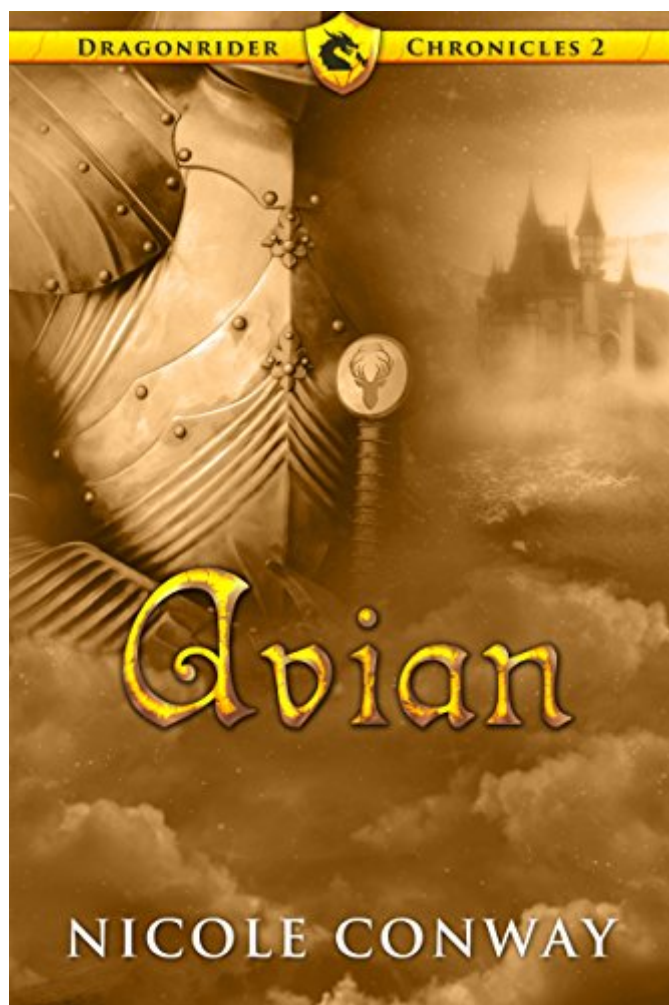


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Avian (The Dragonrider Chronicles Book 2)



Synopsis

What kind of power is lurking inside him? After a year of training to become a dragonrider, Jaevid Broadfeather has been sent home to rest during a three-month interlude. But when he returns to find the king drake has chosen Beckah Derrick as his new rider, Jaevid realizes something big is about to happen. Every fiber of his being is pushed to the breaking point as Jaevid battles through his avian year, preparing for the final graduation test of the battle scenario. But there is more standing in his way than a few pushups and fancy sword moves. Jaevid must face a new fear as he is tormented by a gruesome nightmare of a mysterious gray elf warrior murdering the royal family of Maldobar. It seems obvious to him that this is some kind of message about how the war started long ago—until Felix assures him the king is very much alive. With his strange powers growing stronger by the day, and that violent dream replaying in his mind every night, Jaevid no longer wonders if he will pass his avian year or not—he wonders if he will even survive it. The truth will soon be set loose.

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Customer Reviews

This story is great on many levels. It is told by the hero of the book a half-breed human elf named Jae. As a half-breed neither race will accept him. He grows up very lonely but not bitter. He basically deals with what life deals out to him. He was sent to live with his father and half siblings and Step Mother who were less than welcoming to him. Everything changes in his life when he and a wild Dragon team up. He suddenly finds himself enrolled in the elite Dragonrider military academy. He finds friends and discovers new aspects of himself. He learns that he can not only communicate with his Dragon but other dragons, and animals as well. Yet Jae seems to get into trouble at every turn, but manages to do the right thing, even if it is hard. The Second Book Avian is just as good. It explores Jae's past and his relationship or lack of one with his family, particularly his father who only took him in as duty dictated it. Despite his "family" packing up and moving without telling him Jae takes on the challenge of keeping house and dragon by himself. He discovers unexpected talents. By the end of this second book Jae joins the ranks of his fellow Avians to swear fealty to the King. However, Jae's nightmares leave him anxious about pledging himself. There is so much more to these books that are full of fun, resourceful characters and in sight on what family is. I tried to avoid spoilers. I am eagerly awaiting the next novel in this saga.

