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The Kingdom of the Sarianne teeters on the brink. While its tyrant king plays out his petty vendettas, rebellion fomented on the edges of his domain. Politics and power struggles gamble civilization on the tides of war.

Yet war is not the greatest threat to civilization. A far older enemy rises. The dragons are waking and these fiends of Chaos will swarm across the world of men, razing it to bedrock just as they have done in ages past.

But this time the world of men has a champion in Daven Carrickson. Once a beggar and still a fugitive from the king's justice, Daven is also a hero with unrivaled powers. A brush with one of the deadly dragons left him forever bonded to the beast and able to tap into the ever-shifting maelstrom of Chaos that roils beneath man's fragile reality.

It is a dangerous connection, one that threatens to consume him. Can he pay even that ultimate price if it means the salvation of humanity?

The Dragonswarm is the second book in the Dragonprince Trilogy. Approximately 110,000 words.

## **The Dragonswarm Details**

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## RuthAnn says

I really enjoyed the second installment of this series a lot.

It seemed like the author grew a lot in between the first and second books. I'm not sure if it's because of the classes the author has taken lately or just him getting comfortable with the characters, but he was able to make me buy in to the story much more.

It was like everything was bigger and better in this book: Daven's leadership, his power, his cunning, and the plot itself grew leaps and bounds.

Bravo, Aaron Pogue. Can't wait 'til July!

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## Matthew Pace says

This was the second book of a trilogy that began with Taming Fire. The book had a fast pace with plenty of action that just kept coming. The author really does a great job dealing with Daven, his new powers, and his inner conflicts about who he wants to be. Definitely a worthwhile read. One criticism I had was that some of the secondary characters were somewhat one-dimensional. Fore example, the king was characterized as a petty tyrant and that was it. Otherwise, this was an excellent novel that I would gladly recommend. Can't wait for the next book.

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## T.L. Gray says

I try to read books that are part of a series consecutively, if I can, but in and of itself, that's a problem, especially if only part of the series has been published. That is not the case with this particular novel, being the second book in a trilogy, so there's no excuse. Dragonswarm by Aaron Pogue had the misfortune of being read directly following the Kingkiller series by Patrick Rothfuss. Having said that, Pogue did an excellent job in having Daven pull me out of the magic cloud of Kvothe and drop me into the swarm of dragons – whose names are impossible to pronounce.

If you're a reader who is more inclined to love a story that is more centered on action and plot development, than character-centered, much like epics like Lord of the Rings by Tolkien or the Gunslinger Series by King, then this is a story for you. A majority of the writing focuses on the magic, the dragons, the quest, and the ensuing battle. Pogue is able to create a great visual.

Being a character-centered reader and writer, I would have loved to see more development in the relationship between Daven and his lady love, his schoolboy friend, and more conflict with the King and the leaders at the Academy. However, I loved the connection Daven had with, and against, the dragons. I've never seen

dragons depicted in this particular light before, and found it mesmerizing. The magic shared between the two is also a very imaginative element.

This was a good read. I enjoyed it, and I would definitely recommend it.

Till next time,

~T.L. Gray

Author of the Arcainian Series

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### **Hollie says**

I think this book was even better than the first, and the averages seem to agree with me. There was more action in this installment, and a lot of great character development and growth. I was stealing every thirty seconds I got to read a page on whatever Kindle device I had handy (and I always have at least one close). Events flow so well, yet looking back, I'm amazed at the plot turns this story has taken. Very gratifying read, and I can't wait for the finale!

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### **Robert says**

#### **Another satisfying read**

Hope you enjoy The Dragonprince's Legacy as much as I did. If you read my review of the first volume you can now know I was not disappointed.

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### **Heather Sutherlin says**

Wow! Other friends and family who had read this book said it was breathtaking and they were not kidding! What a rush! Although Taming Fire took me a few chapters to get excited about, this one has you racing from the beginning and doesn't let go!

In Taming Fire we meet Daven and join him in his painful journey across the country, but in The Dragonswarm we are thrown further into the midst of his true destiny as he is held captive by dragons, finds new power in an incredible escape, joins a brood and embraces the part of him that is becoming something new. And that's just the first half of the book!

Seriously, friends. Go grab a copy right now. You will not regret it! There's a reason this author is becoming an international best seller.

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## **Stephanie says**

I have to say hands down this book is a must read. I couldn't put it down. It went along the same pace as the first book. It answers a lot questions that you'll have from the first book. Such as to the past with the dragons and how their power works. It answer's why Daven's power is so much different from other wizards. This book is perfect for anyone who love's dragons and magic. I will defiantly be buying the third book when it comes out.

