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For years, tales of

DRAGONS

from another world kidnapping and enslaving humans have been circulating in Jason Masters' world, while for a slave girl named Koren, the stories of a human world seem pure myth. Together, these two teens will need to bridge two planets in order to overthrow the draconic threat and bring the lost slaves home.

The mysteries unfold

As a Starlighter, Koren knows her destiny is to save her fellow human slaves from the dragons' bondage---but by following the orders of the smooth-talking dragon king, Taushin, has she in fact doomed her people and herself? As Koren struggles over her choices, Elyssa discovers a new aspect to her Diviner gifts when her pendant begins to unlock mysteries surrounding the stardrops from the Exodus star.

Soon Elyssa, along with Jason and his father, also uncovers new truths behind the dragons' prophecy and learns that Randall has teamed with Magnar and Arxad to wage battle against Taushin's followers. With a major war imminent and talk of a new Starlighter in the air, confusion and uncertainty reign---something Taushin might have planned for all along.

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From Reader Review Diviner for online ebook

Eustacia Tan says

I decided to welcome my return from camp by having the giveaway countdown move towards the the second last milestone. After this, the giveaway will end a week after my review of Liberator. If you haven't entered my giveaway yet, you can do so here.

In Diviner, Koren has gone to the dark side. She's now (unwillingly) helping Taushin. Meanwhile, Jason, Elyssa and the rest are desperately trying to bring in the army from Major Four/Darksphere and rescue the humans. The two groups are moving towards an inevitable clash.

After my review of Warrior, Bryan Davis commented that I was being too harsh on Koren. That is true. I'm not sure why, but I judge her the most harshly. I think the reason is that I see the parts of myself that I don't like in her. Koren is sometimes impulsive, sometimes proud and (the most important part to me), sometimes prone to thinking the ends justify the means. In short, if I were here, I'd probably make the same mistakes that I call stupid.

As for the other characters, well, there was an interesting (if small) step further in Jason and Elyssa's relationship. Up until this book, I honestly didn't know who Jason would end up with because it seems like all three girls (Cassabrie, Elyssa and Koren) like him. And while I totally support this pairing, I'm glad that it's a small part of the book. It feels more natural this way, and it doesn't impede the story; I really hate it when the romance hijacks a good plot.

Compared to the first book, Magmar has developed a lot, and you can understand Arxad's character a lot more. Some backstory is revealed and I think that it provides a new dimension to them. Apart from that, Orion (the "bad guy" from the first book) is also given more back-story and well, he seems less evil than confused. Really cool and believable character development.

With regards to theme, my biggest takeaway from this book was how seductively good evil can be. I have this feeling that Taushin is bad, but sometimes, I really really want to agree with his logic. It's in the second book as well, but I felt the full force of it here for some reason. It's a timely reminder that as fallen humans, we want to agree with the logic of the world rather than the logic of God. But, one road leads to hell and the other to heaven.

If you've read and loved the first two books in this series, you definitely have to get this book. And after reading it, you'll be very impatient to continue with Liberator. These books definitely belong in a set, it's hard to make sense of the series if you jump in half-way.

Disclaimer: I got this book free from Zondervan in exchange for a free and honest review.

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Bethany Phillips says

This is a third book in a series and it was so good. There was so many things that I wa not expecting to happen and it was so fun.

There were a lot of time where I was like did that really just happen and that character is that one. It was a fun read.

I enjoyed the main characters more and more throughout the book. There were many moments where I could not or did not want to put the book down because I needed to know what was going to happen next.

I cannot wait to see how the story ends in the last book.

Carmen says

Goodread's win...Advanced Reading Copy review

Beside's the biggest typo on the first page -> Koren to Karen, this book was really fun to read! Read the second book "Warrior" and now this. "Diviner" dives right into the story of how it ended off in the second book, so if you never read the other books, this will be super confusing and it still is because I didn't read how this all started.

So many of the passage reminded me of the Bible hahah...I feel like this Bryan Davis made a more fun-to-read-filled-with-excitement-plus-dragons-bible xD. The sacrifices of the Starlighters, the book of law, the Creator, the kings, the warriors...

