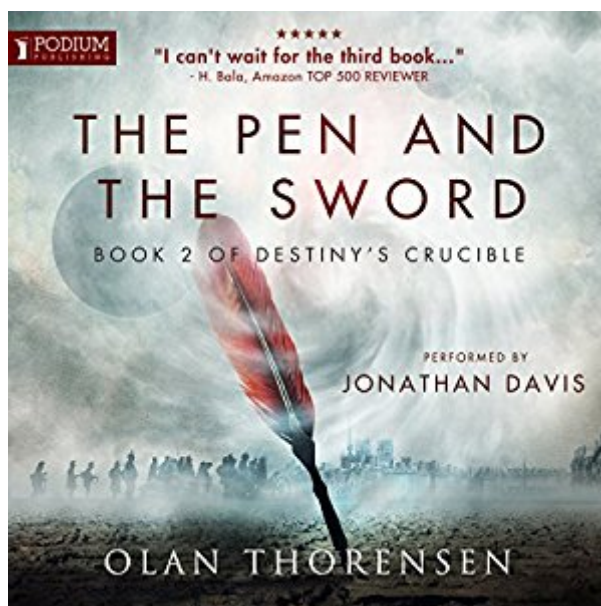


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Synopsis

The Narthani, a militant realm who believe their manifest destiny is to rule the entire planet, Anyar, plan to absorb Caedellium into their empire and crush any resistance. Yozef Kolsko (a.k.a. Joe Colsco) works to find ways to increase the chances of resistance to the Narthani's planned conquest. Complicating his life is attraction to a brilliant daughter of an island leader, and his uncertainty of his own mind, hers, or intricacies of Caedellium customs. Despite his desire to devote himself to introducing new knowledge, Yozef is drawn more and more into developing weapons and giving tactical and strategic advice - things he knows he's unqualified to give. The enemy is coming. The odds seem overwhelming, and it will take all Yozef can do, the courage of his new people, and luck, to survive.

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Customer Reviews

This Series, is a fascinating work. While it does follow the traditional earthling stranded in a less advanced world, and due knowledge and skills quickly advances to the forefront of society cliché. The story is actually quite well developed and quite more complex than the usual fare that follows that trope, it is quite the large novel, which is something I like as it does have meat and the pacing while quite sedate, is not glacial, the story does move forward quite effectively and it does provide a satisfactory and enjoyable read. The story does present us with several mysteries, and an steady development arc which are a joy to read, my only complaint would be that there are several points of detail in the story that are somewhat hard to swallow which to me detract from the amazing work Mr. Thorensen has done. Primarily that Caedelli are both too nice to be believable

and too naïf to be believable, particularly for the setting that has been established. But that is a minor caveat in a thoroughly well written book.

Great example of a man from a more advanced culture improving the society under threat where he finds himself. Usual making tools to make tools (infrastructure) issues, but well handled. Unlike many examples of the genre, the hero is not always successful and he suffers emotionally from his experiences. He's not a warrior, just a student using his knowledge to protect himself and those he cares about. Space version of A Connecticut Yankee In King Arthur's Court. Recommended!

I liked this book a lot more than the first entry in the series. The structure is more organized, and the pace is more fluid. We get to watch as Yozef assimilates more fully into his new world, and resolves to come up with ways to protect his new life. This is where, for me, the book loses a few points. There are little pieces here or there that, frankly, make no sense. My favorite being him lamenting that they don't have matches on this planet because they haven't been invented yet. Well jeez, if only there were a CHEMIST of some sort who knew of such substances that might work? Beyond that is the simple fact of the level of military technology he shares with his new people. I know it's unrealistic to expect him to start pumping out machine guns, but why stick with musket balls when you KNOW they were abandoned for the cone shaped bullet due to drastically improved accuracy and range? You'd think that, when faced with almost certain death, you'd set the bar a little higher. *phew* Okay that said I really did enjoy this book. It's still not perfect, and can be a little long winded, but it's definitely worth reading.

I usually read future sci-fi novels but my main authors all hit a slow release of new novels and the title and the book cover with some good reviews convinced me to give it a try. The beginning was a little slow but it really had good character development and the writing gave very good reading of the thoughts and motives of the different factions. The bad guys weren't all bad and the good guys weren't all good. Each had their own motivations for the opposite sides which I liked. Lots of battle scenes toward the end with great description of the fighting. I could picture the positions in my head of the two armies and the action. I am looking forward to the next chapter of the war.

Well, if you want to read a decent romance then this is your book. If you want a great adventure novel then skip this one. While I like the plot in this series this book was more of the courtship of the main character with the plot taking second chair. When I can skip pages and still not miss anything

you know you are in trouble. So far in this series the author could have cut several hundred pages and you would not have missed anything. If you want a good man out of time series try Rally cry by William Forchesten

Good but some areas don't make sense, as others have said mini balls, and a rifled musket make a huge difference. Also it may be odd but his wife mentions how she hasn't orgasmed, since the MC isn't religious he may have learned there were more than one position for sex and more than one way to make your wife orgasm. I bring this up because the author brought up the issue, if he doesn't want his beautiful young wife to consider sex a duty maybe he should make sure she enjoys it. It's inconsistent with the type of man he is portrayed to be.

I have read both books and now hooked on the series. I read all of RYK's Frontier Saga and viewed similar traits of the main characters. They were not Alfa Males who dominated over others with huge egos. My attachment to this series has to be the ideas that are suggested by Joe Colson to a culture three-hundred years behind his own and are endorsed by the leading experts of that time. I often wonder where our progress would be if someone suggested ideas contrary to what our beliefs of reality. What paths would we have chosen. I have heard it stated that the mere suggestion that an idea exists, can start a whole new push in that direction.

I enjoy this type of books. I found the book to be good enough after reading the first one to read this on my Kindle. I finished it and enjoyed the plot and the characters,. I am about to start on book 3 of the series.

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