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Vanx, Trevin, and Darbon, along with Prince Russet and the crew of the Sea Hawk, sail to Vanx's homeland to find an old friend who just might know the wyrm lore needed to make their quest to Dragon Isle seem survivable.

Meanwhile Coll and Duke Martin have set their shadowy schemes in motion in Dyntalla where Quazar is keeping the princess from death with all he has.

What will King Oakarm do about Duke Martin's treachery when he arrives? Will Matty the one-handed whore get her wish? Can two High Wizards of the Royal Order hold off the ogres, and the even darker thing that is seeking the Bloodstone? And what will happen on Dragon Isle, where our hero and his friends have become little more than prey under the revealing light of Aur's Moon.

You can only find out by reading: The Legend of Vanx Malic Book Two - Dragon Isle

Dragon Isle Details

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Richard W Lindsey says

Disappointing

I was very disappointed with this book, I had a very hard time reading it and ended up not being able to finish it. Which is very unlike me, I have it numerous tries. But I just couldn't get into it. It seemed to Drag at points and was just slow. I've very seldom just given up on a book, but this one I just had to.

William Reich says

This has been a fun series so far. The first book had some subtle humor and was a good story but this book is even better. This book picks up right where book one ended. The transition was smooth. We did have the preview of this book in book one so that helped the transition too.

This series is the best one I have read from M.R. Mathias. The Royal Dragoneers is a close second though. He always has good stories to tell. This book is not weighed down with an overabundance of details. Too many details will overshadow a story. What detail there is fits into the story.

Vanx is on the trip to Dragon Isle to get blood from the red dragon queen Pyra. Her blood is the only thing that will save the princess. It has to be taken at a certain time of the moon cycle or it will not work. So that makes it doubly hard.

The descriptions of the island and the dragons on it were fabulous. The dragons all have different powers that make them more formidable. The story moves from Dragon Isle to the castle under siege with every other chapter. It gives the reader a nice change of pace.

Nolan Walker says

Read this if you're bored on a Saturday, spending the night alone with nothing to do. This is not a life-altering book, but it can provide one hell of a good entertainment. Skip watching the tellie gossips and read this instead. My only complaint is that I wish it's a little more on the raunchy side, à la Game of Thrones or the awesome STARZ TV series - Spartacus. Looks like the author is aiming for younger readers that he's trying not to be offensive. Or he probably wants to break away from the old presumption that the fantasy genre is fiction for males. I only read two fiction genres and that is – Horror and Fantasy. Still, I want my books filled with action, intrigue and sex. It doesn't hurt to be more daring, Mr. Mathias. It doesn't need to be as graphic and lame as Fifty Shades of Grey. But sex, blood, magic and dragons can be quite a stir. It just lies on the author's ability to make powerful love scenes that are not misplaced and not on a bad taste. Other than that, I'm happy with this read and I will continue supporting the author; especially if he decides to expand The Legend of Vanx Malic into a saga.

Jason Stone says

This picks up immediately where the first book left off and if you haven't read the first one you'll be lost among the half-dozen or so characters that fill the beginning. Vanx has offered to venture forth to the Dragon Isle to fetch the blood of a wyrm to save the Princess who is still hanging precariously close to death back at the castle. Prince Russet, who was revealed to be her half-brother, is desperate to save her so he accompanies Trevin, Darbon, Vanx, and a motley crew on the journey.

The book spends more time focusing on Vanx's background and explaining that he has always been different since he never quite belonged in either Zythian world or human. I found his back story to be quite sad, but the author kept it from getting too maudlin by throwing in enough adventure and a little raunchiness to keep readers on their toes. I think that the author has a great likeness for the female form, especially breasts, because he describes them rather extensively in both this book and the last. It certainly adds a bit of descriptiveness to the story!

Just like in the first book there are plenty of vivid descriptions of the battles, beasts, and breathtaking landscape. I particularly liked the opening pages describing the Zythian coast and village. The ogres and dragons are scary enough, but the villains still haven't found their voice completely in this book. I look forward to the conclusion in book three and hope for a heaping helping of confrontation between the hero and villains.

