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Von Joanne Bertin : The Last Dragonlord before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Last Dragonlord:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Questionable judgement call from the publisherVon A. RyanThis is one of those "love it or hate it" books, judging by

the other reviews on this site. The "hate it" reviewers seemed to be mostly annoyed by a writing style they called "amateurish" and a predictable plot, but mostly they complained about stock characters and cliches. I started out as one of the "hate it"s, but after the first few pages I started to put my finger on why I kept having flashbacks to jr. high school -- this book was never meant for a 31 year old!The reading level in Last Dragonlord is about 15 years or under -- a step above the Harry Potter books, but not a huge step. Several plot elements seem, IMHO, to read like a 13-year-old girl's daydreams; romance novel plotline, being able to change into a dragon and fly away, intelligent horse companions. I suspect that most of the "love it" reviews were by teenage girls. As soon as I got over my prejudice that I should be reading an adult-level novel, I began to enjoy myself.The only reason I can come up with for it's classification in the Fantasy category is that there are a few passages that are a bit too sexualized for younger readers. Tor Fantasy should have edited them out and shelved TLD in the "young adult" section of the bookstore.So, if you're a teenager with average reading skills and just LOVE dragons, I can honestly recommend this book. Otherwise, you may feel annoyed that you spent an afternoon reading it.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Last DragonlordVon Ein KundeI'm a big fan of any book that features dragons, magical horses and pure magic. When I received this book I could not put it down, finished it is just under 2 hrs, a record for me since i kept going back to reread chapters instead of just rereading the whole book. I have been a speed reader since jr. high, and can't help reading so quickly. This book fulfilled all my favorite fantasy elements just in the first 5 chapters, really love the horses. I liked this book so much i couldn't wait for the sequel, just kept checking with till it showed up. if you really like this book read the sequel, the dragon and the pheonix.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. GREAT!Von Ein KundeWell, what can I say? I know talent when I see it. Joanne Bertin's book The Last DragnLoard is a must read. The problem with most dragon related novels it that they are, in some way or another, the same thing. In this novel Joanne has brought the spot light on Weredragons. People who have the power to change into dragon form. They have 2 souls... One of their human side and the other.... You guessed it! a dragon. I think Anne McCaffrey said it best with her review. - "I enjoyed this very much indeed. It's nice to find a new writer of such obvious merit and vivid imageries. Joanne Bertin is a brand-new author whose first yarn is extremely, with good descriptions, good characterization, and really evil people for villains. "I stayed up till 1:30 last night so I could finish it off. With a good book like this, I didn't want to miss anything." The only thing that I could find 'wrong' with this novel is that I couldn't help but feel as though I was I was reading a 2nd book of the screaes....There where many important parts of the novel such as Linden Rathan's history and his heroic deeds who made him who he is, that are referred to often and yet where in the past. Though Joanne does her best to explain his history. I as I said, couldn't help but feel that I missed the first novel.... Felt left out in a way. However this novel is another MUST read! *Laughs* There I was waiting for almost a full year for this novel to be published and I read it in a record breaking 3 days and have to wait for another year for the sequel! :-)

KurzbeschreibungDragonlord Linden Rathan, last-born of a race of immortal weredragons, has spent six hundred years alone, searching for his soultwin while his fellow Dragonlords watch over humanity's Five Kingdoms.When the Queen of Cassori dies mysteriously, Linden and the other Dragonlords are called upon to prevent civil war as two human claimants vie for the regency.As the battle for Cassori rule escalates, Linden becomes the target of the Fellowship, a secret society of true-humans who could actually destroy his immortal life.Then he meets a beautiful young ship captain named Maurynna who may be the only one who can help Linden bring Cassori back from the brink of chaos.At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied..deDragonlords, according to Joanne Bertin, are immensely long-lived humans whose souls are half dragon and who can shapeshift into dragon form. The title character of her enjoyable debut fantasy is Linden Rathan, youngest of the dragon folk at a mere six centuries and still moping without a "soultwin" mate of his own kind. Unexpectedly he's sent to the city of Casna as one of three Dragonlord judges--the court of last appeal--to sort out a disputed succession. Adventure begins.Casna is full of surprises, including much tangled intrigue whose strings are pulled by the Fraternity of Blood, a secret society long thought extinct but still dedicated to wiping out Dragonlords and their uncomfortably fair justice. Linden's dalliance with a lovely court lady is fraught with dangers he doesn't realise, and the discovery of his unexpected soultwin leads to new crises. Meanwhile the cold-eyed mage of the Fraternity is brewing poison and shaping deadly spells. Other plotters and counterplotters keep tugging in different directions. The multi-stranded narrative builds tension and a genuine sense of menace.Bertain paints her characters deftly, with Dragonlords, nobles and villains all having very human flaws that lead to misunderstandings and big mistakes. At last everything is resolved in a satisfyingly fiery climax. A good fantasy read with some nicely original touches, The Last Dragonlord is a stand-alone story but also has a sequel: Dragon and Phoenix. --David LangfordFrom BooklistNewcomer Bertin launches a winning fantasy epic featuring weredragon Linden Rathan, presumed to be the last-born Dragonlord, for there have been no other new ones since his own First Change. He is assigned by the Lady, ruler of Dragonskeep and the Dragonlords, who are "lords and servants of humankind," to be one of the three

Dragonlords sent to the kingdom of Cassori in the mortal world to judge a dispute over its regency. The trio finds terrible danger and evil magic arising from the machinations of the Fellowship, a powerful, clandestine society, and of one scheming mage in particular. The beautiful and spirited sea captain Mauryнна Erdon, who may be an incipient Dragonlord and Linden's "soul twin," also is threatened by those seeking to bring down the Dragonlords. What with political intrigue, romance, bloody menace, and sweeping adventure as well as well-realized characterizations and intricate, believable world building, this is full-bodied fantasy, sure to be a hit with fans of Dickson's *Dragon Knights* (e.g., *The Dragon in Lyonesse*, reviewed below) and McCaffrey's *Pern*. Sally Estes