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The final book of the Sovereign of the Seven Isles begins in the mountains of Andalia with Alexander—wounded, surrounded and fleeing for his life. Isabel learns that Phane can use her link with the darkness for his own, terrible ends. And Abigail rallies the Coven to face the Sin’Rath, a threat now magnified a hundred fold.

Battle rages across the Seven Isles, and Alexander Reishi stands at the center of it all. As forces converge on the Nether Gate, he departs on a desperate quest to free Isabel, kill Phane and banish the Shades for all time.

Reishi Adept Details

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Kathleen says

I have a headache. This is nonstop carnage, until 98%, where we then get a sliver of happiness. Despite all the carnage, this insane series did end on a very happy note. Too good to believe.

There are 7 books in this series. I read books 1,2,3,5,7, skipping books 4 and 6. Nothing lost. Just more of the same. This series is heavy bloody battles, fairly strong in terms of pacing (with several exceptions), simplistic in terms of world building and plot, fairly weak on character development and fairly vapid in terms of dialogue. The author needs to develop a stronger writing style. Self publishing is great, but only when the writing is quality workmanship. Too repetitive by far. Vocabulary is limited. For example, every time Wells describes dragons flying overhead, he uses the word "floating" — which makes me think of a balloon — rather than gliding, soaring, circling overhead, etc.

Sana says

Enjoyable series. I rarely continue on in a series when buying books, and in this case first book was free, bought the remaining.

Imaginative. Constantly going (the books I read previous to this were dragging out so long.. this was just go go go).

I did agree with other reviews that certain phrases were repeated ad nauseum which detached from the storytelling. For instance, when describing each horrid beast, the beginning for multiple creatures was they had arms legs and head like a human but that was where the similarities ended. Also the nonstop description of one character as waifish....I really dislike that word now... But to hear her described from many different people as waif-like... Would be more realistic to have each use a different descriptor.

That being said, enjoyed this series immensely.

Violet H Harmon says

An Excellent Ending of the Series!

This is one of the most enjoyable series of books that I've read. At the beginning I thought it might be too black/white, all good guys on one side all bad on the other. While it's somewhat like that the characters have depth to them. The plot is one of almost constant action. The excitement doesn't end.

When the end of the book does arrive it's very well done. I hate it when an author just finishes the main conflict and it's all over. Not this time! The book goes on leaving no loose ends or stories unfulfilled.

Tim Whitson says

This book was great. Excellent finish to a fantastic series!

Bill Tillman says

Bravo, neatly tied bow on a wonderful saga! Every "t" crossed, and every "I" dotted, well done. I'm very grateful that author Wells didn't kill off half the good guys. Also that no loose ends dangled out at the end. Worth the time and effort to read the entire seven books!

Bryce says

I loved all of these books and most of this one, but the ending ruined the whole series for me. Most events are very detailed so it takes a long time to get through them, so most events in this series take a while to get through. I don't mind that at all, but halfway through this book you start to wonder how this could possibly get finished up in just half a book since there are so many problems confronting the protagonist at once. The author must have been on a time deadline, because he promptly took a shortcut to the end like getting a star and golden mushroom at the same time in Mario Kart.

Sherwin says

Kept reading this thing as I liked the pacing, loved the wizardry, and the way that it felt like a fantasy RPG video game (with somewhat predictable black or white characters). You couldn't put down the book the same way you can't stop playing a game because you want to unlock all the levels and reach the boss fight. That said, I'm really not quite sure where all the 4/5-star ratings are coming from. Hmm.

C.L. Savage says

Overall this series is hard to put down. The whole series is 4.5 stars. Really well written, though with some odd inconsistencies. At times Alex could walk through 1000's of people and slice & dice his way through like the warrior we'd expect. He can see in 360 degrees out to miles by the end of the series, see everything that is coming, even see events unfolding before they happen and yet he keeps getting stupid injuries. I get the author has to make him have vulnerabilities, but they can't be in the areas of his strengths or it doesn't make sense.

This book was a letdown. I was hoping Alex would finally get the magic we'd been hoping for the whole series. Early on (book 1?) he becomes a wizard, having completed the first of three mana fasts. He never ever does the second one, let alone the third. What is up with that??????

So if you're expecting Alex in this book to be a mage, as the title implies, you'll be let down. He swings a sword to get things done from page 1 (of book 1) to the last page (of book 7). He never does anything

"magical." At one point in one book he mini-teleports. There is never a repeat to this. He never figures that trick out. It is implied at one point that Syndori(sp?) creates a new world with his magic. We never see anything like that with Alex. Basically Alex can see far, and occasionally see into the future a few moments. The future sight is only helpful when the author lets it be helpful, otherwise it isn't reliable.

Then after 7 books of doom & gloom, we get one mini-chapter of wrap-up. Alex has a baby, big whoop-de-do. He never once wanted a child during the whole series. Never dreamed of it, never thought it would be a good idea, any of it! What he kept wanting was a ranch. We in one sentence see dragons scare his sheep. Through the rest of the series, the author spends paragraphs describing places we'll never see again. But for Alex's home we get nothing. I was hoping for more about the vitalwood trees. Alex blesses some dirt over a seed, but we don't know if it helps. Really? Would it have been so hard to have a shoot come forth, and all the fairies rejoiced at the recreation of the reason they came into the world in the first place? And for the vitalwood tree he plants in his front yard. Some fairies leave their hidden place and rejoin the world to be with this one tree amongst humanity as its guardians.

We do get an odd moment, Zhul's head on a spike. But Ixabrax had eaten the top half of Zhul, oh well.

