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The Great Alta Saga: Sister Light, Sister Dark; White Jenna; And The One-Armed Queen



Synopsis

A foretold warrior and her dark sister join forces to dismantle and remake their embattled world in this epic fantasy saga from a Nebula Awardâ “winning author. One of fantasy fictionâ ™s preeminent practitioners, Jane Yolen creates a world and mythology that are richly enthralling and vibrantly alive in this acclaimed trilogy. Â Sister Light, Sister Dark: Three-times orphaned and raised secretly by the acolytes of the goddess Alta, the child Jenna studies the ways of the warrior in preparation for the day that has been prophesied. For she may well be the goddess reborn who, with the aid of Skadaâ “her mirror twin who can reveal herself only in darknessâ ”is fated to bring devastation to the world. Â White Jenna: Grown to young womanhood, the warrior Jenna offers her allegiance to the rightful king of the Dalesâ ”and her heart to his brother, Carumâ ”joining the fight against the malevolent usurper Kalas. But the powerful despot appears unstoppable, dedicated to the destruction of the worshippers of Alta, the society of women in which the orphaned Jenna was lovingly raised. Â The One-Armed Queen: Having fulfilled an ancient prophecy, the Queen of the Dales must now keep her faltering kingdom safe from a looming terror, and prepare her chosen successorâ ”a one-armed orphan girl she discovered on the battlefieldâ ”for the grim responsibilities of rule. Â A sweeping adventure of destiny, peril, magic, and romance, The Great Alta Saga is a magnificent feat of storytelling that ingeniously blends world-building, myth, poetry, and song. Â

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Customer Reviews

Book one was unique and interesting. The interspersing of the "story" with the "myths, songs or nursery rhymes" behind the story and the "historical commentary" based on the "myths, songs or nursery rhymes" was a fascinating literary device. Until it wasn't. By the middle of book two, it became a distraction. Book two also felt like it had a lot less conflict and drama, most of which was between the main character and her adopted daughter. So if you want to read about family dynamics, but in a quasi-historical setting, then book two is for you. Book three had more conflict and drama than book two, but the resolution fell flat. The literary device that felt so fresh in book one was, by now, an annoyance. I slogged through book three. Overall, the series started out great but then declined. Book three felt like an afterthought. Three stars for originality and good writing, but the consistent lack of compelling conflict in books two and three and the overuse of a literary device prevents a higher rating.

Loved the entire series. Great woman centered fantasy plot line. Would recommend these books to anyone with a sense of adventure.

I have cherished these stories since my childhood. The first book exists to prepare you for the wild ride to follow...don't despair...action abounds...an entirely different take on an ian society!

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