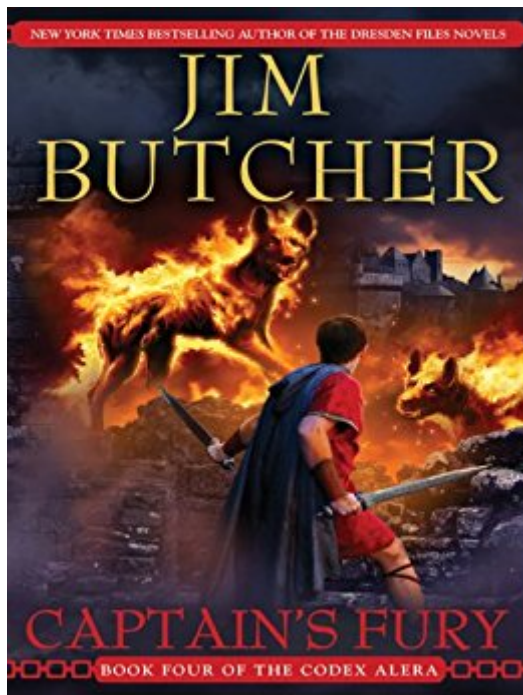


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Synopsis

In his acclaimed Codex Alera novels, #1 New York Times bestselling author Jim Butcher has created a fascinating world of elemental magic. Now, as enemies become allies, and friends become bitter foes, a danger beyond reckoning looms for all... After two years of bitter conflict with the hordes of invading Canim warriors, Tavi of Calderon, now Captain of the First Aleran Legion, realizes that a peril far greater than the Canim exists—the mysterious threat that drove the savage Canim to flee their homeland. Tavi proposes attempting an alliance with the Canim against their common foe, but his warnings go unheeded. For the Senate's newly-appointed military commander has long desired to wipe out the Canim "scourge" and their slave allies. Now, Tavi must find a way to overcome centuries-old animosities if an alliance is to be forged, and he must lead his legion in defiance of the law, against friend and foe—or none will have a chance of survival...

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Customer Reviews

Jim Butcher never disappoints! Watching Tavi grow into manhood in this series is such a roller

coaster. No one Tavi encounters is exactly who they seem to be; which causes so many unexpected situations that I'm always looking for who is going to surprise him (and me) next. But my favorite character is Kitai. She says exactly what's on her mind at every opportunity. What she says may seem like sarcasm at times, but the fact that she is being completely serious has left my sides aching with laughter. This series is so different than what I expected. I'm a huge fan of the Dresden series, and I assumed that the Calderon series would run along the same vein. It doesn't, and I'm glad because it is a wonderful body of work on its own. Can't wait to read the next book! However, I'm disappointed that the uniforms Tavi is depicted in on the books' covers aren't how they are described in the books. Butcher does such a good job of painting these mental scenes and settings in all of his work, it just seems a shame to draw the cover otherwise. Just saying... But it doesn't take away any of the word magic Butcher performs.

Jim Butcher is an amazing story teller. I discovered him thanks to recommending his other series, the Dresden Files, to me. After getting caught up on that series and waiting for the next title to be released, I decided to check out his other series, Codex Alera. I generally don't read a lot of high fantasy, and was especially dubious about a series that started off as a bet, but wanted to give it a shot given my love of his other work. Who would have thought that the lost Roman legion and Pokémon would inspire a NYT best selling series? There is a wonderful blend of mystery, action, wit, suspense, humor, and romance in these novels and appeals to a wide audience. The story is comprised of several different character arcs artfully woven together to progress the overall plot, which helps keep things interesting and creates quite a few cliffhangers throughout each book. Overall, a great read!

This is the fourth book in Butcher's epic fantasy Fury series. Here we follow Tavi and others as they repel the Canim invasion and battle against a rebellious High Lord. There are a fair number of dark deeds done because the alternative was worse, but in the end, good prevails, of a sort. As for Tavi's personal journey, he... hmm, this gets hard without getting into spoiler territory. He picks up some new skills and learns some more about his personal history. He continues to kick butt in various ways and inspires a surprising collection of supporters to kick butt for him. And as always, he shows that the best asset in a world of dark sorcery and elemental furies, the best weapon is still calm intelligence. I did enjoy this one quite a bit, though I have to say I didn't enjoy it quite as much as the previous book *Cursor's Fury*. The writing was superb, of course, and the characters were compelling. I suspect that this time, however, the plot was not as gripping as the previous one.

There was simply too much time spent getting from point A to point B, sometimes plotwise and other times geographically. Thus, when the various plots reached their climax, I felt they were about 100 pages overdue. Not that this is going to stop me from going after the last two. I'm definitely seeing this one through to the end.

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I bought this book after having read the first 3 in the "Codex Alera" series. I have given the other 3 books 5-stars and this gets one, too. I think that each book has gotten better. There is no gratuitous sex or foul language which is a big plus for me. After the first book for my Kindle I got the audible versions. I gave my Kindle to my husband when I got a Kindle Fire and he read that first book. He is hooked now and has asked me to get him the other 5 in the series to read. So this book gets 2 5-star ratings and WE highly recommend this book and this series. (I am actually listening to another series by Jim Butcher because I really like his writing.)

I gave this a 5 as it did all it was supposed to do. It gave intrigue, action, romance and a hero that we love. So what if some "saves" were beyond imagining. Evidently not beyond the author's imagining. And isn't that what it's all about, the imagination of the author? Jim Butcher has taken us on an exhilarating ride. I, for one, was very glad that I was on this ride. I will tell all of you who are looking for an epic series that you will remember and love for years, THIS is one. I have read this book and all in the series at least 2 times. Yet, I still feel like the first time. I love the characters. I love their flurries and I'm in love with this world. This book and the whole of the 6 books in are worth the purchase, reading, and your time. My only wish after reading this series, is a continuation. It would be wonderful to get a glimpse of their lives.....AFTER.

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