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The Secret Of The Swamp King (Wilderking Trilogy)



Synopsis

As book two opens, Aidan is living in the court of King Darrow. He has become best friends with Darrow's son Steren, and he enjoys great favor among the courtiers. But King Darrow's suspicion is growing and his insecurity causes him to hate the young man who saved his kingdom. Concerned about his king's spiral into ever-darker moods, Aidan asks what he can do to help. Darrow sends him on an impossible adventure to the recesses of Feechiefen Swamp, thinking he is sending Aidan to his death. After all, no Corenwalder has ever returned from Feechiefen alive. But Aidan's fate is not sealed yet for Aidan has allies among the feechiefolk who know him as the hero Pantherbane.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-6 In this fantasy based very loosely on the biblical story of King David, teenaged Aidan has become the triumphant, giant-slaying hero of the court of King Darrow of Corenwald. He is also the best friend of the king's son, Prince Steren. The lords of the court praise Aidan a little too much in the king's presence. Darrow, increasingly paranoid and depressed, sends Aidan on an impossible quest to retrieve the mysterious frog orchid, whose essence is the cure for melancholia. He must travel to the depths of the Feechiefen

Swamp – a journey from which no Corenwalder has ever returned. He is hopeful that his friendship with the secretive, elflike feechiefolk will aid in the search, but his optimism is shattered when a tribe of renegade feechies, led by the mysterious Wilderking, takes him prisoner and threatens to kill him. This sequel to *The Bark of the Bog Owl* (Broadman & Holman, 2004) is obviously a Christian fantasy, with talk of the power of One God, but the religious message is subtle. With its fast-moving story and humorous and passionate dialogue, it is an engaging read for young fantasy fans. – Walter Minkel, New York Public Library Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

No one has ever come home from the Feechiefen Swamp. What makes Aidan think he can? It looks like a fool's errand. A jealous and vindictive King Darrow sends Aidan Errolson on a seemingly impossible quest into the depths of the Feechiefen Swamp. Darrow thinks he's sending Corenwald's young deliverer to certain death. No one, after all, comes back from the Feechiefen. He doesn't know that Aidan has friends and allies among the feechiefolk, who know him as the hero Pantherbane. But even the feechiefolk may not be able to deliver Aidan from the enemy who waits in the swamp's deepest recesses an enemy who threatens not just Aidan, but all of Corenwald.

Once again Jonathan Rogers has given us a lively romp--a "please-one-more-chapter-even-though-it's-two-o'clock-in-the-morning" romp. My husband even had to turn off the TV and come listen to the story when he heard the feechiefolk talking. We all love those he-feechies, she-feechies, and wee-feechies. (They can't help it that they stink. You'd stink, too, if'n you lived in a swamp.) I can't agree with those who have posted ahead of me, saying the second book is better than the first. The joy of our first meeting with good and loyal Aidan and the . . . um . . . surprising and endearing Dobro would be pretty hard to top. The second book is surely no let down, though. It is simply the continuing story of two kids we came to adore in the last book. They are still as loveable as ever. Still loyal and good and true. Still getting into and out of scrapes in hilarious ways, and all the while reminding us, by how they live, that God is merciful and serving him is a reward unto itself. This book had the same laugh-out-loud moments as the first but this one, I think, had more sad moments than *The Bark of the Bog Owl*. Aidan is growing up and facing the world as it is and not as he hoped it would be. It is heartbreaking at times and yet there is beauty in Aidan's strength and in his resolve to do the right thing . . . for the feechies, for his father, and for his king. He is truly a hero. Masterful work, Mr. Rogers, hurry with the next one.

Couldn't put it down. So very well written and peppered with such wonderful biblical truths. These books are a treasure.

Thanks!

This is one out of three in this trilogy. We bought it on our kindle for our 3 sons to read and they love them all! Together they are worth 24 AR (Accelerated Reader) points which is a bonus if your child's school offers that program. They also are good, clean reads with a great theme if you are looking for wholesome books for your children (mine are ages 9-13 and all equally enjoyed them). I am a teacher and have recommended them to my third graders and they have all loved the books too! I would definitely recommend them!

This is a great series of stories. The main character is a hybrid of King David, as a youth, and Tom Sawyer. The language is vivid and written in a most enjoyable fashion. Where were stories like this when I was a kid? I may not have read them but I am sure my brothers would have enjoyed them. There is not a lot of religion in these, just enough to show the boy keeping to his principles. It wonderfully displays how making the right decisions today will prepare you for whatever you face tomorrow. The imagery includes plants known in the U.S. south, as well as reptiles and animals. If you want your children to read a wholesome trilogy, this is a great pick.

This is a really well told story, with unique characters and a compelling story. It picks up where Bark of the Bog Owl left off. I probably liked this better than BOTBO, honestly. We have loved reading these books at bedtime.

This was a great read aloud for my 8 and 6 year old boys. We spent many hours reading together. My six year old would have loved more illustrations and it would have kept him more interested. He played with Legos while listening. My 8 year old never left my side.

Lower reading level but good story line. It was also pretty funny.

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