Ann Kazutomi says

One of the Best Fantasy Novels on Amazon

I was sucked into the first book of the Legend of Vanx Malic series, and the author has out done himself again. This is the second book in the series, and continues Vanx Malic's adventures and trials. This is an amazing fantasy that is extremely well written. The author not only pulled me into this fantasy world, where I could feel and see everything I was reading, but I felt like I was actually walking with the characters. It was the author's detailed descriptions and complex characters that brought this incredible world to life. His characters are so well written that I could feel his characters turmoil within the perils of their journey. This is some of the best fantasy writing I have discovered since Tolkien, and I have always rated him as one of the leading fantasy authors.

I highly recommend this series to everyone. I believe that even people who normally do not read fantasy would truly enjoy this series, simply because of how well written it is, and the phenomenal world the author has shared with his readers. It leaves the reader waiting for the next book in the series.

Moon says

This book starts right off where the last one ended, our half Zythian Hero Vanx is off on an adventure to the Dragon Isle, on a quest for dragon's blood to help the princess.

This is a stunning adventure that had me absorbed from the beginning (I barely got out of my computer chair!). A brilliant and extraordinary fantasy adventure loaded with great drama and even greater action

sequences.

From the story to the extremely in-depth characters, this book is one that I will remember forever. This is not just a journey, this is an exploration that will never be too long! I am so happy I have more of his story available!

As I said in my review of book one... this needs to be made into a trilogy of movies. The action scenes are so intense, and the dramatic tension builds perfectly, with twists and turns that you don't expect, it kept me reading page after page in rapt attention.

Ogre's, Dragons, and a demon, a quest to rescue the Princess, and chair gripping action scenes... this is a book that I would recommend to anyone!

P.S. I read both book one and book two in less than 24 hours.... I couldn't stop!

D.J. Morand says

The second installment of the Vanx Malic saga, Dragon Isle, promised much and delivered on more. I found the entire novel to be paced excellently. The rise and fall of danger and the unexpected twists were fun and left me turning page after page. The introductory story in Through the Wildwood is completed in Dragon Isle. I was impressed.

What's Good?

I still enjoy the banter between characters, it adds realism to the people in the story. There is some real tragedy in this book and that is a good thing. Tragedy breeds drama and drives plot and character development. The world-building only gets better and we get to see a larger part of this world.

What's Bad?

I feel like the subplots grew a bit large and weren't tied up as nicely as I would have liked. I mentioned something similar in regards to the first book of the series Through the Wildwood and I feel that the author does this on purpose. I am not sure how I feel about that.

Recommendation?

Yes, I would recommend "Dragon Isle" it was a fun read. I am still feeling enticed to read the next novel, so Mathias is doing something right.

Romuald Dzemo says

Dragon Isle by M. R. Mathias is Book 2 in The Legend of Vanx Malic series, a book that features very powerful characters and a gripping plot. Vanx and his companions, including Darbon and Prince Russet, are about to set out on a very dangerous mission, but they must first travel to Vanx's birthplace and meet with a friend who might have what they need to survive Dragon Isle. In this second installment in the series, the author takes readers on another exciting fantasy ride, only he makes everything feel so real the reader would think and feel like part of the story. Read about heroes and their battles.

The humor is suave and rings through with some old-fashioned jargon that will take readers far away from

their immediate environment and thrust them into the midst of action in a setting fraught with danger and charm. The themes are powerfully presented and readers will discover enticing patterns of friendship, courage, and loyalty. Again, the story is told excellently with so many literary devices to make it entertaining. It's no wonder that readers will have to read on with baited breath, wanting to know what happens next. M. R. Mathias knows how to make readers fall in love and be utterly smitten by his characters.

Reg Shell says

A Great Fantasy you will enjoy.

Dragon Isle (The Legend of Vanx Malic Book 2) is a great fantasy with plenty of tension and action.? Vanx Malic is the main character in this fantasy. He makes a wonderful alpha male hero, a bit wicked, but you will love him. His character is portrayed to perfection. There is two main stories intertwined in this thrilling saga, and they are seamlessly combined resulting in a smooth flowing and excellent story.

M. R. Mathias has a vivid imagination. The author's ability carries the reader along for a great adventure. I did wish that I had read the first book in The Legend of Vanx Malic series so I could fully understanding all that had happened prior to this story. I got so caught up in the adventures of Vanx, I am eager to read back to see what brought him and the other characters to the point in time where Dragon Island Book 2 begins.? I give Dragon Island five stars. I really enjoyed the book. I recommend it to others who enjoy a good fantasy read. This book is a real man's adventure—nothing tame about it. There is plenty of action adventure.

