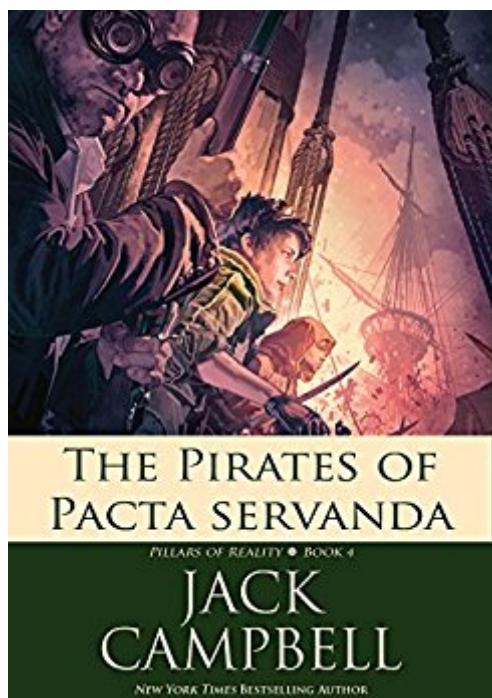


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Synopsis

"The world feels oddly strained, like a line pulled too taunt and apt to snap, smashing everything in its path." Master Mechanic Mari and Mage Alain have survived every attempt to stop them, but their enemies are determined to kill Mari, the only one who can save her world from a storm of destruction. As armies begin to gather and cities seethe with tension, Mari, Alain, and their friends must prepare to confront the storm in the place it first appeared: the broken kingdom of Tiae. The dangers facing them demand perilous raids, tough battles, and more than a little piracy. Beating the Mechanics Guild and the Mage Guild that have controlled the world of Dematr for centuries will require an unprecedented alliance under Mari's command of rebellious Mechanics, Mages, and common folk who know that together they can change the world, but separately they will all lose.

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Customer Reviews

How many times have you been told "we always do it this way" when something different is being suggested. Well Marie has challenged her teachers and they want her dead. They even sent her

into an ambush to kill her. But little did they know that a young talented Mage was being set up for the same reason. Together, the mechanic Maria and the Mage Alain have worked together. Together they have lived through many attacks.

As this is the latest book in the series, I'll review the entire series to date here. Hey, I can only type so much, and I need to save my typos for my own stuff, you know! This series is a sci-fi/fantasy mix, of a world where people have divided into three camps. Two "Great Guilds" and everybody else. One of the Guilds, the Mechanics, can do technology. They refer to everybody else as "Commons." The other Guild, the Mages, can influence reality, what they call an "illusion" in ways that appear similar to what some might call magic. They ignore everybody else, except that they get paid to help out whomever hires them, but outside of that, everyone, including Mechanics, are merely "shadows." In the first book, a Mage and a Mechanic are thrown in together for mutual survival. By the second book they're pretty much in love, and by the third book they go ahead and get married. Awwwww, huh? But that's not the story, that's the characters being developed. The Great Guilds, you see, are not exactly on the up and up. As we go along we learn some interesting things about the origins of the Mechanics and the Mages. Let's just say that the Mechanics weren't entirely honest about things, and that the Mages were more or less forced into a hidden position. But the Mages now, too, are basically dishonest at the top. So, our heroine and hero are, to say the least, stressed a bit trying to expose the corruption of the two Great Guilds, save the world, and just for the fun of it, not get killed in the attempt. The style is more fantasy than sci-fi, but the story is given enough scientific basis that it qualifies both ways. I basically read the series while on vacation at a Mexican beach. I swam, I ate, and I read. A good week, no? Go ahead and start this series, 'cause it's worth the time to read.

The author still plucks at my heartstrings. Also, still more of what you are reading this series for. At times it feels like it's on rails, but she is the daughter of prophecy...

I liked the first book of the series, since it laid the groundwork of the world and the Guilds. However, I think this is the best so far... we are past (most of) the painful dialog and get down to the action, which is where Jack Campbell excels. The plot is moving along here towards the inevitable, massive, epic conclusion - with some interesting side action. Again, I recommend the whole series - get past the slow stuff and you can really enjoy it.

Third book in the series and it seem to be following the same template as the first 2. Don't plan on reading any more in the series.

Even for the non-native English reader like me, this series "Pillars of Reality" is quite easy to read and has full of very exiting stories. In this 4th book, Mari's small revolutionary group expand rapidly with many Mechanics, Mages and Common people who are willing to change the world with Mari. I can't wait for the 5th book "The Servants Of The Storm" which should come out in mid-2016. I hope that next book will be released as e-book first.

The series continues, with more action, and some swash's are buckled.

I have enjoyed the series so far. I just wish it was written as well as the other books that I have read by Jack Campbell, such as the lost fleet series. I found a little repetitive. The characters felt the need to explain what they were doing and why they were doing it to every other character they encountered.

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