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Winds Of Change (The Mage Winds)



Synopsis

In The Mage Winds trilogy, which began with the bestselling novel, Winds of Fate, author Mercedes Lackey continues the epic that started with her first published book. Arrows of the Queen introduced readers to the remarkable land of Valdemar, the kingdom protected by its Heralds—men and women gifted with extraordinary mind powers—aided and served by their mysterious Companions—horselike beings who know the many secrets of Valdemar's magical heritage. None but the Companions remember the long-ago age when high magic was lost to Valdemar as the last Herald-Mage gave his life to protect his kingdom from destruction by dark sorceries. But now the protective barrier set so long ago over Valdemar is crumbling, and with the realm imperiled by the dark magic of Ancar of Hardorn, Princess Elspeth, Herald and heir to the throne, has gone on a desperate quest in search of a mentor who can teach her to wield her fledgling mage-powers and help her to defend her threatened kingdom.

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Customer Reviews

In this sequel to Winds of Fate, Elspeth, heir to the throne of Valdemar, develops into a strong practitioner of magic under the tutelage of Darkwind k'Sheyna. Accepted as a member of the k'Sheyna clan of the Tayledras, magicians who cleanse lands damaged in the long-ago Magic Wars, Elspeth takes her turn in patrols searching for the vanished Falconsbane, an evil Adept who almost destroyed the clan, its Heartstone, and Darkwind's father Starblade. While Elspeth and Darkwind slowly and contentiously come to love each other, her companion Skif seeks the

Changechild Nyara, daughter of Falconsbane, who turned against him to save the Vale of the k'Sheyne and then fled into the wilderness with the enchanted sword Need. Aided by the powerful but mysterious mage Firesong k'Treva, the Vale fights off another attempt at destruction by Falconsbane, while still greater powers put in an appearance and set the stage for the Mage Wind trilogy's projected third title. This is a charming, colorful and romantic coming-of-age tale, deeply imbued with the concept of responsibility as well as the imagined pleasures of power. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Elseph, herald and heir to the throne of Valdemar, seeks to learn the long-forgotten skills of magic by studying with the reclusive Hawkbrothers of the embattled Pelagir Hills. When a powerful mage known as Falconsbane attempts to destroy her adopted clan, Elspeth must use her new talents in a deadly battle to save the people she has come to love. Lackey's talent for world building comes to the fore in her vivid description of the Hawkbrothers' culture, while her strength of characterization remains constant. Fans of the popular Valdemar series will create a demand for this solid fantasy. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Winds series - there are three books in the Winds series and all three are very good. I've bought the entire Valdemar series and have reread them all several times. There is no sexual content, it is mostly innuendo, if there is any, between a couple or a pair and none of it is gratuitous which I don't care for at all. It is fantasy and well written to my thinking although I am not a pro. My Kindle copies had some glaring typos which bothered me somewhat, I wondered where the proof reader was But once I looked past them the story flowed well. When I bought the paperbacks (before Kindle days), there weren't any typos. I would recommend this entire series of Valdemar, and all the side stories as well.

Great love story among all the action was wild and free. Surprise Vanyel is hanging around they will need his help.

I reread this series all of the time. Bought the digital version. I have all of them in print.

I picked this series up for nostalgia's sake; I first read it years ago, and the writing and story mostly

hold up. The EDITING though, is TERRIBLE. Whoever put these books together for e-book sale should be fired. Words misspelled everywhere, with a significant predisposition towards conflating "r"s with the following letter, e's with c's and other problems. It happens though Lackey's series and is annoying enough that I doubt I'll buy another one of her books digitally. Happily, not the case with her print books.

Great series, very pleased with this purchase.

I never tire of reading Mercedes Lackey's books, but I am sure that I DO TIRE others with the same comments, which always sum up to mean: "If Mercedes Lackey wrote it, you can always count on it to be very good!!"

Mercedes Lackey

As always, Lackey tells a great story. I have the hard copies as well as the digital edition.

Unfortunately, the editors didn't take as much care (or any) in the editing process. Numerous errors in spelling from someone who obviously relied on spellcheck to the detriment of all else (example: merc was printed at mere in many places) and random bolding of words throughout threw off the flow of reading.

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