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Guardians of the Galaxy meets *The Hobbit* in this rollicking fantasy adventure series.

The Dragons who once ruled over the land are dead.

The motley crew that stumbled through that revolution are rich and praised as saviors.

Everyone gets to live happily ever after, right?

Right?

Well, it might have worked out that way if the dragons in Kondorra had been the only ones. If they hadn't been just the tip of the spear about to fall upon the whole world...

The Dragon Lords

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Sam says

If you liked the first you'll probably like this one.

Although its Not as good as the original. The first part was the best and had the most promise. The characters felt like they were growing and the plot was still interesting. The second part although okay was were the story started to fall apart for me. The characters were falling back to their original selves and the plot was becoming samey. The last part did have some interesting idea it just dragged a bit.

The book still has the black-comedy and odd title of chapters of the first one. Most of these work. I find myself laughing at most of them.

Vinay Badri says

A messy, chaotic, bursting at the seams book that somehow makes to work all the humor, and silliness work amidst a mad cap plot that gets darker towards the end

My review of this book will be quite similar to that of the last one - its fun, silly, crass and a total hoot. However, it does tend of get exhausting after a while which quite wasnt how book 1 turned out to be. But it still is oodles of fun - just tempered with the fact that we kind of have a middle book syndrome

Like Guardians of the Galaxy 2, the 2nd part isnt quite as nimble and there are stretches that deal with relationship issues and daddy issues. Plus now there be dragons in bigger numbers with greater ambitions. And then there are Gods. Gosh, your head starts aching when you try to put them in a plot - and best to do is to continue to read and just go with the flow (Yes, I am typing this review like Balur who is quite like Drax in a lot of things)

There is never a dull moment which is a credit to the book but its sheer length and the pressure to keep the wisecracks going does make it exhausting. The end twist in some ways was coming but does leave the book and our characters in an interesting situation for the next one. Also, hidden within is an examination of the god phenomenon - did man create god or viceversa

kartik narayanan says

Whew! What an ending.

Sorry. Let's back up a bit.

Fool's Gold, the first one in the series, was an excellent book with great humour which somehow made standard fantasy tropes interesting again. Let me reiterate - **humour**. But, False Idols does not rely on humour to carry it. It instead focuses on character development, a far better story and world building. So, False Idols is literally three steps forward and one step back.

Does it work? Yes, it does. The main characters - all of them - have moments where they are challenged,

question their world view and then move forward. The story has twists and turns and, though a mite predictable, is still fresh. We see a lot more of the world. In fact, barring a single chapter, nothing happens in Kondorra. We see more Dragons. We see Gods (did I mention I am a sucker for any book that involves Gods or Mythology?). And the action is great. Especially the climax. Which brings me to the beginning of the review. The ending is going to blow your mind (at least a little).

So, in conclusion, while I am bit sad that the balls-crazy humour is no longer so strong in False Idols, it is still one of the best and 'funnest' books around.

Beth Meade says

Really looking forward to the final book. It's nice to read fantasy with humor again.

Ashley says

Listening to this book is a pleasure and a joy. It's a remarkably funny read that regularly had me laughing out loud. The audio narration by Jon Banks is superb with distinct and well acted voices for each characters. He doesn't simply read the book but truly performs it.

Jennifer (bunnyreads) says

So much fun. This killed it!

I loved the first book- it wasn't perfect, it was kind of up and down in the pacing and characters sometimes but it got five stars from me anyway because it was entertaining and made me laugh at some of its progressively more absurd predicaments and completely up my alley, so wrong it's funny, comedy (I still laugh about that damned cow two years later).

This book improves upon those issues with pacing, rounds out the characters and is still fun as hell.

The story picks up months after the end of the first, where we find our group of dragon slaying thieves off living their happily-ever-afters which are turning out to be *not quite what they'd hoped for*.

Quirk is busy being a VIP instead of getting to study and lecture about Dragons. She wasn't a favorite in the first book but man, I loved her in this! She rocks!