Novel was filled with action and excitement. Jason the warrior, Elyssa the diviner, Koren and Cassabrie the starlighters, Arxad, Fellina and Xenith the good dragons, and the rising of Exodus in hopes of bringing the human slaves in Starlight freedom from the dragons. There are dangerous barriers they must all face, but now with the disease spreading again, will they be able to have freedom or die trying??? Need to read the next book!!!!

Meagan Myhren-bennett says

DRAGONS OF STARLIGHT

DIVINER

By Bryan Davis

DIVINER picks up where WARRIOR left us. Koren has entered the castle of the White Dragon in search of Exodus. With her, she is carrying the stardrop she removed from Cassabrie's sanctum. When she finds the fallen star she enters through its wound and finds another Starlighter. Within Exodus resides an injured Starlighter called Brinella. But because of condition Koren's appearance Brinella rejects Koren as a Starlighter and instead accuses her of being a sorceress! After Brinella's rejection Koren goes in search of the White Dragon.

Jason and his father Edison have traveled into the dangers of the southern forests where they find Elyssa. When Edison is captured by a dragon Arxad's wife Fellina and his daughter Zenith agree to help Jason rescue his father. But instead Jason rescues a young slave he names Solace. Tibalt finds his way back to Starlight from Major Four and joins in the search for Jason.

Koren again seeks out Brinella and tells her story. Brinella convinced by Koren's words that she is indeed a

Starlighter accepts her offer of help. Brinella prays to the Creator for release from Exodus and Koren is left to tend the fallen star. Using the stardrop, Koren seals Exodus's wound trapping herself within Exodus. As she raises the fallen star she joins Elyssa, Fellina, and Tilbalt in their search for Jason.

On Major Four Randall, Arxad, and Magnar are attempting to gather a human army. An army that will travel to Starlight to battle Taushin. As they work in stealth they discover that Marcelle is already at work gathering an army. When Randall and Arxad go through the Northland portal they bring Orion along as incentive for the soliders and they leave Magnar behind so as to not bring the curse down upon him.

When Jason and Edison are found they are badly injured so Fellina and Elyssa take them to the Northlands for healing, but with only one stardrop available Elyssa must make a choice. Will she swallow the stardrop risking her life so she can save both men or will she choice to use the stardrop to save just one? Elyssa decides to take the risk. While they are in the Northlands Petra is reunited with her body.

Koren tries to bring the slaves into rebellion against their dragon masters and escape to freedom on Major Four, but Taushin convinces the slaves that they don't want sudden freedom. They want it slowly, a little at a time, as he promises to give it to them. As Koren tries to reason with the "lost ones" the ancient spear that brought Exodus down all those years ago is used against Exodus again. Koren is injured but still she continues telling her Starlighter tales to the people. But when the spear is ripped out of Exodus the disease that Arxad feared is released. As the people of Starlight succumb to the deadly plague only three are immune - Jason, Elyssa, and Cassabrie.

Cassabrie is now within Exodus determined to save the people of Starlight but what price is she willing to pay?

Determined to infect the army from Major Four, Taushin sends a dragon to the north with an infected person. The dragon who accomplishes this deed is promised the only two uninfected humans left on Starlight: Jason and Elyssa to use however they wish.

When Diviner ends we are left wondering who will survive. Will Starlight ever be free or will history be repeated? Will Starlight have a Starlighter to show them the truth or will Taushin make Starlight as blind as its new Black King?

Carol says

I won a free copy from a Goodreads First Reads Giveaway.

I am currently waiting to get the first two in the series from my local library so I know what is going on when I read this one.

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I tried to read this without reading the rest of the series. It didn't work. I had no real sense of the world or the characters. Some things seemed interesting but I am not sure I will revisit this series.

Avry15 says

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The Mysteries Unfold

As a starlighter, Koren knows her destiny is to save her fellow human slaves from the dragon's bondage- but by following the orders of the smooth-talking dragon king, Taushin, has she in fact doomed her people and herself?

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Soon Elyssa, along with Jason and his father, also discover new truths behind the dragon's prophecy and learn that Randall has teamed with a major war imminent and talk of a new starlighter in the air, confusion and uncertainty reign- something Taushin might have planned for all along.

I read this book without reading the first two books, good thing this is a stand-alone and besides Mr. Davis hints the backgrounds of the characters, so it's not that hard for me to get a good grip to the story.

Praise for the cover, it's wonderful and beautifully designed!

