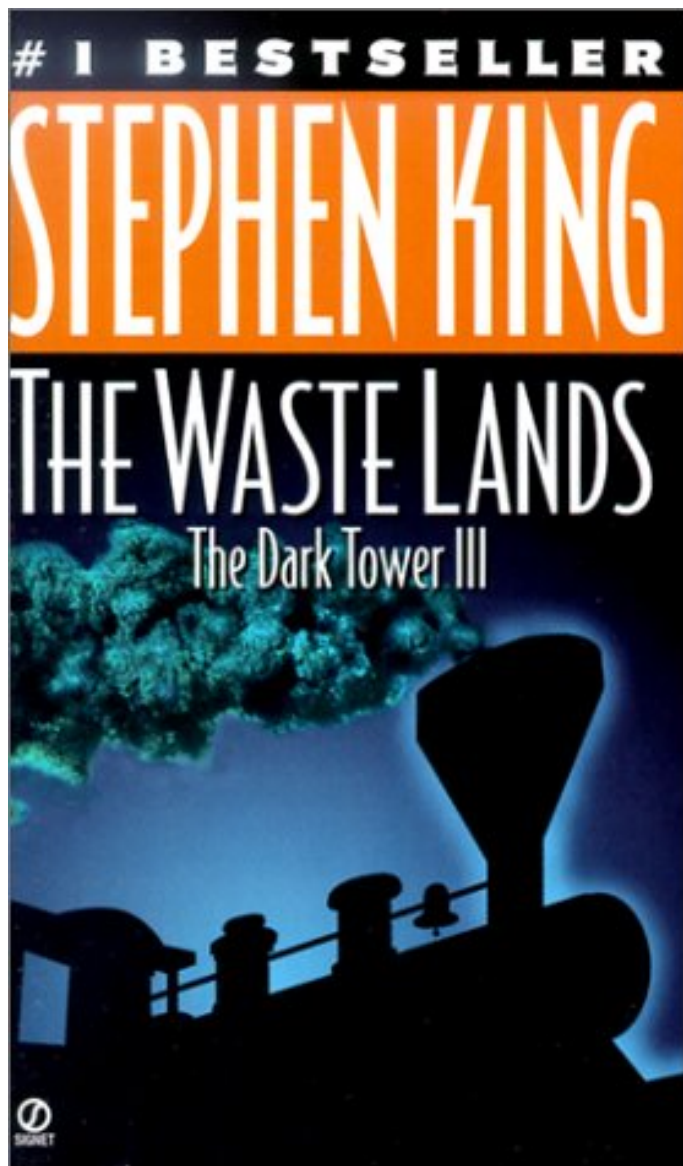

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Insightful reviews

Kathryn: I wish I could give The Waste Lands ten stars. No joke!

I loved, loved, loved this book. By far, this is my favorite installment, so far, of the Dark Tower series. There was so much which happened in The Waste Lands, which made it hard for me to put down. (unfortunately, real-world exists, and kicks us out of Mid-world.)

Okay, if you don't want to be spoiled of the wild ride of The Waste Lands, you might want to stop reading...:)

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Sesana: The best book in the series so far. I know it's too much to hope that they keep getting better, or even that the next four books be as good. (I've been instructed to ignore [The Wind Through the Keyhole](#), and so I shall do.) If the rest of the series averages 3/4 as good as The Waste Lands, then it's going to be one hell of a ride.

I know that I'm reading this series from a privileged position. This is my first time traveling with Roland. Yes, I did wait for the series to be complete. And, um, kind of forgot about it. Which means that, unlike those who read these books as they were published, I can now read [Wizard and Glass](#) any damn time I want. When I read (well, listen to) the note at the end of the book when King promises that the next one will be done soon, I can laugh. Instead of, you know, wanting to chuck a brick through his window. I can still be guiltily thankful for that van, though.

Anyways. What makes The Waste Lands even better than [The Gunslinger](#) and [The Drawing of the Three](#) had been? Partly that all the characters I've grown to care about are all here. I missed Jake, and I love having Oy in the party. There are spectacular scenes and set pieces, and a real sense of danger on more than one occasion. I get genuinely worried, even scared, for these characters. And then there's Blaine. He may be a pain, but he's also wonderful in his own awful, scenery devouring way.

Fair warning, this book ends in a cliffhanger. This might have been absolutely maddening when it was first published, or any time in the six years between books three and four. It's still somewhat frustrating, because it's a great book and I really need to know what happens next. Hell, Stephen King even seems apologetic in his author's note. Not apologetic enough to get book four published any faster, of course.

