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Discover the origins of the warrior Clans in the second book of this thrilling prequel arc from mega-bestselling author Erin Hunter. The Dawn of the Clans series takes readers back to the earliest days of the Clans, when the cats first settled in the forest and began to forge the Warrior code.

The mountain cats from the Tribe of Rushing Water followed the sun trail to a new territory, convinced that in a land with more prey, their lives would be free from strife. But while no cat has gone hungry, tensions are rising. The once firmly united group has split in two—and a young cat named Thunder is caught in the middle.

Dawn of the Clans #2: Thunder Rising also contains an exclusive bonus scene.

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Alison Lee says

Thoughts:

-I really think Gray Wing is gonna die soon

-Clear Sky... a total ass, but the author keeps giving hints that he still has some feeling underneath his cold exterior. Total bs to that. Even the baddest cats in the main Warriors series weren't total asses like Clear Sky. God he annoys me.

-Thunder. Kind of sad when he left Gray Wing, but it's all good now. Kill your dad one day young un'!

-Wind and Gorse(now Wind Runner and Gorse Fur). They're pretty cool. But with Wind there it confuses the whole leader ship thing. It's a weird leader triangle now. But I'm interested in how she'll become leader.

-River Ripple. So cool! Weird name though.

-Turtle Tail kind of annoys me. She's not the kind of mate I wanted for Gray Wing. Oh well.

That's basically my thoughts on the MCs of this book(few exceptions for the rogues since they're 'to-be' the first Clan leaders)

haley says

An excellent addition to the Warriors series!

I was a bit hesitant to read this after the first Dawn of the Clans book. The Sun Trail was maybe a three-star read for me. But Thunder Rising was infinitely better. Firstly, there's more action. In the first book, it's just a lot of journeying and survival and stuff. Which isn't bad, but not always interesting. This had a lot more action going on and is therefore more interesting and therefore better.

Clear Sky has got to be the best (or is it worst, because he's so creepy) Warriors villain to date. You think Tigerclaw, Brokenstar, Hawk Frost, Mapleshade were bad? Meet Clear Sky. I think what makes him so awesomely scary is that somewhere in that twisted head of his he truly believes he's doing the right thing. You see, Tigerclaw may have been scary but he was just one-sidedly evil. Clear Sky is more complex and thus a better villain.

I also like that there's more character development. I thought in the first book, Gray Wing was kind of bland. But we see a lot more of him in this book and I'm starting to really like him. I also like Thunder, I can tell he's a character I will really like.

And the instalove that was between Gray Wing and Storm in the first book is replaced by the romance between Gray Wing and Turtle Tail, which I (and I don't usually say this about romances) definitely approve of. Gray Wing and Turtle Tail. I definitely ship them. Because there is absolutely no instalove here. It's a

romance that slowly grew over time from friendship to love. And I definitely like that.

Essential, every single problem I had with the first book is resolved in Thunder Rising. So why not five stars? I'm stingy with five star ratings. Sorry :(But overall, I really enjoyed Thunder Rising and highly recommend it.

Now, where is the sequel? I MUST READ IT.

Atlas says

Huh, pretty good but felt a touch like a filler. Nice to have Thunder's point of view for a couple of chapters, and I have a lot of sympathy for Gray Wing.

I can see all the cats coming together with the Clan names (Thunder, Shadow, River, Wind), but I'm not sure who is going to end up where. I was (and still am) convinced that Gray Wing is a Windclan cat at heart, but he's in the "Shadow" camp. Then there's Clear Sky, who's a bit of a power-hungry dick, but is still differentiable from, say, Hawkfrost or Tigerclaw. I thought his clan was going to end up as Thunderclan, but it doesn't look like the books are heading that way.

Mikayla says

The first time I read a Warriors book I was 9 year old, and these books made me fall in love with reading.

Now at 15 I continue to read these books despite them obviously being geared towards children the same age as I was when I began my Warriors journey. This summer, before reading the Sun Trail, I re-read the entire main series and still found myself able to enjoy the wonderful world Erin Hunter has created.

