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Milo Banks was just 14 years old when it happened - the most confusing and electrifying event of his life. It began when his father showed an ability of superhuman strength that couldn't possibly be real. Then his mother made the light glow from her hands.

After that, Milo didn't know what to believe. Suddenly, his hometown of Dearborn, New Jersey has become a place where anything can happen - and his family is trying desperately to keep it a secret.

When a mysterious sorcerer dressed in black appears at Milo's school, all of Milo's fears and anxieties become a living nightmare. Everything his parents have told him has been a lie: the Banks family is actually from a different world, and they have enemies who will stop at nothing to hunt them down and kill them.

When Milo and Emma find themselves trapped in another realm without their parents, they will have to rely on their superhuman potential - as well as a rowdy group of orphan misfits who might be the best friends they never had - to save a world on the brink of annihilation.

## Savant Details

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## Carl Ellis says

I must say great work. It is by far the best book I have read this year. I know it's a little early in the year to say so, but I know it'll be on the top five come Dec. The storyline, characters, world building, all of it was amazing. I like the luminether idea, how it can be used for science and magic. Your book has me day dreaming all day about what a world like that would be like. So again, thank you for all your hard work. I can not wait for Feral to be released!

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## Ron Sturm says

A great start to a coming of age story that has something for everyone. Twins, one boy and one girl, are brought to us by the author in a mix of action packed adventure, magic, other world beings that keeps you reading till you get done.

You get to know Milo and Emma as they learn about their world(s) magic, and mystery.

If you like coming of age stories and magic, then this is a must read for you!

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## Isobel says

ETA: My review of this book, below, was of an earlier version. A lot of the things I picked out as problematic are now removed or improved and I am looking forward to finding out what happens next. Kudos to Richard for his generous and gracious response to my review.

There are things that I really liked about this. The Gods' races and magical gifts and the realm of Astros were really interesting and I did want to know how the war played out.

The thing is, the misogyny is incredibly off putting. Milo and Emma are twins, both are Demigods and both have powers but Milo has to "look after his sister". The only description we get of the woman who betrays Oscar is that she is fat and has hairy legs. The girls on the ranch are shown worrying about their weight while the boys eat huge amounts from the wonderful buffets. Because, lets face it, fat women are duplicitous and ugly, right?

Also there's the way that adult women are dominated by men, and under threat of rape. Milo's mother's memories of her husband are about being submissive. In both flashback and at present when I stopped reading, she is there as an object of Iolus' sexual desire. He gloats about how he will rape her and she is offered to him as a reward with the promise he can do whatever he likes with her. Rape and prostitution are so commonplace that part of the reason Kovax trusts Max when he is undercover is that he doesn't rape women or use prostitutes. Yes, these are the bad guys, but there are plenty of ways to show people are evil without it being through sexual violence.

Women involved with the forces of evil are also not allowed agency or freedom from domination. Leticia is

shown to be powerful and strong within the band of evil warriors but she has to be shown to be submissive and broken by a former male lover. She is shown to have had a submissive and emotionally abusive relationship with Iolus in the past and physically crumples and collapses when he dismisses her when they meet up again.

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## **Ruth M Collins says**

### **A 5 star read**

This book kept me enthralled the whole time I was reading. For a fantasy or out of the realm of this world it captures the imagination and takes the reader into itself. I had a very hard time putting it down so I could sleep. The idea that there is other worlds of which we are unaware of let's the reader believe of a place we might come from instead of where we are. To think we could have special powers that we know nothing about makes the reader want to become something special. I will recommend this book to anyone who has imagination and then some. I personally can't wait to read the next book, if for no other reason than to find out how these children of demigods and humankind handle what comes next. A 5 star book. Thank you so much for the fantasy.

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## **Stephen says**

### **Good and cute story**

I had honestly considered stopping with this story, and not progressing with the series like I have with so many before, but the end of it gripped and made me really reconsider. The unending was written very well to bring you into the second book. But that isn't to say that the rest isn't good, it's simply on a different level. It has cute romance portions in it as well as intense fighting scenes.

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## **Carrie says**

This was a pretty good read. The 1st few chapters were hard for me because of all the info that is thrown at you. But once you know what everything is and it gets into the story it was very well written. I am looking forward to reading the next one. the characters were well built and you want them to succeed.

