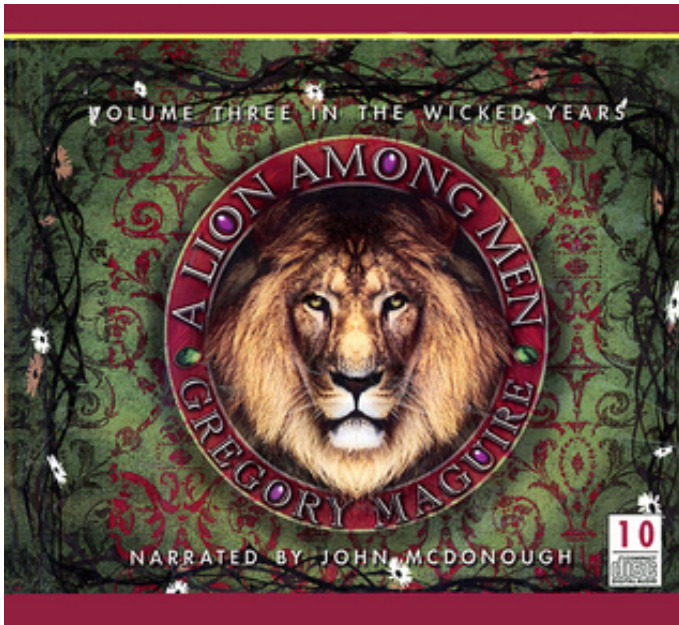


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## Description

In this third novel of the New York Times bestselling series, civil war looms in Oz, and an ancient oracle named Yackle prepares for death. But before she can die, the Cowardly Lion arrives seeking knowledge about Elphaba Thropp, the Wicked Witch of the West--the woman who had defended him when he was a cub.

## Insightful reviews

Faith: Disenchanted. That's what I am with Gregory Maguire. This book is almost completely backstory; we learn nothing more about Liir and Tristram and Candle and the new arrival. The part of the story that does advance moves only about 3 inches, and it was no mystery who the handmaiden of the clock is anyway. And Yackle's story--if you have to summarize it at the end, it wasn't well delivered. Speaking of the ending, it was ponderous, and Maguire could have done better than use a literal *deus ex machina*.

I did enjoy Brrr. And I'll read the next book because *Son of a Witch* hooked me. But the loose ends had better start coming together.

Vicky Wilkinson: This book tells us about the life of the cowardly lion and half heartedly clears up the mystery of Yackle and what happened to Nor.

I didn't really enjoy this book. I disliked Brrr. Rather than finding him cowardly I thought he was self obsessed and shallow. I don't understand how his history added anything at all to the story. The only parts of the book which were really necessary were the first and last chapters. I found myself reading the middle part of the book purely because I wanted to finish it. The ending of *Son of the Witch* was not developed upon at all and all we find out is that everyone would be nine years older now.

The ending is a complete anti climax. I expected to get much more information about Yackle than what was actually given. I also expected the Lion's backstory to be tied into the actual story but it wasn't at all.

I will be reading the next book as I want to find out what happened to Liir and Candle but I really hope that Brrr doesn't pop up again!

Kristen: So. The third book in what's now referred to as *The Wicked Years*. Alright. I adore *Wicked*, both in its written and musical forms. *Son of a Witch* was a decent sequel. And I was really excited when I learned that we'd get the Lion's perspective in all this.

Brrr is on Emerald City business, in search of the oracle Yackle, who was mentioned in Madame Morrible's notes. Why? Mostly in search of both *The Grimmerie*, Elphaba's book of magic, and Liir, her son. Yackle was often on the outskirts of Elphaba's life and Brrr wants to know exactly why.

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It soon gets mixed up with Brrr's past, Yackle's past, and the current civil war between EC and Munchkinland. Revolts, Emperors, and the like. But for all my excitement of this, I feel really let down. There were parts that were interesting, both with Brrr and Yackle. Brrr's childhood, for instance, since we know he was the cub in *Wicked*, and his interactions with Dorothy. Yackle's memories of Elphaba and Liir and Fiyero.

I'm sad to say, though, that I was often bored by this, and was just trying to finish it for the sake of finishing it. It's clear from the ending that there will be another book, and why not? People loved *Wicked*, and want to meet up with those familiar characters again. But I really, really hope the next book is much better. Too much politics and information that really isn't vital to the story.

