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When Kaede arrives at Shirakawa, she learns her sisters have been taken to Lord Fujiwara's house and soon she too becomes a prisoner there. And neither Takeo nor Kaede know that Takeo's old teacher, Muto Kenji, has grievances and schemes of his own. As Takeo and Kaede face disaster at the hands of their enemies, the forces of nature are also conspiring. Are Takeo's skills of magic and his desire for revenge enough to outwit two armies? And will he and Kaede ever find a peaceful way to live their lives together?

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# From Reader Review Brilliance of the Moon, Episode 2: Scars of Victory for online ebook

## Christine Knight says

A strong concluding novel in this trilogy. It was a satisfying end to what had been a most enjoyable journey. I'd travel again with this author.

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## Thomas says

After over 1000 pages, the Tales of the Otori comes to a close as Takeo finally fulfills his destiny and exacts his revenge on those who started his journey at the very beginning of the series. As befits the saga, his journey is filled with sacrifice, betrayals, and honor, and it all comes together in Scars of Victory. As the title suggests, Takeo is likely to win, but at what cost?

For the series to be that long, I'm surprised that the story feels less epic than other fantasy stories. One part of it is that the series isn't a traditional fantasy, but the main part is due to the story being more personal than other epics. A Song of Ice and Fire is a sprawling epic with a large number of characters, but Tales of the Otori is about Takeo and Kaede. Other characters and events play into the story, too, but by centralizing her focus, Hearn gives intimacy to the story, bringing the reader closer to her characters than the events that drive their stories.

It feels like little happens in the series, but Hearn's style of writing belies how much actually takes place over the span of its 1300 pages. I believe I've mentioned her gentle style in each of the reviews preceding this one, but it's true: Her narrative lulls you into a false sense of peace. I love that style.

It's hard to think of who I'd recommend read these books. They don't follow the traditional epic fantasy structure, despite being a part of that genre, and they aren't strictly historical novels, either. I guess I'd recommend them to anyone who finds their summaries intriguing, and would suggest starting with the first one and seeing if you take to it. I'm not sure what I expected from it, overall, but I was surprised I liked it as much as I did.

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## Michael says

So the main show down happens between various characters and while I really like the series as a whole I thought the ending was blah. Mostly it felt a little too "deus ex machina" for me. Or a chapter would end before resolution and then it would be explained later in the next chapter. Still worth my time though.

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## Lorianne says

It's a very good book but i enjoyed the previous ones better.

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**Irwan says**

A nice story... Although it doesn't give you the "kick" that I always look for in this kind of stories.

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**Cynthia says**

LOVED it!

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**Ian Reed says**

I looked on this book with both anticipation and dread since it was the end of the series. I was not dissappointed in either emotion as I read through it cover to cover.

Hearn's story and plot had truely captured me and as the ending came I was flabbergasted that I was still getting surprised at the events. Hearn still managed to put some twists and turns in the tale to keep me on my feet and reading without any way to stop. When a book is a page-turner that's a sign that something in the authors style was done write, but when a whole series of books are page turners that to me is a sign of true mastery of writing strategies and techniques. I followed the series and finished it in a matter of weeks and not once was I ever bored or unmotivated to continue.

With this last book I enjoyed seeing how everything came together, the battles, the two main characters, the end and realization of the prophecy. It all ended smoothly and is a testament to both Hearn's skills and good writing. I learned quite a lot from the book about ending a strong series.

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**Jim says**

"3rd volume of Takoe Otori sees him victorious in uniting the country while taking revenge on his evil uncles in Hagi. But much goes not as planned in his rivalry with Arai, and this book is as good as the first."

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**Bj says**

Loved the whole series.

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**Ingrid h says**

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**Nick says**

pretty interesting end to the series

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**Imas sakuntala says**

:D cant help myself to stop from reading this serial :P

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