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# The Complete Arrows Trilogy



## Synopsis

Together for the first time in a single volume, The Complete Arrows Trilogy is the adventure that launched Valdemar, Mercedes Lackey's expansive fantasy realm beloved by generations of readers. Talia, once a runaway, is Chosen by the Companion Rolan, a mystical horse-like being with powers beyond imagining. She becomes one of the great Heralds of Valdemar, a protector of the realm, and a member of the Queen's Own elite guard. Over the course of Talia's adventures, she struggles to master her unique magical abilities, while protecting her queen, the heir to the throne, and the kingdom itself. She battles against diabolical magic, treacherous assassination plots, dangerous unrest, and traitors to her fellow Heralds.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a collection of Arrow's of the Queen, Arrow's Flight, and Arrow's Fall. This fantasy series is a strong one. Arrows of the Queen: Talia's struggles during her trainee days resonated with me. People have dinged the book because it isn't action-packed, gritty fantasy. The book is a gentle

fantasy, focused on characters who are mostly likable. The Heralds are mostly good; their Companions (white, blue-eyed "horses" with at least human intelligence) wouldn't choose them to be Heralds if they weren't. This is the original introduction to Valdemar and has aged gracefully. (It was published in 1987.) *Arrow's Flight*: It seems that many times the middle book of a trilogy is a bit weaker; this one is just as strong as its predecessor. There are problems to be overcome; people grow and change in this story. There is foreshadowing for the next book and you'll find yourself saying "So that's what it meant!" *Arrow's Fall*: This book brings the series to a strong finish. All the hints in earlier books are made clear. Do plan on having tissues handy as I cried both in sorrow and joy. If you are a fantasy fan and haven't read the series, go ahead and do it. I don't think you will be disappointed.

I won't give a synopsis of the story as the publishers do a better job of it than I can. This is the beginning of her highly popular Valdemar series. If you are a fan of fantasy novels you should definitely read this one. I first read *The Arrows Trilogy* by Mercedes Lackey many years ago and periodically revisit it so was thrilled to find them in one volume for my Kindle. I immediately pre-ordered it and eagerly waited for it to come out. The Kindle edition was very well done. If there were any errors they did not stand out in my memory so they weren't glaring ones. Ms. Lackey knows how to develop characters that you come to care about. You feel their angst as well as their joy (at least I do). Even though I have read these books many times, the emotions brought forth in them were just as strong this reading as they were the first time I read them. Her Valdemar series is one of my top all time favorites and I usually pre-order every one of them.

I have always loved these books since I first discovered them. Glad they finally are out as ebooks. A very good introduction to Valdemar. Youngster, fantastic horses that can think and talk to their riders, a hard job and a kingdom to aid and fight for. What more could a young reader want...and that is what this set of stories is aimed at --young readers. But much older readers will enjoy the stories too.

This is not a book for everyone. The action is more character driven, and there are long periods where things are quiet. If you enjoy a quiet story, with periods of action and excitement, but one with many twists and great, believable characters, then you'll probably love this.

The *Arrow of the Queen* series is an incredibly tight, taught series. The good and the bad are clear

without a great deal of ambiguity, but there are some shades of grey made even more ambiguous by their stark background. Read this before and still recommend it now.

Trials against Evident Evildoers and hidden greed. Wonderful heroes and heroines. I love all the " gifts

This is the trilogy that revealed Mercedes Lackey as a great writer of fantasy. It is the coming of age story of Talia the Queens Own. It follows her from being chosen by the one of the magical horses of Valdemar to her marriage. This demonstrated Lackey's smooth writing style with her ability to create emotionally deep characters. The first book is almost straight YA fantasy, but the following two ride the division between YA and adult. Not overly graphic they do deal with very adult issues. Lackey has gone on to write many good books, but this her first trilogy remains her best work.

Bought the series as a package for my kindle. I loved this series when it first came out many years ago. Loved the series! Can't go wrong with a Mercedes Lackey Heralds of Valdemar book!

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