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Isabel reaches Karth, tormented by the influence of the Wraith Queen, and quickly becomes embroiled in the conflict between the House of Karth and the Reishi Army Regency. Before she can form any meaningful alliance with the Karth family, she must first challenge a dark and sinister power that has kept the Isle of Karth in thrall for millennia.

The harsh snows of winter have arrived, stalling open warfare in Fellenden, but Zuhl presses the attack, relying on the power of his dragons to carry the day and dealing a blow to Alexander that is as devastating as it is personal.

Abandoned by the love of his life, Alexander wakes among the dragons of Tyr. Bedridden by a grievous injury, he struggles with the limitations of his magic in a desperate effort to help the two people he loves most survive the winter, while also preparing his allies for the coming spring. What he discovers about the true nature of his calling might change everything.

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Josh Thomas says

I was so happy to find such an amazing set of books for so little. Having paid for one book what I have invested in this entire series makes me cringe when I think of what some of the "big time" authors put out after gaining a following. These books have been fun and exciting, keeping me up well past my bedtime and happy to do it. I read many series in this genre and this particular one has become one of my favorites. I might even buy the paper copies for my library. The books are fun, fast, and easy to understand but have enough suspense to keep you guessing without thoroughly confusing you. Absolutely worth the small asking price. Enjoy!!!! Great, straight forward fantasy.

Justine says

Great fantasy, keeps you racing through the pages

Don says

Better yet.

Suki says

Book 5

Book 5 was better than book 4. The plot has a lot going on and excludes characters old and new.

Mnoraznan says

Gripping, and nuanced. The world and the character improved with every telling.

Melodee Hamilton says

Great read

I am enthralled by this series. It has kept me going from start to finish. I cant seem to put them down.

Nigel says

Book 5 of the Sovereign of the Seven Iles continues the story of Alexander's war against Phane and his attempts to restore the Old Law across the Seven Ilse. The story continues from the point the last one ended in that Alexander is stuck on Tyr healing from wounds suffered whilst rescuing the stolen dragon's egg and Isobel is on the boat having left (fearing that Phane's latest plan might induce her to kill Alexander).

During the course of the story Alexander learns more about his magic and becomes able to project a talking image of himself when using his clairvoyance which enables him to keep himself all of the developments in the war. When used in conjunction with his clairvoyance he is able to guide Abigail and Isobel through their trials by scanning ahead and coming back to warn them. Abigail gets capture by Zuhl, is rescued and then sets out to free the remaining dragons under Zuhl control by cutting off their control collars using the Thinblade.

Isobel, whilst still fighting of the influence of the Wraith Queen she sets off to confront and hopefully kill Phane. Captured in Karth she is taken before the Sin'Rath coven of witches. These effectively rule Karth having charmed the male rulers this not only gives them control but has convinced all the men that they are the most beautiful women they have ever seen (the truth as we discover is somewhat different). Having escaped their clutches she sets off to find the bones of a creature that was created to nullify magic so that having got close to Phane she will be able to kill him as his magical protection will not be working.

Another fast paced story where once again we see Abigail and Isobel taking the lead in the fight against Phane whilst Alexander recovers. There are some really interesting insights in personalities in the story. One where Abigail is trying to explain to Zuhl why there are helping people even at the risk of their own lives and he just doesn't get it. We also see the struggle that Alexander has with the baby dragon that hatched after he rescued it and thus imprinted on him and not her mother.

Goede says

David (if I may be so blunt as to use the first name of someone I never met) wrote a really great phantasy serie.

One most people who want to be an author only can dream of. I encourage everybody to read the books. He has created an inspiring world!

When I started reading the first book way back (a year ago or so) as a freebie (my first freebie read ever) I didn't expect much of it. But it was free of charge and with that came the responsibility to read it. Otherwise it is not fair, so I thought.

Was I surprised in a really good way! A stunning story enveloped. So stunning I read six books and a positive inspiring event that has been!

So read and enjoy!!

