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Dragons Of Winter Night (Dragonlance Chronicles, Volume II)



Synopsis

Now the people know that the dragon minions of Takhisis, Queen of Dragons, have returned. The people of all nations prepare to fight to save their homes, their lives, and their freedom. But the races have long been divided by hatred and prejudice. Elven warriors and human knights fight among themselves. It seems the battle has been lost before it begins. The companions are separated, torn apart by war. A full season will pass before they meet again--if they meet again. As the darkness deepens, a disgraced knight, a pampered elfmaiden, and a rattle-brained kender stand alone in the pale winter sunlight. Not much in the way of heroes.

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Customer Reviews

I haven't read these books since high school, more than ten years ago. I wanted to re-read them as I was feeling nostalgic. After re-reading *Dragons of Autumn Twilight* I was a little concerned that the book was not living up to the memory I had of it. *Autumn Twilight* was fun but the writing quality wasn't quite what I remembered and the story, while it had some good moments, lacked a really epic scope. Still, I understood it had to set up all the characters so I was more optimistic for this second book. *Dragons of Winter's Night* did not disappoint. It really picked up the action and the story became much richer and more fast-paced. The dialogue and characterizations become much more realistic and the varied locales and new characters and races help make the story much more epic than the first book. The companions are given more depth and dimension. Tanis is a good example of more complicated character, but Laurana becomes a much richer character also, since her part in book one was somewhat shallow. And Sturm's storyline and trials to become an actual

Knight gripped me much more now than they did years ago. That was what really sold me on Weis and Hickman's improved writing, in that they were able to make Sturm more than just a one-dimensional chivalrous knight and gave him a deep soul. It was easier to understand his motivations in condemning the petty divisions in the knighthood, even though he knew it will keep him from ever becoming a knight, which was his life's dream. I also liked Sir Gunthar Uth Wistan and how he handled the political infighting within the Knights of Solamnia and his support of Sturm, how even though he used Sturm he still genuinely cared for him.

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