Balur is finding being a leader of Kondorra way more diplomatic and with less face-eating than he'd prefer. His, more fighting/less diplomacy attitude, gets them into more trouble than not.

Lette was bored to tears being a farmer with Will. Love Lette, she's tough, sarcastic, and fun and doesn't know what to do with her soft-hearted boyfriend. Also Balur and Lette together are pure gold-they make me laugh so much.

Will is trying to get over Lette leaving him. - Will is still a favorite. I love how he tries to keep Lette and Balur on the straight and narrow, and I love his never-ending plans and how affronted he gets when everyone does bad shit.

And **Firkin** is still drunk. - You can see where this is going with him, but it's such a great ride and I liked how much more rounded out he becomes in this book.

So the Dragons are on the rise again. They are sending priests from city to city, preaching the wrongs of the current religions/gods, and converting people to worship the Dragons instead (think the Ori in Stargate). If they can't convert the people with magic, they will enforce it with brute strength to get them to conform to the Dragon Gods.

Our heroes are having none of that and reunite (not exactly on purpose) to make sure the Dragons don't succeed and as you can imagine Will's plans don't always go the way he expects.

What follows is more fun adventure, crass and dark at times humor, madcap plans- some succeeding better than they expected and some going down the toilet, and some hilarious conversations as the team bickers their way through trying to raise an army to keep the dragons from winning.

This whole thing was such a blast! I don't even know what else to add other than **Go buy this now! If you are looking for crazy shenanigans, a little bit of gore, dark humor and language somewhere in the vicinity of a Samuel L Jackson interview, then this book is right where you want to be.**

Other notes-

-I don't know if it was an intentional call-back to book one, but I loved the trojan horse cows and also that whole Balur lightning bolt episode! hahaha (I'm still laughing)

-Preordered the next book, something I rarely do.

-That closing line...perfection!

-This series needs to come with a **no cows were harmed in the making of this series** footnote.

Iain Garland says

Even better than Fools Gold, this one. The book starts at a decent slower pace to remind you who each of the characters are, serving both those who have waited 12 months for this 2nd book in the series, as well as anyone new to the Dragon Lords books (although if that's you, you should really be reading Fools Gold first even though this book doesn't insist on it) but after a few chapters the action ramps up and barely takes a breath for the following 500 pages.

I've read books before that have been all action and they've become a bit tiresome, but False Idols manages to feel exciting without that level of tedium you'd often get. Even the slower sections without fighting have a level of excitement to them, whether that's the relationship between the characters (which takes an awesome twist towards the end) or the build up of a new plan to defeat the dragons, I constantly felt desperate to turn the page and find out what came next. If you've been with Will, Lette and co since the start then there's little chance you'll get through this without some kind of emotional turmoil, such is the way the characters come

to be so likeable, and that's another key reason why I found it so incredibly difficult to put this down.

If you've read and liked Fools Gold then you need to read this as soon as possible. If you haven't read Fools Gold, read that NOW and then go straight into this. The Dragon Lords series is poised to become one of my favourite ever fantasy series, and with the book's ending lending itself to an epic third story it's going to be a long 12 months before we find out what comes next.

Lindsey Roberts says

Original Review [Here](#)

I don't think I've added a book to my basket as quickly as when I saw The Dragon Lords: False Idols on The Works' website. I adored the first book and knew I had to read the second.

I'm pleased to say this one didn't disappoint. I found it just as humorous as the first and even had the awkward moment of laughing out loud on the train – I wasn't quick enough to swallow my giggles this time.

Will has tried to live a quiet life as a farmer with his new-found riches. But when Lette takes off and Balur comes searching for her, Will has no choice but to hit the road again. They don't get very far before they find both Lette and trouble – and trouble one again comes in the form of dragons.

The trio are determined to put a stop to the dragons' rule, but it's not that simple. They are up against soldiers, fanatics and fanatical soldiers. No one wants to hear that the dragons are dangerous but Will is desperate – and when Will loses his temper, drastic plans come to light.

Quirke has her own problems. Being driven from her home and accidentally becoming the leader of a resistance movement, for starters. Her internal battle over whether to burn the world or save it being another problem.

