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Check out my review for The Tower of Sorcery. It generally applies to the whole series.

Aelvana says

Tarrin Kael has been tasked by his Goddess to recover the Firestaff, a mythical artifact the whole world is now hunting because it can allow its holder to become a god. Not that anyone knows where to find it. So in preparation for that search, he's sent to Dala Yar Arak, the largest city on Sennadar. Which means traveling on a ship in confined spaces and dealing with a lot of strangers, which are both hazardous for his now hair-trigger temper. He still hasn't gotten used to being a Were-Cat, and this kind of stress isn't doing him any favors. But his Goddess asked, so he's determined to go through with it, no matter what or who stands in his way . . .

The second book is, unfortunately, one of the weaker books in the series, especially the beginning. I still love several parts, but the beginning can be a bit of a slog as the overly detailed prose digs into Tarrin's disintegrating sanity. Basically, he whines and justifies himself a lot. Much of that could've been cut down from paragraphs to a mere sentence or two and given the same impression without quite as much text.

However, after a key event partway through, everything goes sideways, and the story improves significantly. The conflict between Keritanima and her father puts her in the spotlight for a while, and this is a conflict that's been both a long time coming and well worth the wait. It's an amusing war where she's working to destabilize her own kingdom enough to topple her father from his throne, a war of intrigue and assassinations. Meanwhile, Tarrin finds himself unwillingly embroiled in the were-kin society he tried to leave behind in order to pursue his quest.

This book also showcases one of Tarrin's more interesting abilities---turning people who were once enemies into solid allies. His compassion wars against the instincts of the Cat, and every now and again, when compassion wins out, big changes result. I particularly like what happens with an old enemy that resurfaces late in the story. Tarrin does what he sees as his duty, though he hates it at first, but it turns into something that really blesses both of them.

The fight scenes continue to be both varied and interesting. From the Doomwalker Jegojah to the Were-Cat matriarch Triana to pirates and more, there's always some new conflict exploding. Or perhaps it would be better to say, Tarrin explodes whatever is attacking him in various fun ways. He's a powerful Sorcerer, but as using Sorcery requires him to risk destroying himself, he tries to be cautious about using it. Until he gets mad.

Overall, even though this isn't the best book in the series, it still provides a solid adventure. The overarching goal of the Firestaff--and this book's goal of obtaining the Book of Ages--keep everything focused. And even though I don't particularly like that it takes forever to get to places on a boat, it is a good bit of verisimilitude. I rate this book Recommended.

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Vedran says

Story, action scenes, descriptions, characters, all is as good or better than in first book, and the annoying repeats have been reduced or eliminated.

5 stars

Shady Lubbad says

I love this book, it was one of the best book i have read in a very long time... it honestly gives you a little of everything.. its a bit long... so be prepared for that..

Christopher Culp says

Enjoyed book 1. Now on to book two! I've been snagged! sigh? fun and games anyway.

Gio says

In this sequel he author truly outdid himself, managing to make a pretty dull and allround bad mc in an even worse version, Tallin got whinier brattier. I'm done with this!