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## **K says**

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My book reviews are written as a discussion of a book, and not as an advertisement. Please be aware that there may be information that some would consider spoilers. Continue on at your own risk!

This is book two of the Dragonprince Trilogy. I enjoyed the plot of the first book, but was put off by the main characters constant fear. I figured that as the character has gained power, perhaps his annoying habit of always being scared would either be greatly minimized or go away in the second book. Did the author succeed? Here's what I thought...

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## **Jacob Feit says**

Dragonswarm was great book with a good plot and characters that only get deeper with each page turned. The second book in the Dragonprince Trilogy is a book with a much bigger scope and a much darker experience for our hero.

Daven, coming off an amazing victory, saving Teelevon, is soaking in the good life when something that should have been wonderful news turns unwanted eyes in his direction forcing him to make a decision that will inevitably change his life. This experience/change brings on a whole new awareness of Daven's abilities and his significant changes from book one to book two. Some may see his changes as becoming evil but, being a fan of dark heroes, you can see that in certain decisions(and in power) there is only one choice and that choice may harm others. That does not mean that there are not hints of Daven losing control and in those moments Daven is not a boy learning his gifts but a man who is capable of destroying lives and land, and the deep wanting to do exactly that. Along with Daven you pick up two more unexpected companions that really help the story move along as well as add insight to not only the changes of the land but also the changes in Daven himself.

The plot is much much broader in this book, as well. In the first we follow Daven on his quest of self discovery and coming into his own, following his own personal problems and how he handles them. In the second book there are many more involved in planning and scheming and many more lives to loss when they face the true threat of the land.

Old friends (Vechernyvetr?), new friends, and some unexpected characters help to move this story along.

Circumstances, fights of sword and magic for power and land add to the excitement and create experiences that will, down the road, cause him to make certain decisions.

The only downside of this book that I could see was that somethings seemed almost too easy for Daven when compared to other things that he could not do anything about.

The land is changing, powers are shifting, the time to fight is now but will the powers and companions of Daven be enough to stop what is coming? Read the second book in the Dragonprince Trilogy to see the Daven's fight for survival. Humanities survival.

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### **Eric says**

While interesting, this wasn't as good as the first book, Taming Fire. It started a little slow and the ending felt abrupt and anti-climactic. But the middle 2/3 was good. I did find that I wound up having to re-read paragraphs multiple times to understand what the author was saying at times. Not sure what lead to that. Anyway, a fine, but not great fantasy novel.

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### **Aurona says**

I don't know whether I will seriously recommend this book - some interesting moments where our hero Daven basically becomes a dragon and have to fight the dark urge of death and destruction. The opening paragraphs are really bad - love sick teenager is infatuated with Isabelle, but at last, he has to run away and the story begins. I did finish it and it was enjoyable, but not memorable. I think the first book was better.

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### **MarsianMan says**

Now full of power and wanted for treason, Davan must hide to prevent Isabella's family and lands from being hurt. Except when trying to escape the king's men he ends up kidnapped by a dragonswarm.

This book was really good and a bit longer than the first. Davan becomes so powerful I thought would hurt the plot of the story but his opponents are vast and the limitations on his power actually work quite well to prevent the DBZ effect. I really like Pogue's characterization of Davan. Davan is a lot more complex a person than in the first book and I find his internal conflicts very interesting. I am really looking forward to the the conclusion of the trilogy.

I feel bad for leaving this review so very sparse, but I did really like the book and am in too much of a hurry to do the review justice. Great book, I recommend it.

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### **Charles Levy says**

With the sequel to his first book, Taming Fire (The Dragonprince Trilogy, #1), Aaron Pogue brings Daven back to continue his quest to save the world he knows despite how it has treated him. Hunted and hated,

Daven persists in learning to grow into the unique creature he is now shown to be; able to look beneath the illusion that is his reality, yet still reacting with instincts learned during his outcast years, he must meld these contrasting parts of himself together if he is to even begin to fight the Dragonswarm. The second book in The Dragonprince Trilogy doesn't fail to thrill. Pick up The Dragonswarm (The Dragonprince Trilogy, #2) today and live Daven's adventure in your own imagination. Words fail to suffice.

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### **Kevin says**

The hero from the previous book acquires god-like powers and saves humanity.

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### **Bruce says**

#### **Good book**

This is an excellent book. I liked the plot and characters. It has a good ending. I highly recommend.

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