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Only a dragonblood, one who can transform into a mighty dragon, can again bring peace and justice to Almar, but all those of that mystical race have been murdered by the evil High Lord Kargoth who now rules the land. The Followers of the Blood oppose the High Lord, waiting for the fulfillment of a prophecy that a dragonblood will come and bring peace once again to Almar. Delina, a young elven girl who lives alone in the forest, wants nothing to do with men or even other elves, but now she has become the center of attention for the forces on both sides, and she must learn the truth of who and what she is before it is too late.

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From Reader Review Dragon Rising for online ebook

Tito Barberi says

Although Dragon Rising is nothing new to fans of high, epic fantasy, the book delivers. If author Tom Fallwell meant to tell a story in the purest spirit of Tolkien and other masters of fantasy, he certainly accomplished what he set out to do.

The book is filled with great heroes and an imposing villain, wonderful, magical creatures and mystical places. The main plot is solid, uncomplicated and to the point. The action is superb and the characters are well developed.

The story is focused on Delina, a young huntress who happens to be the last Dragonblood in Almar, a land that has been subdued by the evil Dark Lord Kargoth. Joining Delina on her quest to overthrow the sinister Kargoth we meet Morlock, a huge feline that is Delina's hunting partner, and Merric, a brave human hero who forges a deep and meaningful relationship with our young heroine.

If you're a longtime fan of fantasy, like yours truly, you'll know where this story is headed right from the start. But the journey to the finish line is extremely entertaining, action-packed, imaginative and well developed.

Furthermore, author Tom Fallwell has created interesting characters and a world that offers plenty of potential for a sequel or two. In my humble opinion, this is what a good book should do: leave the reader wanting more.

A prime example is the way Fallwell developed his dragons in this story; not an easy feat any way you wish to look at it. Aside from George R.R. Martin, for instance, I have rarely read a story where dragons actually feel like they could be real, living, breathing creatures. I certainly would love to read more about dragons in the world of Almar, be it in a prequel or a sequel.

Conclusion:

Dragon Rising is a great read for lovers of high, epic fantasy. In fact, you couldn't go wrong recommending this book as an introduction to the genre for new readers.

Ian Hunter says

The novel is tightly plotted and in a very focused and determined way advances without departure or delay along the central storyline. This gives the tale a great sense of forward momentum and energy. The genre is solidly classic, epic fantasy, no blurring of the lines or mixed genres here. It is also very much a YA novel, so it will benefit greatly from being targeted to a very clearly defined readership from the get go. The unfolding friendship between our two leads, Merric and Delina, what's more, is one that should well titillate the teen audience. The magical powers on display among the various characters, so much a part of the enjoyment of reading in this genre, add to the compelling nature of the ensemble cast, and to the sense of danger all around.

For a first novel, I found it impressive. There were times when I considered the beats and plot points perhaps a little too hardly driven home, but better to err in the direction of clarity than of confusion. And while I had trouble integrating some of the backstory, the foreshadowing of danger around the corner and rising conflict to come was excellently handled. All in all a very solid, entertaining read that I find easy to recommend to teens from thirteen on up and to the YA crowd. Even younger readers in the ten to twelve year range should easily be drawn in to this family-friendly tale, and enjoy the third member of the team, Morlok, who reminded me a little of the Cheshire cat of Alice in Wonderland, the way he was described. Though he's very much his own, delightfully well imagined creature that even younger readers should gravitate to.

Dino Costi says

Dragon Rising is an exciting and action-packed fantasy novel, which is probably one of the better ones in the genre that I've read this year. It follows Delina as she must fulfil her destiny as the Dragonblood and unite the world to defeat the evil sorcerer Kargoth. The action takes place over a number of different well-realized locations and the plot kept my attention the whole way through, always leaving me wondering what was going to happen next.

The thing I liked most was probably the relationship between Delina and Merric: I enjoyed seeing how it developed throughout the story, especially as both of these characters are really likeable and interesting. There's also a colourful variety of other characters, including Alwynn the elf queen and Kargoth, the villain of the novel, who help to make the story captivating.

I'd recommend Dragon Rising to anyone interested in traditional sword-and-sorcery fantasy, particularly if they're looking for something which leans towards young-adult. It's a well-written and gripping tale that I'm happy to have had the pleasure of reading.

Jeri Davenport says

I do not normally read Fantasy, but I could not put this book down. I was drawn into the story and got involved with the story line. When I thought I could predict what was coming next, I was pleasantly surprised by the twists that you added. I really enjoyed this story and look forward to reading more books by you.

jeri

A.J. Leigh says

Dragon Rising was an awesome fantasy book. I love dragons and fantastical creatures so this book was right up my alley. Morlok was my favorite and I would love to see a visual representation of her.

I won't spoil anything in my review because I think you should all read it, but the action starts almost immediately as you learn more about the characters and grow to love their personality. Sometimes fantasy books can get a bit overwhelming with the describing of a new world, but the author did a great job of

spreading out explanations throughout the story in a natural way.

I have to say, it's hard for me to read a book when the main character is annoying, but in Dragon Rising I love how Delina is a humble, yet strong female lead. She's caring and compassionate to those around her and you genuinely grow to love her. I love the relationship she has with Merric who is also someone you will root for, almost instantly. The flow of the book was easy to follow and I was able to visualize it as I read. The action and story reminded me of Lord of the Rings, with a more light-hearted feel. Personally, Lord of the Rings is a bit heavy for me, but Dragon Rising was a very easy read. The adventure is exciting and I loved following Delina and Merric discover the secrets of the Dragonbloods.

