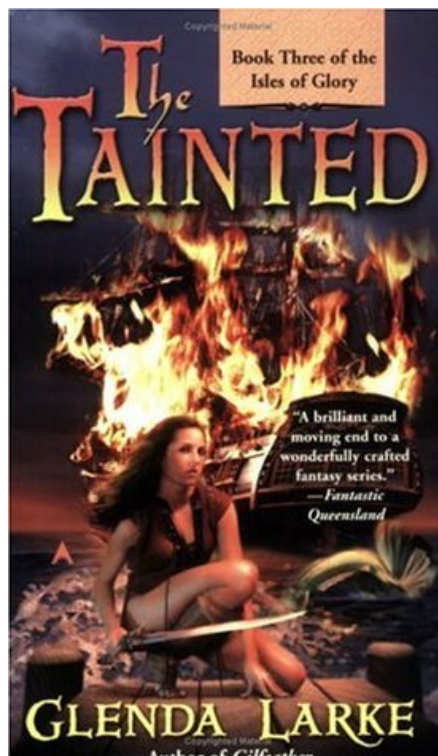




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As the beautiful illusionist Flame succumbs to the dark spell that taints her soul, the physician Kelwyn Gilfeather discovers that the only way to cure her may be to destroy all magic and change the Isles of Glory forever.

The Tainted Details

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Hayley Forrest says

I'm a sucker for these stories.

Lindsay says

Final book in the Isles of Glory trilogy. Brings all the threads together in an enjoyable read.

Maraia says

The Tainted was a wonderful conclusion to the Isles of Glory trilogy. Despite being the longest, it was the fastest read for me. Between the build-up to the Change, the introduction of new characters, the ending, and especially some long-awaited FEELS, it's my favorite book of the three.

I love how Larke weaves new characters into each book, and how, often in spite of themselves, they can't help getting involved with Blaze, Gilfeather, etc. The old characters are still there, but the story keeps growing. Even Elarn, one of the narrators, feels drawn in, despite working against Gilfeather and Tor for most of the book. I actually really enjoyed Elarn's chapters - he may be flawed, but he isn't intentionally malicious, and his potential is clear throughout the book. I couldn't help liking him.

The new Kellish narrator, Anyara (Shor's ex-almost-fiance), was another great addition. I hated Shor's letters in the first two books, because he was constantly degrading women and showing an utter lack of respect for the Glorians. [Side note: "Glorians" has got to be one of the prettiest words. Try saying it out loud. Seriously, do it!] Anyara's letters were a breath of fresh air and exactly the response to Shor's garbage that I wanted. She proves wrong his attitude about women being too weak to "handle" the content of his research, and she shows way more respect toward and genuine interest in the Glorians - as individuals and in their history as a whole. As a result, she achieves what Shor did not and is rewarded with the whole story.

Gilfeather the Elder makes a reappearance, and both he and Kelwyn entertain me to no end. I love their accents!

(view spoiler)

In all, Isles of Glory is a must-read for fans of adult fantasy.

Actual rating: 4.5 stars

Terri says

[At the end of book 2, after Gilfeather killed Morthred, everyone was shocked to find people falling out of the sky – people who had only moments before been sentient Dustel birds, suddenly released from Morthred's spell. Dustels across the Isles of Glory are now human – but having been born as birds, they can't walk, talk, recognize one another, or communicate as humans. Some are driven out of their minds with fear, while others succumb to the elements they don't know how to prote

Iain Kaslar says

great book from an audience author. will definitely be seeking out more of her work.

Patrick says

I enjoyed the whole series.

Melanie says

An interesting story, filled with action, love, sorrow and hope. A beautiful melding of real cultures and peoples that make for a compelling read.

Christine says

An excellent ending to an excellent trilogy; looks like I have found a new fantasy author!! My only complaint is the cover designs on the paperback books I read; half-naked women with swords does not portray the characters in any of the books!!

Chiawen says

typisch Glenda Larke „Die Inseln des Ruhms - Die Magierin“ von Glenda Larke ist der letzte Band dieser Fantasy-Trilogie.

Der Dunkelmagier Morthred ist getötet, die Dunstigen sind jetzt Menschen und Flamme trägt immer noch Mortheds Kind im Leib. Flamme ist zwar nicht so böse, aber sie versucht ein ganzes Inselreich unter ihre Kontrolle zu bringen um dann die ganzen Inselreiche beherrschen zu können. Ruath, Glut und ihre Freunde versuchen jetzt Flamme zu retten und die Dunkelmagie zu vernichten.

Auch dieses Mal erzählen die Protagonisten ihre Geschichte den Kellen, die ja Jahre später die Inseln besuchen.

Flamme ist ab und an für kurze Zeit sie selbst und kann Ruath um Hilfe bitten. Doch die meiste Zeit wird sie von der Dunkelmagie beherrscht. Sie nutzt sie zwar, aber nicht so skrupellos wie Morthred. Sie bindet nicht

immer komplett, sondern beeinflusst die Leute immer nur leicht. Sie denkt und plant auch ganz anders. Es macht sie dadurch nicht weniger böse, aber sie geht es sachter an.

Ruath hat jetzt mit seinem menschlichen Körper zu kämpfen. Es ist sehr ungewohnt für ihn. Er muss vieles lernen, wie auch das Sprechen. Es ist aber gut beschrieben wie er damit zu Recht kommt. Auch sein Konflikt wird gut beschrieben. Auf der einen Seite möchte er Flamme erlösen, aber auf der anderen möchte er sie nicht töten, denn er liebt sie.

Das Buch ist wieder typisch für Glenda Larke. Starke Persönlichkeiten, welche ihre Welt verändern, um etwas Besseres zu schaffen. Es gibt wieder viele Überraschungen im Handlungsverlauf, die den Leser richtig mit fiebern lassen. Langeweile kommt nicht auf. Man bekommt Geschichte aus teilweise fünf Perspektiven zu lesen, was auch notwendig ist. Wobei es sich auf zwei Handlungsstränge konzentriert.

Am Anfang musste ich mich erst wieder einlesen. Denn es ist schon etwas her, dass ich die ersten beiden Bände gelesen habe. Es war aber wieder mal schön etwas von Glenda Larke zu lesen. Es hat mich gefesselt und Ruath ist mir dieses Mal richtig ans Herz gewachsen.

Es gibt von mir 5 von 5 Wölfen!

LadyMegan says

I want to know what happened to everyone after.

Liz Mh says

Brilliant

It's a long story, and I sometimes felt impatient for the next arc, but I enjoyed it so much I read the series over two weeks.

Worth it.

Lian Tanner says

Four and a half stars. This is such an excellent trilogy, and it's really nice to have found another fantasy author I love. Larke continues to address interesting questions in this book, particularly the two tiered society that magic creates so easily. Her writing reminds me of Robin Hobb - the character development is superb, the world building excellent, and the series comes to a very satisfying conclusion. More Glenda Larke books, please!

Kari says

Tantalizing, thrilling, mysterious and with a proper ending that will leave you satisfied. Can't wait to visit the Isles of Glory again in years to come!

Jo Wake says

Excellent book, excellent series

Joni says

This last book wraps up some loose ends that the previous book failed to answer, although it does raise some new questions.

In this story we find out what happens to Flame and what happened to the Ghemps, although that question is answered somewhat weakly. I was impressed with how well Larke wrapped this story up although I would love to see another book detailing Anyara's travels.