Richard: 7.5/10

Damn me and my hyperbole; predicting this to be the greatest novel I've ever read and take the series to a new level of awesomeness and sit atop the pedestal of unbeatable works of fiction. Damn me Richard!

Don't get me wrong, this was a strong entry with plenty of positives, but after reading some really strong reviews and people stating this is where the series leaped to a new level and was a series favourite I built it up in my mind to be more than what I got.

Some of the things which I really enjoyed were the opening with the Shardik the massive bear/cyborg guardian in Roland's world where the tension is high, the action is thick and fast, and there is enough mystery to keep reading to try and learn as much information as possible about the world and what the heck Shardik is. Blaine was a great character too; the whole story surrounding Blaine was the standout moments in the book. His ominous presence, the climax of all the things coming to a head to try and get out of Lud, his arrogance to his passengers and their wellbeing. It just made for great reading and showcased King at his best ratcheting the tension up to 11.

There were a few points of the book which I found myself drifting which is why I rated this slightly lower overall. I could tell that this is one of those books where I will appreciate it more on a re-read in the future when I have the whole story and how things work out in my locker. For now I leave slightly disappointed but glad there is more to come.

Also, gutted for those who had to wait for the next instalment. I wouldn't say that it was left on a cliffhanger but more stopped mid way through like King got bored and just walked away from the typewriter. Ouch, glad I have the series on the kindle ready to go when I want rather than when King wanted.

If you like this try: "Storm Front" by Jim Butcher

Becky: this isn't my favourite ebook of the sequence by means of a protracted shot, and yet, it is such an exciting booklet that while a not-favorite, I nonetheless love each minute of interpreting it. Lots occurs during this book, we research lots and get to grasp the characters lots more, that it does not think like a middle-of-a-series booklet at all, yet particularly part of the whole, that is precisely what it is. The darkish Tower sequence isn't really a sequence really, yet one huge, immense tale that encompasses even more than will be conveyed in 7 books + outliers and hooked up novels. It truly is a complete universe, and what we see is simply a small part of it. This booklet ultimately combines the entire ka-tet: Roland, Eddie, Susannah, Jake, and Oy. They must wade through quite a lot of hassle to occasion (like the hillbilly directions to a supposedly rather impressive woods social gathering a few men gave you after he drank a fifth of moonshine... "Past wur tha ol' redd truk usta B afor Hugh-Bob kict it n reduce a yoowee at dem rabid canine n den a raht nexta the large barn'n the left'rd side..." in case you can determine it out, that is part the battle. Getting there's the opposite half. And our negative ka-tet do not also have half-cracked instructions like that to head by. My favourite factor approximately Waste Lands is Roland, and the edges of him that convey themselves for the 1st time (to us anyway) here. I like Roland the diplomat, Roland the well-mannered society master, Roland the father-figure, Roland the insult-hurler, Roland the unsure. It is the first time that we actually see him as

a person, one that has a earlier and did not simply pop into life as this inevitable rolling stone. The little bits of his past, and the doubts and the fears that he has during this booklet make me love him greater than ever. i actually take pleasure in Eddie and Susannah's deepening relationship, and their type of foster kin shaped with Jake and Oy. Roland is a bit outdoor this, yet part of it simply because he introduced all of them together. It does make me unhappy that he is separate... yet that is Ka. I additionally fairly like how The Waste Lands introduce cross-over among worlds with no doors. i admire this concept, and there is lots it may well mean. What ARE the waste lands? Are they just like the Blasted Lands from The Talisman? Who used to be Quick? Mysteries, mysteries. i have learn all of those numerous times, yet i've got no idea... i admire wondering it though. those books are outstanding for having the ability to draw me in and retain me there until eventually the very end.

