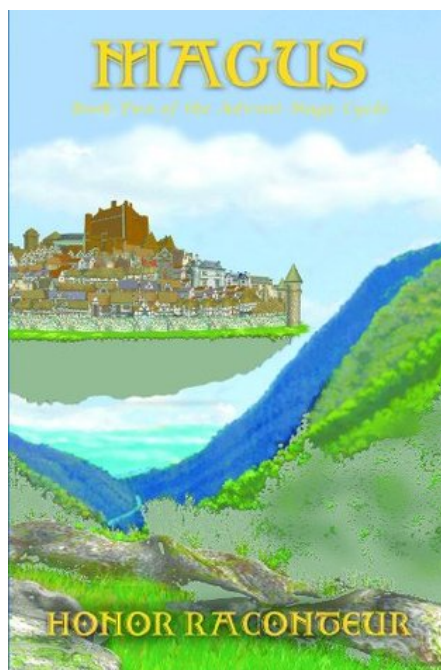




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“That boy thinks the world of you,” Xiaolang murmured. “And...” he visibly hesitated, slanting a questioning look at me from the corner of his eye.

“And...?” I encouraged him. Xiaolang rarely hesitates in his speech. When he wanted to say something, he said it.

“He’ll be very important in the future,” Xiaolang murmured. “I’m not sure how to put this...” he paused, mouth rummaging for words. “Something will change very soon, Garth. Someone will be discovered who will change everything. When that happens, you need to trust Trev’nor like he trusts you. Much will be lost otherwise.”

I looked, really looked at Trev’nor. Trev’nor has always been special, a child prodigy in a life that had no child prodigies. My head was swimming with questions after Xiaolang’s revelation. Who was the boy we were to rescue, and why was Trev’nor so important for that boy?

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Jay Collins says

Again not sure if it is a 3.5 or a 4 but it is pretty good so I will mark it as 4. I like the characters and the story is good but something is missing and not sure what. Maybe the plot some how.

Douglas Cook says

First sentences

Chapter One: New Alliances Sometimes he hated it when he was right. King Guin of Hain stood looking at the large map of Chahir hanging on his study wall. He'd had it put there two months ago, just after coming home from the negotiations with Vonlorison. He had hoped that the new laws dealing with magic would take root in Chahir,

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Ralph Trickey says

Excellent book

It's turning into an excellent series. This characters are likeable, the situations interesting and the pacing is excellent. The politics still aren't realistic, but I'm OK with that. If you want something basically happy, this is a good book.

Teresa Carrigan says

Quite enjoyable fantasy. This is a sequel to Jaunten, and IMO it's better than Jaunten. In this book the main character is about 17yo. Suitable for both adults and YA. It is obviously in the middle of a trilogy or possibly a series, but the ending of the book was satisfying.

SPOILER:

I really loved the scene where Garth finds the Advent Mage research group, and they not only don't recognize him or listen to him but they don't even give him a chance to introduce himself.

Venus Smurf says

I read the first book in this series a little while ago, and I was pleasantly surprised when I realized another

book was already out.

This was delightful. I love the characters, love the easy banter between them, love the way the books flow together so well. The dialogue is entertaining, and the events in the book are always interesting enough to keep my attention. Good pacing, plenty of magic for the fantasy-lovers...this is a fun, charming read, and I'm looking forward to the next one.

I will say that this isn't a second book so much as an extension of the first. There isn't really a standard rise/fall/climax plot, and while that would normally bug me, I didn't mind it in this series. Again, this is entertaining enough that even without a clear central plot, it's worth reading.

Damgaard78 says

First off I have to say I enjoy the story which have some really interesting ideas, and I will read book 3 as well when it comes out. There are some old and some borrowed ideas, and prolly some blue somewhere. But its a good enjoyable story. Targeted towards the young adult crowd, but can be enjoyed by adults alike. But its a nice simple story a la Eddings, but do not expect epic grim fantasy like Eriksson.

That said the book suffers under being published independently (I assume), and could really have improved if a good editor had been over it. Hopefully this will get better as the author gets more books written. I know it can be hard to get the fast pace in story (which is good here) without forgetting the realism of the story (which is the problem). Ghart makes friends very quickly with people, and often its simply so fast it loses all credibility. It could probably work for one or two people, but its pretty much a constant issue with each new character, they meet, and next day they act to each other like year old friends....

Again a promising author and I will keep reading, but I really hope for a good editor for book 3.

Pickyreader says

For younger readers

This is a book for pre-teen to teens. I enjoyed the first book. This one was I didn't enjoy as much, although my 14 year old niece would love it. I just kept rolling my eyes. Not sure I will go on to the next.

