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After facing their first battle, the remaining mountain cats must seek the Blazing Star in order to survive a new threat: a deadly disease sweeping through their territory.

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Daley Downing says

WHY. SO. MUCH. PAIN.

The fall and redemption of Clear Sky -- painful.

The expected but still sad deaths -- painful.

The only bright spot -- RIVER RIPPLE, I LOVE YOU. Can I join your Clan when it forms?

Jonathan says

I've been reading this series for awhile now, and I loved it, but I've found that the series is starting to go downhill. I actually pre-ordered this book, expecting great things because the last book, *The First Battle* was phenomenal, but I really didn't like this book. It was exceedingly flat and very annoying.

To start with the characters. Cherith (one of the authors who writes under the pen name Erin Hunter) is not my favorite Erin. I think it's the way she writes her characters. For instance, in the last book Kate (another of the Erins) actually made me start to look forward to Thunder's parts in the story. I had despised his character before the last book, but in *The First Battle* I grew to kinda like him, but this book reestablished my hate for this character. He was arrogant and it really made me angry when he became one of the leaders. But enough about him.

Honestly, the writing was really flat, I felt that if some of the dialogue could have been improved this entire book would have improved, unfortunately that didn't happen.

However there were some redeeming qualities in this book. I loved Star Flower's character for the simple fact that she was *different*. I think she was the first antagonist to use seduction for her (father's) gain. I also adored the bonus story at the end. I'm really excited to see what happens when they come to the rest of the former mountain cats.

This book was flat, and some points were annoying, but I love the characters. However, I can feel my interest waning in this series, so after the final two books in this arc I'll probably quit reading it. Unless, of course, a novella or Super Edition comes out with my favorite characters in it.

Alex Mcgalliard says

"To survive, you must grow and spread like the Blazing Star."

I'd say the Dawn of the Clans arc is better than the original, but based upon the reaction I would get, I'm not going to. But it's pretty close.

The Blazing Star has one-upped it's predecessor by a long shot, and I thought The First Battle was extraordinary.

After the battle, life continues on for the first settlers, though Gray Wing and Clear Sky have matured extremely. Needing reinforcements to replace the fallen, Clear Sky accepts Tom (Seriously, hasn't this stupid excuse for a cat caused enough trouble?) and another Rouge, One Eye, into the clan to hunt, guard and perform other Warrior duties.

Meanwhile, in Gray Wing's camp, Gray Wing's "kits" are growing up and becoming restless, and (in true Warriors fashion) Sparrow Fur runs off to find her "real" father. Here is where we hit a problem- Sparrow Fur walks into Clear Sky's Camp at an inopportune moment and is brutally beaten by a crazed and furious One Eye. In response to his kit being beaten to death, Tom redeems himself- Tom, the headstrong, controlling, abusive cat- jumps onto One Eye and knocks him senselessly off his daughter. Here is where the story gets a bit fuzzy on what happens next, as Clear Sky is more interested in Sparrow Fur's injuries, than the fight going on. But, alas, we find out soon enough by the blood dripping from One Eye's paws, who won the fight. Even in death though, Tom redeemed himself, sacrificing his life for his daughter's. All this time we thought he hated his children and only used them to control Turtle Tail, but here he shows he truly cared, even to the point of giving his life.

I'm gonna preface One Eye saying this guy is psychopathic. A power hungry, ruthless, spiteful tom, with an army of twolegplace rouges, sounds familiar, right? Think again. One Eye is truly the closest thing to pure evil the Warriors have seen. You take a cat that has no problem clawing his "cats eye" mark into his victims paws, and mix it with his sociopathic mind that would kill a innocent kit- for the fun of it, this guy is bad news. He procures leadership of Clear Sky's group, by forcing an army of rouges and influencing Clear's Sky's younger cats, and forces Clear Sky into exile.