Good series. The end fight was pretty good having a lot of unexpected angles. I was hoping Zhul would have a better showing. Also the Sin'Rath end was WEAK. I would have liked after Phane defeats Zhul, to have him try and summon the Sin'Rath mother, but she's already been summoned and charms him, Alex, Tyr and even enthral Isabel like she does, but we didn't get that added drama. Alex's sister was supposed to fix the Sin'Rath situation, but doesn't. Anyway, the ending was good, just not the 5/5 ending to the series I was expecting.

I want to add one bit of author humor. The phrase "hundreds of feet" is used over and over again, sometimes in the same paragraph. This hallway was "hundreds of feet" long. We turned the corner and that hallway was "hundreds of feet" long. Pretty funny stuff.

Diane says

good guys win, as expected

Jeanne Johnston says

Wow, what a ride. I wasn't super impressed with the first book but it got better and better. I got a bad Robert Jordan vibe early on as there seemed to be endless rabbit trails of plot to follow, and figured this was overly ambitious and would drag on forever or just fizzle. Nope, the action was pretty steady, not much useless filler, and he pulled it off. This was all the storylines coming together like a whirlwind of nonstop action and carnage, and then we get our happy ending--whoosh.

Some clever inventions, as well. The Wizard's Den alone made for a useful plot device to keep things speeding along. I want one!

Brian Cellery says

Great series, lazy ending. The previous six books set up so many great side stories and were very detailed, but the end of the seventh book was just little paragraphs attempting to tie up all the stories and a huge amount was just left out. A lot of unanswered questions. I would have liked to see several chapters closing everything out after the big climax. Loved the series but VERY disappointed with the ending.

Charles Rosenau says

Best fantasy - that never runs out of something new - to continue the ever moving story !!!

This book had its own world and its own kinds of magic through out the full seven volumes !

I buzzed from volume to volume and just kept reading when ever I could. I even read it as i walked on the tread mill at the Gym because time just flew while reading there.

There were heroes and villains as any other book but each one unique and solid characters through out

Elements of a hard road to follow by the main characters but it was so true to life in ones own life it was like familiar and understood as a literal growing into their fate that befell them and how they coped and aligned with it over time...

Startely written in the reality of human experience and over wealming situations that wear you down and yet a road that revealed the metal that most do not know they actually have !!!

Each volume was a stepping stone into more surprizes and hazards and many sword and all maner of weapons used by the regular soldiers and the sheer incredible Wizard Weapons Master !

Very unique specially gifted people and the game was like always changing and moving and kept you guessing and so wondering how any one could survive !

But there were quite unknown people within the cluster of good friends that were always finding ways that could make or break their situation !!!

So yes !!! I would love to see these 7 books come to life - on the big screen - if it could be done - just as "The Lord of the Rings" was done !!!

This would be such an - Awesome Story - presented in bigger than life - in the so many different landscapes that were described and the many different Keeps - beast - land and sea battles and aerial battles from the air and in the air on dragons and smaller dragon like cousins that was used for many air fighting over the ground and fighting sailing ships over the water !!!

Very pleased - with the sheer versatility - and the fight between the darkness and the Light - through out these books !!

That became ever more expanding with the passing from book to book.....

Charles R

Michael Newville says

This series is one with many positive, and some negative aspects..

I'll start with the negative. I feel it was a bit drawn out, could have easily been compacted into 2 less books (namely the 5th wasn't needed). The writer easily overemphasised the same writing style, same moral points, and same character thoughts that made this series predictable at times and a bit boring.

I feel like I can sum up the book in 3 sentences that were used repeatedly. I eventually just started skipping over it when he would go off on the same tangent of the old law and good people doing bad things. We get it..

The writing style was simple and never changed throughout the books. The good and evil was obvious, the characters were rather predictable due them never changing. There weren't any character twists, just plot twists. Which I usually enjoy a bit of character twist. But the writing style is both enjoyable because it is simple, but also cause a bit of dry writing.

So that's the bad, here's the good. I read the whole series in the time span of a month. I simply couldn't put the books down. The story is well done, creativity is amazing and thoughtful. The darkness and evil is well emphasised. It was like reading or watching a DC movie or comic. Batman for instance, where usually the villains are the main topic to prove points, instead of the hero's.

This book and the previous were probably my favourite, full of plot twists and the ending was quite unexpected. I enjoyed the surprises and attention to detail.

Could have had more endings and the good at the end being more emphasised and longer. But overall great ending and writing.

These books are well worth the read, just be prepared for a creative but often redundant story of adventure!

Tim England says

Amazing

Wonderful way to end the series. This was a huge rollercoaster of emotions the entire way.

I can't wait for the next series...

Nigel says

The Reishi Adept concludes the excellent Sovereign of Seven Isles series and is another emotional roller coaster as Alexander struggles to not only win the war but to rescue Isobel from the clutches of Phane. This particular story does not do subtle as the protagonists lurch from one skirmish /battle to another. Each of these gets more dangerous and their enemies more and more evil.

Meanwhile Phane finally reaches the Nether Gate and all that remains is for him to activate it to release all of the evil of the underworld to conquer the Seven Isles and plunge the world into years of oppression and dictatorship.

Can Isobel resist the attentions of Phane and the Wraith Queen long enough for her to be rescued by Alexander or will she succumb to the draw of the evil darkness that is beginning to envelope her. The final battle is epic in its scale and we watch as Alexander struggles with a moral dilemma of means versus ends. Would he be justified in deploy what amounts to a magical weapon of mass destruction on Zuhl's army which he believes he cannot fight by 'normal' means? Can destroying of 600,000 soldiers ever be the right thing to do, even if it ends the war? Can he find another way to end the war with committing this terrible act?
