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Here are the first six books set in the world of THE FIRST LAW, Joe Abercrombie's hugely successful fantasy creation. Join Logen Ninefingers, Jezal dan luthar and Inquisitor Glokta as war rages across the North in the first trilogy, and then enjoy three self-contained novels and discover more of the remarkable imagination of the UK's most prominent fantasy author.

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Marco says

I think Fritz Leiber would've enjoyed Joe's books: darkly comic and realistic about the trials of swords and magic fantasy world, Joe creates interesting stories and characters. It was only with the last book (6th) that the writing began to degrade in quality, which in itself is an accomplishment!

Claire Luana says

Have yet to read Red Country...

Colin Lynch says

A masterpiece, The First Law Trilogy was great, fantastic characters and gripping stories. The Three Stand Alone novels, each different and each brilliant in their own way, the gripping Best Served Cold tale of vengeance, the interwoven tales of The Heroes battle, and the western story of Red Country. All of it Grim and Dark, but riveting. Well worth the time. Eagerly awaiting more.

Paul Turner says

I couldn't put these books down! If you want to lose yourself in an amazing realm with characters that keep you turning the pages, read these books

Aymar says

I heard about Joe Abercrombie's work among other fantasy aficionados, praising his dark and grim universe, his amazing characters and I started to gather a bit of information, before jumping straight into the collective works, because, why not starting with 3000 pages!

The main part of this collection, is of course the First Law trilogy, and I don't want to repeat what everybody else is saying, in a poor English, so let's be realistic about my review.

The first Law features the best characters I have ever seen in fantasy! Yes, the old mage, the fearsome berserker from the North, and the poor dandy are not uncommon, but the way those characters are exposed, and evolved, from book to book, without never being pure, or completely noble and nice is SO refreshing. It is not dark, for the sole sake of being evil, those protagonist are challenged, and are facing tough choices,

most of the time, between bad and worse, and most do what should be done to survive.

It is quite rare to find heroes that are so realistic, and human, and touching, that I have a hard time finishing a book, simply because I can't accept the fact that I won't see them again. I should also add, that most have a very strong voice, that will stay with you, from San Dan Glokta and his thoughts, always super cunning and Logen Nine Fingers (my favorite by far) and his memorable quotes, it is very different from what you find usually in that genre.

So if you are looking for a classic, and epic fantasy tale, with the best cast you have ever seen, brace yourself (also, the fights scenes are violent, and some torture scenes could be disturbing, if you are not used to this type of stories).

I am just waiting for the next trilogy due in a few years!

Bill Ramsell says

I read the first three stories in this collection (1500 pages out of a total 3000+) and if you like grim heroes, foolish kings, Machiavellian political machinations, and some rather graphic torture sequences, these are the books for you.

I started out enjoying the series, but by the third book "Last Argument of Kings" most of the charm had worn off. My biggest complaint was that the characters never really grew.

So, worth reading overall, but I don't think I'll be going any farther.

Joy Cronje says

perfect

Jeff says

I have all of the individual books, but chose to review the compendium to make it easier. I LOVE Joe's writing style. It is gritty, sarcastic, witty, and humorous. The characters are rough but likeable. I love the idea of revenge, and most of his books center around this theme. I can't put his books down when I have them. I remember when his first book was published, I was in Afghanistan, and HAD to have the other two. I was praying my package didn't get blown up (it didn't). I highly recommend his books.

Dylan Murphy says

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Amy Ross says

I enjoyed this authors works immensely. My first question when finished was, is he writing more in this world?

Great characters, very gritty and real. Just enough magic and fantasy creatures.

Some dark things happen. The winners often turn out to be real

Shits! Lots of violence, very gritty and realistic. Interesting romances and well written love scenes.

So all in all a great set.

Adrian says

This was a filler series for me while waiting for Mr. Martin's next book. And the author quickly became my favourite. Everything he has written in this world is outstanding.
