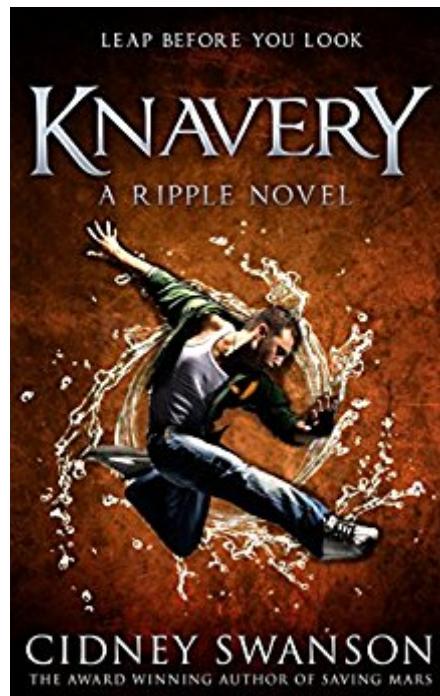


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Customer Reviews

After being given book 7, the final book in the Ripple series, free for review, I realized I hadn't read book 6 yet. So, in spite of lack o' funds, I picked it up as I didn't want to read yet another book series out of order. This series does build on the book before. And, who knows? I may want to read this series again. Best to own it! I do love this author, Cidney Swanson, and how she writes. Of course, my favorite of her two series, is Saving Mars. How I wish there were more of these. I understand that it came to a satisfying end, but how many books are out there written by women about space travel that isn't center on wars or male characters? Now back to the Ripple series. Science + trauma

= rippling. Rippling is invisibility. At the beginning of the series, we know of just one person who can do this. Sam/Samantha. But now there is a nice little community. But someone we didn't know before becomes the star of this book. His hero is Loki. What would Loki do? He is an emotionally stunted guy raised on a fat-campgrounds. (By the way, there are no judgments of the overweight teens that are there in this book.) His invisibility has been something he used for tricks on campers and family. He is a sweet guy, but hasn't been kissed or had relationships with anyone but his family. He's decided to get a job far from family to see if he can become his own person. I like Skandor Dusselhoff. Yes, it is a stray away from my goal of reading books written by and starring females. But since most of the rest of the series qualifies, this works. Exceptions prove the rule, you know! I didn't mean to finish reading it in the wee hours of the morning, but it grabbed me and wouldn't let me put it away. Then I wanted to start the next book because I couldn't sleep, still, at 5 AM. But I got tough with myself and turned everything off and tried to sleep. And, okay, it could have been the extra caffeine while hanging out with my daughter having a wonderful day, and not the book. But do you want to take the chance that a book THAT exciting goes unread by you? Now on to the final book of the series...

To start, I should say that I am losing a great deal of sleep reading these novels, including this one, given my negative comments, and I am not a teen or young adult. A completely new character is introduced and one mentioned peripherally is now more fully developed. Skandor is an, at times, irritating mixture of extreme naivety and shrewdness. He certainly moves quickly from an annoying pre-adolescent mentality (Loki, and not even the Avengers, really?) to a quasi-adult with occasional glimpses of a large child. I can't figure out if Skandor is 13 or 18, or even older as he cycles through stages. He is, however, a generally likeable, if odd, character. Katrin, on the other hand, is a thoroughly delightful and spunky character. While we had prior mention of her existence, there was never any real explanation of who she really was and what had happened to her. Again, in typical fashion, Ms. Swanson makes statements about Katrin that are entirely contrary to what we were previously told, such that we are angered and frustrated at the author's apparent continuity errors. Anger at, and frustration with, an author are not really good marketing ploys. Things are eventually, if rather preposterously, explained at a later time. The explanation misses some pertinent points, however. Anyway, Katrin is great. Georg's behavior is confusing. It works for purposes of the novel, but is somewhat inconsistent based on earlier statements and actions. There are other minor irregularities, but overall, the book is a pretty good installment in the series. Skandor is ultimately likeable, Katrin is pleasing, and Georg provides a fairly good villanesque character. The book is

better than three stars, but not really as good as four full stars. I suppose I err on the generous side, because the main, underlying story is so addictive.

I read this entire series in about 4 days. The first 3 were excellent and focused on a main group of people, reading from Sam and Will's perspective. Books 4-7 are all from different and new characters perspectives. It was really interesting meeting Skandor and his life at the Midgard camp. I actually thought he'd be kind of an annoying teenager type, but ended up being a great addition to the group of characters. The introduction of Katrin was also an interesting and unexpected twist. This book had a lot of plotting and twists and turns. It always comes back to bring in the main characters from the first 3 adding some new characters to the group. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys fantasy/sci-fi. Definitely start with book one as they are not meant to be standalones.

Cidney Swanson has quickly become one of my favorite authors, and this book is another shining example of her skill in writing. I always find it hard to put her books down. The characters are realistic and believable. The plots are fascinating and richly entertaining. I find myself cheering for the heroes, and booing the villains. This entire series has been marvelous. And make sure you check out her Saving Mars series. It, too, is captivating from beginning to end.

This is a fast-paced, exciting adventure romance series. I highly recommend it.

Read the book in a day! Couldn't put it down! I'm loving the series and can't wait to move onto the next adventure.

Could have had better execution and writing, but overall this series was both affordable and held my interest with a good story line.

SPOILERS!! I enjoyed the book all the way up to the end. I hate bad endings and was deeply unhappy with Katrin being taken by Georg and not being with Skandor. Deeply disappointed with it.

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