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The Far Kingdoms...a place of bright sunlight surrounded by dark, deadly wilderness. A place where the princes and magicians were kind and wise beyond all imagination. A place where wine and song were always sweet, every purse was fat with gold, and every heart at ease. The Far Kingdoms...said to lie in the distant east, across the straits of the Narrow Sea, beyond the benighted Pepper Coast, in uncharted territory. The Far Kingdoms...a place no one could reach even if it were real - which surely it wasn't. Young, pampered Amalric Antero cared only for real places and possible dreams. The time had come to Find His Tradewind, to make the traditional journey seeking out new lands, new riches, new customers as his merchant father, and his father's father, had done before him. He meant only to do as all young traders did: travel to the known lands in the west and return home having proved himself able to deal well with his father's customers. Nothing more was expected. But then he met Janos Greycloak, a dashing soldier who dabbled in forbidden magic and who carried on him proof of riches and mysteries beyond imagination. And suddenly Amalric found himself setting out on the adventure of a lifetime, a daring and perilous quest through unknown lands peopled by nightmares, to seek the ultimate in fables...The Far Kingdoms!

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Debra Meyer says

not sure which was worse the book or the narrator

Liana says

Ehh... Too sexual for me. The main character has a problem. XD Too bad when he wasn't being horny, he was busy being boring. :P

Dillon says

The system of magic is original. The main character is a dumb, oversexed ape who lives on luck alone, and he can be annoying. The story drags on a bit, but the ending is worth the wait.

Ivan Stoikov - Allan Bard says

Very well written fantasy story about human spirit, friendship, incredible adventures! Though the end is really sad... It actually was a part of my inspiration about my second book "The Opposite of Magic"...

Diane says

The son of a prosperous merchant gets himself into trouble with the locals, and decides that it's time to depart on his "Finding," the journey every merchant's son undertakes in order to make his own name in the

world. His will be no ordinary voyage, however. Accompanied by an older, stronger and magically skilled companion, Amalric seeks the legendary, undiscovered Far Kingdoms.

Overall, I enjoyed this story. It is well-written, and it has lots of what every good adventure should have: danger, magic, twists, revenge, betrayal, suspense, etc... There is a terrible but appropriate moral tragedy here, too (if you make it that far).

There were also things I disliked about this story. At times the darkness in this story is so suffocating and the violence so unrelenting that I felt like giving up on the book.

Oh, and be warned in case this is a pet peeve of yours. The female characters are poorly-drawn and obnoxious: either sweet and playful little things, or feminists with an axe to grind. Thankfully, there are not many of them!

Emiliya says

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Malum says

I read this one about 20 years ago and I remember liking it. The only thing I didn't like was that it had too much "Deus Ex Machina"--every time the main character would get in over his head a ghost would come out of nowhere and bail him out.

Jonas Samuelle says

The single best fantasy adventure I've read so far.

Evocative descriptions, thoroughly believable characters, and just the right details to make your mind hurtle the vast distances to places that only exist in dreams.

Jessica Manna says

Sweepingly epic, stunningly vibrant characters and thus, I NEED to find the 2nd book.

Faye K says

An ok read. There were times when the detail of clothing or food was a bit too much, then areas of the story where I would have liked more detail was rushed through. Different, but as a reading addict, I enjoyed the read.

Lori says

Very well crafted story line. Sometimes poor grammar and word usage, but overall fairly well written. I wonderful escape from the everyday into a magical world of good, evil and somewhere in between!

Michael Harry says

I feel the author managed to cram into one book more than others can in a series. Tragic friendship and loyalty, a slide into madness, ambition and dreams, this book has it all. The sense of adventure should make this essential reading for boys.”

Olya Neshcheretnaya says

This is the first book in the series about the family of Antero. It has everything: travel, battles, discovery, magic and sorcery. The novel is dedicated to the youngest son of the family - Amalric Emilie Antero, his adventure and search for the Far kingdoms. Together with Janos Grey Cloak he embarks on a journey, where they await the mass of the dangers, enemies, encounters, successes and failures, love, the test of friendship. This work is for those who craves adventure, loves stories about knights. The book will give You real pleasure...

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