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What would it be like to be a wizard's apprentice? This first novella in a series of three covers the first part of Benen's life as a wizard: his apprenticeship. When a wizard visits Benen's village and chooses him for his apprentice, the boy's life is irrevocably changed. Unfortunately for Benen, his master is far from kind and often cruel. His education becomes a trial he must survive.

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Muhammad Gibran says

Pro :

Interesting concept of magic. Its make magic is something you really need to study for, not just having a talent and luck.

Con :

Its just too short.

All the character persona seems kinda shallow. Nothing is worth remember.

Amanda Kern says

Good book

It's a good book. I liked the twist at the end. He is at the starting point. I will be reading the next book.

Jill Martin says

Overall the book was really good. In the beginning I think seven year old Benen was a bit too mature for his age, but over time as he got older that problem faded away. The climax had my heart pounding and the twist at the end threw me for a loop so incredibly hard. If you're are willing to deal with a certain level of middle school swear word based jokes in the beginning, this is a great read for an hour or two of free time.

Chas. says

I really enjoyed these books. They are basically one book broken up to make more money but I think they're worth it. the prose is not the best because he packs a lot of years in three short books but I really like the world building. I like how the character was very strong and had believable weaknesses. He wasn't always the best at everything and had to work for what he had.

Scott Wozniak says

Sloppy, but intriguing

The book was sloppy at the beginning--okay, the whole way through. And the seven year old boy was SO poorly written that I almost quit the book in chapter two (way too complex and self-aware for a child). But

the plot was interesting songs read a little more and I'm glad I finished it.

Note: I love learning stories, especially magic learning, so if that isn't your thing then you probably won't be able to overcome the sloppy writing.

We'll see if he got any better in book two.

Alicia Huxtable says

Quite a good short read.

Annette Mardis says

Think you've got a tough life? Consider poor Benen: Unceremoniously stuffed into a dirt cellar by his abrupt but well-meaning older sister, the boy ends up endangered anyway when an 800-year-old wizard shows up to claim his due.

Benen is the only child of proper age in his village to satisfy the malevolent master magician's search for an apprentice. The boy is torn from everything and everyone he's ever known and imprisoned in a tower in the sky, where he's forced into slave labor under constant threat of punishment.

When he finally gets a chance to start learning the ways of wizardry, Benen finds himself subjected to even more physical and mental trials. But through the help of an unlikely ally, he begins to expand his knowledge, build his power and forge a plan to fight back.

Author Eric Guindon has crafted an inventive tale that looks to the heavens to explain the magician's craft. Benen's education is no Disney-esque sorcerer's fantasy, and his often cruel master is far from the benevolent, distinguished-looking Gandalf of J.R.R. Tolkien's and filmmaker Peter Jackson's prodigious imaginations.

But poor Benen's suffering isn't for naught, and Guindon leaves his readers curious to find out what else awaits the young wizard as he begins the next phase of what promises to be a very long, adventurous life.

Good thing for Benen fans that Guindon's sequel, "Journeyman," in the three-novella "A Wizard's Life" series is available now.

Pauline says

Quite enjoyed this read. First in a series of 3 novellas aimed at early teens I would say. The only thing that really jarred with me was the use of the word loo it seemed much to modern for the rest of the book.

Deep S says

I picked this book because i was getting it for free and it was a short book :)

The concept of the book it very very simple
A wizard taking a small boy(Benen) as Apprentice.
He keeps benen in his tower and keeps him in isolation. treats him very bad and forces him to do stuff, punishes . Benen meets a rat who can talk and becomes frnds.
the rat and benen plan to kill the master and he story moves on ..

I kind of anticipated the climax and like the way it turned out.

The best things about this book are

- 1) very simple story
- 2) fast paced book with good narrative
- 3) language is very easy and pleasing to read
- 4) short book with very less boring parts.
- 5) good climax

I will give this a 4/5

Devil D

Emmyjo says

I really don't know if I like this book or not. I suppose the only way I would read the rest of the series is if it was free like this first book.
