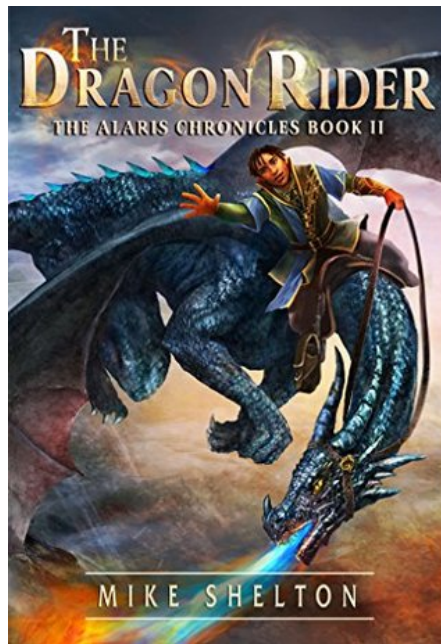




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The barrier is down, war is brewing and dragons fill the skies once more.

Bakari is the first dragon rider in centuries but he alone cannot subdue the growing tensions among the kingdoms around Alaris. He begins a quest to find more dragon riders -- the only way to secure peace in the fractured lands around him.

In this second book of the Alaris Chronicles everyone is forced to choose sides in the battle for the governance of Alaris. Roland Tyre seizes control of the Citadel and carefully plays both sides -- but his immense charm and considerable wizard powers may prove useless against a deadly and hidden enemy. Battle Wizard Alli Stenos is in the thick of every fight she can find and only wants to secure an end to the violence.

The three young wizards, Bakari, Roland and Alli have become more powerful than many of their elders. But will that be enough to keep Alaris, and the surrounding kingdoms, from descending into all out war?

The Dragon Rider Details

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Carla says

The amazing adventure of three young wizards, Bakari, Roland and Alli continues in book two, The Dragon Rider. The second book in this series, is even more exciting than the first novel – with dragons, war, scheming and more. You literally do not want to put this book down in fear of missing what happens next.

The novel opens up with some history from the first novel but to really appreciate this novel, you should read the first in this series, which you can find more information here. After we get a recap of what has led up to this point, we dive into more of Bakari's story. While I originally thought that Roland would emerge as one of the greatest wizards, it is Bakari – our quiet but thoughtful, compassionate and crazy smart wizard who emerges as the leader. It is Bakari who is marked as a leader and a saviour, a role that he does not relish in but accepts with humility. He is the perfect hero and as he searches for the remaining dragon riders to aid him in his quest, we see even more of his heroic qualities.

While he is on his mission, there is still so much going on in Alaris – a war over power that finds Alli and Roland stuck in the middle. Alli finds a new ally, one that neither you as a reader nor even she could imagine coming to her aid. Roland meets his match in an ancient and evil power. It is the evil power that Roland uncovers that helps us to understand the enormous evil that is about to be unleashed on the world. It is also a great bridge into the third book that leaves your craving for more.

The Dragon Rider is an excellent novel for young adults and adults who love a well written science fiction novel. Full of action, suspense and schemes you never see coming. I loved every moment of book two!

Brian Everson says

Hardships yet to Bear

This author is quickly becoming one of my favorites. I would put him right up there with my others George R R Martin , and Robert Jordan. Here you see one of the main characters tested to his braking point,can be survive. Bakari is forming with the fact that he is the Dragon King,but a great stability comes back in to his life. This and much more you will find in here.

Gaileen Crowell says

Excellent series and good read.t

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Strong characters with believability. The story has good drama. The characters have a charm and realistic struggles. Recommended for a!!.

A Silent Bookworm (Jessica Parker) says

Disclosure: I received an ARC kindle version of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This book did not have the same instant hook that the first book did, but once the story got going, it was hard to stop reading. The story line of the Chameleon is the most interesting. I really hope the room with the mysterious artifacts is explored more in the next book. They just seem to be glossed over in this book. I get that the main focus is supposed to be about the dragon rider, but at times Bak's story line gets slow and repetitive (find the egg and the rider is conveniently there already, etc). I am looking forward to finishing the Chameleon's story line in the next book.

MEG Munro says

The story just keeps getting better

Well, by now you know the characters pretty well and what they're up against. Bakari is doubting what his role is going to be. Gorn gives him great advice to try and deal with his confusing adventure. Well written, for sure.

JoJo Gozy says

Good book

I love a book that keeps me hooked. Everything was great. The fighting, magic and even a bit of romance. Starting on book three.

Donna Cameron says

Reminds one of Anne McCaffre

These books are great. At first making you think of Aregon, then Dragon riders of Pern. I couldn't stop reading. First books I've actually bought to keep reading.

Franziska Tinner says

Sadly book two not so good

This book is the second in a series, very poorly written, almost as if it were written by a six year old, a child rather than writing for young adults, who by the way, are often smarter than us full adults. However, this second book is so poorly written I have been skimming through the pages.

It's as if the author Mike Shelton let a niece or daughter write this book. Even if this were a children's book the author must respect the readers, and they are very smart. After all you want to teach good grammar, sentences structuring and interesting storylines. Children are not babies, children are very smart young adults.

