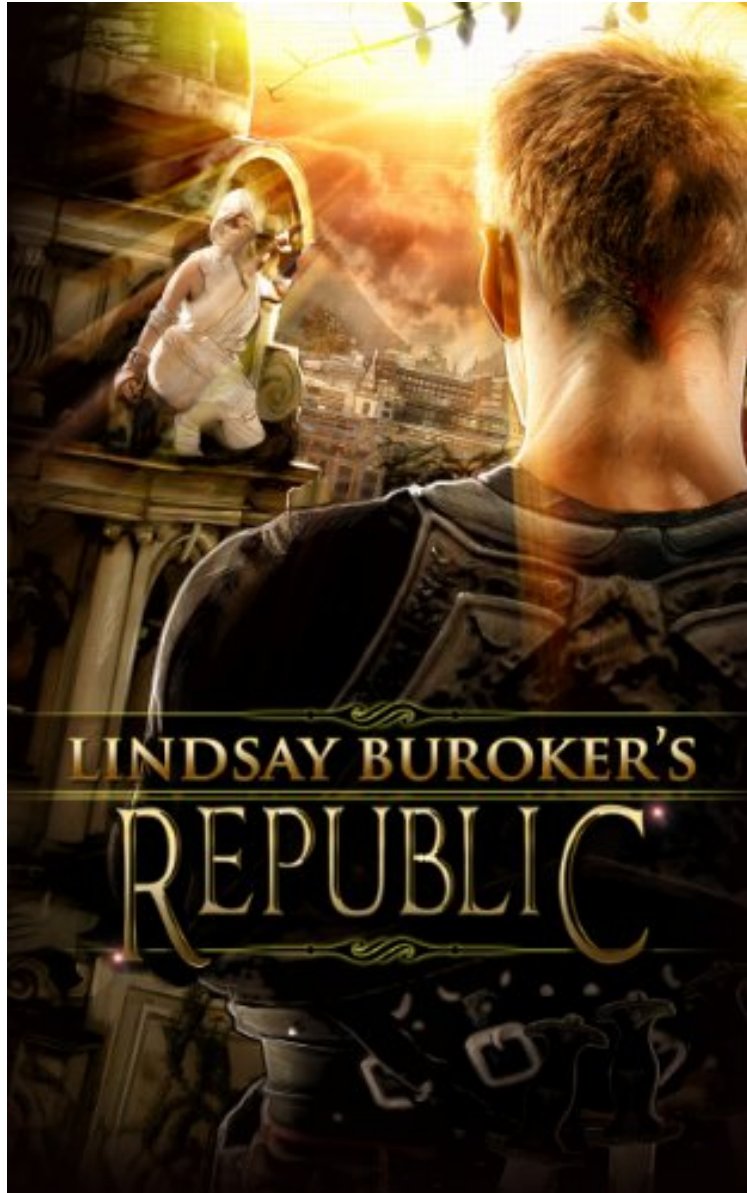


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Von Lindsay Buroker : Republic (The Emperor's Edge Book 8) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Republic (The Emperor's Edge Book 8) (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannender Zusatzband zur Emperor's Edge-Serie Von -Kunde Nachdem die Emperor's Edge-Serie mit "Forged in

