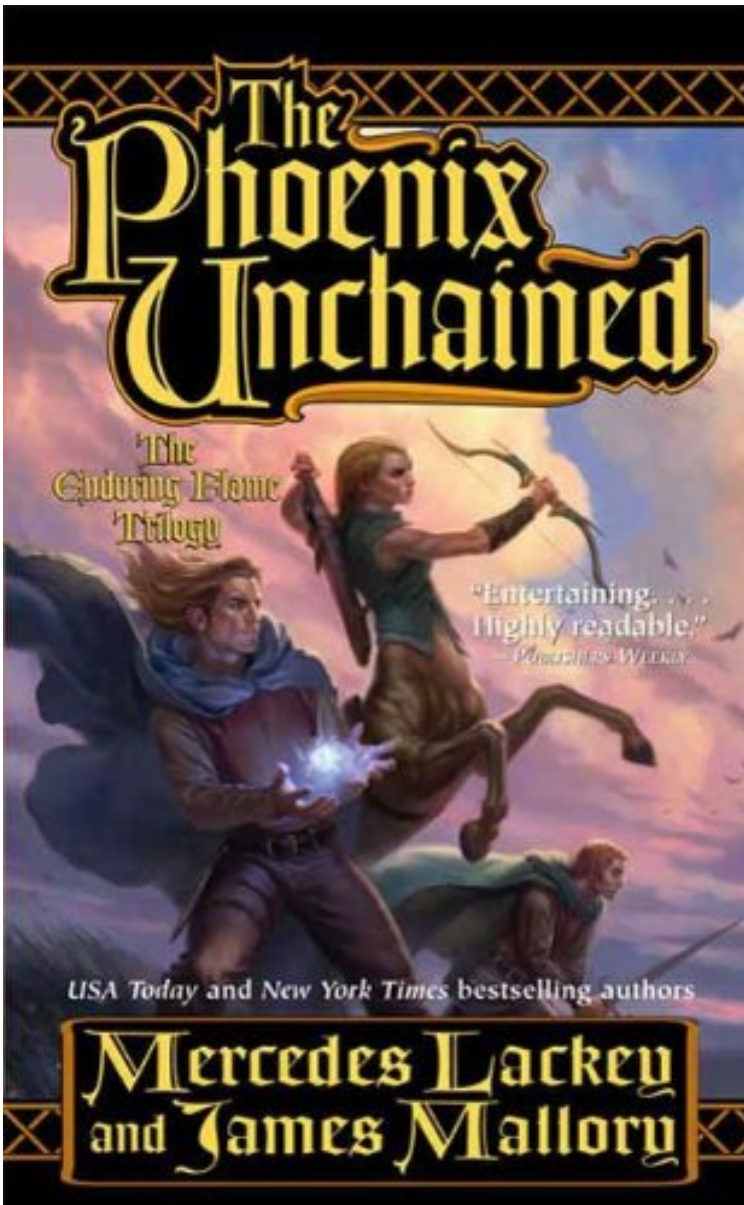


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Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurNew York Times and USA Today bestselling authors Mercedes Lackey and James Mallory first teamed up to write The Obsidian Trilogy, set in a wondrous world filled with magical beings, competing magic systems, and a titanic struggle between good and evil. That world proved so popular with the creators and readers alike that Lackey and Mallory have returned to it with The Phoenix Unchained, Book One of The Enduring Flame, the opening volume of a new epic fantasy trilogy. After a thousand years

of peace, much Magick has faded from the world. The Elves live far from humankind. There are no High Mages, and Wild Mages are seen only rarely. Bisochim, a powerful Wild Mage, is determined to reintroduce

Darkness to the world, believing that it is out of Balance. Tiercel, a young Armethalian nobleman, is convinced that High Magic is not just philosophy. He attempts a spell and draws the unwelcome attention of Bisochim. Tiercel survives Bisochim's attack and begins trying to turn himself into a High Mage. Next in line to be Harbormaster of Armethalieh, Harrier instead finds himself regularly saving Tyr's life and meeting magickal people and creatures. To Harrier's dismay, it seems that he must become a hero. In *The Phoenix Unchained*, Harrier and Tiercel begin a marvelous journey to uncover their destinies. Along the way, they meet a charming female centaur, several snooty Elves, and the most powerful dragon their world has ever known. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. From Publishers Weekly: This entertaining series opener takes place more than 1,000 years after events depicted in the *Obsidian Trilogy*. The city of Armethalieh is no longer ruled by mages, and High Magick itself is forgotten. Elves and dragons are known to exist, but live in distant lands and are never seen.

Wielders of Wild Magic are extremely rare. Characters familiar from earlier books have become legends from a dim past. Then Tiercel Rolfort, the scholarly son of lower nobility, rediscovers High Magick. Beset with visions and physically weakening, Tiercel decides his best hope is to take a journey to find a Wild Mage. Meanwhile, Wild Mage Bisochim has become convinced of his calling to set the balance aright by bringing darkness back into the world. Having found and bonded with the dragon Saravasse, he plans to draw on her power to further his dark goals. This beguiling beginning promises a highly readable epic combining vivid characterization with an interesting exploration of how past heroics are twisted over centuries into something both more and less than they were. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile: When the need arises, mages of various types appear--wild mages, high mages, and knight mages, to name a few. In this first book of a new trilogy, young Tiercel is trying to make sense of his dreams. He sets out with his best friend, Harrier, in hopes of finding a wild mage who can help him. William Dufris's rich narration ranges from nonchalance to quiet anxiety as Tyr is thwarted at every turn. Dufris also conveys Harrier's edgy vigilance as he looks out for his friend.

Dufris's nuanced characterizations, especially of Harrier and Tyr, capture their uncertainty as well as their conviction that they must find their destiny. J.E.M. AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile,

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