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Six months after he returns from his fictional world of Andvell, Jeff Powell is still plagued by nightmares, and an inability to write anything new. Cursed with permanent writer's block, and on the verge of losing the woman of his dreams, he feels his life can't get any more complicated. Until he comes home to find Jayden and Brady in his apartment with news that the evil sorcerer Raul is in Montreal.

In their search for the now-powerless villain, they find themselves cast back into Andvell, tasked by the Sisters with finding Raul before he regains his power and destroys the world.

As far as Jeff is concerned, he has greater issues. Cassie has a new admirer, his characters are keeping secrets, and he has become the target of a silent assassin. Without his creativity, Jeff doesn't know if he's up to the challenge. If he wants to save his world from ruin, he needs to prove he has more to offer than his imagination.

## Eventide Details

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## From Reader Review Eventide for online ebook

### Concetta Phillipps says

So after my strange review of book one, this one picks up where that left off.

I think this book really improves the first one. I can understand why they were split though, it would be quite long if they were put together! I think this one was more entertaining and the introduction of balancing characters (the Queen and the new authorities) I think really helped even out the personalities of the characters.

Having a major conflict as well as the bad guy helps give the author a way to improve the characters as well as develop them in the face of the enemy.

I enjoyed this one and went right to buying the next one because I wanted to see how she resolves the series.

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### Drae Box says

Awesome! Full review coming soon :)

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### Kat W says

The story was tighter, more action driven, and did a bit better on establishing the character relationships. Interest was easier to maintain since it hit its stride fairly early, but then it had that whole portion with people alternating between moping and not sharing info, which put me to sleep a few times.

It's in this book I came to realize what is keeping me from properly liking this series (so far) and it is due to the characters. First, I was never convinced on how the character relationships developed and yet by the end of book 1 Jeff was being called brother and he was calling them all friends even though the majority of the book was all the characters being hostile towards Jeff. In addition to that, I never established an emotional connection to any of the characters. Brady's presence was never very strong, Jayden was your basic hothead jerk, Jasmine was your female classic cool and collected shield maiden with very little screen time, and Jeff was too much of a douchebag for me to like even if he did a few redeeming actions. Overall, the characters were a bit flat for me, but they work with the story so I'm not overly disappointed.

Jeff spends much of this book mourning the loss of his imagination, which sometimes came through in the writing but as his ability to "see the possible in the impossible" was not really established, there was not a strong contrast and at times could be debatable. Also, it was confusing because was it imagination he lacked or creativity or was it straight up writer's block? If he had no imagination, how would he have ever thought to be suspicious? To talk to certain people because he thinks it would benefit a person/situation? I think a definition for imagination/creativity just wasn't developed enough to make for a convincing issue.

I'm giving it 2 stars this time because it's not badly written and the story is interesting, plus I liked some particular parts of the story, but I expected more, such as an expansion on Jeff being the world's creator or

just a viewer. It's a basic fantasy action adventure book with the twist of having an author in his own fantasy world, so why is it not being put to use? That was my main draw to this series, too. One would think Jeff's ability to influence the world would have been better utilized...

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### **Christine Wire venning says**

**Nice easy read. It kept me well entertained. I am ready to read book 3.**

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### **Warren Dunn says**

The main character has grown a bit since the first book, but he's still whiny, and is mostly an observer, while the other characters still don't have much depth, despite their contributions to the story. For a novel touted as taking place in Montreal, we don't get to see much of the city, as most of the story takes place back in the fantasy world. Fortunately, the climax with the dragons was a lot of fun.

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### **Melda says**

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### **Leah Speller says**

I was not sure if the author was going to be able to keep with the level of the first book. Most second books tend to get a little slow. Not sure why that is. Perhaps because it is usually the bridge between and usually the bad guy is winning. Can't say that in this book. But I still am not going to give anything away.

What I will say is that the characters revealed so much more of themselves. The depth and courage shown the author gave them makes me speechless. I did not think I would become more attached to these characters but I certainly did. I did not want to put the book down and even did a 24 hour stent. The rollercoaster ride was full of twists and turns that you just did not want to get off.

I am grateful for the places I have that lets me know about book specials fore without them I would most likely not know about books such like this series and would miss out on this author's awesome talent.

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### **Lee says**

Eventide is the seond book in the Meritas trilogy, and is a good continuation of the first book. We get to see more of the world of Andvell, which is a fascinating place, with some very interesting characters. Jeff, unfortunately, isn't that interesting. He spends too much of the book reacting to situations, and very much

seems along for the ride. If he weren't in the book, I don't think it would make a huge difference to the plot.

