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Centuries past, the world of Evos fell into war as its inhabitants battled over the powerful Nios Crystal, said to allow its user to control fear itself. After the crystal was lost and worldwide destruction blanketed the land, a band of survivors founded six great cities across the globe, never leaving their dream of global domination behind.

Today, Burst, the only technologically advanced city of the great six, produces and studies superhuman students with powers, known as Espers. Competing for the ultimate treasure, as well as global dominance, special students are recruited into the Agency to become Burst agents-famed and powerful elite members of society who are sent around the world on missions.

As the son of a disgraced and exiled legendary agent, seventeen-year-old Hugh has always wanted to join the Agency to redeem the honor of his family name-problem is, even though he is an Esper, Hugh has been classified a level one, barely passable as having supernatural powers. But all of that changes after he becomes an agent candidate, the beginning of a series of events that reveals the truth not only of the chaotic world around him and the shadowy figures at work, but of the destiny that awaits him.

On a quest full of endless adventure and suspense, Hugh must journey through the beast-filled wastelands, hone his powers, and find the Nios Crystal-or let everything around him perish as the entire world drowns in fear and darkness.

## Hugh the Southern Flame Details

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### Maria Stoica says

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Hugh the Southern Flame by R.J. Tolson is the second book in the young adult fantasy series, Chaos Chronicles. In the world of Evos, the Nios Crystal is said to be the most powerful weapon of all since it granted control over fear itself. Espers are people with supernatural powers who are ranked on five levels, based on their power and ability to control it. Burst City is the most technologically advanced settlement in this world and its prosperity is assured by the agents. These are highly powerful people who go on missions into the dangerous lands beyond the walls of Burst and who make sure their city stays on top of the others. Aodhfin, the most powerful of the Burst agents, managed to find the Nios Crystal, but lost it and he was banished for this terrible mistake.

Presently, Hugh, Aodhfin's seventeen-year-old son, an untrained, level one pyrokinesis Esper who discovered his abilities while being bullied at the orphanage, is sent into Burst City to study. Having lived all his life in his father's shadow and been abused for his predecessor's failures, Hugh is delighted to learn that he had been selected to enter the three phased trial of becoming an agent of Burst. But, the reputation of the trial is fierce, having claimed lives in the past. To free himself from his father's mistakes and find friendship, Hugh is willing to risk everything.

The second book can be read without knowledge of the first volume; however, the latter's readers will be delighted to see certain symbols and patterns repeat themselves as R.J. Tolson prepares the ground for the bigger picture - the four demigods chosen to stop Chaos. Hugh the Southern Flame is the tale of the second chosen one. Throughout the story, we follow Hugh's point of view as he describes the places he visits, the wonders he witnesses, and gives rich details on his training and fighting. There isn't any shocking violence, but there is a constant stress as the whole world seems to be against Hugh, and he struggles to find friends and the truth about himself and his father. Overall, I greatly enjoyed this novel from Chaos Chronicles and await its sequel. I would recommend it to readers who want a vivid taste of the warrior's journey in conquering fear. It is an inner journey as much as it is an outer one.

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### Dianne says

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They were idolized by children, looked up to by adults, called in when no one could do the job, they are the Burst Agents, well, trained, gifted with high level powers. For Hugh, a level 1 Esper, barely gifted, becoming a Burst agent is his dream, his chance to negate his lonely childhood and to bring honor to his family name again. Yet, once he has become an agent trainee, his world will never be the same as dark secrets come back to haunt him, his life is manipulated and threatened and the heroes of his youth become the villains of his reality, where friend or foe are hard to discern and trust is hard to give.

There is more to Hugh than meets the eye and until a group of rebels take him in, the hidden talents inside him have smoldered, undetected for years. Will he become a threat to those around him? Will he discover the truth about those he has dared to call “friend?” When Hugh has the opportunity to right past wrongs and save his world from destruction, who will stand with him and who will stand against him? Once before the coveted Nios Crystal was held in the hands of Burst’s greatest agent, but then was lost. Will history repeat itself or will Hugh become a legend in more than his own mind?

R.J. Tolson is back, filling our minds with world-class fantasy, written for teens and young adults, enriched with fierce battles, the insecurities and brashness of youth and the pride in going farther than one could dream possible. Each page is a tapestry of words, each scene becomes a living and breathing space filled with characters to laugh with, relate to, respect or distrust. Once again, R.J. Tolson flings us into a chaotic world and allows us to explore before reining it all in for an ending that will have your pulse racing, your muscles taut and your mind pleading for just one more page...

Fantasies like **Hugh: The Southern Flame** are how young readers become forever readers and forever readers stay hooked!

I received this copy from R.J. Tolson in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Awkward Reviews says**

Hugh the Southern Flame continued the Chaos Chronicles and made for a fantastic addition. The characters were well developed. The pace was engaging but not over the top. RJ Tolson has increased in confidence and maturity as an author and as a reader I appreciate that and feel even more drawn to his work. If you are a fan of fantasy, or are looking for a great book for a young adult reader, this series is not one to be missed.

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## **Adam Purcell says**

I really enjoyed this book. Plenty of interesting characters, diverse locations and a gripping story. Reading the previous book in the series, 'Zephyr: The West Wind', is not a necessity. It makes this book more enjoyable, but you can still enjoy this book without having read the first book in the series. One thing that Tolson did that I really enjoyed was he took inspiration from the Irish culture. Many things in the book sound Irish and there is some great bilingual wordplay. This is something not many authors can do. I greatly appreciated this book as a result.