Mary says

Liked the story. There were a few grammatical errors, but overall good story.

David says

As much as I liked the first book (Through the Wildwood (The Legend of Vanx Malic #1)), this one flowed better. There was a clearer picture of where the characters were headed, as well as many surprises I was not expecting. ****SPOILERS**** I think in many sci-fi Fantasy books, the authors kill off characters only as a last resort. However, not many will introduce you many of the secondary characters and give you some history then kill them off. It was shocking, and different. But since in this fantasy, there are dragons and other nasties that eat, maim and otherwise kill things. It happens. Get over it. I thought the way he was able to do this over and over throughout his books is admirable and tricky, but he is able to pull it off quite well. Many authors seem to try to stick to the same pattern as every other author. I like that he is able to maintain his story, maintain his principles and keep to his form of fantasy. Its well worth the read as I find them thoroughly enjoyable.

Elizabeth Ehlen says

Vanx Malic has to go to Dragon Isle to save Gallarael, the daughter of his former lover. To do that he has to get the blood of the most vicious dragon there, the crimson fire breather Pyra. He has help, but knows it will likely come down to him. What he doesn't realize is his goddess will give him his own calling that will lead him to adventures he never anticipated.

Dragon Isle picks up immediately where book 1 of the series left off, with what's left of the group fighting to save Gallarael. While an interesting read, and I enjoyed the change in scenery, it felt very much like a bridge or filler book. It didn't quite measure up to the first book, even though it clearly moved the story along, which I appreciated. I'm not sure why, but I wasn't quite as invested in these characters like the Wardstone trilogy or even the first book of the Vanx Malic series. It was a quick read and enjoyable, just superficial comparatively.

Stuart says

Vanx Malic is back in Dragon Isle, the second installment of M. R. Mathiass series about the character. This time around we're seeing Vanx with Trevin, Darbon, and Prince Russet as they are heading to Dragon Isle. On the way, they are stopping where Vanx came from to visit an old friend who has quite a bit of knowledge of wyrms to hopefully make their journey just a tad bit safer.

I do have to say that I much preferred the sequel to the original book and knew that having faith in Mathiass work would pay off. Just like the first installment the action is nonstop though this time around you get a much better feeling of both the characters and what direction we're actually going with instead of the book coming to a close and making you feel that you were at a chapter end instead of a book end.

If you enjoyed the first book and want to know more it is a no brainer to pick this one up and if you had any reserves from the prior one, this one will absolutely satisfy your want for better characters and a more structured plot. Mathias almost felt like he was slipping with the first novel in this series but here he is not only back on his game but is surpassing expectations. A great read!

Garrett Leach says

I really liked the first book in this series, 'Through the Wildwood' and was excited to read this one when it came out. I am happy to say I was not disappointed in anything other than the fact that I have to wait to see how the story will end. I like the way the story is structured and divided into a series of books; it makes it feel like more of an epic journey worth waiting for.

I liked the characters from the first book, and was happy to see Vanx's homeland used as the backdrop to part of this story. His backstory is really good, and kind of sad, too. It adds to the depth of the characters, I think. The author isn't stingy when it comes to filling in details such as pet names for parents and the fact that locals have a different name for certain towns. It makes it easier to really step into the book and enjoy getting lost in this strange world!

I can't wait for the next book in the series. I was mad that this one ended so quickly, but when you think

about it, the book is around 300 pages long, so I guess it just seemed to end quickly because it was a quick paced read. But still a really enjoyable book.

Tim Stitham says

This book the second in a new series from MR Mathias is a good book. I am fond of MR Mathias's work most of the time but this series and this book in particular are some of his finer work. It has a nice backstory and good characters. The flow is easy and does not ramble on.

Vanx is one of those characters you just have to like. He is a scoundrel who has a good heart. He will do anything to help a friend and proves it when he takes on the red dragon queen to save the princess. He does not do that out of love but friendship. If you read the first book this book follows up nicely. If you have not read the first book this can be read as a standalone but it might be confusing. There is a lot of carryover from book one.

I am eagerly awaiting the next book about Vanx. He has become one of my favorite characters. I actually like all the characters in this book.
