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Editorial Review

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David Drake made his name in genre fiction with the Hammer's Slammers series of military science fiction about tough future mercenaries, launched in 1979. A versatile writer, he's also published well-received fantasies. *Lord of the Isles* opens a massive new saga of clashing swords and spells in an archipelago world. One thousand years beforehand, potent sorcery won a war only for it to backlash and sink the winning island. Now, with magic reaching another millennial peak of power, the world is endangered. Among the players are a king's ghost and two magicians who were present at the ancient disaster (one of them caused it), plus modern wizards, warriors, and unknowing descendants of royalty. Drake skillfully juggles multiple storylines as his engaging characters meet a wild variety of danger: rising and vanishing lands, the reanimated dead (not only human dead), out-of-control sorcery, demons, riots, traps, and other planes of reality including hell itself. The magic comes in several fascinating and often unpleasant flavors. Even likeable characters may die. This story reads well and halts at a satisfying moment of victory rather than at a nail-biting cliffhanger. It doesn't quite achieve epic scale--clearly Drake is keeping major trump cards in reserve for the coming sequels. A promising start. --David Langford, *Amazon.co.uk*

From Library Journal

Drake, best known for his military sf novels (e.g., *Redliners*, Baen, 1996), here serves up a fantasy tale with an Arthurian twist.

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Drake launches a new fantasy saga that melds the influences of the Arthurian cycle and Robert Jordan. The female wizard Tenoctris is thrust a thousand years into the future by the fall of the first Kingdom of the Isles. There, she guides a young man, Garric, who is haunted by the spirit of the last king of the Isles and may be destined, along with his family, to revive the ancient realm. The cast is large and well drawn, the pacing brisk, the world building outstanding. The book's only major flaw is that there are too many changes in narrative point of view, which makes a complex plot even more so and inevitably poses the challenge of remembering who did what to whom. Rather than being the obvious first installment of a larger whole, this story has its own internal structure and conclusions--evidence that Drake is admirably suited to tackling the demanding saga form. *Roland Green*

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