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Gibben Nemesio thought his life was over the day he received a conscription notice demanding he train to be a soldier. When he left his home for Silver City, he never expected he'd thwart a terrible plot to murder the King and become an overnight hero—and he definitely hadn't expected to find love in the form of a handsome mage trainee named Joel.

Three years later, Gib has fought his way from lowborn farmer to hold the coveted position as understudy to the seneschal. Despite heightening tensions between the King and High Council and the rumors of impending war still terrorizing the people of Arden, Gib finds solace in the company of his wise mentor, loyal friends, and beloved companion.

But with the arrival of an ominous message from a powerful enemy in the north, Gib quickly realizes peace is fleeting in a world where chaos lurks in every shadow, and treacherous forces—from both outside the country and within—threaten to destroy everything he holds dear.

In "Nightfall", the second chapter of the epic fantasy series "The Chronicles of Arden", the adventure continues. 150,000 words. Epic fantasy. LGBT fiction.

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Melinda says

Before I begin, a word of warning must be giving to everyone uncomfortable with homosexuality. This is a story about two boys who fall in and out of love. If you have a problem with that, I suggest you do not read this book and keep your religious beliefs, your political beliefs, or your personal beliefs to your self.

If you do not have the above problem, then feel free to continue with the review or just buy the book and read it. I am totally okay with whatever you decide to do.

Nightfall is the second book in The Chronicles of Arden series with A Call to Arms being the first. However, this book the relationship between Gibben and Joel becomes a little tattered.

You see Joel goes on a journey as an apprentice with his mentor who happens to be one of the country's top political negotiators. He enjoys it so much that he makes the decision to continue his training without talking to Gibben. Joel ends up going on a mission, along with others, that no one expects him to return from. Meanwhile, Gibben's heart is broken but he finds companion ship with another young man who has loved him from afar.

Joel's group does end up returning minus his mentor, and is realizing that his relationship with Gibben meant more than he thought. However, he isn't sure if he mend the relationship.

Add in, the king dying, the queen marrying the king's bodyguard, and a bunch of other little twists and turns, this is one hell of a book. Once again, I finished it way too fast and once again I am holding my breath for the next one.

Jenya says

A fantastic Fantasy Romance. The drama was dealt with wonderfully and created interesting scenarios for the reader to enjoy reading. I've read the book more than five times, don't think I'll get tired of it anytime soon.

? percy says

dnf at 30%

i just have no interest in the world or characters anymore. i may have continued reading but the first 30% is just so dull and i don't care about anything and i'm too bored to read on to see if it improves

Nikki says

Wow. So many emotions going on in my brain right now. I loved the first book in this series dearly, but Nightfall completely upped the bar and blew it right out of the water. The plot was more complex, the prose flowed beautifully, and the author managed to take me on one, endless emotional roller coaster. One minute I

was laughing and the next, I wanted to cry. So many highs and lows. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but be prepared to sob. The angst is real.

A.L. Kaplan says

Shiriluna Nott and Saja H have once again woven an intricate and compelling tale with Nightfall: the Chronicles of Arden #2. The story picks up several years after A Call to Arms and continues to follow the trials of Gib and Joel. The plot and betrayal continues to thicken with many new twists to the story. My only regret is that several plot lines were not resolved by the end of this novel. I hope that the third book completes the tale.

Sidney says

Copied from my Amazon Review:

Okay. I loved the first book. This second book has so many of the wonderful qualities of the first. Interesting characters you care about. Fun and creative world building. A plot that really does pull you along. All these things add up to a fast and enjoyable read.

But.

This one thing took me from a 5 star review to a 3. ****Spoilers**** The "separation" cliché is overused and we all know its to create conflict for the story and blah blah. Here it 'almost' natural at first but when one of the characters comes through a harrowing experience the continuation of the cliché felt...beyond forced and unnatural. Not only for these specific characters but just in a general psychological sense. The constant "misinterpretations" and near misses of connecting were not enjoyable but see through.

I mean when even their 'mutual' friends know they are still pining over one another yet none take them by their small hairs put them in a room and say, "God dammit you both have told ME you love each other. Now TELL each other." It seemed illogical and contrived. I had hoped with this authors obvious talent and creativity they would have found more creative ways create conflict and to move the story along. I will continue to hope that the next book isn't full of these obviously false miscommunications and 'drama' for dramas sake. ****End Spoilers****

The first book held none of this and still had an engaging plot and characters. Even with this said I enjoyed the read for the most part. Enough that I will still be sure to read the next in hopes of the story getting back on track. Others may feel differently, of course.

