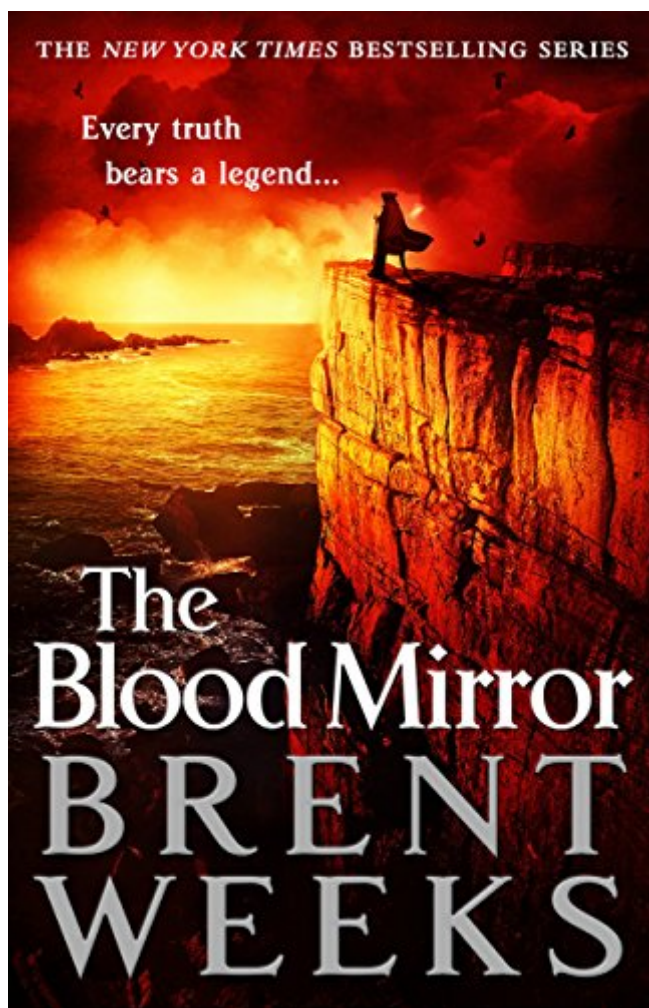


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Customer Reviews

Disclaimer: I read the book after I read the recent reviews so I was prepared to be disappointed. When the book first started I was struggling to hope that the plot would advance at all. However, somewhere around 40% I started really enjoying it and could see where the story was going. The character development was important and the stage is set for a final push(I hope just one more book) The book ended too soon for me but I do not regret reading it at all. I will definitely reread it in the future while hoping that the next book epically wraps up all these complex plotlines into one conclusion.

In general I like weeks' books for their length which gives ample opportunity to develop both plots and characters. However in this case it seems that I kept waiting for something to happen, a plot line to resolve, someone to escape and take action, almost anything! As always Weeks writes well and produces a very readable book. However, unlike the previous three in the series, there was nothing that compelled me to keep reading late not the night or pick it up again as early as possible. It wasn't even a matter of how will Gavin escape this "predicament" or what will happen to Kip next. After the first time or two I simply stopped caring whether or not Kip would consummate his marriage. This book could never stand alone, what would be the point? Please note the original trilogy, as advertised, turned into a tetralogy and obviously now into a pentalogy. And there is nothing to say that won't in turn morph into a hexology. But something needs to start happening to move the action and plot along. Please!

I was so disappointed after finishing this book. I have three main complaints. Number one the story creeps along in at the end I felt like nothing has really happened in the book. Number two he spreads the book between three or four main plot lines which is very different than his previous writing style. It was almost as if he wanted to be George RR Martin. Finally the book and in such a random and abrupt place I kept saying to myself this can't be the end. Love the series I'll have to hook the next book is back to his usual writing style

Like all of Week's books, I couldn't put this one down. Unlike his other books, this one is less about world building and amazing moments and more about making his characters to be extremely vulnerable people. This makes them stronger from a narrative standpoint, but the book is not as action packed as his other novels. To some this may make it less enjoyable, but I personally love character-driven tales. This book, more so than the previous three, makes Kip, Gavin, Teia, and the

whole host of characters struggle and grow. One of Teia's last lines to Karris, which I won't spoil here, is especially heart-breaking given who she is. The political pressures at work affect all characters in extreme ways. As with his previous work, I now can't wait for the next book.

Blood Mirror... Blood Mirror... nope, don't recall there being any mention of a mirror - bloody or otherwise?! 700 pages and still so many questions - feel like I missed something. So, was it as good as the other books - Who Cares? If you are on book 4 of the series, you are darn well going to read this book... so why not just wait for it to come down in price (which it did) and enjoy it. Granted, it is setting a lot of things up for further down the road. Most of the characters have been fleshed out and the Chess pieces are just moving about (not much mention of the Color Prince, other than his name is now White King). On the other hand, there are new concepts around Will Casting, some reveals around Ironfist, the Broken Eye and even the Black Prism.

As much as I enjoy the occasional digression, especially when written by an author with a knack for clever dialogue, there were far too many of those in this book, at the expense of advancing the plot. Lots of things occurred, but very little *happened*. The few major plot developments that did happen weren't explored - it felt like the book ended right when you're saying "finally we're getting to the good part". Disappointing. I still will continue the series, but this was the weakest entry by far.

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