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An ancient discovery has been made close to the city of Aurelia—one that promises wealth and power equal only to the dangerous secrets lying at its heart.

With three powerful groups vying for control of the discovery's unlimited potential, it will take a delicate touch not to tip the scales toward war. Something Tate Fisher, a newly accepted dragon-ridden with a bit of a memory problem, has never been known for possessing.

Tate must learn to navigate the undercurrents of this society if she wants her friends and empire to come out the other side in one piece. Because these secrets involve Tate, and they don't intend to let her go so easily.

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Rebekah says

Of Bone and Ruin is the second novel in a series and it does not disappoint. This book has everything I look for - adventure, intrigue, a past shrouded in mystery, and best of all, a strong woman at the center. Tate, the heroine of the story, is courageous, headstrong, and extremely capable. The story builds on the first novel and leaves me asking even more questions about Tate and her world. I can't wait until the next book comes out!

Jeanne Becker Trinkaus says

Wow!!!

This is an awesome, awesome read! Total kudos to the writer! Superb characters, great world building, snappy dialog...and a tantalizing story line! So happy I stumbled across this writer! I have added another name to my automatic buy list! Happy dance!!!

Vanessa says

I loved the first book, and still loved this one, but there were a few things about it that lost me during the reading. The cave scenes felt off in their descriptions. Not like off as in spooky off, but off in the way of lack of detail or not really knowing what's going on - while still trying to follow it.

Linda says

3.5 stars

Airwreckah says

Copy is better in this compared to book one, but not enough of the mystery is revealed and she is still getting patronizing bullshit from all sides. I would cut someone. These arrogant manipulative twats of a government can stick kt where the sun dont shine. I hope they get their comeuppance.

Kimmier says

Great second story. I love Tate and her friends. Good plot and flow of the story.

Deborah E Kehoe says

I had despaired after reading Dragon Ridden last year and discovering that it was published in 2012 that a second book would ever get written. I mean, it does happen, right? Luckily, T. A. White didn't leave me waiting long! Unfortunately for those of you that read the first novel 5 years ago, you'll probably have to re-read it just to remember the subtleties of the plot. Not me! I remembered Tate, her Dragon tattoo that moved crazily around her body, and the adventures or scrapes she got herself into in Dragon Ridden, just as if I had read it yesterday. Of Bone and Ruin picks up right where the first novel lets off and I was quickly hooked again on Tate and her status now as Dragon Ridden.

This is a fun fantasy series in the same vein as a Robert Jordan or Piers Anthony. Kind of old fashioned with great friendships, action, and a lot of heart. Tate is your average heroine. She is special because she is Dragon Ridden, or has merged with a Dragon and can shift into its shape. But she's also special because she doesn't have a memory of it. A woman merging with a dragon is extremely rare and that makes Tate a mystery that everyone wants to solve. As the story unfolds in Of Bone and Ruin, some of Tate's mysterious background is revealed, memories surface and Tate becomes even more interesting to the reader. Her relationship to Rhys (also Dragon Ridden) or at least his feelings for her become a little more substantial, but this is in no way a romance novel. Although it is nice to see the growth of their characters and the evolution of all of the relationships is very natural.

I have really enjoyed the first two novels in this series, but if I have to wait another 5 years? Well, hopefully I won't have to...

Britan says

Good book

Liked it. Some of tate's mysterious past was reviled but much more is just waiting to be found out. The only complaint I really have is that no one is teaching tate the things she needs to know. She has only been awake for a year and know little about the world around her.

Alisa says

I'm really like T.A. White's writing style. Love her characters, world building and plot. I wish there was more!

I know she's currently working on Pathfinder 2, but damn, I'm hoping she writes a bit faster lol. I need good fantasy books.

Robbin says

I really enjoyed read this series! I can't believe that more people don't know about it. But I loved it and it was so interesting and different from anything I've read before.