Denise White says

Depressing

I don't think I can continue....I hate reading books where the good guys are clueless...the treachery was right in their faces but everybody was asking dumb questions and standing around...I get having the bad guys get away with some stuff but to make the good ones seem incompetent..HELL NO!!

Love Bytes Reviews says

4.5 Heart Review by Dan

We've jumped ahead three years since the end of book one. I'll be honest, I was little put off by that. It seemed we totally skipped the relationship building between Gib and Joel, and now they are companions of three years.

Gib is now the understudy to the King's Seneschal, who you will remember is Joel's father. Joel is now the understudy to Arden's top Ambassador and has been away for six months on a peaceful mission to another land.

Things aren't going all that well between the two though, and when Joel returns and decides he wants to become an actual Envoy, he breaks off his relationship with Gib, so that he won't hurt him down the line. What we have here is a typical failure to communicate. Neither he, nor Gib, really want the relationship to end. It isn't long though before someone else is sniffing around Gib. Is he available?

Then a summons arrives from the evil empire to the north. The King of Arden originally came from that empire, and he is viewed as a traitor by the Emperor. The Seneschal, the top Ambassador, Joel, his brother Liro and some others are chosen to go to the empire to answer the summons. There are nefarious back stories going on though. Nothing is as it seems. Can even the people on the mission be trusted? Joel's brother Liro, in my opinion, is a total snake. Why can't they see it!

When the mission goes disastrously wrong, can the team escape from the empire alive? What is happening back in Arden? There are evil shenanigans going on with Joel's uncle, the brother of the Seneschal, who is the Head Councilor. When all these machinations come together, can Arden survive?

I really liked this story. I didn't like that it ends as a cliffhanger, with little resolution on some continuing issues. The next book is coming in the fall though, so I will just have to wait for my answers!

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Elizabeth says

Too many bad things happen to give it a higher rating. I kept having to stop reading because I didn't like what was happening.

Jenny Koch says

This book was rather dominated by the antics of the antagonists as well as the romantic tragedies of the heroes and their allies resulting in an overall gloomy book that I did not enjoy as much as the first novel.

Kevin says

Some rule says the second book of a series has to be bleak. This certainly fits the bill. I can't think of much that goes right here. I have to hold out hope that things will turn out well in the next book, due in the fall. We are reunited with our old friends from book one. As previously, I have trouble placing the secondary characters. I cannot remember who is related to whom, and what positions they hold.

Liro acts just as despicably as before, but we see glimpses of vulnerability. I feel some slight sympathy for him. This is more Joel's book than Gib's, and we hear less from some people who were more prominent in book one. There is barely any reference to the conspiracy or assassination attempt in book one. There are new problems to deal with here. Maybe it will all be tied together later.

A few new characters pop up, and there is also a new secret that seems to have been just been invented. The story flows well and I read it in one sitting in about half a day. I was so eager to find out what would happen that I skimmed some parts very quickly. I wasn't much interested in descriptions of objects, and even when there was action I skimmed when it moved too slowly for me. I skipped one particularly gruesome section.

There were only a few minor instances of what I considered mistakes. As with the first book, the King is called Highness instead of Majesty. The Crown Prince is called the Crowned Prince. The past tense of bid is bade, but bid was used here. Finally, pour was used twice for pore.

Ptdog says

Follow up to A Call to Arms, a story that I loved reading. This second chapter of Gib's story is just too overwhelmingly catastrophic for my tastes. I had to put it down several times before finishing due to just how wrong everything was going. But I did finish it and will read the next chapter. But, I probably won't like it for a good way into it.

Ilona says

Complimentary review copy provided by author in exchange for an honest review. You know that old Murphy's Law adage? The one that says "*Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong*", well this book takes it to the max, making for a darker read than the first book. There was also plenty of political intrigue, magic, mystery and romance just as there had been in the first book. I hate comparing two books but when the second one is a follow up to a good story it just begs to be compared and in this comparison it falls a little bit short for me. I would still recommend reading it if you enjoyed the first one as it is still a good fantasy novel but it was just a little too dark and dismal for my taste. Also, even though this one was a little bit too tough for me to enjoy as much, I will still be looking forward to the next Arden adventure.

Maria says

A little too much emotional dithering slowed things down sometimes but still good

Steph says

Awww shoot. This book was a heartbreaker. But I loved every minute of it. Romance, betrayal, political intrigue and lots of missed clues about relationships. Sounds a bit dark b and it was, but I can't wait to see what happens next to these characters that I have so enjoyed spending time with.