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## **Troy says**

This was another Goodreads First Reads giveaway book for me and it was a truly surprising read. Once I started into Milo Banks and the Tower of Light (now Savant), I felt as though I was settling into a simplistic novel, but little did I know, there was a fantastically engrossing adventure afoot. Milo and Emma are two young twin siblings leading ordinary lives, not aware of a greater world of magic and mystery surrounding them. As the book progressed, the details became richer and the characters took root in my heart. You will in some form or fashion latch onto one of the unique orphans at Ascher's ranch.

This is a young adult fantasy read with a more sophisticated plot behind it. I would definitely recommend it to readers young and old. It is long enough to build a fantastic world, yet not bogged down with a tremendous amounts of details to make you feel lost. The overall design is Harry Potter-esque but I had no problem with that. It was something familiar to behold and yet, refreshing to experience.

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### **Aviar Savijon says**

#### **Savant**

A great magical fantasy epically unfolds in the book that was exceptionally written by Richard Denoncourt. I Loved it. You will too.

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### **Becky A says**

This book was *phenomenal!*

From the beginning, the story of **Milo Banks** and his twin sister, **Emma**, was spellbinding. I liked being completely enveloped into a fantasy world filled with sorcerers, people that can fly and transform into animals and invincible, stronger-than-ever warriors.

Milo and Emma have a twin connection that creates a powerful relationship early in the book. The friends that they meet along their journey have such distinct personalities that it is easy to empathize with them. I also appreciated how there was a hint of romance between a few of the characters, but it didn't take away from the main story.

On the other hand, the dark characters of **Kovax** and **Corgos** are truly sinister. There were plenty of moments in the book when I shuddered from the pure evil that was at work between them.

The book does a wonderful job of explaining the different races: *Acolytes*, *Sargonauts*, *Savants*, and *Ferals*, as well as explaining the history behind how the realm of *Astros* came to be in its current state of turmoil. I'm excited to find out how Milo and Emma fit into the solution to the corrupt land of *Astros*.

Overall, I loved the book. It was an entertaining story filled with compelling characters. I had such a hard time putting this book down that I'm not sure how I'm going to wait for the next one to come out!

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### **jim says**

#### **Hard to put down...**

Strong characters bound together in a fight not just to survive, but to defeat evil as their goal. A rapid paced story with action, adventure, loss, heartache and most of all, love. I would highly recommend to fans of this genre.

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### **Timothy Mcnamara says**

This is a coming of age fantasy book. This book revolves around 15 year old twins Milo and Emma who are sent to the world of Astros after Milo sees his father use supernatural abilities and soon after Milo throws fire out of his own hands.

This book has everything a traditional fantasy book has

magic check

bad guy(s) check

secrets check

love intrests check

more twists and turns in this story than there is in a maze.

My imagination was able to run wild here with the descriptions of the people the races and places in this book.

This was an amazing book which I couldn't put down until I had finished as I did not want it to end.

Cant wait to read FERAL the next book in the series.

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### **Amanda says**

My 11 year old son and I both read this book. The characters are believable and their personalities work well together. The creativity with the story does not leave your imagination lacking. My son says "This was an awesome book, I can't wait to read the next one!" (I personally think that says it all).I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

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### **Deranged Pegasus says**

I am so thankful for Goodreads First Reads for allowing me to get this book. I have not yet had a chance to read it but once I do I will be sure to update this review.

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### **iamjenai says**

I had high hopes when I started reading this book. Milo Bank's story is engaging the first quarter of the book. It was a quick read, loved his family, mom, pop, and his twin sister Emma. I love to read history, very much. But I was too distracted with the casts of the story. It has too many characters which is hard for me to tell who's who. I know I said before as long as they are connected, it doesn't matter. I guess I was wrong. This is the book I had to take note of the characters (Milo's family, friends, gods and goddesses, demi gods) and what they are (Sargonauts, Acolytes, Savants, Ferals, Pertilents, etc.). But even doing this, I still had to flip back the pages to remember them. Honestly, I can't put them all together in my head.

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## **Ayhriel says**

Amazing book; didn't want it to end, but couldn't put it down last night until it was finished. Really wanting to read the next one. Warning: definite cliff-hanger ending. This was a First Reads book.

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