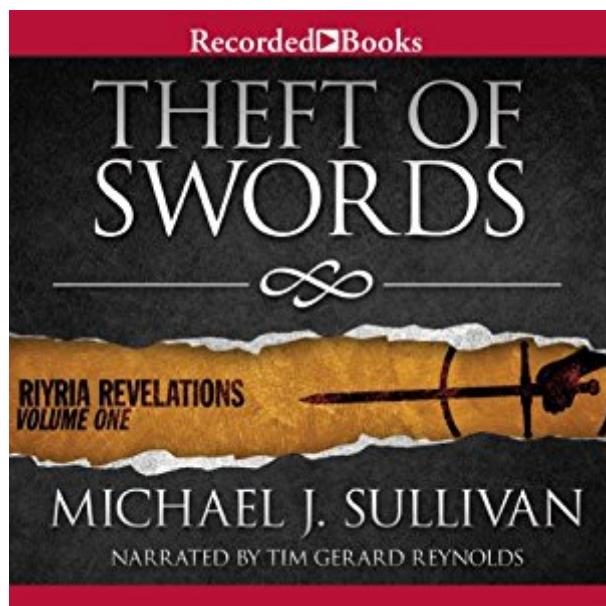


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Synopsis

Audie Award Nominee, Fantasy, 2013 Acclaimed author Michael J. Sullivan created instant best sellers with his spellbinding Riyria Revelations series. This first volume introduces Royce Melborn and Hadrian Blackwater, two enterprising thieves who end up running for their lives when they're framed for the death of the king. Trapped in a conspiracy bigger than they can imagine, their only hope is unraveling an ancient mystery - before it's too late. Theft of Swords contains The Crown Conspiracy and Avempartha, books 1 and 2 of Riyria Revelations.

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Customer Reviews

This review is actually for the entire 6 book (3 volume) series as a whole. I can not imagine separating them as they all flow well into each other. In general they are just fun, easy to read fantasy books. You will not have all of the intrigue and characters of a George RR Martin book. You also will not have the humongous amount of background lore of a trilogy like Lord of the Rings. However I found that I just simply enjoyed reading the books as much as I did either of those authors. There was no one thing that the author did so well that it made me take notice. But everything was solid and fit well to make for a series that I had never heard of suddenly being one of my top 5 series of all time now. Foundation. Memory, Sorrow and Thorn. Wheel of Time. Riyria Revelations. The 5th spot will have to go to either Martin or Rothfuss, whoever actually manages to *bleeping* finish their series. I won't go into any details but I will point out one thing that this author did better than any I have ever read. That is write an ending. Like holy crap on a cracker that is the

best ending I have ever read. I had chills, literal chills. Just finished it an hour ago and still amazed at what he managed to do. You want an author to tie up loose ends at the end of a series. Oh he certainly did that. And then once I was satisfied he started tying up loose ends that I didn't even realize were loose. I can't give anything away. It would literally be cruel to rob you of the feeling you will get at the end of this series. So yeah you should probably read this series.

The books won't win any awards for originality, but it's a fun read. The two main protagonists are likable, the banter's funny and the plot moves at a brisk pace. "The Crown Conspiracy" (****) feels a little too cheesy and by-the-numbers, and while the sequel, "Avempartha," (****) is equally trope-heavy, its story has more meat on its bones. The Beowulf-inspired plight of the village of Dahlgren (a play on the name, 'Grendel') kept my interest, and I enjoyed the characters of Arista, Thrace and Esrahaddon. I highly recommend the audiobook version. Tim Gerard Reynolds does excellent work giving the characters voices.

I'm not sure why my main review from goodreads and my blog didn't go through but I think it might have been too long. lol. I will keep this one short. I got introduced to this author by friends reading the newest book "Age of Myth" on goodreads and I loved it. So I have been picking up his books so I can read all of the older ones and THIS book blew me away! It's one of my favorite books now. I love Hadrian and Royce, I love the world and people that are in the books. The two books in this volume are amazing. The men get framed into a killing they didn't commit against the king. But the princess helps them and in return they help her with the prince and finding the real killer. The second book has people from the first book and some more evil people and dark magic. This is a wonderful world of magic, fighting, strong friendships and a few tears. As I have said, I love it and I hope more people will too :-)

An awesome book with a whirlwind of activity and interweaving plots! I loved the characters, the non-stop action, and all the adventures the thieves get dragged into. There were only a few brief slow spots when there was a lengthy summary or description, but I usually read on night shift and they were so brief and far between, it's not enough to lose a star! The action just kept blazing through until the very end. I look forward to the next one!!

Probably the best book I've read since the last Game of Thrones book (6 years and counting George RR). I've read lots of books that I felt were....good but this was a book I'd consider

exceptional. I also thought Anthony Ryan's Blood song fell into that category but after he massacred the two subsequent novels in the trilogy it retroactively took away from the first novel. I haven't finished this series yet but I have already read the second book and I found it to be just as good as the first. It's been awhile since I've had a book that was consuming and hard to put down but this series has done just that, I would highly recommend.

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