Jenn Lambert says

really liked this book, less Alex, and more other people doing self to help save the day. Really liked that Isabel and Abigail have their own strong story lines. Liked the ending, and am really bummed that I have to

wait for the next one. I was really hoping that the end of this book would be the end of Phane, and Alex could focus on Zuhl. not so much. Not sure why Phane can still call his wizards den when his magic isn't supposed to work.

Denis Savage says

[with Phane's ability to wield magic, despite Isabel holding the bones that are have thwarted everyone else's use of magic. Yet, he is able to pick up his commander, with magic, as it is clearly stated, and toss them 1,000 feet through th

Stephen says

After finishing the fourth book, I couldn't wait to read the next and I did in one afternoon. This is one of the best series I have ever read and I have read alot of them. The originality of the characters and story will captivate you. The story is very detailed and gripping. The characters feel real they have many different parts to them that keep evolving as they grow. I have found that I couldn't put them down once I started. The scenes puts you in them, they are so detailed you can see them in your minds eye, placing you in the scene, wanting to help the characters. All thats left for you is to laugh, cry, worry, be frustrated, be mad and feel love. These books are worth every effort to read, time will fly by and the next thing you will know the book will end and you'll be searxhing for the next. Great Reading Everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Bookbear says

This is a series, why can't I just write a review of the series? Or can I?

So here my review of the series, so far as I followed, put here at book #5, because that's the way, that made me finally give up.

I found the first half of the first book really boring, actually wanted to give up after the first third, but kept on reading out of boredom. The second half got a lot better, and was full of promise. So I got the second book, which wasn't really fulfilling the promises, but wasn't so bad. Then the third... and the fourth... Always not really bad, but not getting there either.

The storytelling is not really on a high level. The protagonist is acting often in a stupid way, just to open another part to talk about. Too many side quests ;-. Also, there are too many new monsters showing up all the time. Each different and new, half dragon here, half monkey there, it's just too much, like a recipe with too many spices. And the author repeats things all the time. One guy always stands around with his hands clasped behind back. Always. People who were sick, are then always "up and about". And many more such things. I gave up in the middle of book #5, which is really just awful.

Sharon Hughson says

In all honesty, it was time for Alexander to suffer a setback. Of course, the tainted knife he took in the leg at the end of book four kept him in his Wizard's Den for this whole book. Well, sort of.

Wells did a great job of introducing the new powers that Alexander wields from his sick bed in this book. After all, if Phane can do it, why not the good guy?

I do like how Wells portrays the dragons in this book. He has also done a fine job of making his antagonists powerful, vindictive and detestable. So far, he hasn't made me understand their motivation (they are just a couple of power-hungry ego-maniacs).

One thing that completely didn't work for me was the shade's possession of a dragon. By his own description of what makes a host vulnerable to the shade, Wells makes this event seem unfathomable and un-buyable. I admit that I was confused at the end of this book because I thought that the cursed bone (yes, the title means something) would aid Isabel's assassination attempt. It was nice to note that Phane might be powerful, but he isn't well-loved. In fact, if they thought they could get away with it, many of his "servants" would line up to kill the guy.

Bradley says

This book series has a lot of absolutely great moments. I definitely think the author could have cut some things and merged a few of the books but then it wouldn't have been 7 books for 7 isles. So it might be preferable to listen to this series on audible instead of reading it or you will end up skimming through some chapters. Which may ruin some of the big moments because you will loose the build up. All in all it is a great series worthy of your time.

Jeanne Johnston says

I'm still not happy with the abrupt beginnings and endings (always in the middle of things), but am starting to believe he'll pull all the various storyline together.

With Alexander recuperating from a grave wound for most of this book, Abigail and Isabel are the main focus. Beyond that, it's just a lot of action, action, action.

A big hallmark of an epic is insurmountable odds and a mishmash of unlikely partners fighting to defeat the ultimate bad guy. Starting to feel like they'll make it.

Wavered between 3 and 4 here so will call it a solid 3-1/2.
