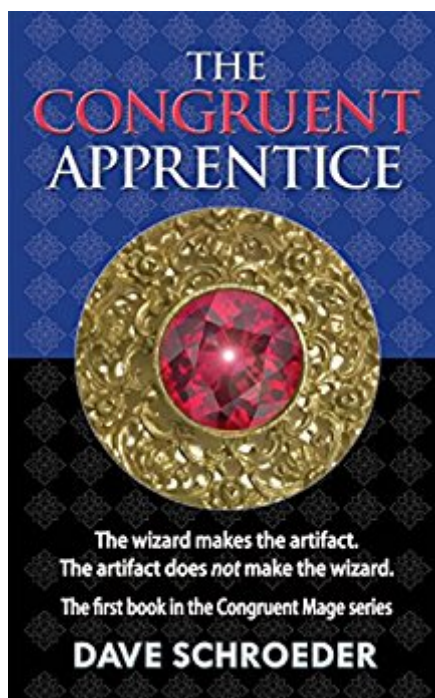


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The Congruent Apprentice (The Congruent Mage Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Young wizards coming of age in a time of war... Will they be ready? EYNON was excited to leave his village and set off on his wander year. He'd turned sixteen today, and hoped for at least a few adventures. At high noon, he arrived a crossroads and saw a shimmer of silver in the mud. It was a thin and dirty oval, about the size of his palm. He washed it with squirts of water from his goatskin, then marveled at what was revealed. It was a silver amulet, worked with complex, interlaced designs. An oval blue gem more than an inch across, with deep facets, was set in its center. The silver danced with reflected sunlight and the gem seemed to be filled with sparks. It was the most beautifully-crafted thing he'd ever seen. Eynon noticed strange writing on the back of the amulet. As he raised it to eye level for closer inspection, one of his fingers inadvertently pressed a small stud on the edge. A tremendous blast of blue fire shot out from the gem on the opposite side, striking an ancient leafless oak and turning it into a flaming torch. Someone behind him whistled. Eynon dropped the amulet, afraid of what else it might do, and turned to see an old farmer, leaning on a shovel. "Well, young man," said the farmer. "It looks like you're going to need a wizard."

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Customer Reviews

The Congruent Apprentice was an interesting story. No, it didn't break new grounds in fantasy or the coming of age genres. What was usual was that the main character was a well-mannered, respectful young man who strived to work in harmony with others. It is unusual in today's look-at-me culture and a good respite from today's culture. The author set a slow and steady pace as we learned more about the world setting, the conflicts between kingdoms, and the magic system. What I didn't enjoy was the rush at the end to toss out key revelations to set up the next book. Also, it ended on a cliffhanger, which can be annoying to many readers. Otherwise, the book was well polished and a highly enjoyable read.

I've really enjoyed Dave's Xenotech Support books, so I rushed out to buy this on release day. And I'm glad I did! The book is similar to his other series in tone. As the first book in a new series it has to define its world and introduce its characters which it did an excellent job of. They are interesting and relatable. I had a great time reading it, was sad when I ran out of pages, and am looking forward to more. Go ahead and give this and/or his Xenotech series a try!

I had a hard time getting into this book to start. I must have put it down a half dozen times, but I kept picking it back up again. Not sure where or when I got hooked, but got hooked I did. In the end I really enjoyed this world and the characters in it. You get teased with some information about the past that leaves you wanting to know more. As soon as I finished I went right back and re-read it again and enjoyed it that much more. I cannot wait for the next book or two, or three,.... or more. There is definitely many areas to explore in the past, present and future. My new favorite book.

Fantasy, like sci-fi, is not a genre I read at all, so I have no way to compare this to any others like it. However, I love Schroeder's Xenotech Rising series, so I thought I would give this one a whirl. Am I glad I did! Tremendous fun with wizardry, young love, battles, basilisks and a wyvern. I am looking forward to the next one.

Excellent epic fantasy! Above the usual fare. Probably intended for a younger readers but very

satisfying to this 67 year old fantasy bookworm.

This is an entertaining story of light sword and sorcery. I'm looking forward to the next volume in the series.

Great book. Eagerly waiting to read when the protagonist mature and learn more magic and how magic useful in everyday life.

I enjoyed the story and characters. Not ground breaking but solid fantasy story. The initial conversations seemed stilted. I got that he was polite by his actions. We saw it described and then were told it over and over.

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