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The Dragon Reborn (The Wheel Of Time, Book 3)



Synopsis

The Dragon Reborn--the leader long prophesied who will save the world, but in the saving destroy it; the savior who will run mad and kill all those dearest to him--is on the run from his destiny. Able to touch the One Power, but unable to control it, and with no one to teach him how--for no man has done it in three thousand years--Rand al'Thor knows only that he must face the Dark One. But how? Winter has stopped the war--almost--yet men are dying, calling out for the Dragon. But where is he? Perrin Aybara is in pursuit with Moiraine Sedai, her Warder Lan, and the Loial the Ogier. Bedeviled by dreams, Perrin is grappling with another deadly problem--how is he to escape the loss of his own humanity. Egwene, Elayne and Nynaeve are approaching Tar Valon, where Mat will be healed--if he lives until they arrive. But who will tell the Amyrlin their news--that the Black Ajah, long thought only a hideous rumor, is all too real? They cannot know that in Tar Valon far worse awaits... Ahead, for all of them, in the Heart of the Stone, lies the next great test of the Dragon reborn....

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Customer Reviews

Jordan continues his Wheel of Time saga (after The Eye of the World and The Great Hunt). Three thousand years ago the Dragon led the male mages of the world into entrapping the Dark One, but the cost was high: all male mages, then and thereafter, were driven mad. Now the Dark One is breaking free, and the only salvation may come through Rand al'Thor who may be a reincarnation of the Dragon and who must obtain the sword Callandor, held in the city of Tear. All of Rand's

companions from the previous books find themselves, willing or not, moving toward Tear for a confrontation with evil traps. Jordan's fast and absorbing adventure novel will keep the reader too entranced to worry about plot inconsistencies, numerous coincidences, lack of character development and Rand's inexplicably infrequent appearances. As light fantasy, however, it proves an enjoyable diversion. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As the seals of the Dark One's prison continue to weaken, Rand al'Thor struggles to master the madness-tainted power that marks him as the Dragon Reborn. At the same time, his friends and companions become caught up in the roles laid out for them by the Web of Destiny. Though it borrows from a multitude of legendary and literary fantasy sources, Jordan's multivolume series continues to exhibit a freshness that makes it a welcome addition to any library's fantasy collection. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Love this series. Sick of every highly rated novel I pick up ending up being a young adult book. Jordan was a master story teller. His style pulls you right into his rich world, and you're pulled along and every which way as the story branches in different directions, then converges again, never losing track, always keeping you engaged. Truly masterfully woven. One thing I love is an author who creates new names that fit his world, as Jordan has done. The naming of the characters fit the regions they hail from in his world. If characters have names I've heard over and over in my own world, it seems to be a blaring indication that the author hasn't much imagination, which usually reflects in an average, shallow story. Jordan is none of that. This book carries the story forward as well as the first and second, and I'm eager to begin devouring the fourth. The story is as strong in each volume as in the first. Highly recommend to serious readers.

I bought the first book for my son, but he never even opened it up. I had neglected to pick up something new to read at the store the day I had finished the last page of a novel I had been reading. I found first book the pile of donation items and I picked it up on a whim, really wanting to continue my reading schedule. I was surprised at how it caught me so quickly, and now here I am on the third book in the series. I know it isn't really written for women my age, but I am totally into it and enjoying all the characters and plot twists.

