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A war fought in the shadows  
A conspiracy shattered in fire  
A moment of weakness...  
When politics are played for blood.

The destruction of the secret archive of the Royal Order of Keepers on Mars has left Damien Montgomery, Hand of the Mage-King, with his enemies defeated, his lover dead—and his questions unanswered.

When he seeks out the remaining Keepers for answers, he discovers only violence and death in their strongholds. Someone else is hunting down the survivors to make sure they never answer Damien's questions—or anyone else's.

As a wave of murder sweeps Mars and the consequences of the Keepers' conspiracy sink home, Damien is summoned before the Council of the Protectorate to answer for the deaths of two other Hands. In the political heart of the Protectorate of Mars, he finds he may be forced to choose between honoring the oaths he swore and preserving the survival of the Protectorate itself!

## **Judgment of Mars Details**

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### **Charles Rosenau says**

#### **He did it again !!!**

I am very impressed with the characters this author has created and developed along the way !

This has been a tremendous journey in the 5 books here and every bit of the way - I could - in one way or another - relate to the efforts required to understand a problem and set about solving it !!!

Never predictable and always thought inspiring as though I myself was experiencing the whole story line myself !!!

Quite a ride and a journey well worth following and always looking forward as to the development and the discoveries along the way that reset everything all over again !!!

Overcoming obstacles and people who are ruthless and those who are tasked to stop them with unique abilities and thinking !!

This book and all the previous - are masterfully creative and plotted to carry you along as you feel you can see what they see and feel their feelings with success and even failures !!!!

Looking forward to following the next book in this series - to see how the main character - will overcome his injuries - and handle his new position !!!

I wait for these books to come out and find them well worth the wait !!!

Thanks for this creation in science fiction and all these special characters and see how they interplay with each other !!

Charles R.

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### **Kristy Maitz says**

The Author "Glynn Stewart" done really nice work with the new release of SM 5 book. The story plot is very active and a lot happens in it. So there is no boring time.

What I did not like is how often main character Damien Montgomery suffers in all those books and how main plot is like "cats & mouse" game.

What I want to say is, the bad side always gets away with everything and reading about it gives the reader a negative feeling afterward.

It will be interesting to see what kind of story plot the next book will bring.

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## Anne - Books of My Heart says

This review was originally posted on Books of My Heart

3.5 hearts

I received this book for free from Publisher for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. I have enjoyed the *Starship's Mage series* from the beginning. I've taken an odd route, reading some, listening to others. I discovered the series when the first book, **The Starship's Mage** was a kindle freebie and I was in the mood for space opera. The writing has improved as the series goes along. It has a bit of a campy feel, but I love it.

The politics here were almost over-the-top. It is true some people have egos too big for the room. It only made Damien's job increasingly difficult. He is such a person of strength and integrity. He has shown repeatedly he would give his own life to save others. I really hope we see more of his future.

The action was nonstop in **Judgment of Mars**. I was very worried for Damien and not everything went well for him. This ends the first series and apparently there will be a new series, the UnArcana Rebellion later this year? I'm looking forward to it. There is also an offshoot trilogy called the *Red Falcon series* ., somewhat set in the same time frame as the *Starship's Mage series*. These books are in Kindle Unlimited so I want to give them a try while I am in the program.

Narration:

Jeffrey Kafer continues to provide an excellent performance. I listened at 1.25x speed again. He keeps me in the story and is easy to understand.

Listen to a clip:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-822760436...>

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## Gyula says

[We have the almost omnipotent Mage-King, and nobody knows anything about the conspiracies. What does the Secret Service do? And nobody is using the main amplifier in the Mountain. Which was used to find mages. Maybe they didn't connect the mages with Keepers? The group they were looking for in the whole book?]

Damien lost two thirds of his power at the end. (Very similar to the author's of

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## Elusive says

Another 5 star book in what has become one of my favorite series by Glynn Stewart this is just amazing. I loved the world Glynn Stewart has created and the characters within it. My only complain is that now I will

have to wait a whole year or maybe more for the next book in the series. I have withdraws already, I need more Montgomery!!!