Unfortunately, I seem to have set my expectation too high for this latest book. The problem wasn't that it was geared towards middle school children; it was that the writing was bad. Especially in the middle, I noticed a switching from 3rd person to 1st person in what was supposed to be thoughts. It's perfectly okay to use 1st person in thoughts when the rest of the novel is in 3rd person, but to sometimes have thoughts 3rd person and sometimes 1st? I was confused.

(view spoiler)

The dawn of the clans is coming, but if the original 2 writers in the quartet that is Erin hunter don't re-take their series I might not be able to read through to the end.

Becky Hines says

Thunder Rising was a good sequel to "The Sun Trail." I enjoyed it rather well, and I like the how the authors

are playing the rising tension. I'm curious to see how they are going to divide into five clans though.

COUPLE TINY SPOILERS

Here's what I didn't like. I don't really like Grey Wing as a narrator, he is too placid and a little boring. He is a rather dull character because he never really has a conflict and all he wants is peace. I tend to like the more conflicted characters, because they are really interesting. They should really have some chapters from Clear Sky's point of view because we would get to see why he is changing. His character development could be really interesting. However don't let that scare you away from the book, it is still worth reading even if the narrator isn't the best.

Thunder! He was written really well, I enjoyed his chapters the most, I wished they had more from his point of view. I liked how he knew that Clear Sky was wrong, but he also wanted to please his father and he wanted his father's love. But I liked that he made the right choice at the end.

Also, Four of the five cats are here? Clear SKY, WIND Runner and THUNDER and RIVER Ripple. Maybe Tall SHADOW is the fifth?

Sarah Bauer says

Book theme song: Hey Brother by Avicii

In which Clear Sky becomes borderline irredeemable.

Clear Sky scares me because I know people like him. People who prioritize what they see as the survival of the group to the exclusion of minority rights. These are the type of people who move to another lunch table when the autistic kid goes to sit with them. Ostracizing and excluding the disabled is so often seen as a nonissue. It's not a nonissue for the people on the receiving end of it. This is why I love the Warrior Cats series, because Clear Sky's actions are portrayed as villainous and not a logical way to ensure the survival of the group. Later in the timeline, the Warrior Code ensures that every cat has a place in the Clan regardless of their hunting ability.

Alley Kat says

In the second book in the fifth series of New York Times best selling world of Warriors, tension is rising between the two groups of the forest. Gray Wing is starting to doubt his decision to come to the mountains. As his group tries to push him on as their leader, he wonders if he will be able to settle down and live the peaceful life he's always wanted while looking out for the injured Jagged Peak and the young Thunder on top of leading a group of cats. Meanwhile, Thunder is torn between the need to learn more about his secretive father, but what price will this knowledge cost him?

Like any other Warriors book in the world, this book was quick. It was amazing. It was well thought out. Like an other Warriors book, some cats died, and some cats were born. It was everything I expected coming from a Warriors book. It also had something else every Warriors book had, something different. Each Warriors book has something different that sets it apart from the rest. I was happy to finally have River introduced to us, and it was great to see more of Thunder.

Ash says

Okay, so I've been a fan of the Warriors series since the very beginning. I have read every book (good and bad) religiously and still consider it one of my all time favorite book series out there. And while the fourth series was somewhat of a disappointment, this book proved that the Erins are still full of ideas and full of splendor.

Admittedly, I was a little wary about reading this one, as I was not much of a fan of Sun Trail until near the end. But this book surpasses Sun Trail in every way.

The characterization, the drama, the dialogue, the obstacles, and the descriptions are top-notch in this book and they get you really hyped for the third book, which you can tell (even despite the name The First Battle) is going to be full of action.

I was actually astonished at how well this was written. If some points weren't dragged out a tiny bit, I would've given this book five stars in a heartbeat. I really enjoyed it.

