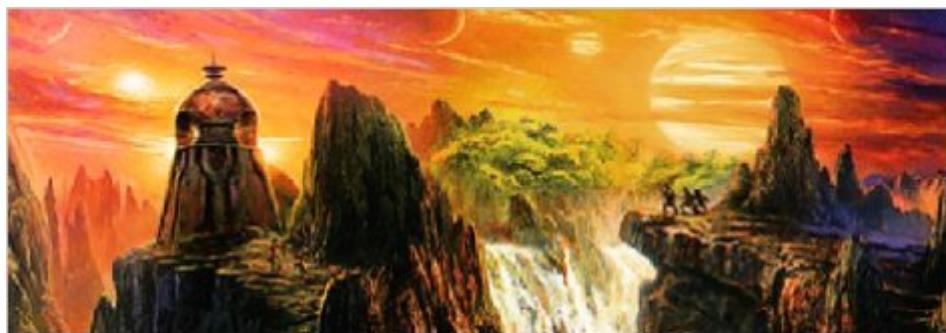


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## **Customer Reviews**

Overall, I can't find a single thing I didn't like about this book, though I did spend a lot of time wondering when the two storylines would connect....The author didn't rely on fancy spaceships or technology to further her story; the development of the characters and their changing views of life were the main driving force and it suited the story perfectly. A near perfect blend of fantasy and inner character struggles. Ampris's story was believable and tragic, and sets the stage perfectly for the next novel, which so far is just as good. This does not work as a stand-alone book, but it wasn't meant to and I'd be pretty ticked if it was a stand-alone because I would want more. :)I've been looking for a good non-Star Wars fantasy book for some time, and I definitely found it in this book. It took me forever to pick it up because I was both absorbed in Star Wars and fearful the series would suck and be a waste of money. I was wrong. I will definitely be disappointed once I finish reading this story, because I'll hate to see it end.

The story itself was quite interesting. The CD, however had two major drawbacks. First, there was a little too much fanfare and odd pacing/sound effects, which was somewhat distracting. Secondly, and more difficult, was the quality of the CD, which was not "like new" or even "acceptable." There were many major skips, repeats and sounds all over the second half of the second disk, and as it was a single track, there was no effective way to skip past the really bad section. I will probably purchase a copy of a paper book to read this part, although I did manage to pick up most of the really vital points to take into the second book.

This is one of those creations that comes along every so often and blows you away. The author uses characters as diverse and fascinating as the backgrounds they come from: Ambris is an Aaroun and the heroine of the trilogy, who begins her life as both abiru slave (abiru is the word the Viis use for all other races) as well as pampered pet and best friend to the Viis princess. She is later to play a major part in the overthrowing of the tyrannical Viis empire - Isrei is the spoiled Viis princess to whom Ambris is both pet and cherished friend, and who will later become ruler of the Viis empire - Finally there's Elrabin, a young Kelth who learns about growing up on the streets the hard way, and who will later join Ambris in the fight of her life. Their story is set in a captivating world unlike any other, and the plot that brings their lives together is an inspiring story about a struggle for freedom. If you are the least bit interested in science-fiction, or even if you're not, this book is sure to make a lasting impression.

This is a review of the series as a whole since it has been a good 15+ years since I've read these books. They were a childhood favorite of mine. I loved the writing style. There's something about these books that's so vivid, that you can picture every detail in your head as you read them. I could see the characters, hear them, even "smell" them in some cases. I loved the unique races - all anthropomorphic in nature, from a race of dog like creatures, to cat like ones, lizard like ones, and so on. I also absolutely love how the same characters are in each book in the series. You get to watch their journey progress as they age. In this way it's a coming of age story about finding ones' place in the world. It has a good bit of action, fighting in gladiator like coliseums and suspense, running from laboratory testing, and mystery and suspense. The world is full of so much lore, and there's so much that the main character discovers about her people (who are kept as pets or slaves by the other animal like people) which spurs her to rebel and want more for herself and her people. She begins a journey to find freedom and escape the oppressive society that seeks to

control her. She struggles and fails many times. It is at times violent and gruesome especially for a young adult book, but also at times, a beautiful and touching tale of the human spirit. Parts of it remind me of the Secret of Nymh, parts of it remind me of Dune, and parts of it remind me The Wild Road/Golden Cat. So it's almost like 3 of my favorite books thrown together. It's also truly unique and imaginative in its own right and shouldn't deserve to be compared to other literature. I am dying to see the day when Lucas Arts might make a movie based on this Trilogy. I love it so much!

One of my all-time favorite books. The cast did a wonderful job adapting the story and characters into audio format. I only wish they had a chance to record all three books in the trilogy before the project was cancelled.

"The Golden One", the first in the trilogy that Deborah Chester has written is fantastic. I read "The Crimson Claw" (2nd novel) first, because I spotted it in the local grocery store. "The Golden One" is an impressive novel because the intertwining stories of Ampris, Israi and Elrabin helped me get a very clear view of the Viis Empire. Israi's father, the Kaa, is a very interesting character as well, and I enjoy seeing him ignore the fact that his empire is crumbling and indulging the sri-Kaa (Israi). I think the artwork on the back of the book is very good, for I enjoy sci-fi art. I once tried reading Star Wars books, but it was just too much for me. There's too many of them, just like Star Trek books! Anyway, I hope you enjoy "The Golden One" as much as I did.

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