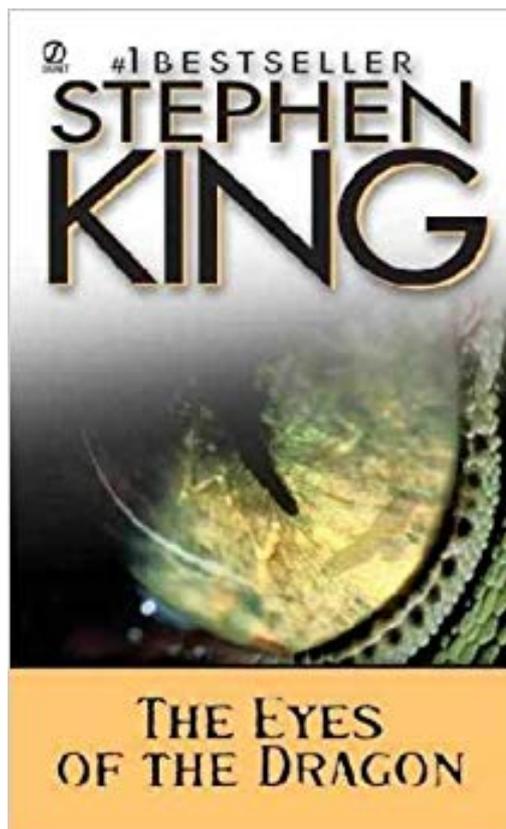


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Reviews of the *The Eyes of the Dragon* *by* Stephen King

The Rollers of Vildar

This was the novel that introduced me to Stephen King. I had always avoided his writing because I wasn't that interested in the "Horror" genre. It wasn't that I didn't like suspense- it was that I thought the whole book would be describing blood, gore, and entrails. I was sooooo sooooo wrong. This book weaves a mesmerizing story that can gracefully introduce a fan of fantasy into the world of Stephen King's writing. I bought this for my son for Christmas and look forward to introducing him to The Dark Tower this summer.

Nejind

Steven King has the most brilliant way of writing a story, in this story he is telling the tale of the wronged prince and his brother. The characters seem real and you can relate to each of them I will not give away any parts of the story so that you can read all about the evil magician and the things he does to try and rule and cripple the places he 'visits'. If you like fantasy stories I can recommend this one. I never found anything in the story that I didn't like or would have liked changed.

Moonworm

If you compare this book to most of Stephen King's other books, you'll find that, in spite of keeping some of his trademarks, *The Eyes of the Dragon* is actually rather refreshing. You can see that several elements of this book were created based on books that he already wrote, and yet King manages to create a brand new world with original characters, and yet not straying too far from the Hero's Journey formula. The characters of this book, from the main ones to the regular citizens are very human and very realistic. The hero and the villain have very distinct points of view and unlike several other books, they are not too aware of each others thoughts.

I wouldn't go as far as calling this book a "masterpiece", but it was one of the best books from Stephen King that I read so far.

Malak

I really enjoyed this story. Stephen King being my all time favorite author. I have been reading much "heavier" books lately and it was refreshing to go into a world of fantasy and escape there for a bit. My only complaint is that this is not the first in a series - I really want to know what happens to the characters and also which character was "narrating" the book. Definitely worth the price for an easy read.

HappyLove

I love reading a book and discovering connections to others I have read. Connections and clues slipped in that make you go, " AH! That was in such and such book...". There are so many of them in this book. I've loved reading Stephen King's books since childhood, and this one was no different. Definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves Mr. King's works. I hope you'll enjoy it as much as I did.

Gavinranadar

This adult fairy tale was the first book of King's that I had ever read. I was expecting macabre and horror, but this tale is nothing of the sort. Well, okay, not "nothing" - King wouldn't go soft on us. After all, Flagg (the villain from "The Stand") is his darkly evil self here and he is depicted sinisterly throughout the book in the expert illustrations that kept me turning the pages. David Palladini's work here is simply magnificent.

The land of Delain is a dark one, ruled by King Roland, a man who most fancies the drink and who is a decades-long widow after his wife dies supposedly in childbirth. When evil magician Flagg murders King Roland, princes Peter and Thomas are respectively destined for the throne. Flagg fears Peter, the smarter and stronger of the two, so he imprisons him on blatantly false accusations of murdering his father. Flagg then appoints Thomas as King, as he is easier to puppeteer and not smart enough or brave enough to stop Flagg. This book is a page-turner, and Peter's attempts at escape were especially poignant as to remain with me in the 20 years it has been since I have last read this book.

Blackbrand

From my book review blog post [...] post 07-29-2011

The Eyes of the Dragon by Stephen King takes place in the realm of Delain (which, I have since found out, is located within In-World from *The Dark Tower* series). This beautiful and poetic tale is told from the perspective of a narrator who speaks as if he were an old friend, frequently adding his

own commentary on characters' motivations and the like; just as an uncle would.

King Roland is a middle-aged king who marries late in life and finds a wife who is both young and intelligent. The Royal Wizard Flagg, Roland's advisor, attempts to assassinate Queen Sasha because he dislikes her good influence. He finally succeeds in forcing the Queen's maid to kill the queen while she was giving birth to Thomas, her second child. As time passes, Peter, the older brother, grows older and he begins to show a great deal of his mother's common sense and intelligence. Flagg realizes that the Crown Prince is a far greater threat to his position as royal wizard than was Sasha. Therefore Flagg has King Roland poisoned and Peter framed for the murder.

Twelve-year-old Thomas witnesses the murder through the glass eyes of the mounted head of King Roland's greatest trophy, the dragon which he once killed in an act of incredible bravery. After a brief trial, Peter is judged to be guilty, and he is locked up in the enormous tower called the Needle in the center of the city. His younger, weaker brother Thomas is then crowned King, although he is only twelve years old. Due to his youth, inexperience, and fear of both his own precarious position and Flagg, Thomas allows Flagg to become the defacto ruler, earning the hatred of the people in the process.

This story is told in a lyrical, old-fashioned way that is reminiscent of the way the great fairy-tales were told in my childhood. King's prose is poetic and beautiful; it draws you in to his world and paints a vivid picture of the events that unfold before you. If you have never read a Stephen King novel because you 'don't read horror' then this is the novel for you. In my opinion it is his finest work, and it was the first novel I ever read of his. I highly recommend this book!

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