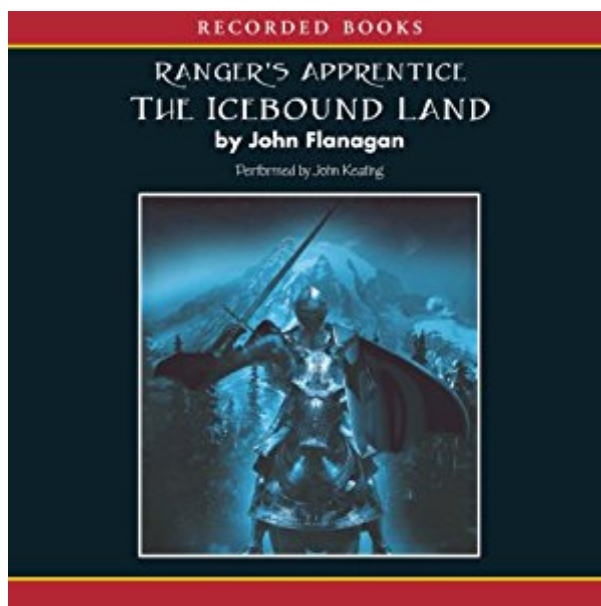


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# The Icebound Land: Ranger's Apprentice, Book 3



## Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. Chasing the Skandian slave-traders who kidnapped Will and Evanlyn, Ranger Halt and warrior student Horace find themselves in the frozen northern islands, where they battle a ruthless black-clad knight as they attempt to rescue their friends. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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## Customer Reviews

While there is some action in the book it is one of the slower Rangers apprentice books. The story is filled with constant obstacles for our characters to overcome with more than just blade or arrow.

Having read through the series this book largely sets up the action-packed fourth book which is also the last book of this particular story arc of the Rangers apprentice. It is well worth the read if you love books one and two

In this continuation of the Ranger's Apprentice series, we find Will and Evanlyn attempting their escape from the Viking-esque Skandians. However, despite Will's prowess as a Ranger, it is quickly revealed that Will has much to learn about basic seamanship and the colder parts of the world. And drug addiction. For a young adult fantasy title, one can definitely see how such a subject could polarize reader response. In general, drugs are found very little in fantasy, unless we're talking about Michael Moorcock's ELRIC SAGA, which is quite a bit more adult in nature than this series. However, I think one also needs to keep in mind that John Flanagan initially wrote this book

for his son. Maybe this installment was a subtle way of teaching children about the dangers of addiction. Ironically, I felt that the inclusion of such a rare subject matter is what made this book work for me; for the offerings of the rest of the book are basically chivalrous challenges and jousts--a dime a dozen in fantasy. One thing I disliked about this book is in the characterization of Halt, the senior Ranger who is trying to track down Will, his apprentice. In this volume, Halt shows a bit more of his personality--to include his soft side. On the one hand, this makes Halt a bit more human, but on the other hand I found it a bit harder to imagine Halt as a force to be reckoned with. Where the last two books dealt with grander settings and senses of urgency, this book takes a detour to explore the personal struggles and inner workings of some of the characters. Don't expect it to be as action-packed, but in its own way it is still entertaining and sets the stage for the next installment, which I'm sure will be more along the lines of the first two books.

I discovered and read this series a few years ago, and now I am reading it with my nine-year-old son who absolutely loves it as well! I recommend this series to readers of all ages. The book has a historical / fantasy feel, but is really timeless, and is filled with excitement, action, and adventure. I highly recommend this book, especially to reluctant readers. I have a feeling they'd find something in this series to love too!

Great book series...though of the 4 in the Series, this is the most emotionally depressing as Will, our hero, is enslaved and abused near to death before an unlikely rescue. Book 4 takes the story farther after Will's rescue and recovery and is more "cheery". In a nutshell...books 1 & 2 were great. Book 3 will likely be depressing for young Will is a really good kid. If you buy book 3, be sure to get book 4.

The Icebound Land, book three of The Ranger's Apprentice series, takes things in a new direction as the dangers of battle and espionage are exchanged for the perils of imprisonment and travel in hostile lands. As with the first two novels in this stellar series, The Icebound Land delivers a gripping story filled with interesting characters and places, and with just enough plot turns to keep you guessing until the end. In the chaos that followed the fearsome final battle with Lord Morgarath, young apprentice Ranger Will and his new friend Evanlyn are taken captive by the fierce Skandian raider, Jarl Erak. Disgusted by the failure in Araluen, Erak plans to sell Will and Evanlyn as slaves to cover the expenses for his journey across the Stormwhite Sea. Will and Evanlyn fight to stay together as they make the wild sea voyage, but once they reach the Skandian capital of Hallasholm, an insidious enemy threatens to take Will away for good. Only Evanlyn's ingenuity and courage -

and the aid of an unlikely ally - can save them both. Back in Araluen, Halt is increasingly frustrated by King Duncan's refusal to allow him to pursue the Skandians and rescue Will. He made a promise to recover his apprentice and he means to keep that promise, even if doing so means defying his King and forsaking his vow as a Ranger. Shamed, stripped of his place in the Ranger Corps and banished from the Kingdom of Araluen, Halt sets out to rescue Will, but he is not alone. Will's best friend and former wardmate, Horace is an apprentice warrior with a natural gift for swordplay. He joins Halt on the journey and stands beside him as they cross the treacherous Gallican countryside. This series continues to captivate. Mr. Flanagan has a real knack for describing the strategy and actuality of skirmishes and battles, as well as for building an interesting and detailed world. Best of all, the Ranger's Apprentice books tell stories you WANT to read about characters you truly admire.

This was the second reading of The Battle for Skandia. It has been awhile since I've finished the series of the Ranger books and pinned for them, so I decided to read some of them over again. I think The Battle for Skandia was one of the best and I will continue to reread others. P.S. I have read the Brotherband series as well and loved them too.

Let me say I love the writing but hate the way this series is being sold! They have taken a a wonderfully written book and broken it up into very small short stories to sell at \$9 a pop in a 12 book series. This series would match a 3 book series any other time and cost less than \$50 for an e-book, instead it runs around \$110 for the 121 small books. My advice, don't start this series unless your willing to pay way out prices. A bit deceiving guys!

This story pulls you from scene to scene chapter to chapter. It is a fast entertaining read that for the genre and target audience is a perfect cap to the first arc of the series. While we do not see the fantastical creatures that was in book one the story still has a fantasy feel to it.

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