The shortest book of the entire series features some of the most tightly packed writing. Rand now suspects he is the Dragon Reborn. Bits and pieces of the rest of the world are beginning to realize that the Dragon has been reborn. And that Tarmon Gai'don is approaching. The world is beginning to destabilize as nations fall into anarchy and as the Forsaken situate themselves by the current Kings and Queens of Randland - including in Tear, Illian and Caemlyn. But Rand is not sure if he is the Dragon Reborn. He still wonders if the Aes Sedai mean to use him as they possibly have used other men who can channel. Knowing some of the prophecies, Rand runs away from Moiraine, Lan, Perrin, Min, and Loial and journeys alone to Tear to grasp Callandor. And in Tear he will find out once and for all if he is the Dragon Reborn. The story is barely told from the point of view of Rand. Instead, as he races to Tear, we find Moiraine, Lan, Perrin, Min and Loial following him, always behind. It is during these chapters that we meet Faile - my most hated character of the entire series. But in this book she is tolerable enough. The chapters that focus on these people fly by and are well written. Does anything important happen? Not really. But we do meet some more Aiel. Aiel who will play a part later on in the series. The other half of the book focuses on Elayne, Egwene, Nynaeve, Thom Merillin, and Mat. Egwene and Elayne, raised to the status of Accepted, are now set on the hunt for the Black Ajah by the Amyrlin. Together with Nynaeve, they set out towards Tear where they believe the Black Ajah has fled from the White Tower. It is along the path to Tear that they encounter Aviendha of the Nine Valleys sept of the Taardad Aiel. Why am I mentioning this to you? To quote from a line from Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure - "You'll see". This particular part of the book - the journey of the Accepted to Tear - doesn't really get interesting until they reach Tear and come face to face with the Black Ajah. As for Mat - he is entrusted with a letter from Elayne to her mother in Caemlyn. Along his path he meets up with Thom Merillin again and together they journey to Caemlyn. Only to find out that Morgause's new advisor plans to kill Elayne. So now Mat and Thom race to Tear to prevent Elayne from being murdered. I keep using words like journey and hunt and run. This is a book about chasing after people; there is constant movement. Finally all our central characters find themselves in Tear. Finally Rand will discover once and for all, if he is the Dragon Reborn. If you saw my other review, you know I am reading this as an eBook and can count sniffs. For this book, Women of Emonds Field - I Min - II Nynaeve - III Verin - I Leane - II Elayne - III Elaida - II Accepted - I Laras, Mistress of the Kitchens - II Tavern Wench at the Woman of Tanchico Inn - I Moiraine - III Aludra - I Cook at Inn - I Ailhuin - I Liandrin - I And a total number of sniffs for the three books so far Nynaeve - IIII IIII Moraine - IIII I Elayne - IIII Egwene - IIII Min - II Leane - II Elaida - II Laras, Mistress of the Kitchens - II Cook at Inn - II Females in Crowd - I Woman in Fal Dara - I Suian Sanche (the Amyrlin) - I Selene - I Suroth - I Bornhold - I Women of Emonds Field - I Verin -

ITavern Wenches at the Woman of Tanchico Inn - IAludra - IAILhuin - ILiandrin - ILooks like Nynaeve is still winning!

I am a hopeless book worm, so is my son. He has my paperback collection of this entire series. So here I am buying them again for my Kindle to reread them for the third time. Guess you can't give a better review than that!! Happy reading everyone!Mike and Randy.

Fantastic series for anyone looking to immerse themselves in a fantasy world. This story takes you on a journey of massive proportions and spans a whopping 14 books. Be warned that Robert Jordan did meet an unfortunate and untimely death before completing the series, however, left extensive notes and instruction for how it was to be finished (including writing the ending scene). Brandon Sanderson has done a fine job of picking up where Jordan left the series and has a wonderful style of writing. If this sounds like your kind of world then sit back and prepare yourself for a journey of tears, laughter and wonder.

I don't think that The Wheel of Time is the greatest epic fantasy series I've ever read yet, but I'm only three books in so far. I was definitely skeptical while reading the first book. Some of the characters were annoying, and everything seemed a bit too fantastical (trollocs and fire spewing sorceresses), but the characters slowly started growing on me. They all definitely still have their flaws, I find myself wanting to shake Nynaeve and Egwyne as bad as Elayne most of the time, but they are growing as characters, and I think it's that progress that keeps me hooked. All of the main characters find themselves embracing some power that they don't really understand and, in the beginning, don't want. I want to continue reading about these characters' journeys to understanding and embracing their potential and becoming the heroes of legends that they seem to be (Perrin and Mat especially). I'm a sucker for this type of story. This isn't the type of book that I can read in one sitting, but it keeps drawing me in with its promises of what's to come. Sometimes I only make it a few pages before I put it down again, but once I hit certain points, I found myself reading for hours. All in all, I would definitely recommend the series through book three, even if the characters annoy the hell out of me at times.

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