The rest of the book was excellent. I really enjoyed the characters that were brought back from the first series, and a couple of very interesting new characters were added this time around. I'm sorry if I sound vague, but I don't want to spoil the plot. The ending, although a little formulaic, was satisfying, and I'm definitely looking forward to the next book in this series - or books, if this trilogy gets an expansion.

My rating is a 4 out of 5, and the only reason it doesn't get rated higher is my issues with Jeff.

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## **Y.I. Washington says**

### **Meratis Book 2**

I really like the characters and their development. I am impressed with Ms. Walsh's imaginative world.

Unfortunately, I did find the plots to be predictable, the writing/craft in need of improvement and the need of a proofreader all took away from the enjoyment of the novel. Also, the final 2 or 3 chapters were anticlimactic and rushed.

I will probably finish the trilogy simply because I'd love to see more of the twins and their friends and Venn.

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## **Aubrey Porter says**

It's been six months since author Jeff Powel returned from Andvell, the land from his bestselling series, and he's still having nightmares. He's also unable to write. He traded his imagination to save the woman he loves while he was there, but now he is on the verge of losing her, unable to tell her what he gave up to save her. Jeff doesn't think things can get any more complicated until two old friends, Jayden and Brady, show up not only in his world, but in his apartment.

They aren't the only ones from Andvell that have shown up in his world. Raul, the evil sorcerer has been living without his powers in Montreal since Jeff and Cassie came back. Cassie, Jeff, Jayden, and Brady team up to find Raul. During their search they all end up back in Andvell, where they have to once again take on Raul.

I was pleased to find I enjoyed Eventide, the second book in the Meratis Trilogy by Krista Walsh, as much, if not more than, the first book. I love the idea of an author being sucked into a world of their own creation. The characters Krista has created are multi-faceted and rich. Watching them stumble, learn, and evolve is as interesting for me, as it seems to be for Jeff. I also love watching Jeff grow as a person, and become more than just an author. The settings and the battles in this book are also beautifully described and make me wish I could someday find myself inside of one of my stories.

This book was a welcome distraction in my busy life that I couldn't put down. I am excited to see what Jeff and his characters are put through, and where they go, in the final book of the trilogy.

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## **Carol G. Duncan says**

### **Eventide. An Awesome book**

This next book in the series of the Meratis Trilogy is just as exciting as the first book. I love how the author weaves her story so it flows so beautifully. There is never a dull moment. We get pulled into the stories and feel like we are a part of it. I love getting to know the characters and witness how they handle all that comes their way. This journey has it all, adventure, magic, dragons, love and loss and most of all suspense. It will keep your focus and you won't want to put it down and you will want the next book as soon as you finish the one you are reading. This is definitely a must read series. You will love it. This series is great for a wide range of readers, I am a Mom of a sixteen year old and she will be reading it next. Happy reading!

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## **Suki says**

### **Book 2**

Book 2 had errors throughout and was a fun read. I enjoyed the plot and character development. There were chapters that started slow and seemed rushed. I look forward to book 3.

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## **Shannon Fawker says**

You can really see this series start to take flight in this book, the world expands, new characters are added, and yeah there's a bit of sex and swearing, which makes it SO much more amazing!!! I loath books that shy away from the fbomb or sex scenes for fear of offending anyone or because someone may think it gratuitous. For the record, Krista wrote one hell of a sex scene and I would have loved MORE, but that's just me, and maybe throwing in a lot more WOULD have been gratuitous, as it was, it was perfect and I applaud her for not having away from realizing that her characters are adults and as such would do adult related things like swear and have sex.

\*sigh\*

Beyond that, this book truly is amazing! I love how it builds upon the first and left me eager for the release of Book 3 (which if you haven't read, you really should)

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## **Janet says**

The second book was even better than the first. An author's fictional fantasy world & the real world collide once again. Walsh's vivid writing makes you long to live in Andvell & fall in love with the people who inhabit this world.

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### **Ronald Kelland says**

I always find it difficult to review the middle book of a fantasy series. The first volume is your introduction to the world and its characters, so you can't talk about that, plus you know that the book is really just setting up the concluding volume. Eventide continues to develop the characters that I came to like in the first volume and we learn a bit more of the world in which they live. I enjoyed it just as much as the first volume. My only complaint is that, based on the cover one would assume that dragons play a major role in the book, and they do, but their role comes extremely late. A minor quibble. Again, the best endorsement of a series is to read the next volume, which I did.

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