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A new threat faces the world of Erdas in this continuation of the New York Times bestselling series.

Something ancient and evil has awoken from beneath the world of Erdas. Shrouded in shadow and older than memory, just a sliver of its power can destroy with a touch. Even the spirit animal bond, the sacred link between humans and animals that keeps Erdas in balance, is under threat.

Four young heroes, Conor, Abeke, Meilin, and Rollan, are determined to stop it. Together with their spirit animals, they embark on a desperate journey that takes them deep underground and to the far corners of the world. As friends and allies fall around them, the four have no choice but to push forward and confront this darkness. If they stop to look back, they'll see the truth: Evil already has them surrounded.

Broken Ground Details

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Victoria Schwab says

I had SO much fun writing the second installment in the FALL OF THE BEASTS series. And of course, my book is full of inner demons and outer monsters ;)

Joseph Carrabis says

I think one of the ways you can tell a YA novelist is excellent is if, when an adult reads the book, that adult feels a child's excitement during the reading, that "oh, what's going to happen next?" joy of the child being surprised and thrilled by the worlds revealed.

That's what I experienced reading Broken Ground. I'll be picking up some of Victoria Schwab's adult novels and hoping she can do to my adult, cynical heart what she did for my inner child, and we both will thank you, Ms. Schwab, for it.

Sarah Masterman says

I thought that I had read the first Spirit Animals book, so I was confused when I started this book, not really knowing what was going on. It turned out that I had read the first of the Spirit Animals Special Edition books (Wild Born, by Brandon Mull) rather than the first of the Fall of the Beasts series. I did know some of the characters and was able to follow along well enough, but I want to go back and read Immortal Guardians, to fill in those gaps. These books are definitely not stand-alone books. If you start in the wrong book there is enough information there that you can stick with it, but this book itself really had no resolution. To know what happens next I imagine you need to read the entire series.

Vicki says

Can't stop reading! On to the next.

Marilyn Dragoo says

Amazing

I chose a feelingve because it's definitely very action-packed. I think it's a good book to read if you liked series, animals, spirit animals, and other world type universes.

Akoss says

Even though this is a publisher planned series I could tell Victoria Schwab wrote it. It's such a pleasure to

find lines that only she would write. She managed to put her brand on the story.

Amber says

Allthebookskindofrunintoeachother.

Lena says

Holy frickin dang can Victoria Schwab write

Daniel says

Ayayay things are going bad! This author made a good but kind of uncreative induction to the series.

Christy Schaefer says

So it probably would have helped to realize this was a series with way more background in it than this book could offer.

Oh well. It was decent, but a bit confusing, and a bit lacking in depth from what I could tell. But again, it also might have been the fact that I jumped into the middle of an established series.

Gavin says

good

Catherine ~Whatever you are, be a good one~ says

Overview: This book is not for educational purposes and is fairly violent, but free of inappropriate romance or language.

Educational Value: Not applicable.

Violence: High. Parasitic worms crawl under skin up to foreheads and take over victims' minds. A victim is threatened with broken bones if a whole roomful of people doesn't agree to let the worm take over their minds. An attack by zombie-like victims of the parasite leads to main characters using arrows and knives to kill them. A march through an underground world includes many perils: a giant tentacled attacker, spiders (many small, one giant), a raging fire that traps one spirit animal, a pit of those zombie-like creatures, and a fall from a cliff.

Romance: Not applicable.

Language: Not applicable.

Maleficent Jones says

Lmao what did this do to my heart, I think it gave me memory loss

Chelsea says

Broken Ground: Fantastic writing, but does that make up for lack of plot?

Another book I'm torn about. I'm still a bit upset that this series was extended after it wrapped up so nicely, but **I'm coming around to this new plotline thanks to the wonderful writing from Victoria Schwab.**

Honestly, she made this series so much more amazing than it was before. Her writing is worlds away from the last book! I've never read anything else by her, but she has a way of making everything sound interesting and important. **Her style is sophisticated yet fun and it works great with the series.** I can't wait to read some of her works!

I have an issue with a series written by multiple people. Usually there are a few amazing writers, and then we get some other writers way below that level and the series ends up feeling really inconsistent. Like we have the amazing Victoria Schwab here, and the next writer is...Varian Johnson? Who?

I think the new arc is kind of odd. Like there is some sort of plague, and original spirit animals coming back, *and* Zerif? I guess at this point I'm liking it more than before.

I hope the characters reunite soon, because **one of the best parts of this series is the group dynamic.** The characters have been split up for the most of the last two books, and I wish the characters who had more chemistry together could have been the ones traveling together.

I don't feel like a ton happened in this specific book, but the writing and epic cliffhanger kind of make up for it and I'm excited for the next one!

Emily Traasdahl says

Good book.
