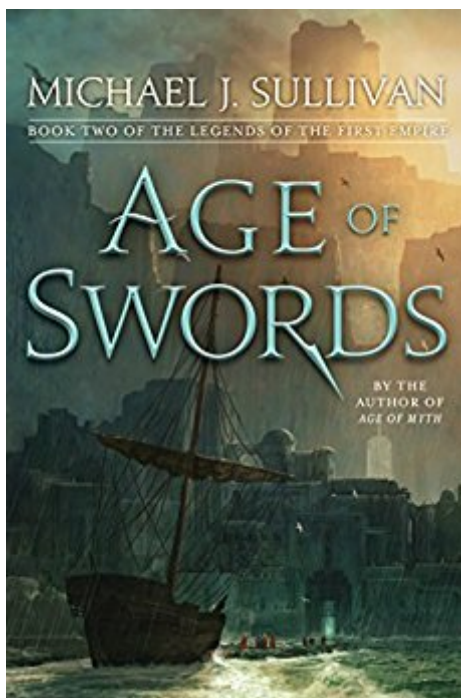


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Age Of Swords: Book Two Of The Legends Of The First Empire



Synopsis

The gods have been proven mortal and new heroes will arise as the battle continues in the sequel to *Age of Myth* – from the author of the *Riyria Revelations* and *Riyria Chronicles* series. In *Age of Myth*, fantasy master Michael J. Sullivan launched readers on an epic journey of magic and adventure, heroism and betrayal, love and loss. Now the thrilling saga continues as the human uprising is threatened by powerful enemies from without – and bitter rivalries from within. Raithe, the God Killer, may have started the rebellion by killing a Fhrey, but long-standing enmities dividing the Rhunes make it all but impossible to unite against the common foe. And even if the clans can join forces, how will they defeat an enemy whose magical prowess renders them indistinguishable from gods? The answer lies across the sea in a faraway land populated by a reclusive and dour race who feel nothing but disdain for both Fhrey and mankind. With time running out, Persephone leads the gifted young seer Suri, the Fhrey sorceress Arion, and a small band of misfits in a desperate search for aid – a quest that will take them into the darkest depths of Elan. There, an ancient adversary waits, as fearsome as it is deadly.

Don't miss any of Michael J. Sullivan's *Legends of the First Empire* novels: *AGE OF MYTH* | *AGE OF SWORDS* (Coming soon!) Praise for Michael J. Sullivan – "If you enjoy epic fantasy, and are perhaps hungering for something with timeless appeal, then I highly recommend picking up *Age of Myth*." – *The BiblioSanctum*, on *Age of Myth* – "Hair-raising escapes, flashy sword fights, and faithful friendship complete the formula for good old-fashioned escapist fun." – *Publishers Weekly*, on *Theft of Swords* – "Filled with adventure and clever dialog and featuring a pair of not-quite-heroes whose loyalties to each other provide them with their greatest strength, this epic fantasy showcases the arrival of a master storyteller." – *Library Journal*, on *Theft of Swords* – "With less gore and a smaller cast of characters than George R. R. Martin's *Song of Ice and Fire* but equally satisfying, Sullivan's epic fantasy will be gaining fans at exponential rates." – *Library Journal*, on *The Rose and the Thorn*

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Customer Reviews

Once again Michael hits it out of the park. While not completely breaking traditional tropes, he still adds enough of a spin that it feels fresh. He also writes some of the best female protagonists that I've read. I love the arc of telling a prequel story about what eventually becomes legend in the earlier stories of Riyria. It makes me want to reread the Riyria books again with this new perspective. The only down side is having to wait for the next one.

The author is a good writer. I enjoyed how he developed the characters, their conflicts, interactions. I really liked the strong talented female characters. There were many clans that entered as the story progressed that brought interesting characters and cultures. There was envy, deceit, loathing, struggle, loyalty, love, compassion, personal growth woven into it. I liked it. Well done.

I almost exclaimed "Noooo!" But didn't want to wake my husband. No spoilers here. Just wasn't ready for the story to be paused yet. It's just that good!

So when is the next one going to be published? Age of War? Would be great if the series continued to the Theft of Swords era.

Passable book 2 of the series. Dragged a bit and not memorable, but a fun read. Needs more punch / wit in dialogue.

Humor, pathos, wonderful surprises with love lurking in the background - who could ask for more ? I want more.

Excellent book! A great addition to Age of Myth! Loved the characters and plot. I have the next book on preorder!

I can't say enough about this book...it was even better than the first in the series. It's great to see a writer put women in powerful roles, warrior roles, but still be women. The sacrifices made by all the characters is incredibly heartbreaking. I love Suri and her journey is most definitely the hardest. Definitely recommend to ALL.

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