When the gang join forces and stumble upon Firkin, they might just have a chance to defeat the dragons. After all, this team did it before, and they can do it again.

Lette is determined to become a better person; Quirke tries not to give into her magic; Balur wants to kill things; Will just wants to be a farmer and Firkin may or may not be possessed. The team are well and truly back together and I love the characterisations and relationships that develop as the book goes on.

Technically, the plot is about stopping tyranny and preventing the dragons from becoming gods by manipulating everyone's beliefs. But that makes it sound so serious: what I love about Jon Hollins is how funny his books are. There are impossible odds, tension, blood, guts and gore... and the way the narration unfolds, especially with how the characters react to situations, just leaves you giggling.

The dialogue adds the humour to the book. Balur's style of speech makes his statements entertaining and the characters' reactions to their situations are so real that it makes it funny: what comes out of their mouths would be exactly what would go through your head if you were suddenly confronted with those sorts of situations. They don't set out to be the heroes – everyone else decides that is who they are and no matter what they do, they end up having to save the day.

I find Hollins' writing so refreshing. The content, dialogue and situations are aimed at adults, but there are very few fantasy books for an adult audience that make me laugh throughout.

Pure entertainment from beginning to end.

Steve says

They say the second book of a trilogy is often the weakest. Not the case here. False Idols exceeds its predecessor in nearly every way. The world of Avarra is fleshed out, characters are given rich histories and deeper motivations, the stakes are higher, and somehow the laughs are even bigger.

As funny an author as I've ever read, Jon Hollins weaves a fantasy tale that feels both comfortably familiar and unexpectedly different. I can't wait to see what he has in store for the series conclusion.

Emma Williams says

Dude, this book. Is awesome. Read it, it is funny it has action twists turns and all of the spy action thriller stuff. and there is only one book left... I need to read the next one.

Bookwarrior says

This is perfect, everyone should read this. It is hilarious and has a great story!

Chris Evans says

This book starts off pretty much how you'd expect given the personalities of the Dragon Slayer gang and what they were supposedly going to do. What follows is pretty much a plot I'm supersized Terry Pratchett didn't try given their deity systems are so similar. The Last Hero and Small Gods kind of touch upon it, as well as witches abroad, but nothing on this level. So, as the cover of the book shows, dragons have returned, this time a whole squadron of them and they plan on stealing the worship of the gods and taking their place. Shenanigans follow.

(view spoiler)

This writer has a lot of promise and I hope he keeps going and refining his style and world :)

Mike Fluture says

Such a good follow up. Can't wait for the next!

Melanie Unger says

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Inhalt:

Seit der ehemalige Bauer Will Fallows und seine Gefährten den Drachenkönig Mattrax getötet und Kondorra von der Herrschaft der geflügelten Ungeheuer befreit haben, werden sie im ganzen Land wie Helden gefeiert: Sie schwimmen im Gold, die Frauen reißen sich um die tapferen Recken, und sie können sich jeden Wunsch erfüllen. Und sie leben glücklich bis Ende ihrer Tage. So oder so ähnlich hätte die Geschichte zumindest ausgehen können. Wenn die Drachen Kondorras die einzigen gewesen wären. Wenn sich die Drachenkönige der Nachbarreiche von Kondorra ferngehalten hätten. Haben sie aber nicht. Und deshalb beginnt für Will und seine Freunde das gefährlichste Abenteuer ihres Lebens – wieder einmal

Mein Fazit:

Zum Cover:

Hier ist wieder ein Cover, was mir richtig gut gefällt. Ich mag Drachen sehr gern und dieser hier ist wirklich schön. Auch die Farben sind gut gewählt und es ist rundum ein schönes Cover.

Zum Buch:

Also erst einmal muss ich dazu sagen das ich Band 1 nicht kenne und direkt Band 2 gelesen habe, aber das störte mich nicht.

Die Protagonisten sind gut, aber mitunter auch sehr skurril dargestellt, der Realitätsgehalt ist hier wenig bis kaum gegeben, aber es ist ja auch ein Fantasy – Buch.

