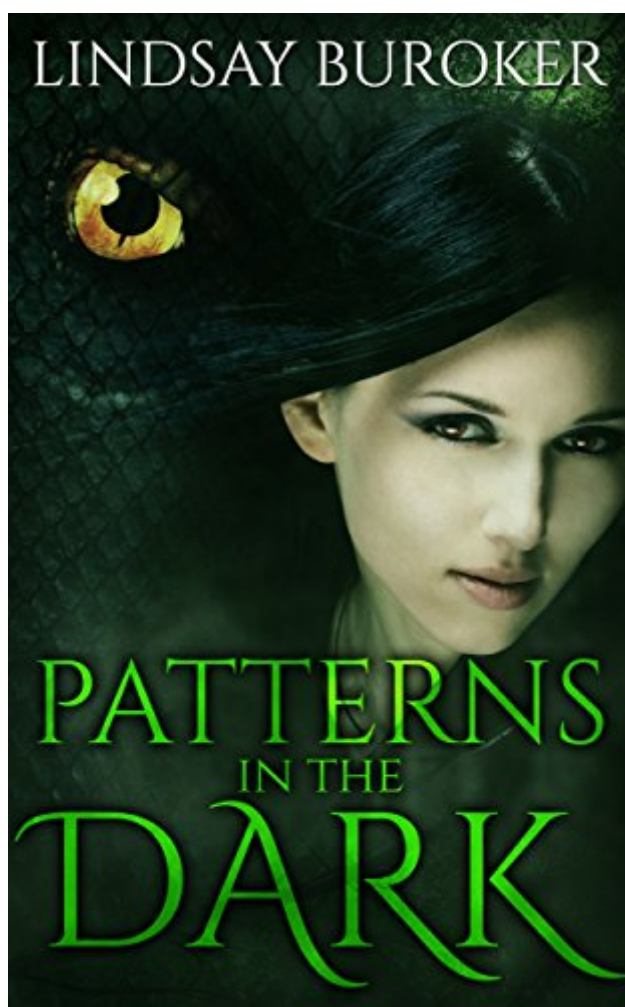


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Synopsis

Everyone knows dragons have been extinct for over a thousand years. Everyone is wrong. At least one dragon remains, and military scientists from the Cofah Empire are experimenting with its blood, using the magical substance to power deadly new weapons that could be used to bring the world to its knees. That's a concern for Zirkander, Cas, and the rest of the Iskandians, but all Tolemek wants is to find his missing sister. The last time he saw her, their father had locked her in an asylum because of a mental illness with no cure. Now the military has taken her. What use the Cofah have for her, Tolemek can only guess, but he is certain she is in danger. He must save her before it's too late. But her fate is inexplicably tied to the dragon's, and he must find it to find her.

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Customer Reviews

If you haven't read the first 3 books in Lindsay Buroker's Dragon Blood series, I suggest you do so before picking this one up. Patterns picks up immediately after Blood Charged (book 3) ends and books 1 and 2 bring together the 4 main characters. As with the other books, I felt as if I was

watching the plot unfold in person. The writing has a smooth flow to it and I was able to read the entire book in a few hours, mostly because I simply could not put it down. This book is an exciting adventure to an island full of secrets and danger. The characters are extremely relatable, and you will be full of empathy as they deal with their emotions, relationships, and the trials of survival and success. Magic, a dragon, action, adventure, and even some smooching! You will love this series! I also highly recommend reading the full Emperor's Edge series by Lindsay Buroker (the EE books, Salt and Swords, Encrypted books) if you enjoyed the Dragon Blood series.

A fellow Buroker-fan told me that the more I read of this series, the more I'm going to enjoy this and the more action I'm going to get. She was not mistaken as I seem to like each book more. Although I do have to say that I may prefer Sardelle with her silly name to Cas, but I adore both the crazy evil scientist Tolemek and the a bit loony pilot Ridge. Why can't we have all four POV-s at once? Action-wise this book starts right where the previous book ended and is full of even more action than the previous books in the series. And guess what? I liked it a lot! As with the previous stories, the laugh out loud worthy banter makes it all even better. Example: "Just don't get close to the body," Zirkander said. "We're leaving that for Tolemek." "Really," he [Tolemek] said. "Don't you want to get your microscope out and look at some brain bits?" "Brain bits, Zirkander? How is it your people consider you a national hero?" "We have low standards for heroism in Iskandia." "Obviously." "I may not have been a fan of the insecurities Tolemek and Cas felt towards their relationship as they seemed so badass otherwise, BUT I felt that the book simply flew by and, of course, left me wanting more of this world. Which I am going to do ASAP, of course.

I can't believe that I didn't review this the first time I read it or I can't remember doing it anyway. This, like the majority of Buroker's books, was freaking fantastic to read. I love the imagination that she has when it comes to coming up with stuff, it always lends to a great read. There is the way cool pilot stuff, secret military lab, booby traps, and fatalish dangers possible, and all woven in are characteresque things where you get more shading and details on and about the couples and the ways that each character thinks about the same situation. I just fail at explaining why I love this series so much | sorry! You should really read it for yourself. It has action, adventure, just the right touch of romance to keep things interesting, and just is riveting all around to read.

Another marvelous story in the Dragon Blood series. Once again, Lindsay manages to weave together an intriguing, fast paced story with all of the characters that have been well developed over the past 3 books. A few major notes regarding this book. Again, the pacing is fantastic, just like in the previous books. Just as one event is dealt with/overcome, another immediately pops it's head up. There is no down time for these characters. Speaking of the characters, everyone is back, and in fine form. Characters are honest to themselves, although I can't say there's much evolution in any of them. More of the same old behavior from each, however, that's fine by me as I like all of the characters. The only slight difficulty I had, was concerning the perspective each section is written from. Ms. Buroker seems to switch seamlessly between characters while narrating the story, so it can be difficult to tell, at times, who's side of the story is being told. Within a span of a few pages, the story can be told from Ahn's, then Tolemek's then Sardelle's perspective, all without a formal transition. This largely works, but it can lead to some head scratching moments till you pinpoint who's speaking. Finally, the conclusion/epilogue of the book form a satisfactory, if not truly satisfying ending. What they do serve to do, is like every other page in her books, to make you think, "Great, what's next?!"

I have not read a book from Mrs Buroker yet that I did not like. She has a great writing style, descriptive yet amusing. She has great character development, frequently with strong female main characters. The fantasy world she has crafted comes alive with her descriptions. Recommended for people who love fantasy

I fell for the characters, the adventure, the Pilots, Sorceress, Pirates, and a world steeped in magic and history, so real I could swear it exists out there! This series finds me even more captivated and enthralled with each book, with new adventures and characters to make you fall deeply in love!

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