I personally lost interest very quickly. Constant repetition, poorly constructed sentences which lay out the landscape of a scenery. Impossible action which make immersing and following the story very frustrating and difficult. Telling and retelling of same, same name confusion: "Abylar snorted in agreement. The Dragon had informed Bakari that a dragon fed was near hier, but there was no sign o Beelyn yet...duuh? She had left Celstare a few days before Bakari and Kharlia ?????? Say what? (In book one Kharlia jumped into a ravine to escape from being eaten by an ugly beast, assumed dead, has never resurfaced.) Kharlia had last visited. The King said she had escaped from Silla only two days ago.....duhh ?? She who?" "The afternoon sun had moved three-fourths of the way across the autumn soybean they found a patch of land big enough to land on (to land Dragon and Bakari) next to the river. "River Bend will be just south of here," Bakari said. "A few t runs down river."

This thought made Bakari think of Kharlia again. They escaped from River Bend about six weeks earlier to make their way to Celestar. The pain odosing her was still present, but tasks at hand would distract him enough so that he didn't dwell on it too much.

"I think we should stay here tonight". Bandai pointed downstream. "I don't think the people of River Bend are ready to see a dragon yet."

The Dragon had informed Bakari that a dragon egg was near hier, but there was no sign of Breelyn yet. She had left Celestar a few days before Bajari and Kharlia had last visited. The King said she had escaped from Silla.....(Kharlia disappeared several weeks so, - in book One/about midway through book - - we were not told that Breelyn was in Silla or why she needed to escape.

The sun had set earlier tonight, and Bakari wanted to get to sleep earlhmm one page ealier we were told: The afternoon sun had moved three-fourths of the way across the autumn sky when they found a patch of land big enough to land on

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The above is just a small taste of how confusing it can get in the reading of this story. Here is some more confusing writing:

<"Sir," called one of the stable boys. Roland jumped off his horse and walked over to the worried boy.

"Someone left some of the stalls oprn, and quite a few horses are now missing."

"Whenn did this happen? I was just here."

Roland turned his head to take a quick look around the stable.

"Based on what the other boys have said, sir, it seems it must have been right before you arrived."

"Whose horses are they?" Roland turned his head toward Celia and then surveyed the stables.

"Each one belongs to one of the wizards still here at the citadel, sir," the stable master said, appearing nervous. "I sent men out to find them and gather them back. This is the third time this week something like this has happened."

Roland arched his eyebrows in a question. "I haven't heard anything about this."

"We didn't want to worry you, my Lord. Thought it must be just a couple of lazy boys. But things do seem a little stranger than usual: first some tack and gear went missing; then, some food; and now, these horses."

" Either someone is packing for a trip, or they are trying to take away our ability to leave," Roland said. He thought back to the other, seemingly separate happenings inside the Citadel that week. There were complaints of food missing from the cook, of clothes missing from the laundry, and of footsteps from someone sneaking around a night.

Roland turned back, to ask Ceilia a question, but she had left. Strange!! he thought. She had said she was positive she hadn't seen anyone in the stables, but he wanted to make sure. There was definitely something off about her. And, if she wastage one who did this, she was definitely involved somehow.

As he walked up the immense, wide, curved staircase to the second floor, the immense handlebars that hung from the ceiling fought his eye. Each night, one of the wizards apprentices was given the chore to light it.

But it was not lit yet, and the time for the evening meal was approaching.
His mouth tightened, Approaching Titus's room, he knocked twice before someone answered the door. It was a servant.
"Fetch Wizard Titus for me," he informed the servant.
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David Anderson says

Fantastic book 2

This story brings you to the edge of your seat. Great story of a mystical place only seen in our dreams

Gayreth Walden says

A great story

This is the continuing story following The Dragon Orb. The Magic and action/adventure just keeps going. Oh, did I mention "Dragons"? Yes , dragons. How wonderful. This story is so well written. And the characters are great. Read this, you will love it. I am now waiting for the release of book 3 in July.

Olivia Clark says

Dragons and wizards and battles, oh my!

Wow, this book is a wonderful continuation to a great series. Full of magic and dragons and epic battles, there's no way readers won't fall in love with this series. Fans of Eragon will love this book!

LooseBoots says

Brilliant follow on from Book 1.

A definite page turner. It was a pleasure to watch the characters grow throughout the story and at the end of the book they were fully formed.

Absolutely a must read.

I shall now be reading book 3.

InD'tale Magazine says

4.5/5.0

“The Dragon Rider” is the second book in The Alaris Chronicles.

Read full review in the 2017 July/August issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Patti says

This epic tale continues with an impending battle to establish who holds the power to rule the land! These young characters seem too young to carry the burdens they face, yet this amazing writer manages to establish their worthiness while keeping the innocence of their youth intact. Brilliantly written, I really enjoy Bak's internal turmoil at being placed in a leadership position. Each of these characters play vital parts in this epic YA fantasy. Love every page and can't wait for the continuation! This voluntary review is based against an advance copy.

Kimberly Grube says

great series!!!

I received an ARC and am giving an un-bias opinion
