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Dragonhunters (Guardian's Compact Book 2)



Synopsis

Only one Mage Guardian now defends Aerope from the malevolent plans of Denais and his dreams of conquest and revenge. Arduin desperately tries to make the Allied governments see the danger and replace their murdered Guardians, but the long peace dulls any sense of urgency. Her new husband Dominic fears the Allies consider Arduin's phenomenal power sufficient—and in no need of help from their mages. And yet...a weary traveler from the ends of the earth rushes to their home to deliver a message from a man thought dead. A desperate plea for help, invoking the Compact—as only another Mage Guardian would. Does another survive after all? And what new danger threatens the world?

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Customer Reviews

It's a year and a half since I read the first in the series (The Last Mage Guardian), and since then I've read at least 150 other books, so I would have appreciated a few more brief reminders of who all the characters were and what happened in the first book. Apart from that, this was a well-written

and enjoyable story, and excellently edited. Sabrina Chase's steampunk-adjacent alternate world has different names for familiar countries (close enough that you can tell which real-world countries they're meant to be, but different enough that you're reminded that it's not our world), an appealing cast of brave characters, and a well-choreographed climactic fight. I wish more steampunk was like this; it's well-executed and lives up to the promise of its premise, something I rarely say about other books in the genre. I could stand for it to be a little more over-the-top, even, with more play made of the magical devices. Definitely an author I'm keeping on my watch list.

A good, but not great story. I think part of my rating is the comparison to the first book. I REALLY liked the first book, and this one just doesn't come up to the same level. I think part of the issue is having so many different points of view in the same story. It makes the story feel jumpy and jumbled. There is also a lack of growth in the relationships between the protagonists. The story hints at some growth but doesn't actually show it very well. Arduin doesn't seem to have really grown much at all. She is now acknowledged to be one of the greatest magicians of the time, is married and that is also apparently going very well, yet she remains timid and retiring. What has she to be so afraid of? Hasn't she grown at all?

Do yourself a favor and read "The Last Mage Guardian" first (or again). I really like the way magic works in this universe. The team of characters who (sometimes in spite of themselves) need to work against the Big Evil overtaking the world, makes for an adventure that is like The Best D&D Campaign EVER! Here again Ms. Chase has given us Human Wave fiction that does not try to make the reader feel dirty, irredeemable -- even suicidal -- just for being human. Rather, the story lifts up both the plot characters and (I think) the reader, to become something better than they were before -- by means of this story of striving against seemingly impossible odds. We need more books, Ms. Chase, please. Perhaps a prequel about the desert city. And more sequels! Maybe even a side-story about Gutrune alone? I have too many books in my "to be read" pile (or e-pile) but "The Last Mage Guardian" and "Dragonhunters" are already high up on my re-read list. Fun stuff!

When ever I see a new book by Sabrina Chase I get it and I've never been disappointed. This one starts with Arduin and Dominic away from home helping in finding a new Mage Guardian. While they are away a young man arrives at their home looking for the old Mage Guardian, her great-uncle, and from there the story unfolds. I won't say more so no spoilers but I look forward to next book by her either in this series or anything else she writes. I started reading her with her

Sequoyah trilogy but Firehearted is I think by favorite.

Beyond being a wonderful, side-ways look at what history might have been, it's also a poke at chauvinism seen from a quirky angle. This is a really good (two-book) series, and I hope there will be many more. The heroine is fun and completely believable - a world-class magician who still has to worry about what her mother will say...

I just finished reading Dragonhunters and loved it :-). This is the second book in the Guardian's Compact series from Sabrina Chase, and really broadens the scope of the world introduced in The Last Mage Guardian. An epic adventure and a lot of fun!! I can't wait for future adventures of Arduin and her friends and foes.

Another fun read from Sabrina Chase. I really enjoy this Guardian's compact world. Enjoyable character development and interactions, nasty villains, plot twists to keep things interesting but without sucker punches.

This is a clever book which takes care of one major plot element from the first book while leaving lots of room for a sequel. Please, Ms Chase, can we have some more? /oliverAs other reviewers have said, (re)read "The Last Mage-Guardian" first.

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