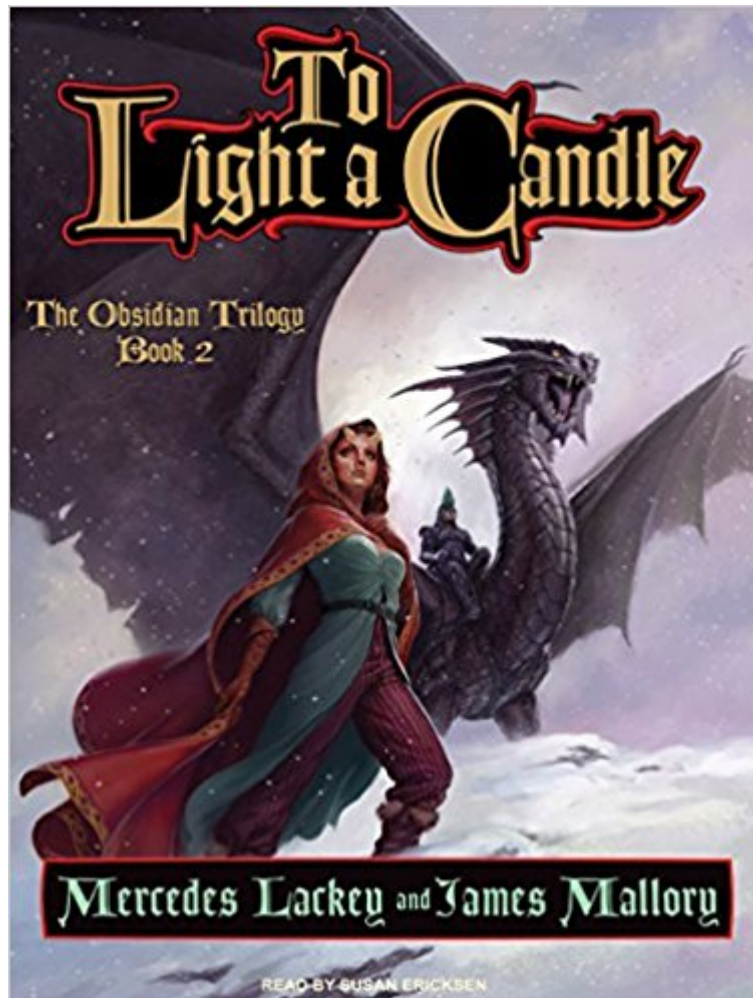


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Synopsis

To his own surprise, young Kellen, once the disappointing son of the great Mage who leads the City's Mage Council, has become a powerful Knight-Mage. Valued for his bravery and his skills as both wizard and warrior, Kellen joins the Elves' war councils. Yet he cannot convince the City of his birth that it is in terrible danger. Kellen's sister Idalia, a Wild Mage with great healing ability, has pledged her heart to Jermayan, a proud Elven warrior. Someday Idalia will pay a tragic price for a world-saving work of Wild Magic, but until then, she will claim any joy life can offer her. Jermayan, who has learned much fighting at Kellen's side and loving the human Idalia, finds that everything changes when he bonds with a dragon while rescuing the Elf Prince and becomes the first Elven Mage in a thousand years. Furious at her enemies' success with the dragon, the Demon Queen attacks in force. Light struggles against Dark, like flickering candle flames buried deep in the shadow of Obsidian Mountain.

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Mercedes Lackey is the author or coauthor of close to 100 books, including the *Halfblood Chronicles*, the *Dragon Jousting* series, and the bestselling novels of *Valdemar*. James Mallory is the bestselling author of the *Merlin Trilogy* and coauthor of the *Obsidian Trilogy*. Susan Ericksen lives on the East Coast, where she performs on stage and on television. An Audie Award and AudioFile Earphones Award winner, she has recorded many audiobooks.

Mercedes Lackey is, I admit, brain candy for me. Not literature but in general a fun read. That being said this particular volume in this particular series is pretty much filler. Not much happens but it serves as a good way to get from A to B. I would say more appropriate to borrow from the library rather than purchase unless you are a completist, but that's just me.

For those of you who have a Kindle Fire, don't buy the Audible audiobook to Whispersync with the "printed" book. I thought I'd try it because the audiobook was pretty cheap (under \$4.00). It worked once, then never again. I tried downloading everything again, as I was told to do by Audible customer service, and it didn't help. In fact, I did this twice. Given that it takes about an hour to download the audio version, that's a lot of wasted time. It eventually got to the point where the Kindle wouldn't let me play the audiobook at all! (It kept saying that it was unavailable.) Since this was my first attempt at using Whispersync, I don't know if it is the "system" or just this book. Fortunately, Audible lets you return books twice within a year (without asking permission) and I had one left. While I like the concept, the execution leaves much to be desired. As for the book itself, it's OK and works better in "print" than audibly anyway. If you read and liked the first book of the series, the second book flows pretty much the same way. It's not one of my favorite Lackey novels and I suspect she didn't have that much to do with the actual writing. I rated it three stars based on the

book itself, not on the Whispersync problems (which would have received a zero.)

After making my way through the first book I bought the second because it seemed that the story had finally been set up enough to get exciting. And indeed, some parts of the story are; however those parts are very small and are linked together by what I found to be very boring repetitive dialouge and unclear story padding. First, almost all of the writing about the elves I found to be very annoying. Mallory and Lackney set the creatures up by saying how they have perfected living, are graceful, everything they make is beautiful and harmonious, then continually tear them down with talking about how they never take action, must not ask anything directly but rather must go through a long formal series of questions. The character of Kellen can be annoying at times, he is always wondering why the elves don't do defeat Shadow Mountain and griping about how the elves are always drinking tea and about the elves ettiquette. Kellen's character seems very slow to change or evolve throughout the story and I feel is really rather dense. For instance, why does he not understand that it is emotional for the elves to kill the shadow elves, a race breed by the demons from elves and gobins. Obiviously the elves can see themselves in these creatures!Another problem I have with the book is that much of the magic created is very much unexplained. For instance, the bonding with dragons is basically set up as sometimes a person/elf can bond with a dragon and then they have more magic than anyone. Finally, the elf army seems very weak. They are constantly suffering huge losses from Shadow Elves and in my mind I kept thinking "well what are they going to do if they actually have to fight the demons army? They've already lost half their own troops and that was just against a group of creatures that live in caves".To sum it up, there are some enjoyable parts to this book, and the trilogy. However I do not think it comes close to being as good as some of the other fantasy out there. If you choose to read this, be prepared for some long repetitive passages

gift - husband loved it.

This book, nay trilogy is one of the best I've ever read. So I needed to match my books within the series. My only regret is buying it used as the seller never listed that it was an old library edition. Never the less, trilogy complete.

This is such an imaginative series, I have read the whole series twice now and will read it again. Very well developed characters and plot. I only wish there was more books.

None

I am currently repurchasing my hard copy books in Kindle format. I really enjoy Mercedes Lackey's storytelling and have most of her books. I really enjoy the entertainment.

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