Meanwhile, Gray Wing's group is not much better off. Owl Eyes and Thunder find an infected mouse with a bloated belly and patchy skin, and realize sickness is spreading and might reach the camp. Gray Wing is demented by loneliness and fear for his clanmates, and like any good leader would, he retreats to River Ripple's island to collect his thoughts and to be alone for a while. Another rather fuzzy part occurs here- Thunder becomes smitten with a mysterious she-cat named Star Flower who claims to have the cure for the sickness. She appears out of nowhere and is not a very developed character, with a shady background, no clear home, and no real connection to anyone but Thunder. She leaves Thunder without warning, promising that she would return. Gray Wing returns from his retreat and has a strategy to drive out One Eye.

In a scouting trip to find out the land where Gray Wing and Clear Sky are to attack One Eye, Gray Wing falls into a sandy cave, turning out to a occupied fox den. He is obviously overpowered and he is attacked by the fox and is thrown around against the walls of the den, with his life flashing before his eyes. Suddenly he is rescued by a she-cat he vaguely knows named Slate. Slate is a loner that joins Tall Shadow's group when she flees earlier in the book. Slate's brother was killed by a fox and she wandered around for moons before joining Tall Shadow and Gorse Fur. Slate helps Gray Wing by taking him to a shallow stone pool, and washes his wounds. It's pretty clear she likes Gray Wing, and Gray Wing leaves feeling lonelier than ever.

The final battle is a quick few chapters at the end of the book, in which we find out that Star Flower is secretly a spy (and daughter of) One Eye! She witnesses her father killed by Clear Sky, Gray Wing and Thunder, as they snap his neck and finish him off. At Star Flower's request, One Eye is buried and she runs off into the forest leaving the clan cats, to never return.

23mvangruensven says

I think this is a great book filled with awesomeness.

Christine says

There may be spoilers in my review for those of you not caught up with this series.

wow...there sure was a lot of action in this one. A lot of cats' personalities changed, and there is a threat that faces all of the cats that was very unexpected. This book ends almost at a cliffhanger, and I absolutely cannot wait until April for the next book. Also, the bonus story at the end was very interesting and ended in a cliffhanger as well. I can't wait to see what happens to the two cats who left the mountains... and I can't wait to see the cats finally divide into the five clans.

haley says

Actual rating: 2.5 stars

That's it? That's really it? Fuck. I absolutely loved The First Battle (previous book), so I guess that set the bar way too high for Blazing Star. This was very disappointing. But it wasn't unenjoyable, I guess. There's a fair amount of action, so it's never a drag to read. But, damn, I had so many problems I lowered my original rating of three stars down to two.

First of all, what's with the fucking insta-love?? In the Dawn of the Clans arc, insta-love runs rampant. Gray Wing and Storm. Clear Sky and Storm. Slate and Gray Wing. Thunder and Star Flower. There was a super good romance (view spoiler). Knock it off, Erins. Enough with the dreadful insta-love and write an actual romance.

So, in Blazing Star somehow the narrators became really boring. I used to like (or at least appreciate) Clear Sky and Gray Wing and Thunder, but in Blazing Star they were just so bland.

The problem is that they all sound so alike. There's nothing distinguishing each other. I think the idea to have three narrators was a bad one. Shoulda just stuck with two, probably Thunder and Clear Sky? Yeah, as much as I like Gray Wing, I'm starting to think he's a really fucking useless character.

So, um..*laughs nervously* Is it bad that it's the fourth book and I'm still getting characters mixed up? There's too many of them! Not to mention, none of them are really memorable. Wind Runner, Tall Shadow and River Ripple are the only characters who never narrate that I don't forget.

So, let's talk about Star Flower. *groans* What a fucking nuisance. The fucking insta-love between and Thunder pissed me off so much. (view spoiler). Not to mention, her character was just useless. Totally unnecessary.

Tl;dr version: The First Battle set the bar so high, there was no conceivable way Blazing Star could have met my expectations. Not unenjoyable, just very disappointing.

