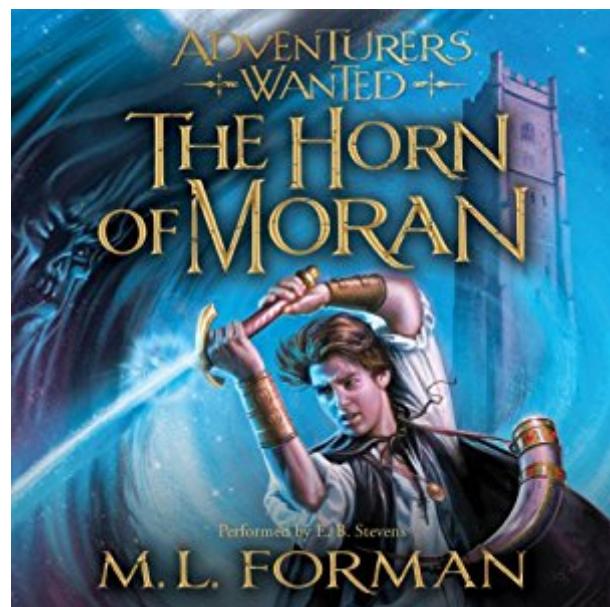


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Adventurers Wanted: Book 2, The Horn Of Moran



Synopsis

The land of Alusia is on the brink of war as two men have each claimed the throne. Only the true king can sound the Horn of Moran and prove his nobility. But the Horn has been lost for years. If it is not found - and soon - it could mean the destruction of an entire nation. It wasn't that long ago that young Alexander Taylor embarked on his first adventure, where he discovered he was a wizard and destroyed the fearsome dragon, Slathbog. Now he joins a band of seasoned adventurers who have been called up to retrieve the legendary Horn of Moran. Their journey to the mysterious Tower of the Moon will take them through an enchanted forest, into battle against a goblin army, past the watchful eyes of griffin guards, and face-to-face with a sphinx and her deadly riddles. With his sword, Moon Slayer, and the wise counsel of his wizard mentor, Whalen Vankin, Alex must use all his wizard and warrior skills to fight a darkness that may consume them all.

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Customer Reviews

I was eagerly awaiting the second book in the Adventurer's Wanted Series and needless to say it was worth the wait. The story was well told and even filled in some of the gaps about some of the characters that were in the first adventure but not in this one. It was another story with good character development. You can't help but cheer for Alex as he continues to grow during these adventures. I would like to see him face some real adversity and see how he handles it and continues to grow, but that is just my personal opinion. The book is an enjoyable read for the kid in all of us and reminds us how good it feels to do the right thing. Now I am eagerly awaiting the 3rd

book--just please make it sooner versus later.

The first book, Slathbog's Gold, was...okay, I guess. A little too much like Lord of the Rings. However, The Horn of Moran was WAY better!! This one was way more creative! Some characters from the first book are back, along with two very new and interesting characters. Alex is now a wizard in training, and goes on an adventure to seek The Horn of Moran, which will prevent a war and determine who is the true king. There's goblin armies, gryphons, a sphynx, centuars, brownis, a return of an old shadowy enemy, and lots of treasure to find. Alex has become much more powerful and cunning in this book, making him seem almost unstoppable. However, there's still the mysterious ring that Alex found in the first book and even in this book no one can tell him what it does. Hopefully the third book will go into much further detail about this, and be just as epic (or more) than this book.

I liked this book; it's a 4-star for the same reasons #1 had - the author takes some shortcuts that are a bit jarring (25 pages of the first two days of the journey, 2 paragraphs to cover the next three months) - OK, a bit of an exaggeration. Some new characters, a new adventure; more fun with magic adventurer's bags. A little heavy handed on the life lessons, but good ones nonetheless - honor is important; do the right thing; don't bully others just because you can. I don't agree that it is better than the first book, but it is at least as good. My 9-year-old still thinks this is the greatest series of all time, so who am I to argue with that? Still a great read for kids, decent enough for us old folks. I would like to know a little bit more on the great evil, and Alex's father and some of those adventures, and the Order. I guess that's why we are going to get the next one!

I liked the originality in the storyline better in this one than the first book. I am definitely planning on continuing with this series. They are a fairly easy read, but include well paced adventure story. I enjoyed the addition of the pen pal mentor relationship that Alex forms with another wizard in this book. I added a layer to Alex in showing that he has uncertainties and that he needs outside help on occasion. As much as I enjoyed the first book, I sometimes felt that Alex always had the answer, or could instinctively solve the problem. And, if he couldn't someone in his immediate party could. I felt that this book took a good step away from that.

This is one of the best series I have ever read. It is exciting but more importantly, the author builds the characters in such vivid form that you feel like you know them. You cheer for them, feel for them

and to me, that is what an excellent author does.

I really enjoy this series. The characters are very likeable. I love it, my husband loves it, and my 11 year old son LOVES it! The only bad thing about it is that it will take too long to until the next book comes out!

Young wizard-in-training Alex Taylor is asked to join a second adventure with some familiar friends and new. The kingdom of Norsland is threatened by war when the current king is challenged for the throne. The only way to prove the rightful heir to the throne is the Horn of Moran, which can only be used by the true king. But the horn has been lost. So, Alex and his small band of adventurers must journey through an enchanted forest and frozen wastelands, face a horde of goblins, and brave the mysterious guardians of the Tower of the Moon to find the legendary horn and prove the rightful heir. The second novel in the Adventurers Wanted trilogy, The Horn of Moran follows Alex on another quest in a foreign land of magic and fantastic creatures. Friends from Alex's previous adventure are joined by a couple new adventurers, Val being the most mysterious and a new elf friend who bonds quickly with Alex. Alex is a humble yet confident young man, growing in his magical powers and is always open to learning and doing the right thing. He is incredibly giving and honest. And while some of the characters the adventurers meet along the way are evil, the generous and selfless races of magical creatures put the human characters to shame. The morality of good versus evil is evident and wholesomeness makes for an easy recommendation for any young reader. Though marketed for middle readers, the fun, fast-paced adventure will appeal to all ages - even adults. This quest-based fantasy is ripe with intriguing characters and an exciting, action-packed story. I enjoyed this installment just as much as the first. Mystery, suspense, magic, and light-hearted humor makes The Horn of Moran impossible to resist.

Five stars is the highest measure of good story telling and time well spent. The best value of a good story is that it leaves you captivated with the characters and hungry for more adventure. This story has all that and more. I would highly recommend it to any audience wanting a good read with engaging characters and exciting action. The added benefit of watching a young boy learning to be an honorable and trustworthy young man was a pleasant surprise.

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