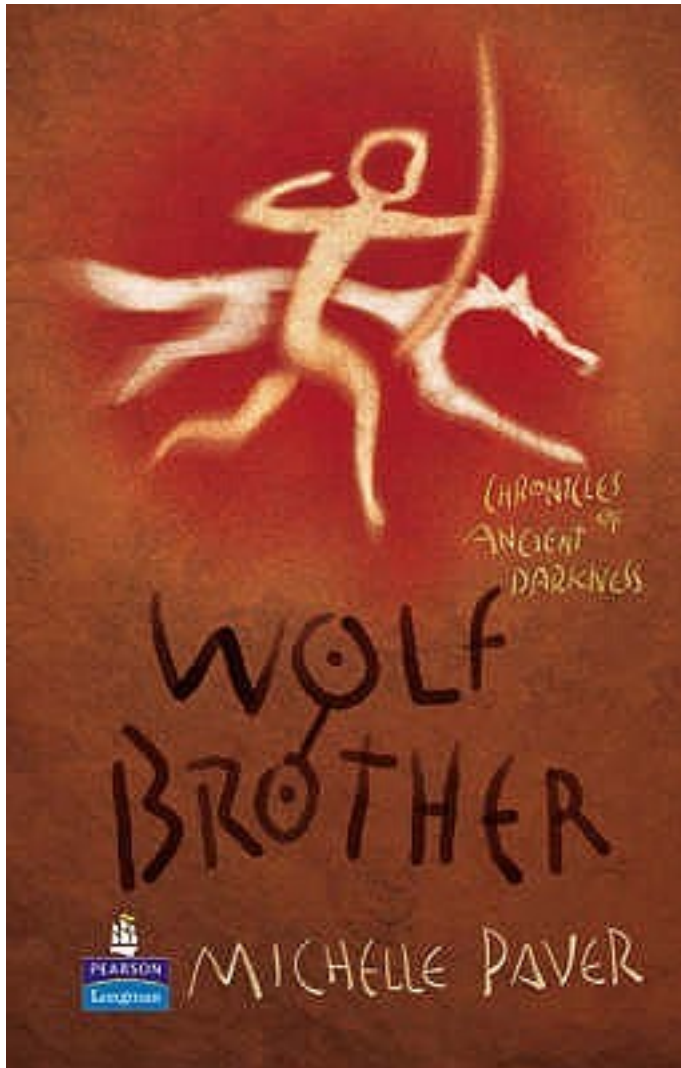

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Description

It's 6000 years ago and evil stalks the land. Only Torak, a 12-year-old boy, and his beautiful wolf cub companion can defeat it. In this adventure, Torak and Wolf are joined by an incredible cast of characters as they battle to save the world.

Insightful reviews

Kathleen: I listened to Ian McKellen (Gandalf) bring this piece to stunning life. It's a fantasy, set in ancient Bronze-Age Europe, uncounted aeons ago. The first of 6 books. Beautifully written, the story is fast-paced and action-packed. It's told in 3rd person, with the POV shifting from the boy Torak to his brother — a wolf cub. The setting is vivid and the story sometimes felt almost real, like it could almost have happened, back when people ate reindeer and worshipped the spirits in rocks and rivers and ravens. There are some life-lessons embedded in the story. For example, the ritual of respect young Torak showed to any animals he killed, thanking it and promising to use every part to sustain life (the hide, bones, and meat).

PLOT (no major spoilers) A suddenly-orphaned youth and his wolf cub are destined to save the world from a malevolent demonic bear. As his father (Fa) is dying, having been mawled by the bear, 12-year-old Torak makes him a promise: To journey into the frozen North, to the tallest mountain, home of the World Spirit, and plead for help. Only this Spirit is powerful enough to defeat such a demon. Torak must also offer sacrifices to the World Spirit, including his own heart's blood. (He wonders, "All of it??") No one has ever seen The World Spirit, nor traveled that far North and lived to tell about it. Torak is frightened and frequently tempted to break his promise, but he keeps his word (another moral of the story). Help comes from [\(view spoiler\)](#) However, their journey is perilous. Horrible obstacles slow them down, including a disgusting old man, a Walker.

They make a great team, Wolf, Tarok, and the surprise helper.

It's a coming-of-age story, wrapped up in a quest. A "fellowship of the ring" but with only 3 in the group. Parts are scary. Dark.

Secondary characters are Hord, Oslak, Fin-Kedin, that disgusting Walker, an old Mage woman.

