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The Flaw In All Magic (Magebreakers Book 1)



Synopsis

\$0.99 for a limited time! Get it by the end of the long weekend! In a city that runs on magic, it takes a man with none to solve an impossible murder. In a world of elves and dwarves and sprites and mages, Tane Carver is a human with no gift but his wits. Which, to be fair, did get him into the world's most prestigious university of magical technology. For a while. Until his lack of magic was discovered. And then it all came crashing down. But when a student is murdered on campus behind unbreakable wards, Tane gets a second chance. Solving an impossible crime should be easy for the man who fooled the university's best mages for years. Except he's not counting on the head constable being an old flame who isn't so fond of him anymore. Or on Kadka, the half-crazy half-orc who insists she's his partner whether he likes it or not. Not to mention the masked mage who keeps trying to kill him. Now, Tane's survival depends on the one truth that has never failed him. The flaw in all magic that those who have it prefer to ignore: the mage. Outsmart the mage, and you outsmart the spell. And outsmarting mages is what Tane does best. Look for book 2, The Emperor's Mask, coming soon!

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Customer Reviews

It seems like decades ago that I bought Dobson's fantasy novel *Scriber*, although it has really only been five years.. I have reread *Scriber* at least five times. *The Flaw in All Magic* is so different from my much-thumbed copy of *Scriber*. (Can a Kindle book be much-thumbed?) It is almost hard to believe the two are written by the same gifted author. And yet *Scriber* is not without humor and certainly not without suspense, The two books are simply at two quite separate points on the fantasy continuum line between serious (a la Tolkien) and the delightfully silly *Myth* series by Robert Asprin. (I am talking about a line folks, not the space-time continuum; that's sci-fi.) *The Flaw in All Magic* is a cannot *put it down* fantasy mystery. It reminds me somewhat of Barbara Hambly's mysteries. But it really isn't at all like that. This book is fun from start to finish, but without being slapstick or the reliance on clichéd situations we have seen all too many times in fantasy novels. That is not to say this book does not have a dramatic finish; what worthwhile mystery doesn't? Please, Mr. Dobson, if you are reading this, give us more books in the *Magebreakers* series soon. (I am assuming it will be a series because it is labeled Book 1.) I promise every one of my extended family members will be thrilled with this series.

Dobson's book is oddly light and humorous, despite the gruesome murder and genocidal conspiracy. Like any decent mystery, the tale is twisted but littered with clues. And like any good mystery, there are enough clues to solve it. Unfortunately, I had it worked out by the third mark; the story was good enough to keep me going, with solid characters drawn from classic archetypes, and the world building I have come to expect from a part of The Gamers production team. A solid fantasy mystery adventure. Worth your time.

Nice setup with a nonmagical expert in magic living in a country that only values magic. Tanic investigates when an old friend of his university days is killed in a place where it is impossible for outsiders to get in. The world with different magical peoples is interesting. The problem is the main character lacks common sense and is a bit of a loose cannon. Keeps secrets when he shouldn't. Acts carelessly when he should be careful. The core of his character is his local understanding of the flaws in magic yet he is totally a person of emotion. Just doesn't compute. Can't connect with him at all.

This is a fun story. Part fantasy and part who dunit. Nice engaging characters, a fantasy odd couple. I enjoyed this book and look forward to future cases.

The author kept the story moving and interesting. I especially liked the way the hero kept coming out on top in each encounter---somehow. Looking forward to the next book.

crisp writing, great plot and terrific lead characters.spoiler alert....the premise is that magic is precise, and powerful, while (human) mages are arrogant and sloppy. only a person without magic can think clearly about the weakness in a spell.

Light, funny, who- done-it? Hopefully a series! Nice world, no steamy sex. A magical steampunk of a series. Well written and edited. Likeable characters

Very interesting book. The story was good creating a sort of Sherlock Holmes duo solving a magical- themed crime, can't wait till the second book in the series.

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