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The Rivan Codex: Ancient Texts Of THE BELGARIAD And THE MALLOREON (The Belgariad & The Malloreon)



Synopsis

Join David and Leigh Eddings on a fascinating behind-the-scenes tour of the extensive background materials they compiled before beginning the masterpiece of epic fantasy unforgettably set down in *The Belgariad* and *The Malloreon* and their two companion volumes, *Belgarath the Sorcerer* and *Polgara the Sorceress*. Our tour stretches from the wealthy Empire of Tolnedra to the remote Isle of the Winds, from the mysterious mountains of Ulgoland to the forbidding reaches of darkest Malloreon. Along the way, you will meet old friends and enemies alike. Rare volumes will be opened to your eyes. Sacred holy books in which you may read the secrets of the Gods themselves and of their prophets. Scholarly histories of the rise and fall of empires from the Imperial Library at Tol Honeth. The profound mysteries of the Malloreon Gospels. THE RIVAN CODEX will enrich your understanding of all that has gone before . . . and whet your appetite for more spectacular adventures from this talented team. From the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book, so long as you have already read the earlier books in the series. I repeat, THIS BOOK IS LIKELY ONLY WORTHWHILE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY READ AT LEAST THE BELGARIAD (and preferably other books in the series as well). There, now that that's out of the way, this is actually a really interesting book! If you're looking for a plotline, or new stories of Garion and Polgara, sorry. Not here. What this book does contain, however, is the fascinating history of the work BEHIND the 12 books written thus far set in the lands of the Belgariad. It opens with a short introduction by Eddings, giving some of the history behind the series and some of his recommendations for the budding fantasy writing. The remainder of the book was actually written before any of the other books of the series. It consists of the histories and texts Eddings designed to give himself an idea of what his world would be like. As I said, no plotline whatsoever. What it does give, however, is a rewarding look in the mind of Eddings. What's more, it made the next time I read the series itself even more rewarding than the last (or the first, for that matter). If you haven't already read the series, it won't make much sense. If you have, however, this is a must-read if simply for the appreciation of the work Eddings put into everything.

I own most of the books that David and Leigh Eddings wrote. The whole series of the Belgariad and the whole series of the Malloreon as well as Belgarath the Sorcerer and Polgara the Sorceress. This series is my most prized possession and the Rivan Codex complete it in a wonderful way. All my questions are answered, all the why's, the where's, the what's, the how's. While it is not necessary to read the Rivan Codex to enjoy the series, it will help the reader to understand the history behind the awesome world and characters created by David and Leigh Eddings. Thank you David and Leigh, for this series. Now I would like to see a series of movies based on all the books in the whole series of the Belgariad and the whole series of the Malloreon as well as Belgarath the Sorcerer and Polgara the Sorceress. I would buy everyone.

This was an awesome set of insights into the Eddings' writing process. So glad I read it!

It's David Eddings.....

David Eddings' 'Rivan Codex' is not quite the page turner that his books 'The Belgariad', 'The Malloreon', 'Belgarath the Sorcerer' and 'Polgara the Sorceress' are, but it gives readers of those books some insight into what went into the writing of those. It has information on the fictional

cultures of the Alorns and other races of the books and their counterparts in our world, and a lot of other background material that helped him and his wife in the creation of the twelve book series. It is a wonderful companion volume to the other books.

Good book but a little to get though.

David and Leigh Eddings are two of my favorite authors. I find myself coming back again and again reading the book they right. I am still disappointed that not all of their work has been released on Kindle. I do believe I will just have to be patient. Please Hurray Up and get the older material on Kindle. I find it odd that if you live outside the United States you can purchase the books on Kindle.

This is the "behind the scenes" of the Rivan world. How the story was conceived? How the world was designed? How much work was behind the stories? This codex will show how David and Leigh put together the whole thing: a huge work and an great lesson to anyone willing to become a writer.

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