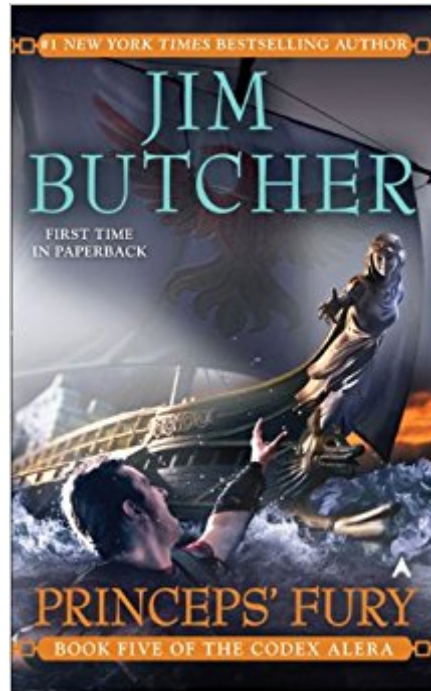




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Princeps' Fury (Codex Alera)



Synopsis

In the acclaimed Codex Alera novels, #1 New York Times bestselling author Jim Butcher has created a fascinating world in which the people of Alera use their unique bond with the elemental forces of nature for protection. But even nature may not be enough to stave off the coming storm. Tavi of Calderon, now recognized as Princeps Gaius Octavian and heir to the crown, has achieved a fragile alliance with Alera's oldest foes, the savage Canim. But when Tavi and his legions guide the Canim to their lands, his worst fears are realized. The dreaded Vord—the enemy of Aleran and Canim alike—have laid waste to the Canim homeland. And the Alerans find themselves trapped alongside their former enemies. Meanwhile, war-torn Alera rebuilds while politicians and nobles vie for power. But from the south comes the news: the Vord have come to Alera. For a thousand years, Alera and her furies have withstood every enemy, and survived every foe. But the thousand years are over...

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. The rousing fifth installment of Butcher's military fantasy cycle (after 2007's Captains Fury) finds the land of Alera recovering from Lord Kalaruss rebellion, an invasion by the wolveren Canim and a bloody slave revolt. Now a new threat emerges: the all-devouring insectoid Vord, who have learned to control the elemental furies that once protected Alera. Young Tavi of Calderon, recently recognized as the heir to Alera's throne, fights seasickness and interspecies

hostilities escorting the Canim invaders back to their homeland, only to negotiate a fragile alliance with them against the Vord. No less powerful than his intense battle scenes, Butcher's vivid characterizations, based on ancient Roman Republican ideals, range from duty-honor-country austerity in battle to brilliant peacemaking, noble self-sacrifice and Tavis coming-of-age as a wise Marcus Aurelian ruler. (Dec.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

In the fifth Codex Alera novel, Tavi is the recognized heir to the throne. When armistice with the Canim ends, and he and his legions take the Canim in Alera home, they discover that the Vord, hostile to Aleran and Canim alike, have ravaged Cane, and now the former foes must fight the common enemy. Meanwhile, Alera struggles to rebuild after civil war, but that doesn't stop intrigues among the power-players. Perhaps the Vord attacking with the Alerans' they-thought-unique weapon, furycrafting, will. A treat for action fans and series followers. --Frieda Murray --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Jim Butcher is an amazing story teller. I discovered him thanks to recommending his other series, the Dresden Files, to me. After getting caught up on that series and waiting for the next title to be released, I decided to check out his other series, Codex Alera. I generally don't read a lot of high fantasy, and was especially dubious about a series that started off as a bet, but wanted to give it a shot given my love of his other work. Who would have thought that the lost Roman legion and Pokémon would inspire a NYT best selling series? There is a wonderful blend of mystery, action, wit, suspense, humor, and romance in these novels and appeals to a wide audience. The story is comprised of several different character arcs artfully woven together to progress the overall plot, which helps keep things interesting and creates quite a few cliffhangers throughout each book. Overall, a great read!

