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The Clockwork God (Aboard The Great Iron Horse Book 1)



Synopsis

Five Stars: "I read this book in one sitting, as I was physically unable to put it down... I highly recommend The Clockwork God, and cannot wait to see what else Jamie Sedgewick has in store for us."-Goodreads Review
Four Stars: "An action packed, thrilling read; Very much a must for sci-fi and steampunk fans!"-Goodreads Review
Five Stars: "Can't get enough of the stories by Jamie Sedgewick. This has been the best yet."- Review
Description: River's mother vanished when she was an infant, leaving her child at the mercy of the Vangar invaders and their terrifying dragon ships. Eventually, River escaped her slavery and led a revolution against these cruel overlords. Now, she's on a mission to find and recover the continent's hidden reserves of the precious element known as starfall. Barreling through their post-apocalyptic world in a massive steam locomotive, River and her companions -the steam-powered ape named Socrates and his crew of warriors, miscreants, and genetic anomalies- travel from one unpredictable adventure to another. On their first outing, the crew encounters a bizarre cult of isolationists and their strange "Clockwork God." Meanwhile, several crewmembers have gone missing, and tensions are rising as mutineers conspire to overthrow Socrates and destroy the train. As the conflict comes to a boil, a power more ancient and sinister than anything they ever imagined threatens to destroy them all. The "Iron Horse" series is a follow up to Sedgewick's best selling steampunk series, "The Tinkerer's Daughter." A reading of the earlier books is not necessary to enjoy this new series, but may provide added insight to certain characters and history.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book from while it's free or was free. Don't know if it still is or not. I read this book because I was in a book funk, where I couldn't read, and I figured I'd go all hardcore and dive head first into my favorite genre, Steampunk. Also, this story was written by a man. I didn't realize that until I clicked on the author's Goodreads profile. I was just pleasantly surprised is all. This story seemed like maybe it branched off from another series...I think. However, it wasn't even an issue because I was glued to my phone, Kindle app. It held a steady pace, and there's zombies!! Ever feel like an author wrote a story just for YOU? Lol I'm crazy. Just about really well written fantasies that take me away from reality, even for just a moment, then when I come back to reality, I want to go back to where I just was!!

Normally I would drop a zombie story quickly but due to the writers skill I stuck it out. I'm glad I did, the characters were well developed not over-developed, room to fill in the blanks with imagination. The story progressed at a good pace, no wasteful fill to take up pages. The plot was good though..... I don't like zombie stories. I recommend it.

This was a good read for the beginning of the Iron Horse series. I don't think I would have enjoyed it as much if I hadn't read the Tinker's Daughter series first although this is a stand alone but still a continuation of the previous series. The plot did seem a little more simplistic but I did like the characters some of which I was already familiar with.

Dagnabit, another prolific steampunk writer with living breathing characters overcoming crazy yet believable obstacles that show up each character's inner strengths while giving them a chance to work on their weaknesses. Notice, I say characters. Socrates is not human physically. But he is a truly wonderful character. No spoilers. He does remind me a bit of Jean Luc Picard. :)

As a lover of Steampunk I thoroughly enjoyed this book , the story is of a post apocalyptic expedition on a huge steam powered train , manned by an amusing mix of humans, and various mutations under the command of an automaton (internally steam powered of corse) . While the story develops we encounter all kinds of marvelous steam powered gadgets , even steam powered butterflies that mimic real butterflies . I am not giving away the story line here, suffices to say that the story is entertaining , steady paced with fun characters

Mr. Sedgwick has again made me realize why I'm totally fantasized by the Steampunk genre. On their first adventure since leaving Sanctuary River, Kale and Socrates, a 1000 year old steam powered automaton in the shape of an ape, who is also the engineer of the 'Iron Horse' a train that is 1/2 mile long with rail cars the size of houses. As they're traveling across the frozen wasteland they come across a pile of boulders blocking the track. While Socrates and other crew members are clearing the track Micah, a once human who has been changed by the 'Starfall' (see the Tinker's Daughter series) and Kale make a trek in search of food and Micah wants to work on his drawings. They get more than they bargained for however when they run across hundreds of undead creatures. I'm not sure if it was intentional or not but a portion of this book reminds me of 'The Wizard of Oz'. I won't say which part or where it takes place but I thought it was very interesting. As with his other books, I'm really looking forward to the next in the 'Iron Horse' series. I'd recommend this book to anyone even if you've never read a book in the Steampunk genre I think you'll really like it.

I want to like his books. This is the second I have read of Jamie Sedgwick. His writing just doesn't flow for me. Seems stilted, tunnel action, simplistic. I like the concept and subject matter, but his time compression / time line continuity is unstable and hard to follow for me. Back story is lacking. I never felt 'caught up'. I would suggest the author get a better editor and an honest Alpha and Beta reader(s) before releasing his books.

Addictive adventure. Socrates, River, and the rest are great characters and make the book a fun read. It was the first in this series that I read and sent me scurrying to get the rest and the related "Tinker's Daughter" series. You can't put them down!

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