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Storm's beast master skills and animal partners are needed to unravel the mystery behind a huge gathering of indigenous Norbies. Only Storm and Logan Quade can penetrate the Norbie's clan secrets and discover what is behind the threat of an uprising that could destroy the tenuous peace between the colonists and the aliens who share the planet.

"Thrilling science-fiction." — Springfield Republican

Lord Of Thunder Details

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John says

1978 grade B-
1996 grade B-

Series book B2

(probably needs speed reading)

April Kelley says

Fun read.

H. says

Lord of Thunder is the sequel to Andre Norton's The Beast Master. It is the much easier book of the two to find, but it is also the much weaker book. Which isn't to say that it is bad. It is to say that if you want to read the first book—and you should—go ahead and pick up the omnibus version.

Lord of Thunder sees Hosteen Storm on a new adventure on the wild Arzor. I didn't find the adventure quite as satisfying. More importantly, Lord of Thunder lacks the thematic weight—the feelz, for you kids out there—of The Beast Master.

Lord of Thunder opens with Hosteen Storm ranching his own land, settled in as a member of the rancher community and as a part of his new, adopted household. The first sign that the peace is not to last is news that the Norbies are heading en masse into uncharted territories where it is taboo for man to tread. During the Big Dry. Norbies don't commit what might amount to mass suicide lightly. That, of course, has the ranchers on edge. More fuel is added to the fire when a very rich man arrives from off-world to look for his son, whose starship may have crash landed deep in the forbidden zone of Arzor. And he wants Storm to guide him out there, whether Storm likes it or not.

As I alluded to above, Lord of Thunder doesn't really build on the emotional weight of Storm's backstory and impetus for choosing Arzor post-service. Norton was somewhat limited in what she could do after the big reveal at the end of the first book, but she didn't do as much here as she could have. That tied the story of The Beast Master together, giving it thematic weight and making it more than just a good adventure story.

And the adventure story in Lord of Thunder isn't quite as good. In particular, I was disappointed in the absence of Storm's team for much of the story. His meerkat (now with a litter of pups) doesn't accompany him at all. He loses track of the big cat Surra and the eagle Baku for a very long stretch of the book. As a science fiction book, Lord of Thunder might be better than The Beast Master, but I'm not much of a science fiction fan, and that has never been the strength of these books.

Howard says

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Wilson E. Stevens Sr. says

This is the second book in the Beast Master or Hosteen Storm series. It takes place about nine months after the last book, and continues with the problem of outside forces attempting to start a war between the settlers and natives on the planet. To complicate the problem, some ancient civilization has left behind artifacts that can be used for modern warfare.

Marge says

This tale was slower than I remembered, probably because I skimmed more when reading vs. listening. I liked seeing Hosteen and Logan acting as brothers, though they were separated for much of the book. A good science fiction plot, and even a bit of a quest as the guys search the mountains for trouble.

Mary Ann says

Interesting story line, and seems to be one in a series. Off world, with a deranged individual (or 2) stirring up trouble; all in point of view.

Elaine says

hmm, not at all the same cover as on mine! Found recently at a used book sale for a quarter - AN's was the first SF I ever read, I think.

Jamie Barringer (Ravenmount) says

This story was pretty good once I got into it, but I spent most of the book feeling disoriented and confused. I am pretty sure I read the book before this one in this series, but if so, I must have missed some vital background, because I only vaguely knew about Storm's Navajo ancestry. Still, I am sure I read the book in which his initial adventures on this planet happened, probably in March. Norton needed some more background reminders in this book. This is one series that probably ought to be read in order and back to back, in order to not get hopelessly lost.

Timothy says

2 1/2 stars.

Roberto says

Meh. Not really up to the level of the author's best work.

Sandra Munger says

Another in the Beast Master series with Hosteen Storm. When the natives all give up their jobs and disappear into the Big Blue, Hosteen leads a group there to rescue the survivors of a crashed space pod. They discover an installation from a people before their time and a crazed survivor who has decided to become the ruler of the planet.

rebecca j says

Second in the Beastmaster series

Barry says

The further adventures of Hosteen Storm as only Andre Norton could write. Not quite as strong as the first book but still great.

Jennifer Heise says

For its time, Norton's story of Beastmaster Hosteen Storm was pretty decent, with non-white, non-'earth-humanoid' species behaving like sane people with expertises of their own. But in 2014 it definitely feels patronizing. Just as the indigenous peoples' (Norbies) tribes on the planet where he lives get called into the backcountry for a religious/social/political medicine gathering, Hosteen Storm gets mixed up in a rich man's plan to try to rescue his son from a crashed escape pod in that forbidden territory.

Chasing down his half brother, who is (helpfully) a blood brother to a Norbie and is heading out with them, Storm negotiates for some help from the Norbies to do some investigation, and tackles the situation which is even stranger than they guessed, and involves relics of an older civilization.

Yes, the situation is resolved by the earth-humanoids, but as the earth humanoids caused the situation, Norton has Storm make the case that it is their responsibility to deal with the problem. Do I buy this? I don't know.

Liz says

Another re-read of a book in my collection. Not as strong as the first book but still a good read and interesting. Just a note, that I find it interesting the above link as #2 in Hosteen Storm saga since the other three are really all by another author and not nearly as well written.

Nigel says

Very enjoyable sequel to Beast Master, another page-turning easy-to-read-but-well-written romp featuring native american indians, alien races, fragile inter-racial politics, long-defunct alien artefacts, tribalism, animal telepathy, and sign language. What more could you ask for?

Lynne says

The second in this series. Again, Storm Hosteen works with his animals to unravel a mystery. Storm meets another race and must help stop a war. I liked it and will read the next in the series.

Valerie says

It's not uncommon that the sequel to a book is not as good as the first volume. This is no exception.

Mind, it's an okay book. But it's not as good as the original. Note that there's a disconnect here: the villain in this piece is an Earth-human--so he must be mad, right? After all, Xiks are inherently evil, so they can be evil and still sane, and it's all right to battle and kill them. Humans are (it's implied) innately good, and therefore if one does ill, he or she must be insane, right?

This edition doesn't seem to be very durable--the glue on my copy seems to've perished, and for a while I thought I'd lost pp 100-110, though I later found them.

Keith says

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