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Prentice Alvin (The Tales Of Alvin Maker, Book 3) (Tales Of Alvin Maker (Audio))



Synopsis

[Audio CD Library Edition in vinyl case][Read by Orson Scott Card, Gabrielle De Cuir, Stefan Rudnicki] The saga of Alvin Maker, set in an alternative version of the American frontier country, continues, in a tale full of folklore and magic. Young Alvin returns to the town of his birth and begins his apprenticeship with Makepeace Smith, committing seven years of his life in exchange for the skills and knowledge of a blacksmith. But Alvin must also learn to control and use his own talent, that of a Maker, else his destiny will be unfulfilled.

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A country schoolteacher and the child of a runaway slave find their destinies entwined with that of Alvin Miller, whose talent for "making" has marked him for destruction by the evil force known as the Unmaker. Card's epic tale of a magical, alternate America demonstrates his skill in graceful storytelling. Recommended, along with *Seventh Son* and *Red Prophet*, for most fantasy collections.-- JCCopyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Son and Red Prophet, for most fantasy collections.” --Library Journal”A beguiling book . . . robust but reflective blend of folktale, history, parable and personal testimony, pioneer narrative. The series promises to be a story of deep delight.” --Publishers Weekly

Good series for adults and kids alike.

If you're familiar with the author's science fiction novels, especially Ender's Game (enthusiastically recommended), if you read this fantasy series you'll note that it's much, much different than his science fiction works. There were a few moments in the series where events were somewhat more violent than I had anticipated, or would have liked. I would like to have known about this before I had begun reading the series. To be fair though, there is also some extraordinary healing to help compensate for this. The book seemed very unique in the following way. Imagine going back a couple of hundred years, and exploring what history may have been like if the world had been magically. It's sort of a historical fiction slash fantasy. You'll recognize some characters from your history books. My favorite part of the series is the characterization. Not as good to me as Ender's and his siblings in the science fiction novels, but still very good characterization.

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Card's Alvin Maker series is a meditation on human extremes. Extreme evil, extreme good--along with magic. Card lets us see the best and worst in people, and yet, his villains are not completely evil and his good guys aren't completely perfect. A "maker" in the mythology of this series, is like being a Jesus. I like the explanation for how walking on water is done. Great book. I recommend this whole series. You can pick up any book along the way and not be disadvantaged.

I won't stop reading as long as PAC keeps writing them! Each time I start a new story line, I'm simply hooked.

Third in the Series and maintains the standards of the first two volumes. Alternate US history and characters are very interesting. They still illuminate events in our real history such as treatment of native Americans, slavery, religion, and individual greed.

I expected this to be a series of books that youth could read, but found the storyline moving into

totally unacceptable directions. I have discontinued reading. Not for kids, not for adults.

Prentice Alvin is equally a good read. In it, Card deals with the Slavery issues in a fantasy background. Alvin, his primary character, is a person the reader can relate to, and it plays well into a future of Card's making. I have all of Card's Alvin series but one, and it's on the way here. How much "gooder" can it get.

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