Kemper: This publication comprises the largest lie a author ever instructed me. It's within the Author's observe on the end: The fourth quantity within the story of the darkish Tower should still seem - regularly assuming the continuation of continuous Writer's lifestyles and relentless Reader's curiosity - within the not-too-distant-future. It took six years for the following ebook to come back out. Six. Goddamn. Years. Six years would possibly not appear too undesirable to enthusiasts of authors who basically unencumber a e-book each decade or so, yet there's a few elements that made this fake assertion really bitter. The Waste Lands ends on a nail biting cliffhanger. I actually yelled aloud in frustration the 1st time I learn this again in 1991 and learned that I'd need to look forward to the following e-book to benefit the destiny of Roland and his friends. Still, after a few mirrored image it didn't appear that bad. the subsequent quantity would seem 'in the not-too-distant-future', right? in addition to this used to be Stephen King, the author who churned out one thousand web page books like McDonald's makes vast Macs. No immense deal. I'd be analyzing it by means of '92. 1993 on the latest. Five goddamn years later, and I'd long past from Stephen King and darkish Tower fan to the type of crazed fury often reserved for jilted lovers. It didn't support that King was once cranking out giant fats books together with a few utter shit like *Insomnia* and *Rose Madder*. but no fourth darkish Tower book, and each every now and then I'd reread the 1st 3 volumes and dream of the day whilst I'd eventually study what occurred next. The strange factor is that it nonetheless pisses me off even now that the sequence is finished. i am getting that very same experience of frustration while I learn this remembering the six goddamn years among books whereas seeing every kind of alternative King novels come out. It's too undesirable simply because this was once my favourite of the 1st 3 books until eventually frustration became it into an frustrating free end. And I'll confess anything that makes me a small, petty person. Deep down in my contracted black soul, I'm green with envy and jealous of an individual who reads the sequence now or who all started studying it whilst the final 3 books have been popping out like clockwork on the end. They didn't undergo just like the ones who learn this and waited six years. Then learn the fourth one and waited SIX extra GODDAMN YEARS FOR THE 5th ONE. YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! among 1991 AND 2003 STEPHEN FUCKING KING, ONE-OF-THE-MOST-PROFILIC-WRITERS-I'VE-EVER-READ, controlled to jot down only one GODDAMN darkish TOWER booklet AND IF THAT MINIVAN HADN'T just about KILLED HIS PROCRASTINATING ASS, I'D most likely nonetheless BE WAITING!!*ahem* Excuse me. I've nonetheless acquired a couple of unresolved concerns with previous Steve approximately this series. And what in regards to the tale during this book? Roland is education Eddie and Susannah to be gunslingers, yet he's going loopy from a paradox he created within the final

booklet by way of time hopping to our global and altering an occasion that altered his personal timeline. additionally they discover a creepy outdated decayed urban packed with a murderous mob and feature to accommodate a monorail that's criminally insane. It's terrific, yet i believe the ready drove me a bit mad. And now King has been making noises approximately most likely doing one other e-book that may fill the various SIX GODDAMN 12 months hole among #4 and #5. You'll pardon me if I don't carry my breath.

Lou: The beam all issues serve it! A multi-layered tale of thrill and adventure. A band of pilgrims, knights set upon a journey, a trip in eventually that they are going to come to grasp worry and terror, love and courage. trip to a final objective a vacation spot the Tower and this moves a similarity to our personal objectives and trips at the present time to happiness and sadness, paradise and hell, luck and failure, gentle or darkness. As we persist with this band upon their paths we hot to their fears and courage, humour and love. this is often the magic of King's writing he makes use of basic humans and pits them in mayhem, evil and demons and immerses us within the thick of it so good and you are feeling their fight and luck with worry and evil and prosper. Reminiscent of Tolkien's Ring epic tale and stories from H.P

Lovecraft. "Susannah, who had learn her Tolkien, thought: this is often what Frodo and Sam observed after they reached the guts of Mordor. those are the Cracks of Doom." The merry band of pilgrims got here to The Drawers and entered the waste lands. I needs to bid farewell however the look for The Tower will now input one other bankruptcy (book 4) as they're confronted with the End-World, and a dismal malicious magician waiteth named the Wizard or the Ageless Stranger. Robert Browning wrote a poem referred to as "Childe Roland to the darkish Tower Came," and starts off it describing this negative and enigmatic determine 'The Wizard': My first proposal was, he lied in each word, That hoary cripple, with malicious eye Askance to observe the operating of his lie On mine, and mouth scarce capable of afford Suppression of the glee, that pursed and scored It's edge, at yet one more sufferer received thereby. "All of Mid-World had turn into one titanic haunted mansion in those unusual latter days; all of Mid-World had develop into The Drawers; all of Mid-World had turn into a waste land, haunting and haunted" "This closeness and sharing of minds is named khuf, a be aware that implies many different issues within the unique tongue of the outdated World—water, birth, and life-force are just 3 of them. pay attention to it. For now, that's all I want." "Each member of a ka-tet is sort of a piece in a puzzle. Taken through itself, every bit is a mystery, but if they're placed together, they make an image . . . or a part of a picture. it may well take an outstanding many ka-tets to complete one picture. You mustn't be stunned in the event you observe your lives were touching in methods you haven't visible until eventually now. For one thing, every one of you 3 is able to realizing each one other's thoughts—" "SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR, AFTER A WHILE, CROCODILE, DON'T omit TO WRITE."

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