Hier trifft man auf Drachenkönige, Elfenprinzen, Hohepriestern, Echsenwesen, Gottheiten die keiner kennt und noch vieles mehr. Ich glaube hier gibt es wenig was es an Verrücktheit noch übertreffen könnte.

Der Schreibstil ist flüssig, trotz der mitunter komplizierten Namen, die gehen aber mit der Zeit leichter von der Zunge. Es ist spannend, aber doch überwiegend läuft es auf der humorvollen Schiene und man kann hier wirklich gut lachen. Ein wenig Action ist hier aber auch vorhanden, alles in einer mehr oder wenigen guten Mischung, im Vordergrund steht hier der Humor, aber das ist nur mein Empfinden. Lasst euch davon bitte nicht abschrecken, diese Geschichte zu lesen. Wer weiß vielleicht verpasst ihr dadurch ja sonst ein wirklich gutes Buch.

Die bildliche Darstellung finde ich gut und da ich sehr viel Fantasie habe, konnte ich mir das alles doch sehr gut vorstellen. Doch auch hier finde ich einiges sehr abgefahren und lustig.

Aber nachdem ich mich ein wenig über den ersten Band belesen habe, steht der zweite dem ersten in nichts nach. Auch dort ging es wohl sehr abgefahren und skurril vonstatten.

Im Großen und Ganzen ein gutes Buch, mit viel Witz und Humor, aber auch Handlung kommt vor. Mir persönlich hat es gut gefallen, auch wenn ich selten bei einem Buch so oft schmunzeln musste.

Wer hier richtige Fantasy erwartet, den muss ich enttäuschen, für mich eher eine Komödie im Fantasy Genre. Aber ich denke das war auch die Absicht des Autors, etwas nicht Alltägliches zu vollbringen.

Ich werde mir auf jeden Fall Band 1 noch zulegen und wenn etwas Zeit verstrichen ist sie beide noch einmal lesen.

Ich gebe hier 4 von 5 Sternen, aber auch nur weil ich mir was anderes darunter vorgestellt habe. Zum Schluss bedanke ich mich beim Heyne Verlag für die Bereitstellung des Rezensionsexemplars und hoffe weiterhin auf gute Zusammenarbeit. Mein Dank geht auch an das Bloggerportal, die dies möglich gemacht haben.

Kaitlin says

I'm not going to lie, when I read the second book in a series I am always skeptical and I am always worried it just won't be as good, or it will feel like it's a filler-story. This is not that at all, in fact, I would say this is better than the first book in the series because not only are the stakes massively higher and the world far more expansive, we also already have our first book knowledge of the characters and we can settle into a story with them quite quickly.

This book begins about 12months after the ending of book #1 so we open the story by catching up with each of the characters from book #1 who we already know and love. Balor, Lettie, Will, Quirk and Ferkin (please excuse spelling, I audiobook-ed this - which was brilliant and I would highly recommend!) are all returning characters, each with their own lives and distinctly different ones. However, soon there is a looming threat of yet more dragons, and they all have to reunite in order to once again rid the world of a dragon...or rather this time quite a lot of dragons...

What I love about this series is that it's so much fun right from the start. I love the banter, the hilarity, the light-hearted classic band of misfits who are on an adventure to save the world yet freely admit they have no damn idea what to do. It's all just great. Throughout this there were plenty of times where I found myself laughing at the phrases the characters used, the bickering, the insults and the wit. It's all just so good.

When it comes to story this book actually held a fair few surprises for me and made some turns I didn't see coming. Although it does rely on some fantasy staples, it still manages to feel original and fresh and vibrant throughout and in the latter half of the book in particular the stakes of the story and threat to the characters is just so exciting! I really loved the ending and the way everything went a bit (totally) mad. I have a feeling there will be more books to come, but I'm also fascinated by how this author twists things and just makes you keep on guessing.

I really loved this and I would highly recommend the series as a whole so far. I do hope there's more to come, and I gave this a 5*s in the end... bring on the rest...
