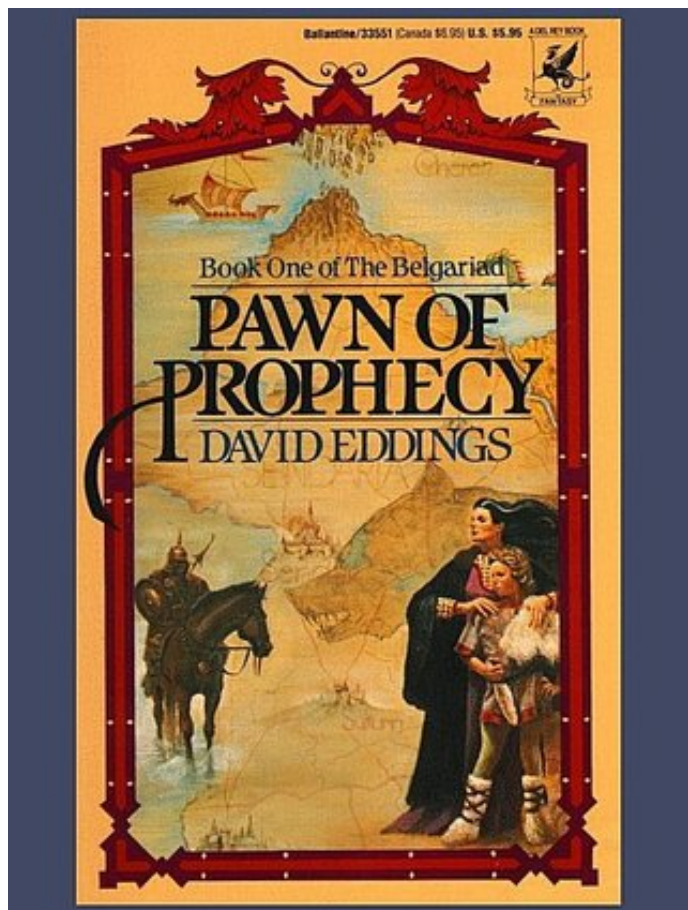

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Description

Long ago, the Storyteller claimed, in this first book of THE BELGARIAD, the evil god Torak drove men and Gods to war. But Belgarath the Sorcerer led men to reclaim the Orb that protected men of the West. So long as it lay at Riva, the prophecy went, men would be safe.

But Garion did not believe in such stories. Brought up on a quiet farm by his Aunt Pol, how could he know that the Apostate planned to wake dread Torak, or that he would be led on a quest of unparalleled magic and danger by those he loved--but did not know...?

Insightful reviews

Jim: This is the beginning of a fun, 5 book series. There is another 5 book series, the Mallorean, that comes after plus several additional books, "Polgara", 'Belgarath' & the 'Mrin Codex'. If you stick with the first 5 & maybe the second 5, you'll be happy. Unless this world totally captivates you, reading the 3 additional books is kind of a waste. While there are some tidbits you can pick up, mostly they're a rehash from different POV's of the other 10 books.

That said, the world captivated me. My wife & I originally started reading this series just after the second book came out. We the proceeded to read one book a year - FOREVER! - well, it seemed like forever. Of course, we'd have to re-read or at least skim the earlier books again, so I don't know how many times we read them. Two of my kids have read them at least once each, as well.

It's a sword & sorcery world with a nifty take on it. The characters are engaging, larger than life & just a lot of fun. No sex or gore, it's appropriate for ten or so & up.

Jason: Why? Why must fantasy novels like this exist? Is it to prove to the critics it's a genre meant only for those who sift through Dungeon Master Guides, scratch pencils across their character sheets & chuck dice for Saving Throws?

To sum up this novel (& the one that follows it because I was stupid enough to read that one too) in one word: "Cliche". & I do mean cliche. It has them all: orphaned farmer boy who is part of a prophecy, the guardian magic user, the romance with royalty, the all evil/dark shadow magic throwing bringer of Doom, a quest, etc., etc. Oh, holy hell, just put the damn book down & go read something else!

The late '70s & early '80s were not kind to those of us who like fantasy novels--not kind at all.

Leon Aldrich: While this series doesn't quite measure up to [Magician: Apprentice](#), [The Riddlemaster of Hed](#), or [Lord Foul's Bane](#), still it should be one series on everyone's list to complete.

