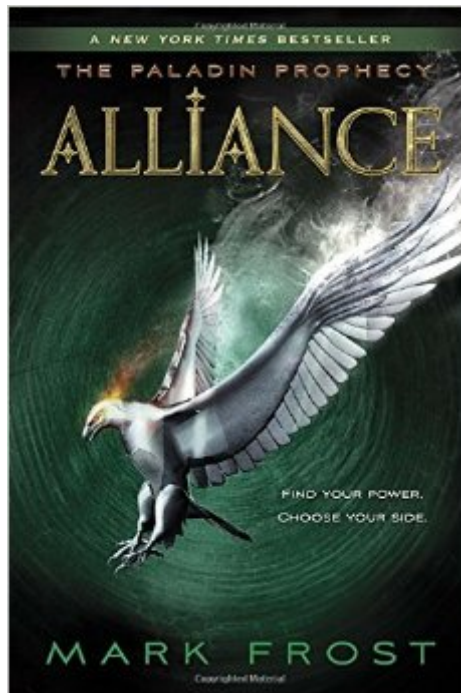


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Synopsis

Readers of *I Am Number Four*, *The Maze Runner*, and *Legend* will love this exciting new adventure series by the co-creator of the groundbreaking television show *Twin Peaks*, with its unique combination of mystery, heart-pounding action, and the supernatural. Will West is a student of the Center—a school for an elite group of students. After exposing a sinister underground society of students known as the Knights of Charlemagne, Will discovers that he is developing supernatural physical and mental abilities. As he explores his new powers, he and his roommates investigate the Knights' shadowy purpose and soon uncover a plot that could destroy life as we know it. The newly formed alliance will have to separate friend from foe as they prepare for the biggest fight of their lives. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Exceptional, absolutely exceptional I would recommend this book to every Harry Potter, Hunger Game, fans only this book is a thriller, the suspenseful - have to finish, dying to know what happens next book out there. Mark Frost (TWIN PEAKS) has created new dynamic teen heroes and villains around. This book kept me at the edge of my seat and I had to finish it reading late into the

night-early morning. This book is the absolute total package its' plot, creativity, drama, humor adventure etc. is so worth your time. WARNING-do not attempt to read this book without first reading the Paladin Prophecy.

I gave the first book in this series five stars. It had everything--cool plot, great characters, lots of action, vivid descriptions. This one...I still really liked Will, and the voice remained the same for him. But the other characters? It was like the author forgot who they were, Ajay lost all his personality and became a complete nerd rather than the personable technogeek he was in the first book. Nick became a caricature of stupidity (but I admit I still liked him a lot). Elise was fairly strong still, but the relationship between her and Will came out of nowhere rather than building even remotely naturally. And Brooke pretty much just became a non-person. Man, I hated her from page one of this book. And speaking of Brooke, the whole beginning with her was completely contrived. The author just summed up the situation rather than showing any real interaction that could make the reader care about what happened between her and Will. It did not work for me at all. That said, the whole underground city thing was very cool. And I'm really, really glad we at least got some glimpses of Dave in this one, because I adored him in the first book. I will read the next installment, if for no other reason than to see more of Dave and find out the answers to some questions. But I have to say, if this turns out to be longer than a trilogy, I'm going to be very irritated unless the author steps it back up *at least* to the kind of writing that was in the first book.

"After exposing the sinister underground society of students known as the Knights of Charlemagne, Will West stays at the Center over the summer to explore his newly developing physical and mental abilities. Meanwhile, his roommates investigate the Knights' shadowy purpose and discover unsettling information about their own backgrounds. Will and his friends must quickly figure out what's going on and separate friend from foe as they prepare for the coming fight." This is the second book in the Paladin Prophecy, the YA series by author Mark Frost and it continues the group's search for answers to the mystery and the purpose of the Knights of Charlemagne. It's a bit slower paced than the first book with less running away from or fighting with bad guys and more exploring in some rather strange places. That isn't to say it's not as good as the first book but, rather, that it's more 'laid back' if you will, spending more time fleshing out the back stories of Will West, the school, and the knights. In many ways, this felt like a set-up for the next book so it won't come as a surprise that it ends on a bit of a cliffhanger. Despite its slower pace, Alliance is still quite a fun read and just as hard to put down as the first book. The gang are all as likable and witty as

ever and we get a chance to see them develop more of their powers. There are also hints of coming battles and the purpose they are expected to play in them. Although Alliance isn't as exciting as Paladin, it does a great job of setting the stage for future events. I am really looking forward to the next in the series because, judging from the events and hints in this book, it's gonna be a doozy.

My son ranks this series among his all-time favorites. He was the first to read ALLIANCE, and he loved it. After an awesome first book, I always hold my breath as I wait for the sequel, hoping it won't be a disappointment. No worries about that here. ALLIANCE is a riveting adventure full of deepening character developments, refinement of the kids' powers, the undertaking of a mysterious quest, and an ending that leaves us reeling. Now, we wait . . . book 3 can't get here fast enough for my son.

I absolutely adored the first book in the series, thinking it was brilliant. Unfortunately, many of the strengths of the first book simply fizzle away in this follow up. There's decidedly less action and very little menace through the majority of the book. Reading this one, I kept continually thinking of an episode of Scooby Doo in a cave, rather than becoming immersed in the world created in the first book. Most of the book seemed like one long hunt for clues to answer a mystery that seemed created for this book rather than a continuation of the plot of the first novel. Many of the descriptions dragged and were directed toward characters moving or traveling from place to place, giving it the excitement of reading a map in prose. The dialog that I found very natural and hilarious in the first book becomes stilted in the second, and much of the humor falls flat. I don't believe in always using descriptive dialog tags, but the high number of "said's" in the book was glaringly large. Things picked up a bit in the last third of the book, so I'm hopeful that the next installment will get back to the awesomeness of the first. I think Mr. Frost is a brilliant writer, but this one seemed either rushed or uninspired. It's really not bad...just disappointing.

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