Blood" eigentlich abgeschlossen ist, folgt hier mit "Republic" (und später mit "Diplomats and Fugitives") eine weitere Geschichte mit den gleichen Protagonisten. Das turgonische Imperium gibt es nicht mehr und das Reich wird unter der Führung des Volkshelden Rias Starcrest zu einer demokratischen Republik umgeformt. Doch wie bei jedem drastischen Wandel gibt es auch hier viele Hindernisse und Gegner des neuen Regimes. So treibt ein nurischer Auftragsmörder in der Hauptstadt sein Unwesen, und dank der neuen Religionsfreiheit wird ein fremdartiger Kult plötzlich omnipräsent. Am meisten Probleme bereitet aber eine mysteriöse Wasserpflanze, die nicht nur mit beraubter Geschwindigkeit wächst und sich schnell auch an unfernen Regionen ausbreitet, sondern auch eine Art Intelligenz zu besitzen scheint. Nachdem erste Menschen in Nähe dieser Pflanze verschwunden sind, und man (vergeblich) versucht, sie zu bekämpfen, wehrt sich die Pflanze gezielt gegen jegliche Vernichtungsversuche. Im Gegensatz zu den früheren Bchern dieser Serie wird diese Geschichte nicht nur aus der Perspektive von zwei Protagonisten erzählt, sondern Lindsay Buroker wechselt die Perspektive immer wieder. "Republic" wird aus der Sicht von Amaranthe, Maldynado, Sicarius, Tikaya Komitopis, Sespian und schließlich Mahliki Starcrest erzählt. Dies ermöglicht einerseits einen Blick auf mehr Handlungspunkte, erschwert aber auch die Identifikation mit einem "Haupthelden", und die Charaktere verlieren etwas an Tiefe. Bei den Wechseln zwischen den Charakteren baut Lindsay Buroker immer wieder Mini-Cliffhanger ein, was dazu führt, dass die Spannung stets erhalten bleibt. Noch kurz zu den einzelnen Handlungssträngen: Amaranthe und Sicarius unterstützen Präsident Starcrest als Special Agents für schwierige Missionen, während Tikaya eng mit dem präsidentialen Geheimdienstbüro zusammenarbeitet, um gegen die mannigfaltigen Intrigen und Spione vorzugehen. Maldynado erfährt unterdessen, dass Yara in ihrem Heimatdorf eine Beförderung angeboten bekommen hat - um die Beziehung zu retten, und Yara zum Bleiben zu bereden, bemüht sich Maldynado, etwas Sinnvolles aus seinem Leben zu machen und sich eine Arbeitsstelle zu suchen. Mahliki ist als junge Biologin intensiv in den Kampf gegen die Pflanze verwickelt und wird dabei von Sespian unterstützt, doch gleichzeitig bahnt sich zwischen diesen beiden auch eine zarte Romanze an. Unter dem Strich liefert Lindsay Buroker mit "Republic" eine spannende und unterhaltsame Fortsetzung der Emperor's Edge-Serie, und Anhänger der Serie werden auch "Republic" mit Vergnügen lesen. Frühere Kritik an der Serie (z.B. wenig realistische Rettungsaktionen aus scheinbar verzweifelter Situationen) kann auch hier angewendet werden, aber die Buchreihe ist schließlich keine dokumentarische Abenteuergeschichte. Etwas schade finde ich, dass in "Republic" so viele verschiedene Handlungsstränge geschaffen wurden, was dazu führt, dass einige aus meiner Sicht etwas im Sand verlaufen, bzw. nur am Rand aufgelöst werden (so wird z.B. kaum darauf eingegangen, was mit den Anhängern des neuartigen Kults am Ende geschieht). An Republic gefallen mir aber (wie in der ganzen Buchreihe) die unterschiedlich und liebevoll ausgestalteten und allesamt sympathischen Protagonisten und die anspruchsvollen Dialoge. Der Schreibstil ist unterhaltsam, es wird nie langweilig und die Spannung bleibt stets erhalten. Insbesondere für Frauen sicher eine sehr empfehlenswerte Lektüre!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Republic (Author: Lindsay Buroker) Von MBCI ran into the first story by Lindsay Buroker completely by accident. Encrypted was part of a Fantasy Collection I had picked up for my Kindle. Since then I have been reading only her books: Interesting characters, capturing plot lines, generally believable progression without any giant leaps of faith required to get from "A to B"... She's an inventive author and has earned a place in my list of favorites :) I can recommend all of her books, for sure!

2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The team is back - changed, yet still awesome Von Mina Spoiler Warning for events in the previous books of the "Emperor's Edge" series. Although with "Forged in Blood I II" the former story arc was completed and one could probably read "Republic" without knowing the series, I still don't recommend it. It is a unique series with so well developed characters, who grow better and better over the series' course, it would be a pity to leave the rest of the series out. So if you are new to the series, I recommend you stop reading here and start with "Emperor's Edge".

Synopsis After the events and immense showdown in "Forged in Blood I II", the team is split up, each doing their respective follow-up actions: Sicarius and Amaranthe are traveling the Caribbean regions by submarine, vacationing, Sespian is studying architecture and working as an assistant at the university, Maldynado and Yara are struggling to transfer their action-based relationship into "normal" life, Akstyr is away studying The Science [aka magic], Basilard is back home and the Starcrest family comes to grips with being the ruling family now, since Rias Starcrest was elected first president of the republic. But the transition from empire to republic does not go smoothly. There are assassination attempts at the president and a huge plant of unknown origin growing too fast, devouring city buildings and eventually people and all that threatens to destabilize the new government. So Amaranthe and Sicarius are asked to come back with the submarine and knowing them, they start giving help in their unique way. In no time, there is a new team formed, with known and new people and the mission to save the republic from plants, assassins and crazy priests starts.

Review L. Buroker did the nearly impossible: she started a new story-arc, integrated new people besides some of the old ones and slightly changed the tone of the book, yet kept up all the defining qualities of the team and the incredibly well built world. I was especially thrilled to find that all of the "old" team members that still take part in the story, are clearly affected in their behavior and thoughts by the year they fought together, but at the same time, are so the same. They all kept their unique voice, so to speak. For example, Sicarius is changed by his time with Amaranthe and the newfound relationship with his son Sespian, but he did not become another person. He still isn't socializing, still isn't talking much or showing emotion and I loved that. That said, he and Amaranthe both are hilarious and touching to watch interact. Another wonderful thing was the

seamless integration of new people and their POVs into the story: this time, there are Amaranthe, Sicarius, Sespian, Maldynado of the old team and additional Tikaya and Mahliki [the president's wife and daughter] with respective 1st person POVs. And they all were great to follow. Especially since the places of action are so widespread, so the reader can keep up with it all and not lose track. Oh and something, I never expected was that I felt pity for Maldynado. Yeah, never would have thought that to happen, but there is was... There are a lot of different plot threads that are dealt with at the same time and that added a feeling of chaos to the whole "republic in peril"-background. This is something I appreciated very much: I constantly was at the edge of my seat, because there was so much to do at the same time and so much anxiety [besides the common positive "we can do it somehow" undertone that is normal for the series] to suffer. Especially the one assassin hunting Sicarius that is a real threat and the constant danger from traitors - these added a lot of suspense. The plot is comprehensible and totally crazy at the same time and by its well wrapped up outcome [no cliffhangers, thank heavens], it's a wonderful starting point for new adventures for at least some members of the team [though I suspect some to retire now]. Can't wait to read those. If you liked "Emperor's Edge" you will surely like "Republic" as well.

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