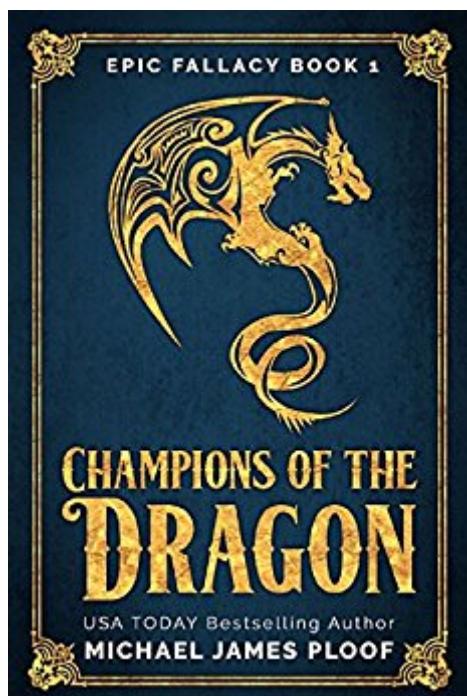


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Champions Of The Dragon: Humorous Fantasy (Epic Fallacy Book 1)



Synopsis

A new series from USA Today Bestselling Fantasy Author Michael James Ploof. Champions of the Dragon is now a USA Today Bestseller & a 2017 Readers' Favorite Bronze Medal Winner in the Fiction - Fantasy - General genre! Murland Kadabra has always dreamed of becoming a great wizard. However, at age 19, the young apprentice has yet to successfully cast a single spell. He has been reduced to grounds keeper of Abra Tower, and has become the laughing stock of the wizarding school. But when the Most High Wizard Kazimir chooses him to be one of the five Champions of the Dragon, Murlandâ™s life changes forever. He soon finds himself traveling through the wilds with four unlikely companions, including an alcoholic knight, a gay elf prince, a dwarf with humanism, and an obese ogre. Prophecy dictates that these champions must march west to the shadowy peak of Bad Mountain, where they are destined to do battle with the dreaded dragon of legend, Drakâ™Noir. But what few people know, is that the prophecy is not altogether true. For it is not five champions who Kazimir chooses, but five fools. They are not meant to defeat the dragon, but to feed her. To change their fate, the Champions of the Dragon must not only overcome their enemies, but also themselves. Champions of the Dragon, Book 1 of Epic Fallacy, is a satirical high-adventure romp through the Fantasy genre in the tradition of Terry Pratchettâ™s Discworld series. From USA Today Bestselling Author Michael James Ploof.

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Customer Reviews

Okay, this had some cute moments and had me laughing at times. I've never read an epic fallacy, so this was different. Just be prepared for names like "Bad Mountain" and Kazam College. Adds to the very thing the author is trying to create I think, not done because he couldn't think of better names. Good, well defined characters and you could also see the growth in each of the heroes, but it was difficult to really connect with any of them. I didn't like that little if anything was resolved. I know it's a series but even so, something more should have been settled. I really want to see who survives the quest, but don't know if I want to buy the next one. I have such mixed feelings because it is a unique story, but not written very well, like when he talks about glaring at someone hatefully. How else do you glare at someone? Lovingly? And the sharp wicked talons of the harpies then a paragraph later he refers to their curled wicked talons. Too many adjectives and adverbs without showing the reader anything. I liked the realism, but some of it was just plain crude/sickening. Like *spoilers* the evil baby nursing on the old witch...and I didn't understand WHY, other than being hungry, Willow chose to eat the animal she did. That really made no sense to me. And I know she got REALLY hungry, but that didn't seem like enough of a motive to me. If you like crudeness and grossness, maybe this will satisfy your appetite somewhat. One other thing I'll mention, book is LGB friendly. Some will like that, others won't.

At first glance this is just yet another Quest story /the basis for a fantasy game but it is surprisingly enjoyable. Each of the members of the quest is a very unlikely hero. WE know why each was chosen. THEY do not! No doubt each will mature into a much more successful / happy/ fulfilled character eventually (There's a bit of 'coming of age for each). The author somehow lifts these well worn themes into a page turner! I began to care about most of the characters and want to find out what happens to them! The quest is doomed to failure- but for a somewhat unusual reason. It will be interesting to see how they get through their trials. . .There is a prophecy (of course). And I plan to read the next installment (in spite of myself)!

Leaves you on a cliff.

I've heard that farce is hard to write. Kudos to the author for pulling it off; this was fun ;-)! I'm going to read the sequel, because I am absolutely sure there's more going on than we have learned so far

I had given up reading fantasy long ago, having grown seriously tired of YET another wizard and YET another dragon and the same old battles and magic and lovely princesses ad nauseum. Suddenly the precis of Champions of the Dragon appeared like a new spring morning, promising everything BUT the same tired old plotlines that fill too many books. Not only is this book deliciously written, with witty and humorous nods to other, older wizards, warriors, and fantastic creatures, but there are take-offs of tidbits of other, well-loved fantasy epics, and they are all done beautifully, with just enough subtle nuance that you recognize the source without feeling or minding the borrowed concepts. The adventure itself is marvelous, believable and sympathetic, and the characters grow ON you as they grow in strength and skill. I could NOT put it down, and my ONLY complaint is that I have to WAIT for the next book to come out!!! Michael, I hope you're working diligently on the next in the series - PLEASE don't make me wait!!!!

I enjoyed reading this book, learning about the characters and choosing favorites. The story asks the question "what if you pulled together a group of people that should be incompetent and tell them they destined to be heroes?" and hints at possible happy endings with humor. My complaint about the book is that there is no real story arc for this particular novel. Instead, it is all set up for the events that should unfold in the next two books in the series. Other than that, it's a light, fun read, similar to "Bring Me the Head of Prince Charming" and I have already started the second novel, because I want to see these characters succeed in spite of themselves.

Of course, this book rates a 5-star review. It's very funny almost to hilarious. Enjoyed & am anxious to get on to Book 2 (Beyond the Wall). These misfits are honorably selected to go to Bad Mountain to slew the menacing Dragon. This part of their adventure runs into much madness & so many funny circumstances. However, they do not get to Bad Mountain & the Dragon by the end of this tale, but it's truly a humorous beginning to their adventurous journey. Don't miss it. Get this book & start reading ASAP.

Michael James has created a team of heroes that have never been sent on a adventure together that are so different but so much alike the unique personality are so far different that they have the ability to come together as a team strong and weak at the same time. I can't wait to follow them in

the next book Beyond the Wall and thank you Michael I don't have to wait. if book two is anything like the first book it will be great. One of my favorite lines is the book is well worth your investment in money and time.

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