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Kelly Driessen says

First book I read by Raymond E. Feist and certainly not the last one. Even though it was a short story, it was very well written and fast to read. Finished it in about 1.5 hour :)

Scott Kaelen says

The Wood Boy was, quite literally, just 'okay', and so I can't conscionably give it more than 2 stars. It's been years since I read the Riftwar novels, starting with Magician, and although I know I really enjoyed them I can't say what bearing this short story has on the novels. Does the character of Dirk appear again? I don't know. And on that strength I'm rating The Wood Boy wholly on its own merits. Feist is a great storyteller; that's inarguable, but it seems when he wrote this particular story his prose wasn't exactly top-notch. There are weak areas that could have shone if written with more show and less tell, but the story mostly plodded along, content to take us through several pages of unenthusiastic scenes. The story proper is wrapped (read: padded) in a couple of pages fore and aft in the PoV of Duke Borric; I suppose this was necessary for the 'reveal' at the end - which might have had more impact if it had been revealed not just to us, the readers, but to the character of Dirk. Didn't happen, and perhaps the story of the Wood Boy bears relevance later on, but without knowing either way I can only conclude that the short story is a not-unwasted time-filler, but certainly nothing that will leave a lasting impression.

Elie De Brauwier says

(very) Short story, nice to pass-time but nothing to be terribly impressed about.

Niek says

Very simplistic. Dutch translation was not written fluently.

Choko says

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I loved the story, only it is so out of any content, that I could not truly understand what it was all about... Once again, I have a feeling that I should have read this very short story after I had read several of the books in the main series. This is the only reason I give the story only three stars. I think I should revisit it once I get further with the Riftwar Saga:)

Johan says

Short story. Just a pass-time.
