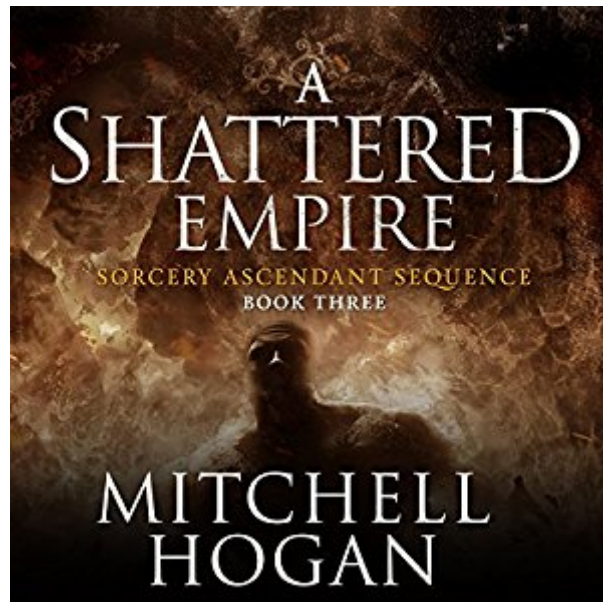


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# A Shattered Empire



## Synopsis

In this gritty and breathtaking conclusion to the Sorcery Ascendant Sequence, the award-winning fantasy series, a young sorcerer must learn to wield his extraordinary powers to defeat two warring empires. In a battle of armies and sorcerers, empires will fall. After young Caldan's parents were slain, a group of monks raised the boy and initiated him into the arcane mysteries of sorcery. But when the Mahruse Empire was attacked and the lives of his friends hung in the balance, he was forced to make a dangerous choice. Now, as two mighty empires face off in a deadly game of supremacy, potent sorcery and creatures from legend have been unleashed. To turn the tide of war and prevent annihilation, Caldan must learn to harness his fearsome and forbidden magic. But as he grows into his powers, the young sorcerer realizes that not all the monsters are on the other side. And though traps and pitfalls lie ahead, and countless lives are at stake, one thing is certain: To save his life, his friends, and his world, Caldan must risk all to defeat a sorcerer of immense power. Failure will doom the world. Success will doom Caldan.

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## Customer Reviews

On the one hand I quite liked this book, or rather I quite like the story. I was impressed and intrigued by the first book, the second was somewhat disappointing, and this last one.... I don't know. There is a good and interesting story in here, but it feels like the author wanted to write a complex semi dark story and did not quite manage. Often times the character developments seem hasty and forced, and I find it difficult to understand just why certain actions would affect our hero (and others) certain

ways. The plot also feels a bit stretched out to me, I feel that these 500 pages could with great benefit be shortened to 350. Making the book a bit faster, although it is not slow exactly. All that said I really enjoyed reading the works of a new author. It really did keep me entertained, and I will continue buying works of this author in the future, because I really do believe he has a future! :)

A Shattered Empire is the perfect closure for an excellent sequence (that's right, a sequence. And when there is a sequence, there are more to follow) by a relatively new author that decided to get famous. And you can't stop him. To begin with, this is a book that isn't just about magic and fighting, but about rightness, ideals and values, desires and reality, compulsion and free will. Trust, and realizing that appearances can be deceiving in more than one way. You could say that Mitchell Hogan stole a lot of elements from another book, it being none other than the book of life. "A morsel of knowledge. Either shown out of friendship, or they were trying to manipulate him. Caldan regretted doubting them, but such was his existence now. Doubt everything. Trust no one." Characters, world building and magic system are further developed, something you don't usually see in the final chapter of a series. A lot of elements (such as magic and reality, creation and destruction, friendship and treason, fear and courage, and finally acceptance of one's nature) are masterfully intertwined, creating a plot that keeps you hooked and determined to reach the truth behind all lies. But you don't get to learn them all. A lot of situations are left unexplained (I can't tell if this was intentionally or by mistake) such as:---SPOILERS---1) We already know that Savine killed Caldan's grandparents, from the prologue of the first book. But... why? Gazija's kin supposedly didn't care about the existence of trinkets and such, so it was probably not about the trinkets. It couldn't be about the blood either. So, what was it about? 2) We get to learn 2 different versions of the first Shattering's ending. In one, the Emperor Zerach-Sangur killed every mage holding a bone trinket, and destroyed most (keeping at least 2, intact). In the second version, The Talon's master killed every mage in existence, dying as well. A lot of questions arise here. What's the correct version? Was the Talon lying? Was the Emperor the true master of the Talon, and if yes why did it implied that he died? Why the Emperor didn't know about the secret lab's existence? If the Emperor was one of the old, why didn't he command the Jukari and Vormag (like Amerdan tried to do)?---END OF SPOILERS---I really hope my questions are legit that they haven't already been answered in the book, because I would hate to make a joke of myself. Anyway, this was but a small part of the story, and doesn't really affect my rating. All in all, if you are reading this review, you probably have read my reviews about the first two installments as well, so you should probably already know my opinion about the series. If not, I'm sure you completely got the point. Sorcery

Ascendant Sequence is nice, Sorcery Ascendant Sequence is good, Sorcery Ascendant Sequence is a must read. So go read it. You can find more of my reviews on <http://booknest.eu>

Love these characters and this world, hope I get to see them again as soon as possible! Can't wait to see what happens next

Love his writing and the conclusion to this series. I can't wait for more on this world!

Great series and great book

I loved the first two books. I wanted to check the sample before buying book 3. It only includes to the end of the index. No, I didn't enjoy my sample. Fix the sample. I'll probably buy book 3 and love it too.

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