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The Lost Years: Book 1 (Merlin Saga)



Synopsis

The bestselling series by T. A. Barron! Washed up on the shores of ancient Wales, the boy had no home, no memory and no name... he was determined to find all three. This best-selling series follows the adventures and training of young Merlin on the mist-shrouded isle of Fincayra, an enchanted land between earth and sky that is being destroyed by blight. With this land's inhabitants to guide him, the boy will learn that Fincayra's fate and his own quest are strangely intertwined. He is destined to become the greatest wizard of all time--known to all as Merlin. "Fans who have followed young Merlin through his many adventures will still enjoy trekking with him." (The Horn Book)

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Customer Reviews

T. A. Barron is the award-winning author of fantasy novels such as *The Lost Years of Merlin* epic, soon to be a major motion picture. He serves on a variety of environmental and educational boards including The Nature Conservancy and The Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, and is the founder of a national award for heroic children. Following a life-changing decision to leave a successful business career to write full-time in 1990, Barron has written seventeen books, but is happiest when on the mountain trails with his wife, Currie, and their five children.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of Merlin. Although this book is found in the youth fantasy section in book stores, it is easily an adult fantasy book. I am also pleased that it did not have any of the romance smut that infects many teen fantasy books these days. This is a great story, well written and family friendly. I look forward to book 2.

The merlin saga is SO RAD! I read these years ago when I was but a youngster, and my brother is the same age as I was so I bought this and the other books for him and he's hooked. Great buy as a gift, or if you like Harry Potter type stories!

This series is not just for kids.....or it is for the kid still living in adults. These books have changed my life. TA Barron is an amazing story teller and clearly has real esoteric knowledge that he is weaving into his tale of Merlin. These books will kindle the flames of imagination and wonder for the magic that lives in this world and is born out of our hearts. Do yourself a favor and enjoy them!

Seven Songs (sequel to this book) was a HUGE part of my childhood. The whole Lost Years series is so great for kids. Think of it like the Narnia books; faraway land, fantasy creatures and adventure. Danger without too much violence. I highly recommend this one, parents!

great read

I read these books when I was too young to fully understand what was going on. Starting again is exciting. Compelling, likable characters, and the author is very good at making the scenes come to life with colorful detail.

I know everyone hates these because they are not perfect, but they are for children. The first book is not the best, but once you get past it the other books are Great! Or at least in my opinion they are

Delving into the magical world TA Barron created has been a wonderful experience. His elaborations bring each step on Merlin's incredible journey to vibrant life. The carefully crafted details make it all believable. I've never been a fan of fantasy fiction, but Barron and Merlin have won me over. I'm going along for the wild ride through the entire saga.

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