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Here, together for the first time, are the complete CHRONICLES OF AMBER: *Nine Princes In Amber...* *The Guns of Avalon...* *Sign of the Unicorn...* *The Hand of Oberon...* AND the long anticipated final book, *The Courts of Chaos* - in a handsome two volume set.

Amber is the one real world, casting infinite reflections of itself - Shadow worlds that can be manipulated by those of royal Amberite blood. Unfortunately, the royal family is torn by jealousies and suspicions. And the disappearance of the clan patriarch, Oberon, has intensified the conflicts by leaving Amber's throne apparently up for grabs.

The CHRONICLES begin in a hospital on the Shadow Earth, where a man is recovering from a freak auto accident. Since he is also suffering from amnesia, and has been for some time, he has no idea that he's Prince Corwin of Amber - until his memory receives a succession of jolts:

He meets a sister who speaks in riddles of plots and counterplots... and a brother who abruptly involves him in a life-and-death battle against pursuers from a fearful Shadow world.

He discovers a deck of tarot-like cards, with himself, his sister, and strangers whom he guesses to be other relatives, pictured on their faces. Only lingering amnesia keeps him from grasping the full significance of the find: the cards are the Greater Trumps of Amber, used by his family to communicate across vast distances, and transport one another through Shadows in an instant.

Then comes the most shattering jolt of all... Corwin's confrontation with an intricate design created by a master manipulator of reality - the Pattern. By walking the Pattern, those of the blood royal gain the ability to control Shadows. But the slightest hesitation or misstep during the trial means death.

As Corwin sets foot upon that coldly glowing inscription, memories come flooding back to him... more and more with each step. And finally, knowing his true identity, he acknowledges his true ambition - and resolves that the crown of Amber will be his.

But unknown to Corwin, there are dark forces massing against Amber... and before too long he will discover just how great a burden a king's crown can be...

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Jan Koster says

Stond al zo lang op mijn wensenlijstje om de gehele serie over Amber van Roger Zelazny te (her)lezen. Het begin is er en wat goed! Zie mijn recensie <http://jkleest.nl/2016/08/negen-prins...>

Jovana Vesper says

Jedina vrednost ove knjige je u tome sto sam je dobila na poklon od prijatelja koje mnogo, mnogo volim.

Miriam says

I read the entire original series (the second series with Merle had not yet been published) over the summer before sixth grade. My parents had the Chronicles in two hardbound volumes, minus the dustjackets, so I had no idea what they were about when I started reading. It is very interesting to read them this way, with no warning that what seems to be a mysterious but mundane situation is going to transmute into a world-bending fantasy. This makes the reactions of the amnesiac protagonist much more resonant: like Corwin, the reader is unprepared to suddenly leave known reality behind.

byAx says

2009: L'ho mollato lì sul tavolino, non per gravi colpe dell'autore, che anzi nelle prime 100 pagine ha dimostrato di possedere un'ottima immaginazione, ma perché la vicenda filava via piatta, senza particolari scosse, emotive e non.

Lo riprenderò.

2015: mi fermo al primo, *Nove Principi in Ambra*, abbandonato nuovamente verso la fine per le stesse impressioni di sei anni fa: assoluta mancanza di pathos nello stile, nella storia e nei personaggi, con la costante presenza di un senso di frettolosità al limite del superficiale.

Kora says

[Ono kad se Korvin probudi i nema predstavu gde je ni ko je - I really felt that. (hide spoiler)]

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Wealhtheow says

Corwin wakes up in the clutches of someone claiming to be his sister. He has no memories but knows he must bluff his way into freedom. A few audacious con-man moves later, he is travelling between alternate worlds, alternately fleeing, fighting and helping his numerous siblings. They are the nobility of Amber, and the victor will rule them all--and all of reality. Corwin is a golden age hero, complete with bravado and silly gender issues, but his adventures are a lot of fun to read

Steve Williams says

Back in the early 90s, I borrowed the two volume set for the Chronicles of Amber from a friend. Since I was not what one would consider an avid reader at the time, I was surprised by how quickly I was consumed by this book. I spent every available moment during breaks at work reading as much of this book as possible. I read more of it after work and finished the book in what was, for me, an amazingly short period of time. Thus was I introduced to the writings of Roger Zelazny. As much as I wanted to retain this book in my library for future readings, I felt the least I could do was repay the kindness of my friend by returning it. I later obtained my own copy of the stories through the single volume *Great Book of Amber*.