Also, the way it was written, there is a formality to it that I'm not really used to, but it worked for this book and didn't bother me. Overall, a great fantasy book read and I recommend it to those who enjoy fantastical worlds and creatures.

Kimberly Newman says

Dragon rising is an entertaining book that moves along at a good pace. I enjoyed it and appreciated its clean nature and good characters. I loved the description of the dragon. The ending is a nice wrap-up and doesn't leave anything important hanging unfinished.

Patrick Hedges says

If you like fantasy and action, Dragon Rising is an excellent choice. It has strong characters, a very good plot and plenty of action.

Dragon Rising tells the story of Delina, the last "dragonblood" in the land of Almar, a noble lineage that was supposed to be extinct. At first unaware of her importance, Delina soon learns that it is her destiny to fight the evil of the dark wizard Kargoth and restore her bloodline to the Dragon Throne. But first, along with the young warrior Merric, she must rally the peoples of Almar into an army to fight Kargoth and his horde of blackguards.

I would recommend Dragon Rising to anyone who likes fantasy.

Michael Lynes says

"Dragon Rising" by Tom Fallwell is an interesting story, replete with Dark Lords, hidden Rebels, unlikely Heroes, beautiful maidens, fantastic magic, woodlands full of Elves and of course Dragons. It falls perfectly into the 'Sword and Sorcery' genre and as I am a lifelong fan of this type of story I eagerly placed a copy on my Kindle.

The tale opens rapidly and we are introduced to Delina, a half elf with oddly shaped eyes and her friend and protector Morlock, a giant shadowfang cat from the far southern jungles. Delina's slight frame belies her great strength and cat-like agility and she and Morlock hunt together almost as one.

Just as quickly we are exposed to the brooding, malevolent presence of Kargoth, the self proclaimed Dark Lord of Almar and his obsession with power and hatred of the Fellowship of the Blood, the last remnant of

Rebels who still remain loyal to the memory of the Dragon King Jeraldin whom Kargoth betrayed and slew nearly twenty years past.

Kargoth's Blackguard search ceaselessly for the stronghold of the Fellowship and by unfortunate chance they come upon a lone young warrior, Merric, just recently turned seventeen, as he ventures through the land. He is attacked and only saved, thru pure luck, by Delina and Morlock, in whose cave he takes refuge just moments before the blackguard come upon him. Merric is gravely wounded but Delina is wise in the ways of healing and she and Merric and Morlock soon become friendly as they nurse Merric back to health.

The story picks up rapidly from there, with Delina's true nature revealed thru the fulfillment of an ancient prophesy and the great struggle between the Fellowship, Elves, Humans and the forces of the Dark Lord comprise the remainder of this epic tale. Delina's true nature comes to her in stages and her quest to discover more about her hidden power propels the plot and story-line to its conclusion.

Fans of this genre will not be disappointed in this effort, though there is little novelty in the characters or the central conflict. There are Elves hidden in the Sylvan forests, a Dark Lord in his great black stronghold, an alliance of men and other races formed to defend the forces of Light and swords and magic aplenty.

Echos of Zelazny, and Tolkien and even a touch of Rowling can be detected and Mr. Fallwell's prose does them justice. I gave the story a rating of three stars, mostly because of the very linear and somewhat overly pat plot-line and some of the rather improbable coincidences that are employed to connect several scenes. There is a great deal of repetitive explanation and over exposition that with a through editing could be condensed, allowing the more interesting character dialog and interaction to assume center stage. Overall I did enjoy this story, and as there are some obvious dangling hooks for several follow-on tales I eagerly await the continuation of this adventure series.

Angela Defeo says

Dragon Rising was an awesome fantasy book. I love dragons and fantastical creatures so this book was right up my alley. The action starts almost immediately as you learn more about the characters and grow to love their personality. Sometimes fantasy books can get a bit overwhelming with the describing of a new world, but the author did a great job of spreading out explanations throughout the story in a natural way.

There are a few errors that editing missed but I'd recommend Dragon Rising to anyone interested in traditional sword-and-sorcery fantasy.

Shawn says

Great story, wish there was another book to this. Excellent read.

Gwen says

Dragon Rising kept my interest and is a good fantasy/adventure book. The author needs to learn the difference between the words "emancipated" and "emaciated" however, the first meaning "set free" and the second meaning "abnormally thin or weak". This difference in meaning caused me to miss a few beats in my reading as I had to mentally discern the meaning of the word myself to continue the story.

I would recommend this book to anyone 10 years and above who is interested in the fantasy genre.

I received this book free from Goodreads First Reads.

Rebecca McCray says

What I enjoyed most about Fallwell's story is the fresh view of dragons. Having read a number of the existing dragon series, Fallwell's concept provides a nice alternative to how dragons might exist with humans and other creatures.

The story moves quickly and covers a lot of ground without missing anything important, which I like. The descriptions painted a vivid picture and I enjoyed the variation in creatures from other series I've read. There are three primary species (humans, elves, and the desert-dwellers) and some similarities to other tales, but again, Fallwell crafted the story with a unique overall tale that kept my interest.

While I can tell Fallwell has a grasp of solid writing, the book could use a bit of polish. On the whole, I don't feel like this distracted from the story, though.

I'm very curious to see how Delina continues to grow and evolve if Fallwell chooses to write another book about this world. The characters were appealing and I found myself cheering for them from early in the story.

Highly recommended for the fantasy and dragon fan.

Kiki Hiroku says

Thank you so much Goodreads Team! I really enjoyed the book. The story of that heroine and the romance that she has. I love it and wish for much more to come!