I re-read this book this week, along with its predecessor "Fledgling". I highly enjoyed this second book in the series. This was a "break" book for me, in between the books I review on Love Bytes Reviews, and it worked perfect. It isn't heavy. It is a feel good fantasy with a couple spots that might not feel as good, but overall a fun, fast read. I've got the third book "Traitor" to read as well so I'll be continuing the story. I highly recommend this series for the teens and young adults it is written for, and also for anyone like me that likes a fast fun fantasy read without a lot of angst!

I'm a little conflicted on how I feel about his sudden growth and there are still a few editing issues, but damn. It's still incredible and I still love it! Also, his powers are pretty cool, but I like that he's got some blowback when using them. After all, it would be just a touch too convenient if he was suddenly able to do everything he wanted without any real consequences whatsoever. And I'm not talking about the social stigma consequences, I'm talking about actual physical consequences of him essentially dropping every time he uses too much power to do something like healing. I like that.

"Avian", continues where, "Fledgling", leaves off, only with a lot more intensity! Jae is finally maturing, and finding out about some of the things he can do. These revelations come while under intense pressure, and without instructions. Meanwhile, back at the academy, things are becoming

much more difficult than even his first instructor warned him they would. As the year seems to fly by, with training, practicing, and too many sleepless nights, Jae, Felix, and Lyon wonder if any of them are going to survive to graduate! I am loving this series, and am eagerly looking forward to the next book!

READ THIS BOOK!!! Okay, so I read loved the first book so much that I bought the second book immediately after and loved it just as much as the first story. Nicole describes the setting and characters so well, it places you right in the story. As I stated on the first book review, I hadn't much cared for elves and dragons before I read this series. Now I want to read more books with them, more importantly, I want more of Jaevid (the half-breed elf/human) and his dragon Mavrik. This book led me in places I didn't expect, especially the ending when Nicole unfolds what Jaevid's father had done (I won't spoil it for any one tho). Again, I couldn't wait to read the next book and bought the third in this trilogy: **TRAITOR**. Oh my gosh, I binge read these stories! Yes, I loved them that much!

Great series, I read a lot of books and while meant for teens or kids not sure which it tackles bigger issues in society today on a undertoned level. Sexism, racism..one can clearly see the tones as Elf vs humans. Girls can't be warriors ect ect ect...That takes a backseat though to the great storyline and plot. A lovely read that isn't slow paced yet develops the characters, can't say I was once bored in this book waiting for it to hurry up, in fact I wished it had lasted longer since I didn't want it to end.

Avian feel is a better book than it's predecessor. The characters are more developed and this allows you to get to know them deeper than previously as the author delves into Jae's past as well as Stiles, Beckah and Felix. If you have read *Fledgling* you definitely want to read *Avian* and will not be disappointed. I did find the book short; I finished reading inside two days. The only other critic I had might be considered a spoiler so I will choose my words carefully. Beckah's development seems too fast; and I say this only because Jae has been training for two years but Beckah outstrips his ability in under a year. This might be explained by one on one tutorage but it was still something I thought odd and the author didnt explain it. This doesn't detract from the enjoyment of the read however.

I usually don't put much thought into these reviews, because I rarely have anything really negative to say about the books I read. If there is something I read that I find not to my liking, I usually quit reading, and never get this far. That being said, this book is well written and Mrs. Conway is very talented, but there's a part in the book that made me not want to recommend this book to my niece

who also likes to read these types of books. So, for any parent or uncle, as is my case, who thinks this might be an interesting story for the youth of their family (twelve to tween age), I would strongly recommend you. Read through this entire book before you decide whether to allow your child to read it. That's good advice for anything your child may be reading as well.

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