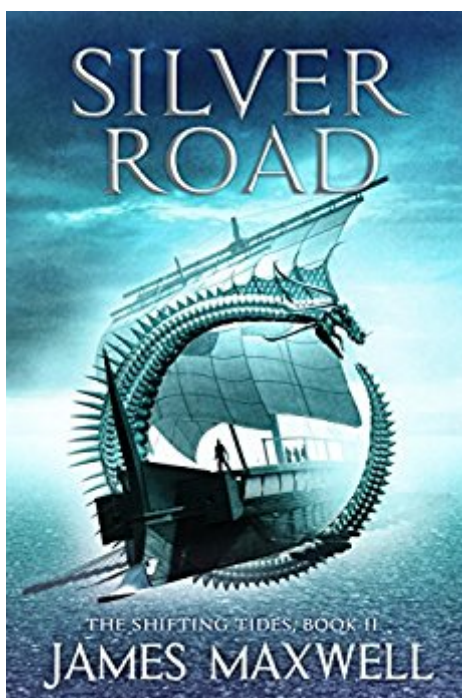


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Customer Reviews

This is the second book in the Shifting Tides young adult fantasy series. The series is set in an imaginary world with imaginary creatures. James Maxwell writes a sweeping tale of the high seas, magic, heroes, villains, and war. Chloe continues in this volume as a strong young female protagonist. She is intelligent and resilient. She may be a princess, but she is not waiting to be rescued. Dion's story picks up where it left off in the previous book. He has been exiled from

his country by his older brother (the new king). Dion is trying to understand who he is and where he should go. It would be best if you have read the first volume. This story adds countries, characters, magic, heroes, and villains. It was almost a relief to have some characters killed off just to reduce the cast of characters. Much of the plot is resolved in this book, but the stage is clearly being set for the next book. The entire book is not a cliffhanger, but there are cliffhangers left to tease the reader into the next book. In fact, several segments of the book are devoted to introducing a new group of characters who will apparently drive the conflict in the next book. It is a good story, and it is told well. James Maxwell describes many different settings in excellent detail. It is lush. The book contains adventures, dangers, treachery, some violent images of attacks by fantasy creatures, warfare and torture, politics, and some complicated images of sibling relationships. If you had any doubts, revenge does not pay. There is no innuendo or sex although there are hints of romance. I found it easy to get caught up in the story. It is a quick read. I feel certain that I will read the next one. Note: one reviewer mentioned evangelical subtexts. I think we read different books. I don't think I am being dense, but I did not see anything like that in these books.

Silver Road (The Shifting Tides Book 2) by James Maxwell is a book I had bought but forgot and then won by Goodreads. I am glad I did or I would have missed out on reading a great book for a long time. I didn't read the first book but I was able to jump right in to this without any problems, the writer smooths the path for the reader and off you go. The book starts out a little slow at first but picks up fast and doesn't stop. There is a lot of action, adventure, good guys vs bad guys, fantasy, and a touch of romance. Now of course I wish I had book one! Great book, will have to read more of his work. I don't remember reading anything foul mouth either, now that I think of it.... Wow, a new first for me.

I received a free e-book from Goodreads First Reads, Thank You. Sadly I have not read the first book in this series, but that only hindered a me a little bit.****Spoilers****The story starts with Palemon the Thirteenth King to bear his name. Palemon wishes to save his people from the vast frozen wasteland their ancestors settled on. Palemon climbs aboard his ancestor's ship the Solaris once a month and reads the journal the first King Palemon left. The journal holds the tale of The Fall of Aleuthea and subsequent settlement in the Wasteland. Interrupted he is then sent to the Sorceress Zara, who tells him she can use the magic of the ark to find their way back to Aleuthea. Enter Chloe fated to marry a man she doesn't love she falls for her betrothed's brother Dion. She learns her betrothed wants to move the horn of Marrix so they can melt the gold from the

ark. Her father forced to leave to survive tells her of his vision not to let them melt the ark. Chloe herself is forced to flee from her husband and she is joined by Eldren Liana who has stolen the horn. ****End Spoilers**** This is a story of Magic, Adventure, and Love. With Dragons, Wildren, Magi, and Humans the Silver Road is an intriguing read. My only wish was that I had the other books.

Dion is exiled and welcomed into a new group. But he doesn't belong. Chloe is faced with trials and is lead to an unexpected outcome. Aristocles is choosing to help Phalesia and is set on a path that will take him all over the known world. Kargan is bloodied and bruised after the battle at Phalesia and returns home to intrigue and uncertainty about his future. Zachary and Eiric are faced with betrayal, disappointment and a new path unveils itself. Nikolas is ever the warrior, not the politician, hell bent on vengeance. All these characters and more evolve in a very curious and interesting way throughout the various experiences depicted in a story of love, politics, war and self discovery. They all grow up, mature and learn, some the very hard way, that 'it's a cruel world'. The aleutheans sail back from the edge of the world, determined to take back their dominion. The ending makes you yearn to find out how everything ties together and discover the fate of all those involved. Can't wait for the next one.

I LOVED this series, & was disappointed to learn that I have to wait until August for the next installment! I read that someone complained about the length of the book, but I think that's the best thing about a good story where you can really get into the characters & travel with them on their journeys. In fact, I always look to see how many pages a book has before buying - I'm not looking for short stories. Mr Maxwell is a great story teller & this series is a page turner from the first page with a lot of action, mystery, & mysticism. I highly recommend these series of books.

This book completely held my interest. It was hard to put down. There was fast paced action and great character development. I really empathized with the characters. I am looking forward to the next installment to see what happens with Chloe and Dion, hoping they find each other again and what happens with the Eldran and the Aleutheans.

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