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### **Henriette says**

This book is the final one in the Starship Mage series. It doesn't resolve any of the conspiracies or solve the mystery of the Keepers. Instead those are probably the focus of the follow-up series the Unarcana Rebellions (the first of which isn't published until December next year as far as I know).

As such it is kind of a continuation of the last book and dare I say it, feels a little bit like a filler book as plot wise there isn't an awful lot of progression. Damien has to justify his actions before the Council, which is probably one of the most farcical inquiries in the history of SciFi and fantasy. The premise of The Incredibles was more believable and that was supposed to be a joke. Anyways Damien is charged with killing Hand Octavian, whose death is in no way certain, technically he is just missing, and Hand Ngosi, whom he didn't kill, she was killed by her co-conspirator. And even if he did, all these people attacked him first, so it was self-defense.

Be that as it may, while this is happening the conspirators under the leadership of Winton are currently hunting down all the Keepers to hide their true intentions. And the reader is once again frustrated because our heroes are always a step behind. This is explained by the fact that the villains know who the Keepers are and don't have to spend time identifying them, but it is still not my favorite plot device.

Don't get me wrong. I still liked the book. It was a gripping read, but it was almost a carbon copy of the last one. Damien is a badass, he gets seriously injured overextending himself to protect the innocent, etc. and we are still no closer to identifying the conspirators. The book felt a little formulaic. I hope the new series will travel down new roads.

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### **Suz says**

The copy editing still pulls me out of the story more frequently than I like, but I'm enjoying this series. I'll follow it into the new spin off series, UnArcana Rebellions, due in December this year.

Magic, space ships, interstellar court intrigue and war - what's not to like?

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### **Chris Evans says**

I think I figured out why I like this series so much. At its core, Starship's Mage is hard sci fi. The physics are all correct, the weapons and ships realistic, all the capabilities are correct. What Steward then does is, whenever he needs more fantastical elements, rather than make up some techno babble reason for it, he just places it in the magic category. The delineation works really well and actually makes the world more believable than a lot of other sci fi series.

Stewart has clearly learned from his previous books for this one. The weakest part of his books previously was his space combat. Though interesting at first, the exchange of missiles got repetitive really quick. He

was limited, of course, due to his reliance of true physics, but still. In this book, he's managed to keep the combat fresh and interesting, while also focusing on his strengths of story and investigation. This is another great addition to the series and I hope he keeps them coming.

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### **Ezekiel Alvarez says**

#### **Wonderful As Always**

Good intrigue, and perfect pace as usual, with just the right sprinkling of magic. I am eagerly awaiting the continuation, already!

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### **Terry Mixon says**

#### **The hits keep coming!**

Another terrific book in one of my favorite series. Still lots of mystery and always action and adventure. A real winner.

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### **Jonathan says**

#### **Another good read**

There was a lot of action. There were risks and consequences. A character like Damien could easily have been written to crush all his opposition without problems. But the story is much better than that.

This book answers some questions but it also adds several new ones. I'm looking forward to the next one.

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### **Mike says**

Another great read in this series. This is some top-notch military science fantasy; I'm hard-pressed to think of similar universes that aren't grimdark.

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### **Cory Rose says**

#### **Liked the others much more**

Like the series the characters the storyline, but so far, I've liked every other book in this series much more than this one. The main character in the early books was clever and somewhat skilled without the knowledge

and ability to just charge recklessly through every danger, now he is much more powerful, has the knowledge and abilities of all his experiences but seems to have lost the skills and cleverness that got him to where he is. There is still plenty of action, though it all happens to the main character he's always reacting to his circumstances never proactive, basically I like the series and will continue to read, but not this installment very much.

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## **Tam B. says**

(Nb: Also posted on Amazon)

I received an ARC in exchange for an unbiased review.

