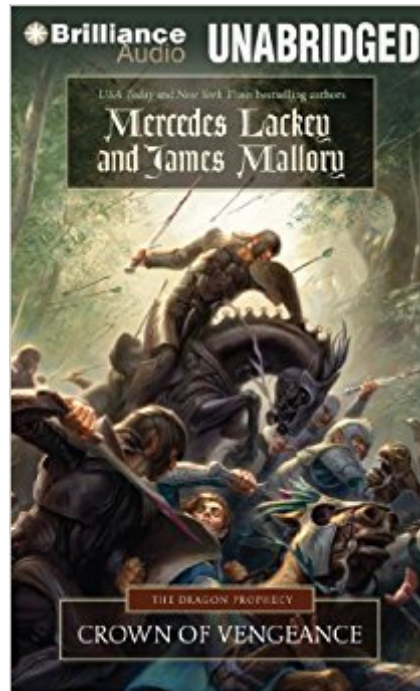




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Synopsis

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Having read both the Enduring Flame and Obsidian Mountain trilogies, I was intrigued by the back history of Valiessiar Farcarinon, who is referenced in them. I found it a very engaging story, difficult to put down. It is interesting to compare those original elves to the "modern" ones depicted in the new series. Farcarinon is obsessed with revenge and the prophecy about the Endarkened. The background about He Who Is clarifies much that was mentioned in the Obsidian books. It is a brutal story about a brutal people, far removed from the placid elves of the other books. It is a very enjoyable addition to the legendarium. I look forward to the future books in this Dragon Prophecy series.

Finally after 4 years! Dragon Prophecy 2 is coming out 10-24-17, I struggled with the first book at first but things finally started flowing, I loved the first Trilogy, the Outstretched Shadow, the second trilogy, the Phoenix Unchained was also a bit of a struggle. But in the back of my mind I always wanted to know how these started, how the First King, the first bonded pair, the first mage, how they came to be. Well we finally get our answers. I sincerely hope that the third book doesn't take as long. Because I was beginning to wonder if he was going to be Jean Auel, 10 years between each book.

I absolutely love this book. In my opinion, it is the best of the three Obsidian Mountain trilogies. A lot of people seem to be complaining about the elvish names, which seems a bit silly to me. Is no worse than any book set in a foreign setting, and would be just as difficult for English readers if the

names were Arabic or Japanese. The names are beautiful, and easy to read one you get into the story. To be honest, a lot of Mercedes Lackey's books on her own read like young adult novels. This one is written for adults, and is epic in scope. I don't know if that's due to the story they are trying to tell, or if it's Mr. Mallory's influence, but it is excellent. In my opinion, this is the best novel with Ms. Lackey's name attached. The story itself is fantastic. You can see hints of the elves of Kellen's time in the culture, and knowing the bare bones of Viellesar's story doesn't diminish the telling of it.

Characters had very long elfin names impossible to remember same character had nicknames as well. Too difficult to follow. Eventually I gave up trying to keep track and tried to figure out what side they were on by the events and main 3 characters. I didn't enjoy all the battles. First part of the book was better but then it was one battle after another. I love Mercedes Lackey's books including the ones written with Steven Mallory. I've read them all. If you read this plan to keep detailed notes on who is who. I have it 3 stars. Not sure why they made the names so impossible and added nicknames to the confusion. I feel like I missed half of the story because of it.

Very disappointing writing from Mercedes Lackey. I've read many books by Mercedes Lackey and they all were very good with outstanding character development. There is something very lacking from this story and I have stopped reading a little more than half way though.

Such an amazing book. I have loved this author for decades and each new book I read just reminds me why!

The Mercedes Lackey/James Mallory combo produce good books. They are much darker and convoluted than Lackey's other books, including those she collaborates with other authors. I sometimes feel I am slogging through them. I think the real difference is these books show the darker side of the character's personalities and less of the bright hopefulness of the others.

I'm a long time fan on M. Lackey, her books are enjoyable, easy to read and positive in their outlook on life. Her collaboration with James Mallory has clearly resulted in a crisp distinct world with great stories to tell. Lackey has always taken a slightly darker more adult approach to the fulfillment of the Elvish mythology. The latest development in her world of "wild magic and the forces of dark" has brought a new face to her own take on elves, showing a more petty, stratified, flawed society driven by rigid structures and stifling traditions. The fact that her character is driven to break those

traditions out of necessity rather than driving (out of some uncommon sense of nobility) societal change "because of the greater good" only brings an even more believable depth to the characters in her story.

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