I really enjoy reading and learning about how Koren, Elyssa, Jason and the dragons worked together to work against the dragon, King Taushin, and other dragons. In this book, the climax started to an ultimate battle between Taushin, leading the dragons, and the humans from Darksphere who are attempting to lead the unwilling slaves. Diviner takes the reader deeper into the mysteries of Starlight, its past and the unusual, turbulent relationship between dragons and humans.

There are a lot of revelations. And the characters are more determined to free the people. I'm just a little bit confused about the white dragon, if he's the creator, he should be able to alter things. Maybe Mr. Davis intend to reveal this thing in the next book. Or maybe we could relate it into our world, there is God, but He still let us choose, He gave us free will in order for us to choose right from wrong.

It's a book full of action, with dragons flying, throwing flames, sword-fighting, etc.. I couldn't seem to put this book down, I am so into every adventure in this book, the storyline is getting complicated what with all those characters, but a reader could still keep up, it seems every character thrust into the story takes on a life of its on, not letting (me) forget them that easily.

The author brings to existence a new world where dragons exist, I enjoy reading and I feel comfortable in this new world he created.

The best thing I want in this book are the subtle messages about wisdom, faith and hope. It's just that as I read the lines, and then something struck within me. It's never a nuisance at all, it made me realize things...:) thanks to the author...

Mr. Davis weaves a wonderful story of love, sacrifice, truth and faith. I can't wait to see how it ends in the Fourth book Liberator. The story unfolds even more and answers start to come to the surface, and it still leaves you with answers to come. So many of my questions were answered - and many new ones were raised. I cannot wait for the final book.

When Diviner ended we were left wondering who will survive. Will Starlight ever be free or will history be repeated? Will Starlight learn the truth or will Taushin blinds them as their new Black King?

A must read! Highly recommended!

Sic Transit Gloria says

I...I'm not sure what's happening anymore. Characters and groups of characters are all over TWO worlds, each experiencing radically different problems, yet somehow conquering them the same way: talking it out. This and that is hinted at, but the only reason they're not revealed is because the author simply thinks that it builds suspense (it doesn't). The book is never crystal clear on how the situations and events occur, leaving most of the work to your own imagination, which at this point is overly taxed. There's only one thing that we all know is happening...

It's getting weirder.

Kim Heimbuch says

This is the third book in the Dragons of Starlight books. Koren is a Starlighter and it is up to her to try and save the slaves from the enslavement from the Dragon's. This book is a bit difficult to get into as you can definitely tell it is part of series and is pretty important to read the previous two to thoroughly understand exactly what is going on. This book has a darkness to it that I thoroughly enjoyed as it filled in the gaps of feeling lost at times. This book does move along at a quick pace keeping the plot super charged and Koren's adventure of peak interest.

C.O. Bonham says

First off I have to confess that the highlight of reading this book was meeting the author. I mean really how often does that happen? Where you can be like, "Hi, I am reading your book right now. See the book marker. Can you Sign this?"

O.K. so I kind of knew where he would be and maybe I was reading this book on purpose. But that does not in anyway detract from the coolness of it.

Anyway about the story. Yes this book is just as good, better actually because more questions are answered and the action is building. The battle lines are drawn and the final conflict is ready to erupt. this next book promises to be very exciting.

Annie says

This series has a lot going for it. It's got a really cool setting that's an interesting blend of science fiction and high fantasy. It has an exciting (albeit sometimes confusing) plotline. It has a wonderful message. It has *dragons!* Yay for dragons!

And yet, the more of this series I read, the more some things start to bother me. The main thing is how

righteous and noble all of the characters are. Yes, they are wonderful heroes, and all-around "good guys". They are too much "good", and too little "guys". What I mean is this: the protagonists pretty much always see the right path and take it. They readily sacrifice themselves for the good of others. They are utterly dedicated to the eradication of evil. But they are too much all of this. They aren't relatable. It's not a bad thing to have internal doubts about sacrificing your life your someone. It's *human*. These people (with the notable exception of Koren at one point) never have second thoughts, never make mistakes. And this gives them so much less depth than they could have.

I'm fascinated by the relationship between Magnar and Arxad. There's some history there of brother/brother conflict. Some Thor/Loki type conflict, almost. And yet the way they interact now kind of reflects this, and kind of doesn't. I'd love for the next book to delve deeper into this relations.