I enjoyed it well enough, but it's really written for kids. I'd have loved it more in about 5th grade.

However, I LOVED getting into the mind of the wolf cub. The words he invented (he calls Torak "Tall Tail-less" and the campfire is "the bright beast that bites hot" (so clever!). Torak can never talk to wolf about what will happen tomorrow, because a wolf has no concept of future, only of now. Here is Wolf's first impression of Renn:

"Wolf hated the female tailless. He'd hated her from the first moment he'd smelt her, as she pointed the long claw that flies at his pack brother....After that, the female tailless had done terrible things..."

that committed the crime. Now you stop. It is your decision. Do you set the book down, and continue what you were doing before you jumped into the adventure of wolf brother? Or do you continue on with flipping page after page, reading about Torak's difficulties, the friends he makes, suspenseful moments, and surprises during his journey? You may think it is impossible for a book to be this good. But no! Just ask anyone who has read the book or heck, the whole series! they will tell you it was a "10" on the "how awesome this book was " scale.

Bookworm: I picked this booklet up in a charity shop. i would visible this publication time and again yet by no means learn it. I, now not puzzling over buying it, began to learn and was once instantly trailblazing every one word. it truly is jogged my memory strongly of one other sequence of books referred to as Earth's teenagers written by way of Jean M. Auel. although it says this can be 9–12 fiction, it really is nonetheless a very good ebook for plenty of humans alike. i admire how the writer confirmed various POV among Torak and Wolf. additionally like how Wolf thinks, (to Wolf Torak is named Tall Tailless simply because Torak can communicate Wolf yet he has no tail). the way in which Michelle Paver describes the scenes is really good and in a few elements very frightening (for me)! the connection among Torak and Wolf will get extra major because the publication is going on, rather a lot so, that once threat got here in the direction of them, I prayed that not anything could occur to them! i like to recommend this simply because it is a nice tale and plot that is diversified from general books. additionally the environment is astounding too!

Kathy: i really learn those sequence while i used to be a more youthful teen. At that time in time i actually hated romantic younger grownup novels and loved fable and otherworldly settings. that's most likely why the 'Chronicles of historical Darkness Series' have been considered one of my favourites- yet don't be disheartened, for there's romance, it really is simply now not drowning in it. it's a very unique booklet and within the younger grownup cabinets you will not locate too many like this. it truly is looking and is decided in an age some distance previous then expertise and all that ladida. The protagonist is a tender boy compelled to take advantage of his abilities in survival to avenge his father and continue to exist within the woods. He makes many pals and meets the entire various clans alongside the way. I provide nice scores to this publication only for its originality; a few elements of this publication are even written during the eyes of his wolf. i've got complete and enjoyed those sequence and that i can guarantee you the plot by no means stills. it really is motion stuffed and the time passes similar to harry potter and in contrast to the sequence of unlucky events. That being said, a tender boy at his age starting to be a courageous younger guy is certainly an enticing read. It strongly values belief and friendship in a global the place survival is toughest. Paver is ready to create characters who're relateable and who develop because the time progresses and as they research from their experiences. This novel connects to nature and either depicts it is good looks and its harshness. Nature in those sequence is either a sanctuary and a worst enemy. such a lot of inventive components are woven jointly in Paver's plot that this global comes alive. no longer many writers can pull off such an incredible and untangible world. Wolf Brother is ready to include either searching and darkish magic into its tale and is a unfolding homicide secret that hooks you until the very end.

Maythavee: i'm totally in love with Wolf Brother! I can't think it took me goodbye to learn this series. the very first thing that stood out for me approximately this e-book is the original

atmosphere and time period. what percentage YA novels are you able to identify which are set within the Stone Age? no longer many, I warrantly you. the main points that Michelle Paver wrote concerning the wooded area and the animals have been fantastic. you recognize that she did her study as a result of method the lives of the nature have been portrayed. I don't be aware of a lot concerning the Stone Age so i'm very wanting to examine more. I additionally love the paranormal section of the e-book too. It simply hooked me correct from the start. The characters have been all cute and well-written. this is often simply the 1st booklet so I didn't anticipate large quantities of personality improvement however it made me curious and to grasp each personality better. Wolf is simply so darn adorable! His brotherly-bond with Torak supplies me feelings. The writing sort could seem easy however it will get to the purpose with no need lots of element that may bore you. Wolf Brother is a smart begin to the series! I can't wait to learn the rest!

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