Devon says

I'm really glad with how this series has came along. I was skeptical at first but it has improved quite a bit. There are a few things that could have been done better, however. One thing I noticed which was just a minor thing but it seemed like Thunder (and I believe Gray Wing at one point) kept saying that leaf-bare is coming soon. It was okay the first time around but after a while it was just an unnecessary reminder. It didn't feel like the illness was as serious as the solution for it was rather obvious that the Blazing Star was the solution. I do applaud the use of One Eye, however. He, too, was an obvious threat but a very tough fighter especially considering he fought so powerful despite being a cat with only one eye. I will say I didn't like Star Flower. There didn't seem to much to her even at the end. Overall, however, I think it was a good addition to the series. It could have done with a little more suspense but it gets the ball rolling in terms of the clans coming to be.

Charis says

This book was amazing and I can't wait for a forest divided to come out. All warriors fans will love it! And there's some exciting news at the end of the bonus scene. I'll just leave you to read the book and figure that out

Julia Munn says

I enjoyed reading the fourth book in this wonderful series. Star Flower was a great addition to the book because it's interesting to see how Thunder reacted to this beautiful cat showing up, then ending up being One Eye's daughter. Even though Star Flower was One Eye's daughter, she helped Thunder and the hollow cats with knowing that the Blazing Star was a healing herb. The sickness was a clever addition that added an obstacle to the story, but I didn't like that so many died. It's sad to read these Warriors books sometimes because so many cats die. Overall I would give this book 4 stars.

Parker says

I have been reading the Warriors series since I was in kindergarten. You see me below when I was young meeting one of the Erin Hunter writers. Erin Hunter is the pen name of a group of women, if you didn't know.

I even dedicated my room to Warriors by cutting out pages from Cats of Clans, pasting them to styrofoam boards and hanging them on the walls of my bedroom. I'm in sixth grade now, and they're still here in my room, and I still feel strongly about this series. I think Warriors was the first series I had been really into.

Here's the summary from the latest Warriors book: The Blazing Star. This time I used the actual summary from the book, to try something new.

In the aftermath of the first great battle, the grounds of the four trees have been stained with blood and every cat has lost denmates and kin. Now, guided by the spirits of the fallen, the cats from the mountains must figure out how to move on.

Though each group has sworn to a truce, simply keeping the peace may not guarantee their survival. Having lost Turtle Tail and given up his role as leader to Thunder, Gray Wing is no longer sure where he belongs. Clear Sky is losing his grip on the forest cats to a dangerous one-eyed rogue. And worst of all, a mysterious, deadly disease threatens to strike deep onto the heart of both camps- keeping tensions simmering close to the surface. Only one thing can save them: they must seek the Blazing Star....

My favorite character of Dawns of the Clans is Gray Wing. This series is a prequel, and it is about the clans forming together and how everything started. Gray Wing helped the cats Clear Sky, Thunder, Tall Shadow, Wind Runner, and River Ripple form the clans: Skyclan, Thunderclan, Shadowclan, Windclan, and Riverclan. I only know this because I know the history of the warriors; it hasn't actually happened in the books. Gray Wing doesn't really think high of himself, especially since his mate, Turtle Tail died. But the other cats think he is an important leader, even though Gray Wing gave his leadership to his kin: Thunder. I personally think Gray Wing is a hero. Gray Wing suffers from something sort of like asthma. A forest fire had swept through the forest, and the smoke and flames gave him a constant cough. I think Gray Wing is even more special because he still tries his hardest to help others, even with the burden of a cough.

Another wonderful Warriors book, and I can't wait for the next one: A Forest Divided. FYI, The Blazing Star is the fourth book of The Dawn of the Clans. And there are four series before this one. So, if you haven't read any Warriors books, you'll have to start with the very first one: Into the Wild, with an amazing main character, Firepaw.

Kirsti says

I always enjoy a Warriors book, they are definitely my favorite of the Erin Hunter novels. This is the fourth in the Dawn of the Clans novels, where we finally see something similar to the Clans I loved from the first series emerging. My cover is the new one, with a proud ginger cat on the front, whom I imagine is Thunder. I do love ginger cats!

