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The Fires Of Heaven (The Wheel Of Time, Book 5)



Synopsis

The fifth audio volume of the Wheel of Time series is now available in unabridged format on CD. In this sequel to the phenomenal New York Times bestseller *The Shadow Rising*, Robert Jordan again plunges us into his extraordinarily rich, totally unforgettable world: ... Into the forbidden city of Rhuidean, where Rand al'Thor, now the Dragon Reborn, must conceal his present endeavor from all about him, even Egwene and Moiraine.... Into the Amyrlin's study in the White Tower, where Amyrlin, Flaida do Avriny a Rhoi, is weaving new plans.... Into the luxurious hidden chamber where the Forsaken Rahvin is meeting with three of his fellows to ensure their ultimate victory over the Dragon.... Into the Queen's court in Caemlyn, where Morgase is curiously in thrall to the handsome Lord Gaebril. For once the Dragon walks the land, the fires of Heaven fall where they will, until all men's lives are ablaze. And in Shayol Ghul, the Dark One stirs...

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Customer Reviews

Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, continues his effort to unify the diverse people of a discordant world against the Dark One in this fifth tome of the Wheel of Time series (begun with *The Eye of the World*). While the Aes Sedai, women who channel the One Power, and the Forsaken, ancient disciples of the Dark One, strive to bend him to their purposes, Rand leads the clans of the Aiel in a war of unification. Rand must try to master his powers as a man who can channel, while eluding the concomitant madness, as two groups of women attempt to come to his aid. His love, Elayne, Daughter-Heir of Andor, and Nynaeve, both Aes Sedai in training, join a circus to evade an angry

sisterhood, and Sivan Sanche, former leader of the Aes Sedai now stripped of her powers, and two companions seek other rebels in an attempt to avert the final doom. Jordan deftly weaves details from previous books into this narrative and includes a glossary so that new readers can pick up the saga at this point. But all should beware: the few months covered here suggest it may be years and many more volumes before this series reaches its conclusion. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Rand al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, leads his army of desert warriors toward a destined war against the forces of the Dark One. Elsewhere, while the Forsaken seed the land with their plots of corruption, a few stalwart individuals gather their strength for the coming battle. Jordan's epic saga of a world threatened by evil incarnate builds steadily as separate strands of a complex plot begin to come together. Fans of this richly detailed and vividly imagined series will not be disappointed. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Took me a little less than a year to finish this series only reading a little each day or so, but I enjoyed it thoroughly. Jordan wrote with a lot of detail and made the characters really feel like flesh and blood. Rand, Matt, and Perrin and the rest are characters you'll enjoy getting to know and enjoy following through the many turns of the Wheel of Time. I know I'll visit again.

This is one of the best books you will ever read. Along with the other 13 books in the series. Yes, read them in order, it is a major SAGA. When I started reading this series "Fires of Heaven" had just been released. My husband was reading them and telling how good they were. I told him I would start reading them once Robert was done writing them. Robert got this far. So I read 1-5. And waited 2 years for "Lord of Chaos". Right before #6 was released I re-read 1-5, so the story was fresh in my mind. I did that before every next volume went into print. But there was a long period of time between books. I am an avid reader, most top sellers in a variety of genres. and I would exhaust new releases and get tired of purchasing so many books that I would go back and re-read Robert Jordan AGAIN. I thought that once the series was complete I would stop re-reading them. So far, that hasn't been the case. I'm on my 3rd go round since the final book was written. Robert Jordan did not survive to finish his story, but I think he would be proud of how Brian Sanderson completed it. Robert had left behind enough notes of his story lines to supply enough MEAT for the "LIGHT" to carry the day.

This book was a little slower to me than Book 4 had been. Book 4 took me 14 days to read and Book 5 took me 19 days to read even though it is about 100 pages less than Book 4. I think the section just with the Aes Sedai really slowed it down and made some parts hard to get through. I found the secret to this is to use my Daughter's old kindle that had Text To Speech and turn it on fast to not only get the storyline of the slow moving parts, but also to get past them quickly. Too bad the kindle App doesn't have a nice way to do Text To Speech, I'd be willing to pay at least \$50 for that enhancement.

I started rereading the series because of the kindle releases. The long and short summary of my review is that this is where it all fell apart for me. I slogged through the remaining books until the excellent Gathering Storm, but Fires of Heaven is when the series noticeably became dragged down by the constant unnecessary detail, the confusing expanding plot threads, and the repetitive interactions of the characters. There are long stretches of this book that are mind numbing to read, unlike the previous four. From here on out, I began to live for the vanishingly infrequent moments that recaptured the magic of the first four books...

The Fires of Heaven is very good. Robert Jordan is the king of description. He leaves out nothing. I have heard others say that the books are too long but when we think about the fantastic writing skill of Jordan we realize they are not too long at all. The fantasy is there for sure and once you start this series, you are hooked...well! I am. I think it is great.

My absolute favorite series. Highly recommended for the series lovers. He can get a bit in detail describing the environment, but, the characters are amazing, the story is engaging and it keeps you coming back for more.

Going back to review books in the Wheel of Time after finishing the whole series seems a little unfair. Now that I can look back on Jordan's (and Sanderson's) entire body of work, I find that I feel a lot less fond of them as individual books. The plot moves at an absolutely glacial pace, the characters that Jordan created are either one-dimensional or borderline bipolar in their mood swings. (Here's a hint: most of the women Jordan writes are scheming, bipolar, and unpredictable, the men are simplistic creatures who all seethe with bitterness at their lot until they begrudgingly fulfill their duty/destiny). This book in particular is particularly unparticular.

The first time I read the wheel of Time series, I thought it was ok, and didn't make it all the way through. I have recently started the series again, and I must say it is much better the second time around. Jordan make a very detailed and intricate world that can take a second read to understand all the small details. I would recommend the Wheel of time series if you a fan if the fantasy adventure type books.

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