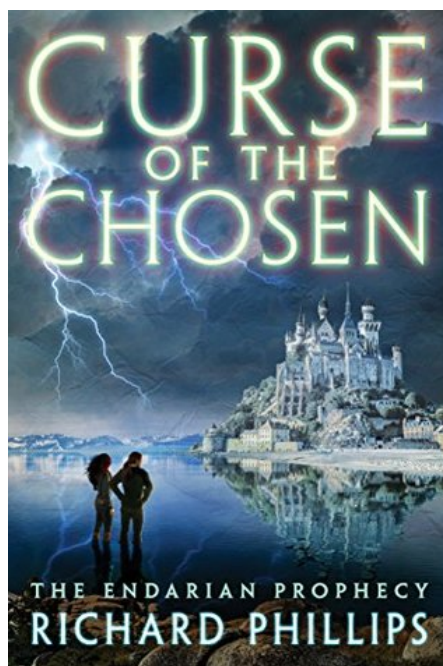




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The fight against primordial evil continues, and the stakes have never been higher...

Kragan, wielder of dark magic, has failed to vanquish the light in Lorness Carol Rafel, the woman prophesied to destroy him. Now Kragan has leveled a new threat against her: an unholy order of foul priests enlisted to storm her stronghold and destroy her and her companions once and for all.

Lorness Carol is waiting.

In the valley of Misty Hollow, she's finally conquered her fear of her magic. She has awakened a new power within her: the ability to manipulate minds. But even Carol is unprepared for where this new battle will take her.

For her brother, Lord Alan, is unwittingly fulfilling a prophecy as well. As the Chosen of the Dread Lord, he is amassing an army of feared soldiers—a battalion that could save the world, or pitch his sister's legacy into everlasting darkness.

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Reggie Ahlfield says

Prepare to be entertained.

While this trilogy probably won't win any major awards, it gave me exactly what I look for. I want entertainment and an escape. The characters are fun and interesting and maybe a little flawed. Not as flawed as is typical with the current wave of anti heroes, but definitely not perfect either. I'll likely continue reading to see where the author takes us next.

Adam C says

One long battle scene

This third installment of this previously-entertaining series is a significant letdown from the first two entrees. This book is little more than a drawn-out description three separate battles occurring simultaneously, all part of a single war engaged on three fronts. It is tedious and predictable. Further, there is almost no plot. The main character of the first two books is nearly forgotten, with little (possibly no) dialogue. The entire book feels rushed to publish. It is a shame - the first two entrees in this series showed promise, and I was hoping to see the writing quality improve as the series did. Sadly, it declined.

Andrew Ritchie says

I really enjoyed this next chapter in the series. I can't wait to see how the story continues. I feel that the author handle the difficult task of handling large battles in written form well and did not get too bogged down in details of blood and gore but moved the story forward well. Quick read, real page turner.

Felicity Reynolds says

Too much of this book was devoted to battle scenes and not enough to actually developing the story line or characters. The physical feats were rather difficult to believe and mass slaughter gets a little tedious after a while. However, I have enjoyed the series and am hoping that now that most (I hope!) of the battles have been fought we can go back to concentrating on the story. I also found that the book ended rather abruptly with no details on what happened to poor Alan during/after the battle, apart from the fact that he survived as he was at Tys funeral.

Chris says

Unfinished

Whilst this instalment continues on at the frantic pace set in the first two, I felt somewhat disappointed that two of the major plot line elements are left hanging. This seemed rather odd and infuriating bearing in mind it finishes with an epilogue. However, having just caught up with the authors blog, it looks like this was intended as a leader into another series - can't wait...

David Beebe says

A Great Read!

As with the previous two books in this series, "Curse of the Chosen" reading it did not last very long. Not because it was a short book but because I could hardly put it down until it was suddenly finished. I have completely enjoyed the three book that I have read of "The Edarian Prophecy". I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

Camilla Andrews says

Roll on book 4!

I have enjoyed reading all three of these books and am looking forward to more in the series! There are some neat plot twists in the latest book, for instance when Arn goes off on his own and even he doesn't know why he's chosen to do what he does and I spent ages wondering where that would lead. Fantastic immersive descriptions of battles including all the senses, well described characters both in looks and attitude, really draws you in. Looking forward to more!

Maria says

The third in this series, I was expecting it to be the last, but not so. Things are not going well for the Endarians and I was really upset to lose one of the main characters. Another was saved which I was very happy about since I've been worrying about him since book two, but that did not make up for the loss of the other. I thoroughly enjoyed Alan dealing with the women who ran the horsemen camp. The Blade got only a small part of this book which was a shame. I believe he's my favorite character in spite of his propensity for extreme violence. They will all need to do better in the next book if they want to survive.

Jennifer says

I'm glad I finished this book and found out what happened to most everyone. There were quite a few povs going on simultaneously, so not all of the story lines are wrapped up, but I don't think I will be continuing on with this series. The writing style just isn't for me. There isn't much to discover as the author basically tells you everything through either dialogue or narration. The action sequences/battle scenes were also too dense, with too much action condensed into a few pages.

I did like the devotion that the MCs had toward one another. It was so sweet. Some more page time with the two of them enjoying life together would have been nice. The fact that the author named many of the characters after his friends was also too cute. But alas, this is where Mr. Phillips and I part ways.

