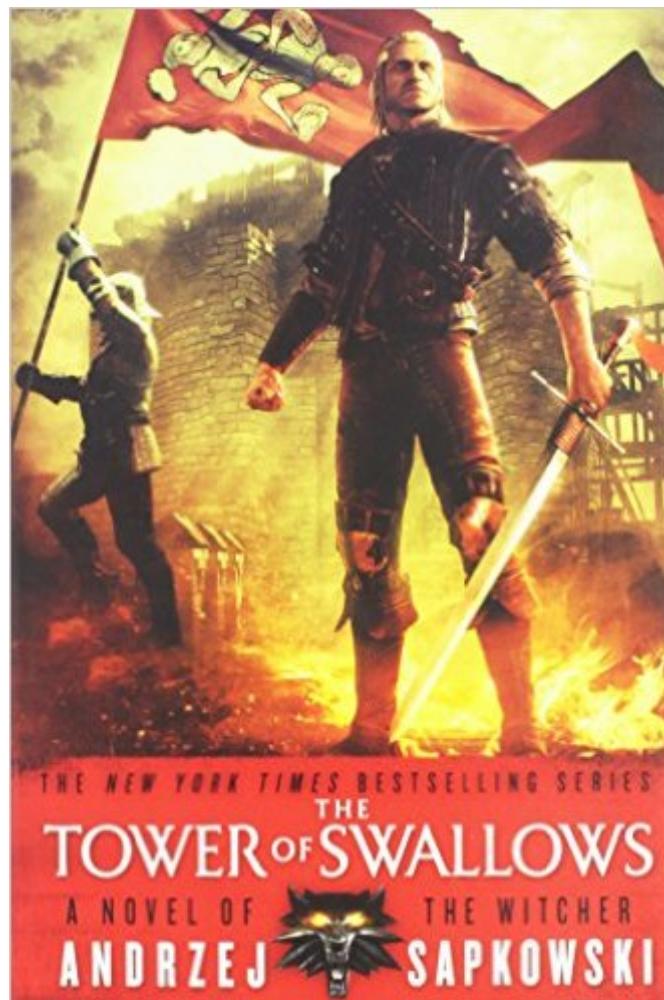


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The Witcher returns in this action-packed sequel to Baptism of Fire, in the New York Times bestselling series that inspired The Witcher video games. The world has fallen into war. Ciri, the child of prophecy, has vanished. Hunted by friends and foes alike, she has taken on the guise of a petty bandit and lives free for the first time in her life. But the net around her is closing. Geralt, the Witcher, has assembled a group of allies determined to rescue her. Both sides of the war have sent brutal mercenaries to hunt her down. Her crimes have made her famous. There is only one place left to run. The tower of the swallow is waiting...Witcher novelsBlood of Elves The Time of ContemptBaptism of Fire The Tower of SwallowsLady of the LakeWitcher collectionsThe Last WishSword of DestinyThe Malady and Other Stories: An Andrzej Sapkowski Sampler (e-only)Translated from original Polish by David French

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Customer Reviews

This is the 4th book in the series of 5. There are 7 books in the Witcher Universe. Do not read this book out of order because the Saga books pick up exactly where the previous books left off. You wouldn't Start Watching Game of Thrones in Season 4, would you?The short story books are: The Last Wish and The Sword of Destiny, which set up the world and the main characters.The Saga books are: Blood of Elves, Time of Contempt, Baptism of Fire, The Tower of Swallows, and Lady of the Lake. Read these in order!In this book Geralt and his party continue to look for Ciri, who is on the run and has been gravely wounded by bounty hunters. There have also been cataclysmic

supernatural events occurring on Samhain as a ghostly cavalcade of wraiths, known as the Wild Hunt, appear. I'm a HUGE fan of the Witcher video games and books, and Geralt may be my favorite video game character of all time. I also really like Ciri from Witcher 3. If I did NOT like Ciri, I would not like this book because the entire book is centered around her. So, if you're looking for stories about Geralt killing monsters, you're much better off playing the games. With all of that said, Tower of Swallows is an exciting, fast paced adventure, where Ciri and her fellow gang of bandits is on the run from professional bounty hunters. They ride across the country, while being hunted down. It almost feels like a western. The writing style is engaging, the action is brutal, and there are many twists and turns. If you've been a fan of the series so far, this book doesn't disappoint... unless you want a book about Geralt killing monsters. Speaking of which... I am downloading the Witcher 3 Blood and Wine DLC as I write this. I'm really looking forward to the final book, The Lady of the Lake.

This is the darkest of the books in the series. Sapkowski adds a few new characters that you will love to hate. Ciri became one of my favorite characters in this book. It is a story of survival and sorrow for Ciri. Geralt and his band of misfits are back. They all grow as characters as well. Regis became one of my favorite characters of all time in this book. As always, Sapkowski's ability to set a scene and project a mood to readers is really exceptional.

The entire Witcher series of books by Andrzej Sapkowski are some of the best fantasy novels ever written in my humble opinion. You can't go wrong with any of the books in the series though I would recommend starting at the beginning and working your way through them all from first to last. Start with the Last Wish and go from there I believe at least one or more of his books in the series has yet to be translated from Polish to English but you can find unofficial PDF translations online like I did when I first started getting interested in these books. It is great writing told from the perspective of Geralt of Rivia's, the Witcher, best friend and traveling companion Dandelion who happens to be a bard and poet himself. If you're into this sort of thing and you know if you are then just buy the books get the entire series and start reading. I couldn't put them down and I doubt you will be able to either.

I'm a fan of this book series and was happy this one was finally translated. I must admit it is my least favorite so far. Tons of politics to slog through and can be kind of tedious. Still worth the read to continue the story. If you prefer the parts where the Witcher and the gang are traveling together you

may also have trouble with this book. Its there, just not enough of it. Would give 3 1/2 if i could, but 4 is fine.

Is it odd the reason I'm dinging this book a star is also a reason I like the book? If this is your first Witcher book, put it down, look up the order to start reading these stories (starting with the two books of short stories) and then catch up to this one. Tower of Swallows is the first novel in this series that brings back the feeling of the original short stories for me. Although in the novel format, it can get a bit confusing the way he bounces around but as always Andrezej is a master story teller, the kind of stories you'd want to hear around a campfire. Now I can't wait for the final book to be translated. Well I can I guess, I don't want to take a chance with a fan translation.

If you're reading this, chances are you've already read all the others. Let's say that they start off with the "alternating perspectives and timelines" writing style right off the bat....and if you're wondering how this timeline fits with the Witcher 3 game (if it's not already clear enough), this brings those timelines ever closer together.

Another very good installment of the Witcher series. It is good heroic fantasy, but quite dark and brutal. I get the impression that some of the myths that are woven in may be familiar to eastern Europeans, but some are quite new to me, which adds to the appeal. If you like fast paced heroic fantasy with a definite bitterness of reality this is good. The nice guys usually end up suffering, much like reality. Not the deepest and most developed characters, but pretty much better than typical in modern writing.

As of the writing of the review, this is the most recent publishing in the series. Continues the story well, and sets up for the next installment :D Potential buyers should already be familiar with the previous installments, and if you've gotten this far, The Tower of Swallows WILL NOT DISAPPOINT!! Enjoy!

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