Kind of a filler novel, although there was a fair amount of fighting. I liked the lore of the Blazing Star, and wondered at what illness it actually cured? Anyway, there are two more books in this series that I will eventually be reading. Four stars to this one!

Michelle Elizabeth says

There was a lot at stake in this volume, and I feel that I've really started to connect with the characters of this Warriors series. Though I've liked the past installments of Dawn of the Clans, I feel *The Blazing Star* is really the best book in DOTC so far. It's very exciting.

Raini says

I really loved this book! With it's drama, action, and suspense who wouldn't? My favorite part of this book is when Thunder started telling Star Flower off after the battle. Though I was happy that Thunder was standing up to Star Flower, I kind of felt pity for her when she started begging to be forgiven. Though she left, I wonder if she'll come back later into the series. My favorite character in this book is Clear Sky because He changes from a hostile monarch to a considerate leader. I had a lot of fun reading this book, I really wanted to know what would happen next and what the actions of the characters would lead to. One-eye was an interesting but vicious character. When I think of trying to fight him I know that I would probably lose and be killed. Overall, this book was an exciting and important part of the warrior series.

Mary says

I'm trying to get back into this series but the more I think about it, the more I cringe about this book. The Last Battle was a huge step in the right direction and then THIS happened. Prepare for the rage.

After the First Battle, I expected the melodrama to tone down. Nope.

A disease sweeps over the lands and many lives are taken over the course of the book. This entry is a sad and depressing one, with little hope in store unless the cats can find the "Blazing Star." But what the fuck is that?

Clear Sky -the butt-and Gray Wing, two of our titular main characters **stress me out**. They flip flop constantly, hinting at complexity, but ultimately are whiny brats who bemoan their existence when things don't go as planned. They left horrible impressions in the first two books of this series and I was expected to root for them?! NO.

In this book, they grew up and realized looks don't always equate the best mates in life. The brothers even learned to rely on each other.

Until you realize this was all talk and they repeat the same damn mistakes again and again and again.

And it even effects the others! Thunder. OMG, seriously? I really liked him and then he lost all credibility over some she-cat simply because she is pretty. I get it-he's young and learning, but man if that wasn't frustrating as hell. You can map out the deterioration of his gray matter as he put his entire clan in danger because of a pretty face. If Thunder doesn't man up soon and start falling for a she-cat with actual depth than I cannot respect him anymore.

Thank God that boat sunk. Really, this is not a spoiler because the foreshadowing from Lightning Tail and the cliche were strong with this novel. Really strong. I also didn't like how Gray Wing didn't grieve enough over his mate who died in the last book. A cat comes onto him, and he hardly thinks of his mate, but he did seem reluctant when he realized this she-cat might have feelings for him. Srsly, dude has gone through 3 love interests already. Thunder, don't do that too.

This series isn't great. As a prequel, many will expect this to set the tone for the actual series. It doesn't and I hope no one begins the epic saga from this. Because it will only leave you going, "Seriously? That's all this is?"

Start with Into the Wild first. Please. The prequel is for fans who are eager to witness how the clans came to be, but it drags and it's frustrating and I'm confused if I want to keep reading. Sorry, but it's true. We can agree to disagree. Nothing can beat the original series for it's memorable cast and especially the villian-Tigerstar.

The prequel has a few things going for it, mainly for hardcore fans: It shows the birth of the Clans and reveals the first cats of StarClan...that's about it.

This series tries to seem edgy and dark and in some aspects you can see the bleakness-but ultimately, it's a shallow comparison to the original, which is nothing short of a masterpiece.

If you are a fan of the books, you'll find some things to entertain you, but happy moments are few and far between. **If you are new to the Warriors, I cannot recommend this prequel series because it is not easy to get into.** Start off with Into the Wild, which is the first series and the gateway that made me into a reader.

First, THESE COVERS ARE JUST GETTING MORE AND MORE AMAZING.

Second: I REALLY need this now after that last book. Because this will be the icing on the delicious cake that was book 3.

Feathertail says

Wonderful, but with a slightly different writing style. I suspect Ghostwriter.
