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Kidnapped and taken to a frozen land after the fierce battle with Lord Morgarath, Will and Evanlyn are bound for Skandia as captives aboard a fearsome wolfship. Halt has sworn to rescue his young apprentice, and he will do anything to keep his promise - even defy his King. Expelled from the Rangers he has served so loyally, Halt is joined by Will's friend Horace as he travels toward Skandia. On their way, they are challenged again and again by freelance knights - but Horace knows a thing or two about combat. Soon his skills begin to attract the attention of knights and warlords for miles around. But will he and Halt be in time to rescue Will from a horrific life of slavery?

The Icebound Land Details

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Johanna says

And I continue my reading of the Ranger's Apprentice series. I'm pretty sure this one was the last book I had read during my first go at the series.

The story took a bit of a darker turn in this book but exciting nonetheless.

I found it interesting how the author turned more and more away from a single POV story during this book. There were always some chapters from different POVs but mostly the story was told from Will's POV. In this book that became even less (I'm not gonna tell you why because that would be an evil spoiler ^^). We learn more about Halt and Horace, Evenlyn and even the king. We also learn a lot more about the world this story is set in.

All in all a worthy continuation.

Lexie says

7/10. This book was good, but it wasn't as good as the first two and many others in the series. It was a little more slow paced and just not quite as engaging. But it was still good, I still never got bored, which is the main thing. The writing style of these books make them interesting and entertaining no matter what's happening.

Ashrakat Deyab says

2.5 stars- it was OK.

As captivating as they were, if the 200+ pages of this book had been summarized into a chapter or two and had been merged with the previous or next installment of the series, I would have liked it much more. But the plot just doesn't deserve a whole book of the series to itself. And I understand that Flanagan was merely giving the readers a chance to identify with Evanlyn, but he didn't have to cut Will out of the action do so. The series is called the Ranger's Apprentice after all, so it should be more about the Ranger's Apprentice. Seeing it from a different perspective, however, The Icebound Land is just a transition to a (hopefully) more intriguing sequel.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

The Icebound Land (Ranger's Apprentice #3), John Flanagan

The Icebound Land is the third book in the Ranger's Apprentice book series written by Australian author John Flanagan. The book was released on 30 November 2005 in Australia. Will, the main character, is captured by the Skandians along with his friend, Evanlyn, in a big war in the previous book. The capturer, the Jarl Erak, takes them in as slaves. Meanwhile, Will's mentor, Halt, has sworn to save him from the Skandians, but the Ranger Corps forces him to stay back. Halt, however, is so desperate, he insults the King of his country, Araluen. The King and Halt are good friends, so in Halt's trial, the King takes pity on Halt. Instead of the normal punishment, which is to ban the defendant from the Araluen borders forever, he banishes Halt from the borders only for one year. Halt is banished from the Ranger Corps until the punishment is lifted, that is just a minor problem for Halt. He then sets out to find his apprentice once more.

Halt is determined to get to Skandia quickly, so he takes the quickest route: Gallica. There he meets Will's old friend, Horace. Horace is Will's childhood friend, and just like Will, Horace is an orphan. In Gallica, Horace and Halt tried to go as fast as they could, but they were stopped by a lot of inexperienced knights. Horace, being a warrior apprentice, takes on the fake name "The Oakleaf Knight". Horace beats all of them with ease without his grizzled companion, Halt, to step in. Horace's reputation grows until he is noticed throughout Gallica, which attracts the horrible knight, Deparnieux of Castle Montsombre. Deparnieux soon captures Horace and Halt.

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Rebecca says

This book was so captivating I read it in two days. The third in John Flanagan's 'Ranger's Apprentice' series 'Icebound Land' takes up where 'Burning Bridge' left off in a cliffhanger ending and follows Halt and Horace as they travel to Skandia to rescue Will and the princess. Well to say the least I absolutely loved this book. So exciting and fast paced and vivid and funny and oh man I just LOVED IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I can't wait to read the next few and move on to John's 'Brotherband Chronicles'

rachel • typed truths says

Contains minor spoilers.

