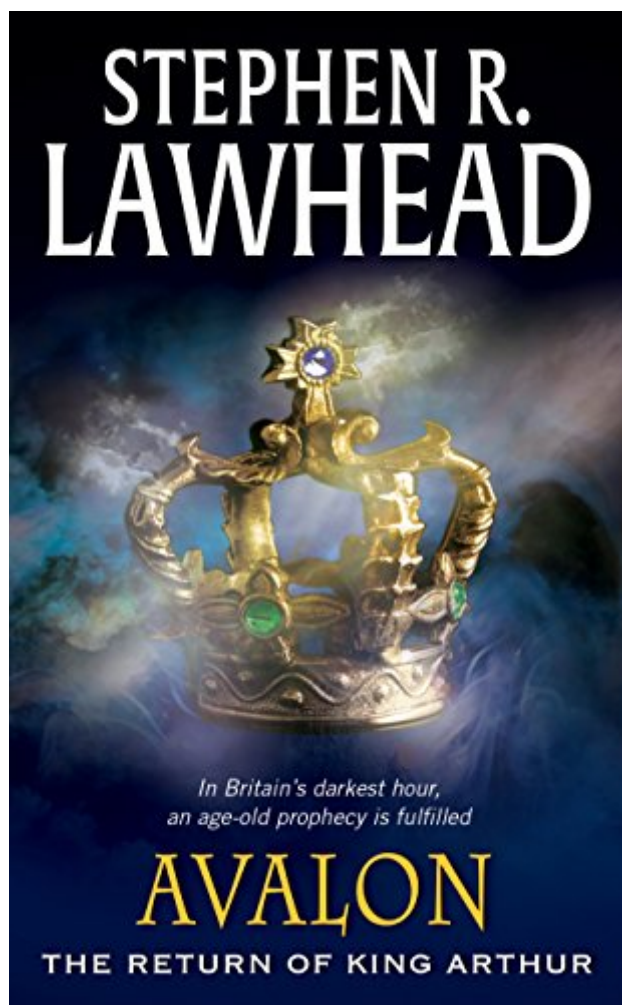


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Customer Reviews

As always with me, cons first. 1. I really would have liked to see a few more characters come back. 2. I am personally one of those crazy nerds who have a pretty good idea of how other countries run their governments. This is mind, a only needed to clarify a few things to get this. However, it may seem a bit confusing to anyone who had no idea how the British government works, because a part of the overall plot is purely political. 3. I would have liked to see Arthur remember more, or at least see Excalibur make an appearance. 4. Morgain needed to have more of a presence... Holy cow. This is a part of Arthurian Legend (sp?) that is rarely touched upon, and never before in such a grown-up manner. Lawhead's previous books in the Pendragon cycle have descriptions that make you want more and more, and every word is chosen carefully, so it falls into the grey area of the area between prose and poetry. Avalon.. didn't. Lawhead wrote it as a page-turner, and I could not put it down. It's a book that makes you want to cheer Arthur and all his mates on. Merlin (Embries) is awesome, his reaction is very realistic. *Other stories* Arthur/Bradley/whatever-he-is-calling-himself-in-modern-times-Oh look. Guess I was King Arthur. Lets go get Mordred, forget the fact I am a teenager and have no idea where to begin! Maybe we should find Excalibur! Bang coconuts together--Yes. I have seen this. Wince with me. Kudos if you got either of the slipped in references to very respectable King Arthur takes. Anyway. The characters were awesome, the plot was awesome, we got really cool Arthur speeches, and enough memorable quotes to want to highlight half the book. While this is labeled as stand-alone, you will get the most out of it if you read Arthur first. So, I highly encourage it. Read the Pendragon Cycle. Read Stephen Lawhead, if you haven't. The best way to describe him is a author who writes a uber-intense Narnia for advanced readers.

This book of our allusive King Arthur is wonderful, but it does beg for a sequel to it to continue the story. I loved the Tie in from the Ancient past to the Reincarnated Modern day fight from the same Soul that fought for his country. I also loved how Stephen Lawhead brought in the Avalon part of the Story. My only problem with the story is that even though there were some ties to the Old Religion (Paganism), The story did what it could to hide much of that as possible. This I find disrespectful to our Ancient Ancestors, as it has been proven by Archaeology and Anthropology that during the time period that King Arthur was suppose to exist, these 2 Religions (Christian's and Pagan's) did live side by side for along time. That is until the Christian Religion took on a wide spread area across the world and the Pagan's were converted, driven underground or Killed for their Critical Thinking ways. I feel this needs to be more address since it is part of the History of our world, weather anyone

agrees with it or not. It is part of us all.

A terrific finale to the series of the Pendragon Cycle

Highly recommended series. I will be looking into other books he has written as well. Kept me riveted and entertained throughout.

I love this author and I've really enjoyed the Pendragon series. This book is a different sort of finish that I found quite interesting. I would have loved it a lot more if there weren't so many spelling errors! There was at least one spelling mistake per page throughout the entire book. Come on!

Well, I hoped to write the first review, but Donovan beat me to it. I will merely add to his accurate praises. Avalon arrived on Thursday, I started reading it Friday and just finished it now late Saturday night. It is a page turner. I was reading my way through the last three books of the Pendragon Cycle before I actually read Avalon. However, I could not resist that beautiful new book sitting unread on the bookshelf. So, I set down Arthur right before a tremendous battle against Balduf and picked up Avalon. I would say that Avalon contains some of the wittiest and most gripping dialogue I have ever read. The characters leapt to life, familiar yet changed in their modern setting. I was terribly scared that Lawhead had over reached himself when I heard that this was a modern King Arthur fable. Lawhead exceeded my expectations for this story and pulls it off with great aplomb and heart. I definitely enjoyed the book more because of my prior reading of his Pendragon Cycle. Please read this book and let your heart soar! My initial reading rates it at 4 stars, one of Lawhead's best, easily the best since Byzantium, but upon further readings, I may strike again with another review with a higher rating.

This author has brought fantasy and religion to new heights. These books show his faith through his fiction. I have loved every one of his books.

Love this it wraps up the series nicely

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