I guess my mini-reviews became more 2/3 reviews. Oh well. I enjoyed *Diviner*, but I had my issues with it. It's more of a 3.5 star read, but I round up.

Heather Bridson says

This is the first book in this series that I have read, and seeing as it is the third in the series I was expecting to be lost. However, I found this book to be delightful! The characters were engaging, the story hooked the reader early and kept the pages turning. I truly enjoyed this book. I have been a fantasy fan for a long time, and this story fit very well into the genre. The underlying story of faith in mankind, yourself, and the creator above all was well done. The references to slavery taking multiple forms was also easy for the reader to grasp. I will be looking to pick up the first two of this series eventually, and see how the characters came to be where they are in this book, and i'd like to see where they go from here.

I received a copy of this book in a giveaway. I was not compensated in any way for my review, and was not influenced to write a positive review.

Alicia "Nee" says

This book reminds me of Moses the true prophet of God and the counterfeits Jannes and Jambres. It also brings to mind the many persecuted servants of God burned at the stake who were mistaken for workers of darkness. I like the many characters that unfold throughout the pages of this book and throughout this series of books. Portals and vortexes that take you into another planet and the Creator is ruler of them all. Fiction with some core truths. I liked this book!

Rachel says

As we enter book 3 in the Dragons of Starlight, Jason and his father are returning to the Southlands when a they meet up with Elyssa and then one of them is kidnapped by a dragon and must be rescued before they are executed. Koren, mean while, learns more about Exudose and tries to make the slaves see their slavery but

find that having someone see the truth and fight for something is harder than it sounds. As they all learn lessons about what slavery and freedom really is, things about themselves, and turning more to the Creator, a new threat comes that could destroy all of human kind, but not just on Dracon but Major Four as well.

I liked this book, much like I like most of Bryan Davis's work, but I was a uncomfortable with the remaking of one of the characters and infusing in them their old spirit. The idea just kinda seemed wired and strange to me. But there was also a lot of good examples and great growth in the characters. An exciting end is promised with the next book.

In exchange for an honest review, I received this book for free though Zondervan through the Z Street Team.

Angela says

Not having read the first two books in the series, I had a pretty hard time figuring out what Diviner was. But finally, I have read all three books in the series. Surprisingly, I enjoyed them all because of their high fantasy setting, which I always love.

In Diviner, Koren finds herself in even deeper trouble than before. This time, it's going to take more than what she has ever had expected to get out of this mess. I mean, the previous Starlighter refuses to admit that she is her successor. Not to mention, there is a whole new mess going along with Taushin, the king.

Diviner is part of a series that could have been put in market without being considered Christian. I mean, it has some Christian elements, but for the most part, it could be joined with The Demon King by Cinda Williams Chima or Eon by Allison Goodman. It had what those two books had; strong characters, fast-paced action and a quencher for one's thirst for Lord of the Rings' kind of magic power, except there are no Hobbits or Ring. Now, I am not telling Lord of the Rings fans to read this series, I mean, it is completely irrelevant in terms of targeted audience and the fact that a girl is a protagonist (and in the series), but there are similarities that Lord of the Rings fans may find and enjoy.

However, Diviner was not as exciting as Starlighter. In Starlighter, I was first opened to a world that I embraced and was as mysterious as Incarceron was in the beginning. Diviner was not as impressive in this regard. Still, any fan of the previous books in the series will enjoy Diviner.

Rimma says

I received the book for free through Goodreads First Read

I do recommend this book and found this book the best in the series, however it doesn't seem the story is over. The story has a lot more to go on with many unfinished stories.

I could not figure out all the details until I finally got chance to read first two books. After that I enjoyed this book a lot more, as it explain the characters and relationship better. The story well developed from the biblical base and goes on into a more intruding mystical novel.

It is story with more challenges for the Koren as she tries to pursue the slaves to fight for their freedom and all the lessons and challenges she goes through. She faces her past choices , while asking for help from white dragon to solve the dilemma with the fallen star. The mystical world where dragons live along the humans

enslaving them, the cruelty and mystery of different worlds and honor warriors and fighting for freedom is captivating.

The book give number of lessons, faith, truth, love, loss and how to do the right things and that it is not easy chooses and path to follow.