I would normally go in more detail, like I do some of my other reviews, but I don't want to spoil anything for those who haven't read yet. Let's just say, this book is definitely worth your time.

Can't wait to see what happens next.

Dracena says

I gotta admit.. this season is my least favourite out of every warrior cats books. Solely because I think reading about something for six books, you know everything about and how it will end is kinda boring. It sure is nice to see all the connections between then and now, and to "guess" who will start what. But most of the time it is just obvious and in my opinion it draged a little... Sorry

Kira4Inu says

Love the series! Was glad to see the new developments and the new characters that are present in this book. I especially love River Ripple (and the little bonus scene included at the end of how he got his name). With the addition of this book to the series that shows the beginning of the clans, it is clearer to me how the clans got started and which cats exactly take charge of each clan. The only thing that frustrates me is the waiting for something major to happen. Sure, lots of major plot points occur throughout the book but not many of them seem to bring the characters closer to the establishment of the five clans. I was actually a little disappointed when there wasn't much development of that in this book and will be expecting much more to come from the next one in the series. All in all, I truly do adore these books (even though I was twelve when I started reading them and I'm nineteen now, guess that just goes to show what a good series this is--to have my readership for so long). Highly recommend.

Mack Vinsonhaler says

Thunder Rising, book two of the Warriors series, Dawn Of The Clans, is a book that you will just not be able to put down. Although the cats made it safely to their new home, tensions between the group of cats who decide to live on the forest, and the group of who cats decided to live on the moor have been rising. The main character, Gray Wing, and his brother, Clear Sky have had the tensions rising between them ever since his brother decided to go live in the forest, and has been expanding his territory for his cats at any price, and now many innocent cats are being killed. And Thunder, Clear Sky's son, who was turned away by his dad at a young age, went to find refuge with Gray Wing's group..... and now he is caught right in the middle of the two groups when Clear Sky asked him to rejoin his group. In the end, after the final battle, it dawns on all the cats that there is no reason to fight, and the peace is restored.

Susanne says

I really tried. My son loves this series, but I just couldn't get interested enough to finish more than the first. Kids who want a series with lots of adventure, and who don't care about having many, many characters with difficult names to remember, will most likely love this series.

Rrabarra says

I was so excited when I got this book. I read it until it was like, 11 something PM. And wow, this book has a lot of things changing around. The key characters for the clans are popping up everywhere, but I thought that River Ripple's appearance was just kind of random and it didn't go too smoothly with that.

Anyway, an awesome book! I wonder what happens to Thunder and Frost. They'll probably get rejected by the cats on the moor. Things are getting... more to the point of war. I really hope the next book will quench my thirst for suspense, doing things (not much happened in this book, which was disappointing, but it was still amazing), and some bloodshed.

I did *not* think that the third person to first person change during thoughts was confusing. Things are pretty empty here in the Dawn of the Clans, things are changing. It's really awesome to see how things are coming together, things like that. Awesome. I'm missing a little of the ways of the clans yet, and the warrior code. I wonder how those were made up. Waiting for the next book is gonna take ages!

Daley Downing says

Wow, this was painful...

I know these are the mountain cats, pioneering a new way of life in a new territory, but, come on, does everything truly terrible have to happen all at once?!

Mary says

Much better than the first in this new series. I may not like Gray Wing that much, but I guess I can say that he is developing. However he contradicts himself a LOT. He complains that his clanmates want him to replace Tall Shadow, but then when he is one and he feels like OH NOs some cat totally showed me up, he gets all hissy. ANNOYING, Gray Wing, that is just ANNOYING. And how the heck did that thing with Turtle Tail and him happen? It was like BAM!

However! I LOOOOOOOVED the few chapters we got with Thunder. They were GOOD scenes and that one fight where he fell out of the tree with the enemy cat-WOW. Seriously, I love this cat. I want more Thunder, Erin Hunter!

I shall be picking up the next-ON MY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!!! Yep, FINALLY a book that is released on my birthday, and a book that has a gorgeous cover and a possible amazing twist.
