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Twelve-year-old Jarral and three friends with strong psychic Talents fight the evil of Prince Mephtik the Poisoner, who serves the Demon-Driver.

Blade of the Poisoner Details

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Melissa says

This book is probably kind of crappy, but I sure loved it when I was a kid and it's taken me years to work enough google magic to find the title and author again.

Sara says

BBC radio adaptation.

Bill Hice says

Read it in sixth grade. Probably not as good now.

Charlton says

This was one of the first fantasy novels i read. It left a major impression. I think due to the influence of this book i prefer sci-fi/fantasy where stories are either based in medieval times or people use the power of their minds.

Andrew Obrigewitsch says

I read this when I was a kid and loved it. It was the first fantasy book I read on my own. So it has a special place in my heart, I'm sure if I where to reread it I would not like it as much, like maybe a one or two star. But for a kid it's great stuff I I can find a copy I will get it for my son.

Karen says

I loved this and other books by Douglas Hill since childhood.

Search says

This was my first contact with fantasy fiction apart from the fairy tales my grandmothers and aunt told me as a child. I was absolutely enamored by the book and tried for a long time to get my hands on the sequel but somehow could never find it.

I remember wanting to be a firebrand for the long time, after reading this. lol :)

I think, if I could find the sequel even now at one of my local book stores I'd get it and read it in an instant.

Nikki says

A young boy encounters the Poisoner while in the forest, is captured, and is cut by his sword. This blade has a special power, for whoever suffers a wound from the sword will die by the next full moon. As the full moon draws nigh, he will feel the weight of death approaching...

This is the book that not only introduced me to the genre of fantasy, but also helped me to discover the world of angst. While some might not consider this book as engrossing as I - it is your typical fantasy in basic storyline and characters, not to mention a very quick read - it will always be special to me, and hold a reserved place on my bookshelf.

Neil Pearson says

From what i can remember (16 years ago) this was great. Kids with cool powers and evil monsters for them to overcome. Shame its out of print!

Laura says

*From BBC Radio 4 Extra:
Dramatisation of the sci-fi fantasy novel. Douglas Hill's sci-fi fantasy stars Eric Allen.*

Aaron says

For what is is (young adult fantasy) it's pretty good.

Sheila says

Listened to this as drama adaptation as podcast from BBC Radio 4 Extra

Bettie? says

Adapted for radio by Wally K Daly.

The blurb- *In "The Blade of the Poisoner" the world is ruled by an evil wizard known as the "Demon-Driver". The only ones who stand up to him are a rogue wizard called Cryltaur and his group of "Talents",*

Scythe, Archer & Mandra. Jarral, an ordinary farm-boy is thrust into this world of magic & danger when he discovers he too has a "Talent" - for summoning elementals, the one force which Demons cannot endure...

With:

James Holland

Eric Allen

Elisabeth Bell

Susan Sheridan

Nigel Carrington

Hugh Dixon

Produced by Peter Fozzard.

First broadcast in 1991 on BBC Radio 5.

Noor Jahangir says

I have fond memories of this book from my teen years. I know I liked it then, so I scored it 3 stars. Can't remember the plot and haven't read it recently, so the points are just for mere nostalgia.

Mike Behlke says

I read this book in 7th grade, I had found it in my jr. high's library. I remember liking it a lot. I liked the idea that these characters had special powers, like the X-men. I found this book, again, in 2002. I re-read it then, when I was 23 and found it to be a short and easy read, obviously, since it is geared toward a younger audience. I never read the sequel.