I want to start by stating that this book is another action packed instalment of the Adventures of Damien Montgomery. It's fast paced, well written and I'm fairly sure I read it in a single sitting.

But it's not going to be my favourite book.

\*\*\*\*\* POTENTIAL SPOILERS \*\*\*\*\*

For me this book was a bit like Harry Potter - Order of the Phoenix. It's where politics invades our hero's world, imposes on it and it is to our hero's detriment. Instead of "detention with Delores" we have meetings with the Council.

But in some ways Harry is better off. Harry has Ron and Hermione, whilst Damien has staff. Instead of these relationships being further developed in this book, we got a new member. If Samara appears in the next and any future books, then her introduction and development here is excellent ground work, but I still think an opportunity got missed.

Harry gets holidays at The Burrow. Damien doesn't even have Friday night drinks! His predecessor Alanna Steele liked to share a drink and discuss events. I think with what Damien has ahead of him sharing a beer with him companions would benefit them all. Our author uses this very technique in his Castle Federation books - Kyle Roberts has his own private stash of beer on his every ship to share with his various officers whilst discussing the thorny issues of command or simply shooting the breeze. Let's give Damien a supply of boutique beer and a small amount of down time to use it. Because Damien is fast becoming a concern with his "all work and no breaks" attitude.

By the end of this book I needed Damien to have a win. Not just acceptance or acknowledgement but a solid For The Win. And for me, I didn't get it. This book was repeated kicks to my hero and for me, he never got to struggle back up and deliver that knock out punch. We're still chasing the Keepers raison d'être. I still don't have a solid lock on the bad guy. Suspicion and supposition - yes. But solid lock - no. At the end of this book I wanted at least one of those.

\*\*\*\*\* END OF POTENTIAL SPOILERS \*\*\*\*\*

To nit pick - this ARC has typos and grammatical errors. Things like uncomfortable when it should have been uncomfortably to make the sentence work. There are other things. None were enough to take me out of the story but I did notice them. I'm going to assume the book under goes a tidy up before final release.

I still have a complaint about Damien's height. In our opening chapter with Damien he's referred to as "diminutive". I know he's short, but we're five books in now. Can we stop defining Damien by his height? He's one of the most powerful mages there is. He's well respected across the cosmos. He's intelligent. He's tenacious. He's cool under fire. He stands for those who can't. He's honorable. My point is he's a lot of things other than short. I feel like Damien is undercut every time he's 's reduced to a height chart. (End rant.)

I will be buying this book when it is released as I want to support this author and this series. I want Damien to win! Whilst I'm looking forward to my next adventure with Damien Montgomery, I won't mind if the author takes a little more than his usual time to write it. We're getting into complicated events and I really want the next book to deliver.

Despite all that I've written above, I did read this book in a single sitting. It did keep me glued to the end. I may not be rushing back to re-read this particular book but I will be rushing to read the next instalment.

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### **nelcir says**

Último livro publicado de uma série de 5 livros, que conta a história de Damian Montgomery. Um menino órfão, pobre, pequeno, farrinho sem nome, ascende à posição de Mão do Rei, um protetorado de 100 bilhões de pessoas e centenas de planetas, com autoridade total de agir em nome do rei.

Todos os livros sempre tem muita ação, mistério, tecnologia e magia.

Adorei os livros de Glynn Stewart , mas me senti frustrado porque imaginei que essa série estava completa.... agora, tenho de aguardar o próximo livro, e isso talvez demore 1 ano ou mais.

Atenção: Os livros são sequenciais.

The last published book of a series of five books, which tells the history of Damian Montgomery. An orphan boy, poor, small, thin and nameless. He rises to the position of the King's Hand, a protectorate of 100 billion people and hundreds of planets, with full authority to act in the king's name.

Every book always has lots of action, mystery, technology and magic.

I loved Glynn Stewart's books, but I felt frustrated because I imagined that this series was complete .... now, I have to wait for the next book, and that may take a year or more.

attention: the books are sequential

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