Claire Reed says

Too much description of battle. I got a little bored. First two books were more interesting. I will still read his future books. I believe he is a very talented writer.

Too much description of battle. I got a little bored. First two novels were exciting and very different..I will continue following Phillips because of his basic excellent writing.

Mike Nemeth says

My recommendation? Anything Richard Phillips writes is a must-read. The Endarian Prophecy is a departure for Phillips, one in which he's created everything and married fantasy, magic and science fiction. "Curse of the Chosen" is the third in the series that pits Carol, a young woman with promising magical abilities, against a demon-possessed antagonist determined to take over the world and kill anybody and everybody who stands in his way. Carol learned in the previous novel how to control her abilities and now she understands that the voices really are in her head, she just had to pay attention and tune out what she didn't want to hear. Her husband, an assassin known as Blade, remains a deadly ally. But the armies of Kragan are nearly upon the quickly built fortress her father and his small army have fashioned as a last stand. Her brother, the well-meaning but somewhat bloodthirsty Alan, has been relegated to what he thinks is a supporting role at the mountain village of their father's key allies. But they will all need every bit of luck and every sword and sorcerer if they are to survive. The book builds to a magnificent climax and battle, and that's where Phillips really shines. His descriptions are epic and worthy of the Song of Roland with a little Two Towers mixed in. I had trouble not reading this constantly after starting.

Girlfred2 says

I received an advanced copy from Netgally. Many different stories on several fronts merge together in this exciting continuation of The Endarian Prophecy series. While Carol struggles with her magic to hold Areanas Vale other battles are happening in Endars pass and Val Dep. Kragans many fronted war will keep you turning the pages to see what will happen. Exciting end will leave you anxious for what will come next.

Tony Parsons says

414 YOR, Lord Kragan (Kaleal) & CO Charna's Army would march from Tar-Endar Pass.
High Priest Jorthain (protectors) Army would follow close behind.
They might have to deal with Queen Elan's army.
Legend has it the Scroll of Landrel foretells the destruction of the kingdom of Tal.

Lorness Carol Rafel (witch) the High Lord Rafel's (warlord) daughter who had escaped captivity would also 1-day rule.

The Endarian elite time-mist warriors await their arrival.

414 YOR, Misty Hollow, Glacier Mountains. Arn was the only wielder of the Slaken (knife, elementals: Vatra fire, Voda water, Zemlja earth, Zrak air).

King Rodan (Tal) had died & King Gilbert (son) now ruled.

Blade (assassin) & Lorness Carol Rafel had become quite fond of each other but nothing prevailed.

Blalock (magic wielder) became King Gilbert's primary advisor instead of Blade.

Lorness Carol Rafel studied magic under Hawthorne (mentor/BMF) & Blalock was sent to kill her.

414 YOR, Areana Vale (beautiful cliff-lined valley). Princess Kimber "Kim" (Endarian life-shifter) was having a very bad dream.

John (husband) did his best to comfort her.

High Lord Rafel (human father), Battle Master Gaar, & Captain Hanibal were discussing their next battle plans.

414 YOR, Endless Valley. George Dalton (killed) led a Ranger scout patrol that consisted of: Harry Budka (killed), Jim Clemens (wounded, killed), Sam Jacobson (outrider, killed), Bill Harrison (outrider, wounded), & Lord Alan (20, son/Carol's brother).

It was nightfall & they had followed the enemy's encampment.

Lord Alan attending to the horses had spotted the vorgs.

Arrow's flew & axes & swords were wielded.

Those that attacked were killed. But there were 100's more at their campsite.

415 YOR, High Lord Jared Rafel, & Earl Coldain gazed out at the Areana's Vale.

Vorg carcasses omitted thick greasy plumes that stunk to high heaven.

The army of Tal had done well in this battle.

Queen Elan welcomed home 1,000's of Endarian warriors.

R&R was much deserved/needed.

Kingdom of Endar. Queen Elan had assigned Galad his next mission.

Very impressive resume. Hooah to you & thank you for serving your country.

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written fantasy book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great fantasy movie, an animated cartoon, or better yet a mini TV series. Not my normal read but I will still rate it at 5 stars.

Thank you for the free author; Goodreads; MakingConnections; Making Connections discussion group talk; 7North publisher; Amazon Digital Services LLC.; book
Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

Bruno Neves Pires Silva says

I wish I could give 6 stars. Richard Phillips is the best!

Lisa Scarpati says

The Endarian Prophecy series continues to captivate me! Here in book #3, less prominent characters emerge as leading figures. Varied storylines blend as new relationships are forged and old ones renew. The undying presence of strong, sagacious women, in tantamount roles is well purveyed. Central to the story is the evolution of Alan, son of Lord Rafel, who is rendered the prophetic "Chosen" by the dogma of the Khan's people. Phillips also delves further into the Endarian realm as we follow Queen Elan's son, Galad, into battle at the head of an intricate legion of time-shifters and mist-warriors. The reader's imagination is seized as a voyeur, entrenched in macabre conflict with these beloved characters, fighting lupine armies, wielders and unearthly beasts, in sweeping valleys clinging to mountain fortress cities. As with all well balanced stories, there is sacrifice, tragedy and triumph. So as GOT nears conclusion, with TV fantasy series in high demand, I can easily envision viewers enthralled by a mini-series interpretation of the Endarian Prophecy books. My favorite in this epic sequence so far, I give this book a high-five star rating.