This is the 2nd book in the Dragon Ridden Chronicles. It's about a girl named Tate that doesn't remember anything of her life before a few months ago. What she does know is that she has a bond with a dragon who actually lives as a tattoo on her skin and can move around. When she is in danger or distress she can transform into this dragon. This is baffling to the few people that do know (which is slowly becoming everybody) because a woman has never survived the transformation/bond aka become one of the dragon ridden, before. She is a former crew member of a pirate ship so she knows the sneaky, conniving ways of thieves and pirates. She slowly but surely creates a small crew of misfits that slowly turn into a family. They include another dragon ridden (Ryu) (who may or may not stay in the cool club if he keeps acting up), a young boy who was a former pickpocket and thief (Dewdrop), and a former experiment cat/lynx/wildcat animal (Night) who is a single dad of 2 precious, and devious, little cubs. This book brings an entire new adventure that Tate goes bumbling and fumbling in unknowingly uncovering bad guys while ruining their plots and carefully laid out plans. This book requires Tate to act as a witness for a mediator in a dispute involving three factions. When a discovery of great importance is found, the three factions are at each other's throats (more than usual) at claiming the find. The Kairi (sea people, cold, strict), the humans, and the Silva (shifters, hot tempered). The peace meeting goes awry when a murder occurs and other mayhem is underfoot. Needless to say this was an action filled book filled with mystery. I loved not knowing what was going to happen next. It was truly unique and I can't wait to read the next.

Mara says

3 1/2

Definitely an author to keep an eye on. She has yet to master her skills fully, but she definitely is on her way to. I found her book interesting, and the world building is good enough. Plus, she does edit her books ;)

I have liked almost all of what she has written. Not a full 4 as her main character has still a touch of Mary Sue and shows absolutely no growth. For all I know this could be a choice, like in some mystery series or even many TV ones. But I'm not a fan. :)

Kat says

* Can't finish. Won't look at the author again. Ugh!

** I finished, and probably skimmed most of it to get to the end.

*** Pretty good, would read more, continue the series.

**** Love, look forward to more books of this author.

***** One of my all time favorite books.

Normally, I take a break in a series or I notice I burnout on it. This book? Couldn't help it. I devoured it right after finishing book one. Seriously, well worth it, and you just want more.

Elizabeth Kiefer says

Again! With the editing! I've read both of White's other series and I do not have the same issue in any way with them. At all. In fact I loved them. It boggles my mind. I can't tell if the narrative is third person or third person omniscient because sometimes you get way too much description of a character's actions and expressions. I'm so confused. I'd also like a little more information about Tate, I really don't think the stringing along of the information she learns about herself provoking. It's too slow.

I really wanted to like this series because dragons. And female kick assery. And dragons.

Jessica Donegan says

I love this series, T. A. White has a magic recipe for success with Tate's Chronicles. The second in this series is the weakest of the three current books, but it's still a delightful journey.

I enjoyed the introduction of the third race and the development of the A.I. in the ancient ruins. As always, Tate has just enough knowledge to get into trouble, and the resourcefulness to navigate out again.

It's a joy to have a female lead going through a classic heroes journey in the same way men do instead of over playing her femininity. Rare is there the "you're a woman" moment, instead people respect or acknowledge other qualities Tate has and respond to those. There's something refreshing in having a female lead who just gets to be herself.

The sense of "chosen one" develops now, but it's not strong. Instead of suggesting fate "picked" her, the novels lead the reader to acknowledge Tate as a person with singular history and skills that make her able to complete missions others can't. Tate isn't alone in her sense of "chosen" the other Dragon Ridden we meet seem also "called" to certain tasks. Even Night and Josh seem to be the only ones to manage certain feats. Giving each character a speciality helps diminish the "Harry Potter prophecy" feel that can get tiring to revisit in too many books, especially when the chosen one doesn't seem to have skills.

Would recommend to anyone who likes fantasy, action, and strong female leads.

Msky chick says

This book reminds me in many ways of Michelle Sagar's Chronicles of Elantra series.

Also, there is use of the phrase "clever meat" here, which just screams Anne Bishop's The Others series.