The Chronicles of Amber consists of ten books in total. This volume contains the first five of these books. What I found quite interesting about the collection is that, while the books are all told in first person perspective, the first five are told from the perspective of Corwin, while the second five (which take place some time after the end of the 5th book) are told from the perspective of his son. What is most intriguing, however, is that the voice between the first five and second five books are very distinct. It feels as if you are reading books written by two different people with very different voices. This only serves to further immerse the reader in the stories being told.

Thirty years later, the Chronicles of Amber still tops my list of favorite book series, not just within the fantasy genre, but within all genres. I have never found anything that quite compares or has drawn me in nearly as completely as these books.

PopiTonja says

Beskrajno uzivanje!

Saša says

Verujem da je ova knjiga (serijal) pre 20, 30, 40 godina bila absolutni hit.
Ali danas, bar meni koji je citam prvi put jednostavno nije.

Prvo zato sto je ovo u sustini YA (fantasy), a ja nisam ljubitelj tog zanra.
Drugo zato sto je stil pisanja jednostavan, cesto naivan i u prvoj knjizi haotican.
Posle prve knjige nisam verovao ni da cu je zavrsiti ali su se stvari u drugoj malo poboljsale pa sam ipak dao trojku umesto "predvidjene" dvojke.

Likovi su prilicno lose uradjeni, pretpostavljam da to u to vreme za ovaj zanr nije ni bilo toliko bitno a ako ste mislili da je Kvout (Ime vetra) sebican, uobrazen, svemoguc itd. onda niste upoznali Korvina, glavnog junaka ove knjige. A drugi su tu da uglavnom popune stranice.

Samo sto je Patrick (Rothfuss) Bog i Batina za Zelaznog sto se tice priovedanja.
Akcije ima i previse, toliko brzo se smenjuju scene da prosto nemamo vremena da zavirimo malo u Zelaznyjev svet koji zaista nije lose smisljen, ima tu svega i svacega iz sveta fantastike ali...

Mozda su sledece knjige bolje napisane, sa boljom karakterizacijom, boljim worldbuilding-om ali tesko mi je da poverujem u to iz razloga koji sam naveo na pocetku.
Previse je ovo staro/jednostavno/naivno da bi danas bilo zanimljivo. Bar meni.

Da, prevod ove knjige je nesto najgore sto sam video u zivotu. Kao da je pisan rukom nekog osnovca. Cesto ulicni sleng, cesto neke reci koje jedva da sam shvatio sta znace, ne znam da li u Laguni imaju uopste nekog urednika jer ovakav prevod нико normalan ne bi dozvolio.

2.5/5

Jared Horan says

I think this is a creative and very well-written and I recommend it to anyone who has a creative mind and loves adventure. It was great :)

Jack Massa says

I read the first volume of the Amber series many years ago. Liked it well enough, but not as much as some other Zelazny novels, notably *Lord of Light* and *Creatures of Light and Darkness*.

Having now read through books one and two of the saga, I find my original impressions still stand.

The first few chapters of *Nine Princes in Amber* are fantastic, a tour-de-force of sustained irony and tension as the protagonist wakes up in a hospital with no memory and bluffs, connives, and forces his way through one dangerous encounter after another. This is also a brilliant narrative device for introducing the reader to the fictional world, as we learn the amazing facts of this world along with the point-of-view character.

And the world is impressive: a Universe of realities, all reflections of the central Realm of Amber, of which our hero is a prince. One prince of many in a large, dysfunctional dynastic family full of rivalries, hatreds

and betrayals. Plenty of room for drama and adventure, and Zelazny gives the world just enough scaffolding to support his narrative as it dances and cartwheels along. So don't look too deep or ask too many questions.

This is fun, ironic fantasy. Nothing profound, but enough to make me want to read the last three novels. Just not yet.

Sedefu says

Yahu kitap ba?tan sondan müthi? kurgulanm??. Hayal gücü s?n?rs?z ama sonu nas?l bitti öyle? Gel de di?er kitab? alana kadar bekle ?imdi =)

Josie says

The writing style and plot of The Chronicles of Amber was just great.

William Tooker says

I recall being 13 at my grandmothers for Thanksgiving with this edition fresh from the Science Fiction Book Club. Random's narrative in Sign of the Unicorn was being devoured by my eyes.

Worlds flow like water for the members of the royal court of Amber. Superhumanly powerful but all too human children of the house of Oberon fight like brothers but brothers with armies.

This is the book series that made me want to be a writer. It has action, romance, high concept, and questions of character for Corwin the main character.

Corwin's experiences in Lorraine (in book 2 "The Guns of Avalon") where he meets the woman Lorraine and his old Lieutenant Ganelon could stand alone. Over the first 5 books there are more amazing memorable moments than I have time to describe.

The Chronicles of Amber may bend your mind but it will definitely not Disappoint.