Suzanne: Arg! simply accomplished this final night, and it has an analogous curse as "Son of a Witch," in that it unearths simply so much, yet leaves you with such a lot of extra questions. I would quite hoped, for the sake of my curiosity, that this may be the final book, during which all is revealed. But, no. Which a few days may be magnificent, once we take a seat with the numerous books during this series, a cup of coffee, a hot blanket, and days and days forward to gorge in this pleasant mind candy. For now, I'm agonized over different years it really is prone to take sooner than I am getting one other smidgen of perception into what the freak went on in ounces and beyond. I took away a celebrity since it left me hanging, again. The improvement is a bit sluggish - much less motion happens - such a lot within the current is in a single building, over one day. yet you get many of the backstory from the opposite books. And are left relatively eager to comprehend more. here is to Gregory Maguire's fast final touch of the \*next\* e-book during this series.

Megan: I actually love Gregory Maguire's writing style, and that I love the place he has long gone with this tale over the 3 novels. The constitution of this book, however, felt a little scattered--it wasn't until eventually the end, the previous few chapters, the place I began to suppose that it had any coherency, in contrast to in *Son of a Witch*, the place even though it would possibly not have regularly been transparent what the connections the place exactly, they continuously felt like connections. I guess this is often because the protagonist during this tale had little relation to characters I would turn into connected to within the past novels--I nonetheless felt at odds on the end, and wishing a section extra to determine the Point. As always, however, Maguire's flip of word and skill to place complicated techniques into fascinating prose didn't disappoint, and no matter what questions I had concerning the plot, I used to be carried via simply at the power of the writing.

Marcie: LOVING this book. some other web page I would like to mark a quote. idea depraved was once intriguing, *Son of a Witch*, fabulous. this is often even better. Maguire is both an Asperger's individual or in detail is familiar with an individual who is, as he so completely describes the adventure of a personality who grew up with out social interplay deserted in a woodland (King of the Forest?), and slowly learns the artwork of dialog and working with humans and relationships via eventual painful lifestyles experience. fantastically and brilliantly done. I have a son with Asperger's...how fascinating to view him as a "lion between men," no longer rather becoming in regardless of his skill to talk a similar language. and the way very fascinating to view "cowardice" as state of being inactive in line with the lack to consider empathy or a reference to others. yet this can be a shrewd permanent lion who incorporates a

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tin image of courage, simply because he does one way or the other feel this can be whatever he lacks...and by means of having the actual medal, he as a result has corrected the problem, right? So literal, so Asperger's. I additionally love the come across with Cubbins, the kid undergo who's in control of the Northern endure clan. Whoever is youngest is "in charge" (ain't that the reality in genuine life! and what a pithy commentary approximately children in general, or the pull among mom and dad and children) simply because because the bears get older, they forget...particularly poignant for me as my genuine grandfather's Alzheimer's progresses and we carry round conversations over and over, caught in a by no means finishing loop, precisely like a nonsensical communication in Alice in Wonderland. Did I point out how intellectually pleasurable Maguire is?! it sounds as if each second I spend with one among his novels is time spent well. i'm going to without doubt owe the silly library 5 greenbacks by the point i am performed with this one. \_\_\_\_\_ Some readers of Son of a Witch complained that Liir moped and groused and whined and laid in a figurative and literal coma for pages and pages ahead of taking action, gratifying his destiny, attaining his potential. i'll see them particularly tearing their hair out over this negative "cowardly" Lion. I occur to truly benefit from the highbrow workout of examining Maguire. he is been known as a "wordsmith," yet he is an "ideasmith" simply as surely. i feel he is fascinating. In this third depraved novel, Maguire additional explores perspective. What if the depraved Witch, obvious from a distinct angle, was once particularly a misperceived freedom fighter, an highbrow hothead radical, and the Wizard an evil suspicious fraud. Now let's reexamine the Lion as a nursing cub ripped from his mom to turn into topic to laboratory experiments then thrown again into the forest, alone. He has no family, no social system, no language. We simply know how not easy it needs to be to grasp language (or the power to be understood or really communicate) with out the entire social context. But, there's much more that is going with it corresponding to the power to consider empathy, and create bonds, genuine relationships. it's this loss of bonds and the ensuing persecution from others that leads this Lion to being categorized "cowardly." Some humans decide to now not input real relationships with others, worry holds them back. thankfully our Lion is extra like an Asperger's person, who didn't pick out this or his missing traditional reactions. he's in a position to studying easy methods to relate, via plenty of hard, confusing, real-life experience, giving him one piece of the puzzle at a time. Love the poignant ending. He ultimately learns find out how to be a friend, tips on how to really care approximately another. Maguire is ready to flip recognized kid's fable the wrong way up as an workout in viewpoint and rationale simply because he provides the tale a realism that permits us to droop our disbelief and go together with him on his ride. What an engaging trip -- the dialogue, wry humor, the surprises, and the deep philosophical observations. The Lion is so socially awkward! i will not support yet cheer for him as he struggles to hook up with his humanity.

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