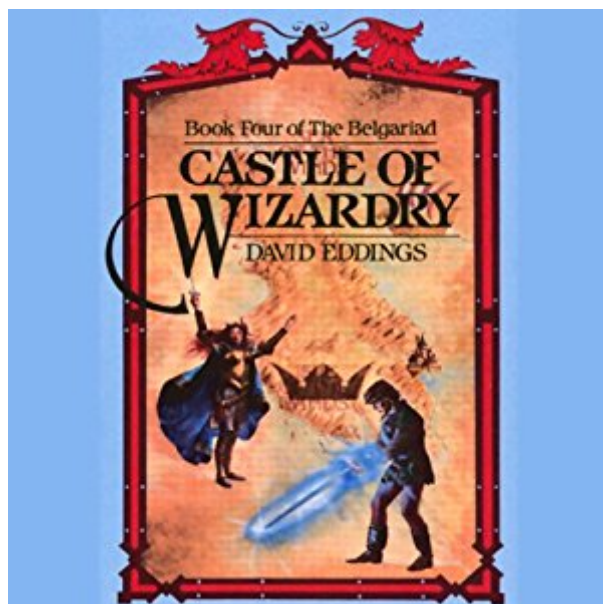


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Castle Of Wizardry: The Belgariad, Book 4



Synopsis

It all began with the theft of the Orb that protected the West from the evil God Torak. Before that, Garion had been a simple farm boy. Afterward, he discovered he's a sorcerer. Now, at last, the Orb has been regained and the quest nears its end. Of course, the questors must still escape from a crumbling enemy fortress, flee across a desert filled with Murgo soldiers, and avoid the Grolim Hierarchs seeking to destroy them with dark magic. After that, Garion feels assured his part will be finished. But the prophecy still holds several surprises for Garion, and for the Imperial Princess Ce'Nedra.

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Customer Reviews

I don't know what it is about David Eddings that keeps you glued to his books. Is it his plots? No, they tend to be overly complex, even if they are linear. Is it his narrative? While he is definitely entertaining, Mr. Eddings often drags the story out a bit too long (hence, two 5-part series). Maybe it's the dialogue? It is, after all, highly witty. No, what keeps me turning page after page are Mr. Eddings' characters. I don't recall ever having a fondness even remotely close to what I have with Garion, Belgarath, Pol, and Silk. That's why this book stands out as my favorite of any of his novels. This book best demonstrates the bravery, yet naivete of Garion while contrasting Ce'Nedra's strength against her fragility. It defines the true roles of their companions and sets up the confrontations and fates that await them. It goes beyond what most fantasy novelists write and gives us a truly fantastic epic. Read this book. Every page is worth it.

I have loved this series for years and have waited so long for it to come out for Kindle that as soon

as I see the next book I snap it right up. The Belgariad and the Mallorean series were inspired writing (in my opinion). I have tried to read other books by Eddings and found them boring but not these. I cannot wait to have all the books in both sets on Kindle very soon. (hint ...hint)

Spoiler! So finally we find out that Garion is the Rivan king (hmmm, anyone not know that besides him? I knew it in the first book of this series). He is betrothed to the princess, who, despite "loving" him throws a temper tantrum over the whole ordeal. Her issue? Garion now outranks her in title. What a brat. And throughout this book she is just as bratty as she was before. I was hoping that she would start to grow up, maybe finally show her love for the boy she "loves". If her idea of love is love, keep it away from me!! For me, she doesn't add to the book, she aggravates me more than Torak and his followers. At least we know they're the bad guys. With this princess, she acts as a sorry pos but is put in the position of being the "good guy (ahem, gal)". I would like to see strong female characters that aren't bitches. Polgara is a good example. She doesn't have to throw a temper tantrum and see people be uncomfortable to be comfortable herself. I don't see a single thing good about the princess and I have no idea way Garion would love her in anyway. Besides this very annoying thing, the book is a generally a good read.

The Belgariad, the Mallorean, Belgerath and Polgara are a sequence of 12 books that I read once a year (because I love revisiting old friends) before a series of moves lost my collection of books to "in a box somewhere". I have been asking for years to get the series on kindle and, major squee, Here they are. I have only one critique. Someone needs to proofread the final type before publishing please. I know for a fact that nowhere in any of Mr. Eddings books has Barak sworn by Belay (Belar, Belar, Belar for heavens sake) Each of the books has at least one such typo that breaks the flow of these books and it just jars my back teeth badly. Please fix. I am so thrilled to have ALL (as they come out) these books with me everywhere I go. Just please proofread again.

The Belgariad series is a good YA series (before there was such a thing as YA!). I've read it about a dozen times when I was a teenager and loved them as well as the Mallorean. I was glad to see them on Kindle (finally!). They really should have had some of the long-time fans proofread these before they release them into the wild. There are a lot of typos caused by the digitization of the novels. It's glaring to suddenly have people's names misspelled for example. They also release the e-books too far apart. I'd rather they take a few months, get really good proofreaders to proof them, and release them all at once instead of crappy paper-to-digital scans spread out over a year.

The Belgariad is a classic, plain and simple. I try not to break Castle of Wizardry from the rest of the series as it really is one story broken in five parts for financial reasons. It is not a difficult read, but it is a fun read that reaches deep into the imagination. My only complaint with the Kindle version is that it is not well edited. There are lots of spelling mistakes throughout that are not in the print editions.

David Eddings never fails to deliver a story that is rich in magic, war, love and loyalty. The bad guys are the stuff nightmares are made of, so the bravery and honor shown by the recurring characters is addictive. Not only their survival, but the survival of the human race. I've read all of the books several times, and when I'm in need of some reading that will sweep me up and take me away these books never fail.

Story and series is superb. Unfortunately the editing leaves much to be desired. It appears that this edition was never properly spell checked prior to release. I compared it to my print editions on some of the worse of the misspellings. They were absent in the print versions. I am giving it a 1 strictly on technical reasons in the hope it might goad the author and publisher to cleanup this edition. I seriously considered asking for a refund due to the defects.

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