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Cathan has discovered powers within himself since his story - and that of the waterworld, Aquasilva - began in HERESY. He has also found that he is the Emperor Orosius's brother - but Orosius is dead, and Eshar is now set in his place, thanks to the Imperial Navy's king-making. Meanwhile, the religious fanatics of the Domain continue to seek out heresy - and Cathan in particular. Still refusing to attempt to place himself on the Imperial throne, Cathan studies the history of storms and the terrible effects of previous meddling with Aquasilva's weather systems. But the Domain's dogs are everywhere, and capture lays in wait for him...and with it, the discovery of his true identity, and death. CRUSADE completes the AQUASILVA trilogy, which has seen the young Cathan come of age, in more ways than one. In its deep politics, world-building and characterisation, it is a masterpiece of fantasy fiction from a new star.

## Crusade Details

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### Dirk McCall says

Really disappointing. I tend to read a lot - usually a book or two a week. This book made me so annoyed that it took me a month to stomach it down, and I still am annoyed. The first book was so good and innovative. The second was somewhat interesting, but frustrating. This book meandered. The main characters got captured every other chapter it seemed, and did not grow at all throughout the series. People behaved in inexplicable ways that made no sense as to their interests. Plotlines were left unresolved. Very frustrating and unsatisfying, which is a big disappointment as this series had great promise. I would not read a fourth book in the series.

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### Erik says

Ugh. That's all I can really say after finishing this series. As I've noted with the first two books, I think the originality of the base story is good. But everything beyond that annoyed me. The author was unable to be consistent and choose the literary tool he needed for a situation regardless of whether it made any sense in the arc of the story or not. Horrible. He left loose ends flying everywhere (and this was the concluding book) and didn't come close to explaining things satisfactorily (or at all in many cases). All this on top of building the second book around a single point, which proves to be completely useless in the final book (but for his "shocking" revelation at the end of it). I won't call a book with a decent story a waste of time, but this was pretty close.

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### Matteo Pellegrini says

Dopo una rocambolesca fuga, Cathan è riuscito a nascondersi nel solaio di una biblioteca a Thetia, sfuggendo così agli spietati angeli dell'Inquisizione. Con la nomina di suo zio Aetius VI alla carica di Imperatore, il Dominio ha finalmente raggiunto quel potere totale così a lungo agognato. I sacerdoti di Sarhaddon esercitano la loro egemonia con estrema severità su tutte le terre emerse di Aquasilva e tutti coloro che osano ribellarsi diventano penitenti, ovvero gente senza diritti e senza futuro, costretta ai lavori forzati. Neanche Cathan riesce a sfuggire alle maglie oppressive del Dominio e presto scopre che i sacerdoti non sono gli unici nemici...

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### Nolito says

El primer libro de la trilogía es aceptable, no es gran cosa pero es entretenido, si buscas libros del género porque ya has leído lo más conocido te gustará. Pero con los siguientes va decayendo estrepitosamente la historia. Aún así, he leído cosas peores. Gran parte de la culpa de que me lo leyera es que en su día a Anselm le catalogaron como "el nuevo Tolkien", y claro esa etiqueta pesa y crea un hype excesivo.

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**Michelle says**

So did not like this book. I thought that I would since I like the first two. This one is all the same: captured, escape, captured, escape. Left it open for another book, but I'm not sure if I would read it anyway.

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**Naomi says**

Big disappointment, I really liked the first two books:  
Heresy and Inquisition

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