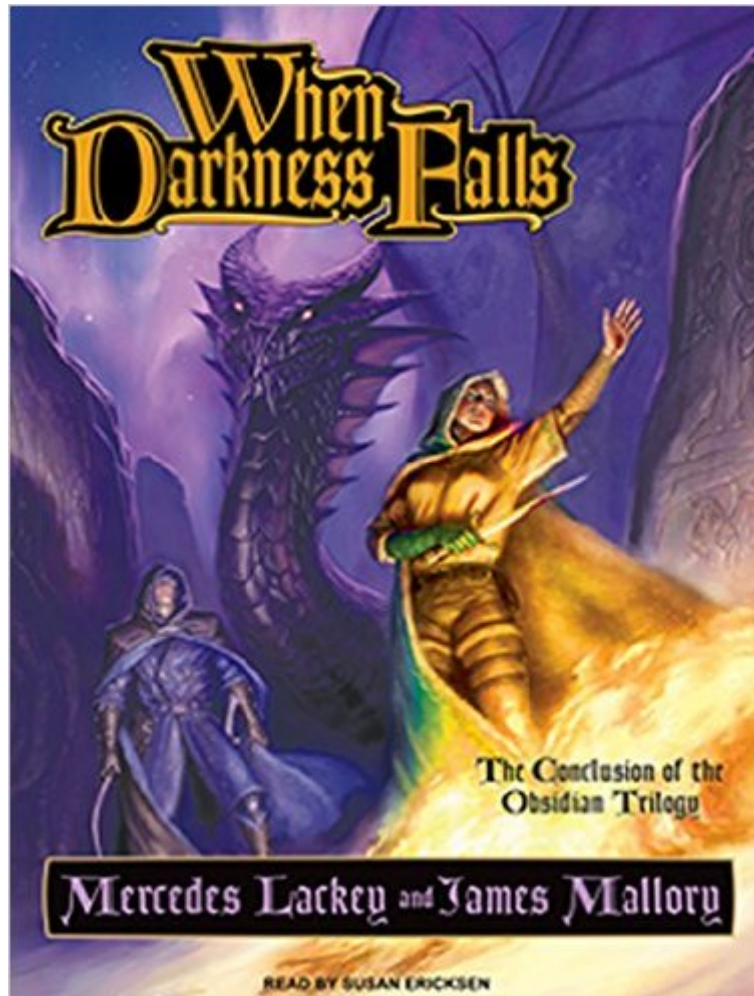


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## Synopsis

A great working of Wild Magic and High Magic strikes at the heart of the Demon Queen's plots, but the human city, the Golden City of the Bells, falls farther under her sway with each day that passes. And without the City's High Magicians, the Wild Magicians, the Elven Army, and all their allies will surely fall before the onslaught of the Demon Queen's malignant warriors. But not all hope is lost. The Light's young mages, tempered by war, grow ever more powerful. High Mage Cilarnen learns an ancient secret that can make him, for a brief, white-hot time, the greatest mage in the world-unless it kills him. Jermayan, the first Elf-Mage in centuries, has linked with the dragon Ancaladar and rediscovered the swift-as-thought powers of Elven magic, which can reshape mountains and summon lightning from clear skies. Knight-Mage Kellen has molded his troops and the Unicorn Knights into a deadly fighting force. Soon the Elven King and his Commanders put Kellen's magical gifts to their greatest test, in the final battle between the Elves, the humans, and the Demons.

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\*\*\*Spoilers Ahead\*\*\*Towards the end of the book I was absolutly positive there HAD to be another installment in the series because it kept going with no resolution in sight.Unfortunatly, I was wrong.In a typically Mercedes Lackey move the book goes on and on and on, following the characters practically day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute and then ends abruptly.I honestly

felt there was no point to most of what I read. It seemed that half of the book was spent following Kellen as he travelled from place to place and back again while he whined over how ruthless he was becoming. Then we spent another good portion of the book reading about Savilla torturing various creatures and walking around naked. And finally, Jermayan, who also seemed to spend half his time just travelling back and forth between cities and camps and so forth. Oh, and let's not forget Cilarnen, who spend most of the book holed up in one place or another while he fiddles around with all his new books and equipment. Then we get to the end, the final battle, the culmination of all our effort in reading through hundreds of pages of character and plot development....and they wrap it up in MAYBE 30 pages. There was absolutely no resolution in my mind. It was like the ending was simply an after thought: "Oh, yeah, and the good guys win. The end." The demons are supposed to be a mighty and powerful race but they go down seemingly without a fight. To be honest, I was more intrigued by Kellen and Shalkan fighting the stone mastiffs than I was about the final battle. It was just way too easy, convenient, and stereotypical to be enjoyable. To end the story, of course, there had to be the relationship resolution.

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