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The Red Swords came with the sunrise, and took everything Shawna Llewian held dear.

She alone escapes the slaughter, spiriting away the secret which brought them down on her family. Revenge is all she has to keep her alive. Dormael Harlun just wants to find a place to sleep off the drink, but he decides to help her--though he wonders why something in her possession makes his magic react so violently, and what it's trying to tell him.

Some secrets, though, are better left where they lie.

Will they escape, avenge the deaths of Shawna's family, or drown in a tide of blood?

This novel is book one of a dark sword and sorcery series that takes the reader on an adventure steeped in fire and blood. If you like your books with action, witty dialogue, magic, blood, and fire, Child of the Flames is for you. Embark on the adventure with this first of many dark epic fantasy novels from author D.W. Hawkins.

Get your copy of this dark sword and sorcery novel today!

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Rhona Houston says

Perfect for a Rothfuss/Martin Fan!

this book has the right amount of intrigue, drama and violence to keep you turning pages. The character development is good and there's no romance thank goodness! It wasn't too political heavy or hard to follow either, the world it's set in isn't so outlandish or unbelievable. Overall I enjoyed the characters journey and excited for the rest of the series.

Charles Haworth says

I enjoyed this book

It started OK, the usual "damsel in distress escapes distress and actually is really good with swords and kills things" tale, following on to the rest of the book. It paces well, the baddies are bad and the world is OK if nothing spectacular

There are some jarring moments, the magic system is just sooooo powerful it makes you think the two wizards wouldn't be quite as annoying as they are and at certain points the troubles that meet them just wouldn't be a problem (a fight at sea? Just sink the ship from afar - like they have done a few weeks earlier in a port?). The lead woman is a bit unlikable which may be justified as she has had a bad few days and the young girl they rescue and decide to take with them into certain danger and who turns out to be important is a bit odd.

However the baddies are baddies, magic kills and bravery pays off, so as long as you don't think about it too much then it is enjoyable, the plot is fun if the characterization minimal and the combat is fast and furious.

It is clearly set to be epic over time, reads like someones D&D sessions fleshed out and I will likely read the next one in the series to see how it goes

Sarah Potter says

So it begins....

The first part in this series, which i chose on a whim. The plot come together quickly and the story was relatively fast paced. This book is an easy read and I found myself sometimes guessing what would happen next

I look forward to seeing the characters develop in the next book , young Bethany and her traveling companions would appear to have a long journey ahead of them xXx? xXx

Mendhak says

I found one of the protagonists, Shawana, was too jarring to read. She starts out as the victim, struggling, but is later revealed to be a complete asshole who spends most of the time shouting, glaring, staring, scolding and just being a general condescending prickleboar.

The other two are overpowered wizards and it's completely who put up with her.

There is an ok story with very black and white characters. The villains are evil and the good guys are the shining beacons of virtue in this ugly world.

Ellen morais says

A Good First

This is a good first book for the series. At the beginning you are introduced to the characters and kind of wait for them to catch up with each other. That doesn't mean there is nothing going on and it's boring! Oh no hot two heroes Dormael and D'Jenn show us about their magic and ways of life. They are some good guys. After a while Shawna is awakened from her coma and the adventures continue.

Tristan says

Magic ruined this for me. It's as strong or weak as the plot needs it to be at that point, with very little explanation of why. At one point one of the Wizards sinks a ship, from a distance, in what is basically a bit of a grumpy tantrum. Then, at the climax where sinking a ship would have solved all their immediate problems, the two Wizards don't even seem to consider it an option!

Renata Riva says

Child of the Flames is the first book of the Seven signs trilogy.

The story starts quite strongly with a vicious attack to Shawna's family home with the purpose to steal a jewel. Shawna is the only one able to escape with the jewel, but she is wounded. The object she carries attracts a young mage who will be compelled to help the girl.

From there, the story becomes a journey that the heroes (strong willed Shawna, the shy child Bethany, the picaresque mage Dormael and his cousin D'Jenn) must undertake to escape who wants to master the powerful magic of the jewel. It's a story of good vs evil, but the good guys have a lot of baggage and faults that make them interesting.

There is a lot of action and interesting magic. In my opinion, the second half of the book loses some tension,

with powerful magic used a bit too often, but the story ends with a grand final in which the heroes have to struggle against their enemies.

I'm looking forward to the next book in the series.

Julie Wozniak says

A wild magic

This book was very good. I enjoyed the banter, the magic, the fighting, and the girls. They were more than a match for the guys. But, when a child get caught by wild magic, it is only one-sided of the weapon. I can't wait to read what happens next.

Michaela Button says

Child Of The Flame

An interesting yet imaginative read. You could just imagine yourself watching each scene of every chapter of the book unfold before you as though you were a character in the book and that's what a good read is all about. Drawing the reader in, making the reader want to read on more, imagining they're in the story. Brilliant. I enjoyed reading this.

Theresa says

What I like: good dialogue, nice humour, strong characters, interesting world.

What's not so good: can't stand the name of the lead female (Shawna?), magic seems to be a vague powerful force, inconsistent plot (like why can they sink a boat with magic in one part of the story but struggle to defend against another boat later?) and predictably nasty baddies.

It was an enjoyable read from the Amazon prime library but not sure I will fork out money to read the sequel.

Marianne says

An enjoyable read. The wizards are fun characters and the other main female protagonist isn't too much of a stereotypical sword maiden, so yep, I'll read onwards happily enough. Looking forward to the next in the series.

Sarz says

Pretty good.

It took a little while to grab be, but once it did I pretty much read it straight through. Happy to find a new author to read just as the weather turns autumnal! Off to pick up the next in the series now.

David St. Lawrence says

Non-stop excitement!

DW Hawkins has created characters so well fashion that any one of them could support a story on its own. We have three wizards and a noble swords woman fighting the forces of evil. What's not to like!

plus, his descriptions of the magical happenings are so real that you can see them occurring. Do not try reading this book if you are trying to get some sleep. You will find yourself reading well into the early hours of the morning.
Enjoy!

Jessie Mckissick says

Could be a great movie like "Lord of the Rings".

What do you get when you have a vengeful, warrior princess; two strong wizards; a young wizard child; lots of evil men after an extraordinary artifact in the possession of the warrior? A fantastic novel written by a talented author probably heading for a movie contract.

Angel Haze says

This was AMAZING!! I was first introduced to Hawkins' writing with The Killings at Rockman's Ford, a short in the Defiant Guardians collection which was absolutely phenomenal--to the point where I was literally shaking it was so good-- so I had to get into this series and read more about D'Jenn!!

Child of the Flames is an epic masterpiece! Rich characters and even richer world building. It grips you from the first heart-pounding scene, takes you on a wild adventure, and just when you think it can't get any more exciting, Hawkins leaves you with a jaw-dropping epilogue!! Better catch your breath now while you can! Once you start this adventure, you won't want to stop!!!

HIGHLY recommend for fans of Michael J. Sullivan, Brandon Sanderson, Patrick Rothfuss, Richard A. Knaak, and Jeff Wheeler!
