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Kurt Vosper says

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Charles says

By this time, Janet Morris is doing some of her best work in the series. This series was my first introduction to her stuff and I found her a superb writer. Other stuff here is good as well, though.

Aaron says

A bit of improvement over the fourth book in the series. Quality is still quite mixed, but the introduction of the Beysib helps change things up enough to keep the stories interesting.

Dave Peticolas says

Peter says

I liked Thieves World but as the series went on it somehow lost it's appeal..

Teri says

good book as all the rest...wish walegrin was in more of it...could have done without the last story, Mirror Image. i like Lalo and Gilla, they are part of Sanctuary, but i just found myself having to really force read that story. Can't wait til the stepsons get back to town.

Mark says

Readability 8. Rating 6. Date estimated. One of the Thieves' World series of books, which collect short stories from a range of science-fiction and fantasy writers. The interesting aspect of these stories is the common setting (the City of Sanctuary) and the overlapping of characters and events. At it's best, the series

provides multiple viewpoints in very different styles of events that impact each character's life to varying extents. The series also does an excellent job of maintaining a historical flow throughout the series. At this point (I am writing this well after the time I read the books), I cannot differentiate among the early books in this series. Note also, that this is the second reading for the first eight in the series.

Redsteve says

Hard to believe, but with Book #5 things have gotten even more violent and chaotic in the bad old town of Sanctuary. The *cough* Innsmouth Samurai *cough* matriarchal Beysib (who arrived at the very end of Storm Season) now dominate the city, but not so much as a calming influence - more the effect of a lid on a pressure cooker. The streets are running red with blood as things heat up between Nisibisi-funded Death Squads (some of whom actually are undead), ex-Hawkmarks, the replacement Stepsons, the "soldiers" of the beggar king, and, of course, your average cut-throats, mercenaries, random magicians and assassins. Overall, this seems to be a basic TW book: none of the stories were really great, none of them really seemed to be filler. I give this one a solid 3 stars.

Helga Ganguly says

I don't know why it took me so long to finish this one. Some of the stories were marvelous. Others simply bored me. Maybe I'm not reading them at a fast enough clip. In any case, I've progressed reading book 6 much faster already than this one. Personal taste?

Daniel says

This one kind of lost me and in my opinion just didn't hold up to the books before it. Just seemed like they busted out some stories and overall it just didn't deliver, as far as what I was used to with these anthologies. Still, one has to give them props for trying.

Danny

Jacque says

The stories in this book are dark and interesting, especially when you have become familiar with the cast of characters. Some of my favorite authors have contributed stories to this series. I did not care for the first story, it took me a long time to get through, but once past it all of the rest are very good.

Bill says

Great!

Toby says

Book 5 of the twelve original TW anthology novels starts a plot arc with "mysterious invaders" that show up, look like fish, and don't do much else. TW isn't a series with a big-picture focus, though, so the presence of these invaders is more or less artfully *shown* through the new gritty experiences of the now-familiar cast, though some favorites are missing from this volume.

C.J. Cherryh's "Necromant" is the turd of the bunch, sprawling and hard to focus on. Janet Morris, of whom I am seldom a fan, turns in a palatable entry this time with "High Moon," which dangles a promise that Tempus and her other horrible characters are gone. I'm sure they'll be back though.

The other stories are good little adventures, though as a whole don't give much shape to a story arc; the invading Beysib play roles of varying importance throughout, but of them we're shown no conflict, action, or resolution.

Shannon Appelcline says

Less cohesive than some of the previous volumes, and I think it loses something too for neither Tempus nor Shadowspawn being front and center.

Brian Schwartz says

This series really lost focus at this point. Abbey, Asprin, Drake, and Paxson keep their stories focused on the assigned scenario of each book – in this case the occupation of the Beysib. But Morris and Cherryh seem to be clueless about Sanctuary or just didn't care about the guidelines. Their stories were poorly written, bore little upon the premise, and dragged down the book, making it difficult to read and the worst installment in the series to date.
