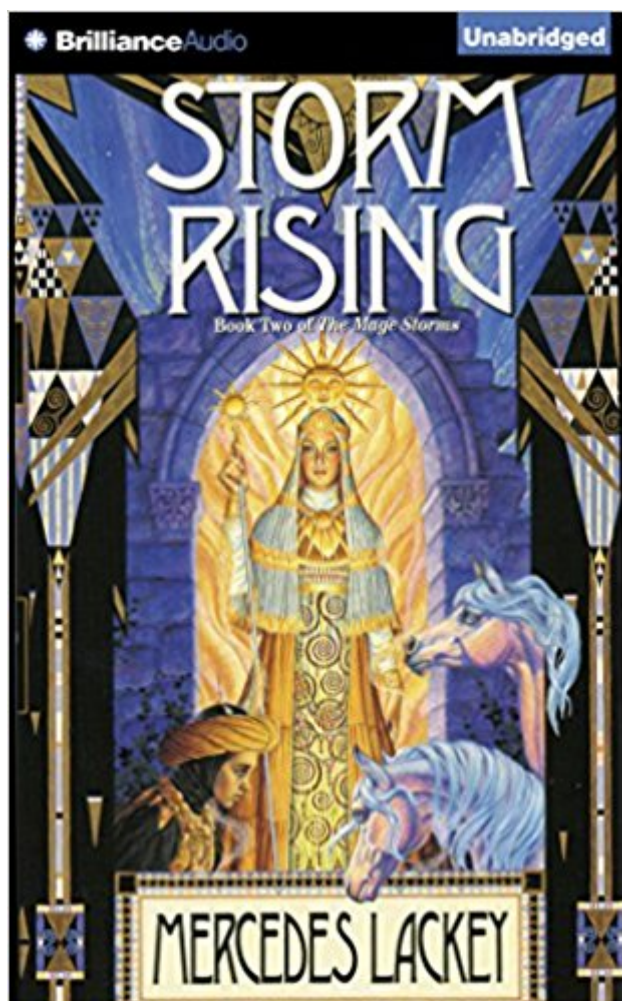


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# Storm Rising (The Mage Storms)



## Synopsis

In *Storm Rising*, mysterious mage-storms are wreaking havoc on Valdemar, Karse, and all the kingdoms of the West, plaguing these lands not only with disastrous earthquakes, monsoons, and ice storms, but also with venomous magical constructsâterrifying creatures out of nightmare. Both Valdemar's Heralds and Karse's Sunpriests struggle to marshal their combined magical resources to protect their realms from these devastating, spell-fueled onslaughts. But as the situation becomes bleaker and bleaker, the still fragile alliance between these long-hostile lands begins to fray. And unless Valdemar and Karse can locate and destroy the creator of the storms, they may see their entire world demolished in a final magical holocaust.

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## Customer Reviews

Lackey's latest continues the old-fashioned, simple-is-as-simple-does tradition that has made her numerous series set in and around the kingdom of Valdemar so accessible to so many readers. Her bloated prose is balanced by two-dimensional caricatures such as those of Karal, the diplomat who "knows he is too young," An'desha ("Do I want to be alone?") and Firesong, who is prone to neurotic ramblings. Expectedly, Firesong's ills are not of his own making; he and the good characters here are uniformly good, lacking any shades of gray to give them depth. Even Grand Duke Tremane, who ordered murders in this novel's prequel, *Storm Warning*, has a heart of gold. Above all, this volume suffers from lack of a proper villain. Perhaps the windup to this promised trilogy will be more engaging; meanwhile, this middle volume fits Karal's description of a council

meeting: "very little accomplished and nothing really settled." Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

As the violent mage storms ravage the land of Valdemar and its neighbors, warring factions struggle to overcome personal and political prejudices to combat a greater enemy. Lackey (The White Gryphon, LJ 3/15/95) continues to expand upon her world's rich history and cultures while probing the sometimes petty, sometimes noble motivations that impel her characters toward their destinies. Fans of the series will demand this title. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

A very good middle book, Usually middle books are necessary evils, to get you from the problem to the conclusion. But I liked all the interplay of the situations,. and how people are reacting. I read this on kindle and there were some typos that I have not found in the book versions, so I suspect that some of this was conversion issues. (For reasons I can not fathom, I had bought volume 1 and volume 3 as hardbacks, and could not find anywhere in the house volume 2, I may not have bought it, So I just bought volume 2 on kindle so I did not have to stop right before Christmas and find it at a store.)

I had this in hard cover already but I enjoy using my Kindle/phone/iPad interchangeably so much I actually purchased Storm Rising again for Kindle. I enjoyed the book but was VERY disappointed with the Kindle version. First, I would greatly appreciate a discount for purchasing a Kindle version of a hard cover book previously purchased from , but realize it was my grudging decision to do so. Second, I was doubly disappointed that the Kindle version was so full of misspellings and faulty punctuation, some of which were so bad as to render a whole sentence meaningless. Does anyone understand the concept of proofreading prior to publication?! By the way, the same comments apply to both the Mage Storms and Mage Winds trilogies. (I know, I was dumb enough to keep buying them, but I really do love my Kindle)

Some authors resonate, some don't -- I'll admit getting sucked into the trilogy as an audio book for my 150-mile a day commute and there are moments that grab at me, there are also long passages that put me to sleep, at which point I turn it off and give it a rest so I don't doze off in traffic. The characters are generally interesting in an odd, outside society sort of way, but the long passages of 3rd-persona "documentary" descriptions or the long passages of introspection by one arrogant

malcontent or another erodes what could otherwise be a pleasant if pedestrian story... it's one of those accounts that has moments of action or dialogue that are momentary interest, but after three of these and previous book by this author, I usually never get to the "so what..." question, nor really care which of the characters comes out on top...

I like this book, and I have been able to read over many of the content errors--but it really does get distracting when you have 5 plus on a single page! I have gotten rid of most of my hardbacks due to space, hand strength and eyesight limitations and I only buy new books on Kindle. I WANT my old favorites and even my old "like enough to reread occasionally" books to be available on Kindle, but please--proofread the things! Someone else mentioned 20 or 30 content errors--must of gotten tired of counting!

Several groups of people came together and started working on solving their problems. Solutions were put together to save all the different lands.

The mage storm series is a great as all of Mercedes Lackey's books are. I have been reading her books since the 90s. Thank you very much

If you've read the Last Herald-Mage Trilogy, the Vows and Honor Trilogy, and the Arrows Trilogy, this ties into all three, and will tug at your heartstrings. The book stands alone well, but in the context of the aforementioned trilogies... let me recommend keeping a box of tissues handy - It's definitely an emotional read. The book is beautifully written. Mercedes Lackey has a writing style I've admired since the first time I read one of her books. My admiration only deepens with each new book I read.

Mercedes Lackey never disappoints. She has given us the Kingdom of Valdemar, with its heralds and companions and mind magic. This trilogy gives us a better understanding of the neighboring kingdoms of Karse, Hardorn, and the evil Eastern Empire. It also brings "real" magic back to Valdemar for the first time in centuries. Beautifully written. Prepare to get lost in the intrigue!

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