I've read the whole series and I'll just post this review on all of them. This is a great series. I love the characters. Especially the main character, Tavi. This series could have been written very poorly, like a grade B sci-fi movie. The basic premise of the whole series is that the world they are in is a dumping ground for other worlds' various Bermuda triangles. The leading people are descended from the lost Roman legion, so their society is highly based on this. There are native beings in this world they call Furies. They amount to the spirit that all objects and places have and take after elementals. Everyone bonds with one and sometimes more furies as they grow up. These can

range from weak to powerful and often help determine your place in society based on how strong your furies are. Tavi, the main character is the only person of the Roman descendants that doesn't have a fury and he's considered a freak. Throughout the whole series, he has to keep coming up with ways to stay alive and improve his situation without the use of a fury. You continuously come to turning points where you just know that he's fixing to get his own fury...then he doesn't. It's a riveting story that keeps you on the edge the whole time, wondering how Tavi is going to smart his way out of this one. You should read the whole thing and then move on to his 'Dresdan Files' series.

Oh man. Butcher just gets better every time I read his work. The first book of the series was a little rocky, but this story just got better and better with each book. I would just love to see more in the world he has gone through and created. Learning about the Children of the Sun, and having another installment about the Alerans would be amazing. The writing style is realistic and engrossing. He does an amazing job at making strong characters with flaws and personalities, as well as keeping the plot on track. With all writing, there are things that are easy to predict, but he still keeps you guessing and fearing desperately for the characters involved. I would absolutely suggest this series to lovers of fantasy. This is very different from the Dresden Files, but absolutely a brilliant book in a brilliant series.

I started reading this because I'm a huge Dresden Files fan. The concept reminded me a bit of Avatar the last airbender based in a more Roman world than that series. It took me until the second book to really get into the series and by this book I loved it. It's a natural progression of the series that provides great world building moments and earned payoffs. The main character is smart and Butcher never forgets that the audience actually wants good things to happen to their favorite characters even when the story requires terrible things to befall them. Highly recommend the codex alera series.

This is a great series! I have read all the books so far (6 in total) and have not been disappointed. This book in particular brings our hero into the homeland of a dire, inhuman enemy that has wanted nothing but his country's utter destruction. The book is well written and thoroughly grabs you, especially if you've read the other books. The action is fast paced, the fight scenes are vivid and believable, and even the politics is written in a way that makes you want to see what happens next. I highly recommend reading the books in order to get the full understanding of what's happening. (Otherwise, a barely six foot human holding a twelve foot wolf-human-ish thing by it's ear may make

you wonder why he's doing that.)

Much to my chagrin as my productivity plummeted, I could not put this book down. Butcher finally masters his pacing (for this series) with this book. Each chapter lasts the right amount of time to keep you from being frustrated that not enough was told or that the story got interrupted and he limits the points of view such that when you come back around to that storyline again you're still interested in what's going on. 5 books in, we finally meet the Icemen, although we unfortunately don't learn very much about them (the way we have about the Canim or Marat). Lots of big deals in this book and at the very end it feels like Butcher skipped over a significant bit to keep the page count down while still reaching a stopping point. But it still feels like only a half a book as Alera is left in the worst situation its ever been in. I had to resist the urge to dive immediately into the second book, as I'd already spent a whole day reading. I will hold any further review until I read the First Lord's Fury, though, since to me it feels like they must really just be one book.

I became a Butcher fan with the Harry Dresden series. Each book was better written than the previous, and I looked forward to each new book. The Furies series was, from the first book, extremely well written. The characters are well defined with layers of personality depth and behaviours. The stories interesting and the action non-stop. But what attracts me most to these books is the intelligent and provocative narratives that Butcher adds to the story. These narratives have depth and substance. They make you stop and think. These are mature adult books AND a great read!!!

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