Ashley says

Follow along in the newest adventure of the Advent Mage saga as Garth, Chatta, Night, and friends old and new embark on a brand new adventure, full of humor and intrigue. As the situation grows worse in Chahir with regards to the ever increasing number of magical awakenings, King Guin orders the trio to smuggle those persecuted out of the country, by whatever means necessary. Joining them is a crack team of Ascalonian mercenaries, lead by the mysterious empath-captain, Xiaolang. Follow along as they go from one "situation" to another as they rush to protect any who might need them.

Zurlo Enrico says

I'm sorry to say that this book is even worse than the first. I hoped that with the experience matured in the first installment of the serie the author would be able to overcome some of the more annoying mistakes he had made, instead i had found the same old things carried to the extreme.

If you don't like clichès, stereotypical dialogues and situations that defies logic i reccomend you to stay away from these books.

Ty says

Enjoyable read :)

This is a good book. The characters are well developed and their humor is a bit silly but enjoyable nonetheless. This book does justice to the one preceding it. Read it! :)

Nealis says

Seems like nothing really happens in the book or the author is taking his sweet time building up to events. In between whatever event, there is a lot of filler. Filler is good if it is entertaining and shed more light on characters or the world around. However Garth and all they characters are simply boring. Even the talking horse is boring, he just whines and doesn't really add a different perspective despite being a horse. They are Canadians meaning they are super super nice and the banter are pretty inane.. That can be ok, but the plot is meandering and not too exciting either.

The magic system is not very creative either and everyone just does it. The mage just thinks it. The magicians use wands to do whatever they want to do and that is about it.

His enemies are laughingly incompetent, you think an anti magical kingdom would have someway to fight magic users or at least make it difficult to stop Garth for doing whatever he wants when he wants, but the whole kingdom is just a speed bump.

There is some potential here too, Garth has the knowledge of generations. However he doesn't really do anything with it, he just kinda meander along too. The school experience have a few paragraphs at most, the author clearly just wanted Garth to move beyond the "training" phase of the series done and over with.

Suki says

Book 2

Book 2 was a fun read. I enjoyed the characters and plot and how they developed. The story has enough information to be well done and still have humor in it to be entertaining, with enough problems and action mixed in to hold my attention. I look forward to book 3

Denae Christine says

4.5

Reader thoughts: I was totally stolen by this book and kept making excuses to listen longer (let's go on another walk!). Very fun. The banter and camaraderie are addicting.

Garth seemed more and less special in this one. More, because he's now called "balancer." Less, because he kept running into things that Chatta could do better. I appreciate both of these because they show how Garth is growing and how much he needs his friends.

Again, I loved that most people are genuinely nice to each other. They tease, but they're willing to apologize, and everyone's default is to assume the best. They're willing to befriend any new stranger, or adopt them into an ever-growing family.

Why didn't Garth approach the pool mages with a white flag?

Why don't they earth travel more? (Like, into enemy territory or to sneak up on pool mages.) Sometimes it gives away their position, but then Chatta can glamor them.

Why can't Garth's barrier keep out rocks?

Why can't Night stomp on the pools to break them?

Writer thoughts: This book again felt like the conflicts were not as escalated as they could have been. Difficult, yes, but they could have been more so. Garth and his team are powerful enough to withstand almost anything.

There are just the right number of characters and introduced at the right rate. I tend toward too many characters, and some books I've read have had too few characters, but this one feels right. The characters all have personality (even Night) and voice.

Scott Wozniak says

I wanted to like this book. I saw reviews of the first book in the series that called that book a setup for this book. So I waited and read and read. But this book is worse than the first book. The characters are so thin and stereotyped. The best soldier ever--who is immediately likable--and his team of no personality fighters, then the wise mages from across the ocean, then the ridiculous flirting and denial of the two main characters that anything is going on...a few of these unrealistic characters I could stomach for a good plot. But every character?

And then, the plot: every problem is discovered and solved in 2 chapters at most, no residual problems whatsoever. The overarching idea is just to find people who need help. No bad guy. No threat to their nation. No real driving force. And the heroes NEVER make mistakes.

I'm out. I couldn't get further than 60% read. Sad to say this series looks like a bust.

Michael Wood says

Great Second Episode of Wonderful Sword & Sorcery Fantasy

Raconteur, with this novel, once again demonstrates mastery of the fantasy genre. Complex, rich, mysterious plot lines are carefully woven into exquisite stories.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AS BOTH AN INDIVIDUAL BOOK AND AS A SERIES!