This will be my third go around with the Belgariad. I wanted a fresh perspective. And even though this series doesn't quite reach 4 stars, this author has a happy place in my heart.

Kathleen: 3.75 stars. This writer will get plenty of rave reports and has a wealth of helping information at the Web, so I assumed I would do that series. It is dubbed epic fantasy, just like *The Fellowship of the Ring*, with a small mixed-race motley band — Belgarath (aka Mr. Wolf) and his daughter Aunt Pol (both are sorcerers), Garion the boy, Silk the spy, Barak the large bear-man, and Durnik the blacksmith. They shape ties of loyalty and belief as they shuttle all over the place creation, led by way of a gray-bearded previous sorcerer, trying to get better a stolen orb, the main robust relic in the entire world. Minions of the evil Tarok are on their tail each step of the way, and the boy's existence is often at risk. This booklet is instructed in third person, and sounds like it was once written for a while 14-20. The most hero is 14 years old; we listen his POV. Good narration, however the plot felt particularly gradual during this first book, and that pacing challenge used to be exacerbated while hearing the audiobook, simply because I learn swifter and will skim the gradual parts. One more reason the velocity felt gradual used to be confusion on my half — there are a slew of names with unusual pronunciations, and that I discovered myself misplaced amidst such a lot of characters and places, a lot of them sounding similar. I needed to cease a number of instances to appear up the record of characters online, simply to keep on with along. Right here one sturdy website:

<http://kalten.sandwich.net/eddings/be...> So.. I believe if I might learn this ebook rather than listening, and skim it years ago, whilst I used to be a teenager, it will were extra engrossing. Yet even so, both way, I did not like several the secrets and techniques saved from Garion, asserting he is too young. He is 14 — approximately a guy in that period — and his future is unveiling prior to him. He must be aware of what is going on on. By means of uncomplicated dumb success — or natural plot contrivance — he was once within the correct position on the correct time numerous occasions to snoop on the adults, thereby studying a few of the evidence in piecemeal. I did not like this. At first, it used to be okay, however it went on too long. I additionally did not like how they referred to as him "boy" for many of the book. That acquired old.

Lydia Presley: I like a very good delusion romp. My brother-in-law has been after me to event David Eddings' works and provided me with the 1st 3 books within the Belgariad sequence for Christmas final year. I used to be extremely joyful and worried because, you see, I've got this challenge in terms of delusion - I am getting thoroughly and absolutely sucked in. That's no longer a foul thing, it truly is simply myth has this skill to make me disregard to eat, sleep, drink ... essentially disregard every little thing yet reading. I stroll round the condominium with my nostril within the book, I nod off from utter exhaustion and get up with the publication on best of my face, begging to be learn - put out of your mind the bathe and coffee! So I must confess, there are occasions while I decide up a fable sequence and that I desire that it'll be mild with me and supply me with possibilities to only placed it down. In that regard, *Pawn of Prophecy* enable me down. This e-book had every little thing I loved. The legends of outdated gods, the younger boy, the sorceress, the traditional prophet, the giants, the imps, the standard people and the spies. It mixed light, speedy wit and humor with a big quest and saved me thoroughly hooked each step of the way. Now I comprehend why my brother-in-law pressed those books on me - and now that I have complete with the assessment of the first, I am headed again to dive into the second.

Anthony Ryan: the 1st quantity within the 5 booklet Belgariad series, which i'm going to happily admit to examining after which rereading all through my mid-teens. Farm boy Garion enjoys a relaxed youth within the care of his loving and sometimes stern Aunt Pol until eventually the arriving of assassins sees them either at the run and Garion more and more conscious that he is even more vital than he may have imagined. this is often the place the vintage 'chosen one' myth template will get getting into earnest and it is hardly ever been performed better. the size and element of Eddings' global is usually impressive and the interaction among the characters a common delight. a few parts will turn out overly generic to fashionable delusion readers, from the lengthy info-dump within the prologue to the 'boy with a superb destiny' imperative protagonist. it may be remembered, however, that lots of those parts grew to become tropes due to Eddings' success. style background classes aside, this sequence continues to be a highly attractive learn and the 1st quantity is not any exception.

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