3.5 stars

I know that I've said this a couple of times already but it deserves repeating: **I am enjoying this series so much more than I would have ever expected.** I've flown through these first three books, and have the fourth book sitting on my bedside table *begging* to be read. It's completely addictive.

The characters are some of my favourites already. We get to see a new side of all the characters in this sequel. I especially loved getting into Halt's head and seeing him grieving for the loss of his friend. It was also great to see Evanlyn step up towards the end of the book, but I sorely missed Will at times. His wit brought an extra something to the book, and while Halt's teasing of Horace left me in chuckles, it just wasn't the same and Halt and Will's banter.

I do, however, have to say that the plot wasn't as fantastic as *The Burning Bridge*. The second half of the book dragged a little bit, not too terribly so but noticeably. I am anxious to see where the story is going to progress to in *Oakleaf Bearers* so I'm going to pick that up as soon as humanly possible. I'm so glad that I picked up this series.

Cody says

this book was so good with tons of twists.

Odette Knappers says

Not as good as the first two, but will definitely continue this series because I can listen to them when I bike to work.

- ?? jess ??- says

Reread Jan 2017.

They are growing up so fast and I love them

Cordelianne says

These books are so quick and easy to read, while there is still a lot of action and other things happening. I really enjoy the friendship between Will, Horace and Evanlynn!

Dan says

Very good.

C.B. Cook says

It's getting kind of repetitive to tag all of these books with "pure awesomeness," but... I mean... HALT. <3 How could that not be pure awesomeness???? Can I like... meet him? Or become his apprentice? My poor baby. Getting himself kicked out of the country and Rangers just so he can go rescue will. <3 <3 <3 (Not a spoiler, since it's in the blurb...)

And then Evanlyn and Will! Will's so sweet and courageous, and Evanlyn is epic. AND HORACE. Okay, so Horace is pretty much my second favorite character (after Halt, of course!). He's the best type of friend to have. And to think he was a bully at the beginning of book 1!!!!

Epic moment: (view spoiler)

However, in spite of the awesomeness that is these characters and the plot, there were a few problems that forced me to knock a star. :(The first book had four cuss words, the second two, and then this one... had around 30. O.O Details (words not spelled out): (view spoiler). There was also a few mentions of girls

wearing "indecent" skirts (which would actually be long by our standards), and one person says that they "look better that way". Some alcohol involved.

But the main issue with this story was drug abuse. It was actually handled very well and was portrayed in a negative light, but it's still something you should be aware of before reading this.

Overall, I really enjoyed this story, and I'm looking forward to book four!

Lazybee says

Three down 9 to go.

The book was good but not great.

This book comprises of journey and survival of two parties. Horace and halt, will and Cassandra aka evanlyn.

The main purpose of this book is to lay the framework for the next one. And it does a good work in that.

C.P. Cabaniss says

This as another solid fantasy adventure to add to the series. In this installment Will and Evanlyn have been taken by the Skandian Jarl Weak back to his homeland to be sold as slaves. Halt, unwilling to let Will disappear forever, leaves behind the Rangers to go after his young apprentice with Horace as his companion.

Horace and Halt were a fun team, although not as entertaining as Halt and Will often are. Their adventures and dedication to Will were a nice touch to the story and we got to see quite a bit of development in both of them.

Will is not truly here for a large portion of the book, which is unfortunate because he's a lot of fun. We do get to see Evanlyn take charge more though. She's definitely a strong woman and adds a lot to the story. Their interactions with Erak were a nice touch. I'm wondering what will happen there in the future.

The ending was fairly satisfactory, but definitely left a lot open. I'm excited to pick up the next installment and continue on with this story. Ten years ago I would have been completely obsessed with this and even now I find it very enjoyable.

Moriah says

4.8 stars!!!!
