

Dark Currents (The Emperors Edge, #2) By Lindsay Buroker When Amaranthe's team discovers mutilated bodies in the city aqueducts and a mysterious illness incapacitates thousands of citizens she and Sicarius see an opportunity to solve the mystery and prove their loyalty. Dark Currents (The Emperors Edge #2) As good as the first! I love Amaranthe Sicarius Books Maldynado Akstyr and Basilard! The way Amaranthe teases Sicarius and treating all the others is plain fantastic! Her voice is the most fantastic thing in this book! :) On with the next! :) English Previous rating: 3. Seen the light I have indeed! ☐ And the moral of this reread is: yeah yeah yeah so the world building in this series is a bit on the decaf side and not the most complex I've come ever across. Quite welcome you are ☐ And the other moral of this reread is: Amaranthe's footstool-emulating tendencies (don't ask) + crazy creative scheming + everything Maldynado + little assassins school + Sicarius' perennial whimsicality stodginess + hectic and dangerous giant raccoons + Amaranthe's innate talent for finding missions projects jobs trouble + missing limbs and eyes yay! + Books aka the fuzzy sweater aka the deranged furry predator + Sicarius' um surprising llama lung and bone marrow surprises + decapitated bodies galore = ☐ To be continued and stuff. 5: Beneath the Surface ☐☐☐☐· Book 6: Forged in Blood I ☐☐☐☐· Book 7: Forged in Blood II ☐☐☐☐☐· Book 8: Republic ☐☐☐☐· Book 9: Diplomats and Fugitives ☐☐☐☐ [March 2014] Actual rating: 3. I just love Amaranthe and her fellow outlaws! In this second instalment the story focuses on Books and although he is not my favorite character I still enjoyed reading about him. The funny thing about this series is that no matter how sketchy the world building is no matter what flaws there are in the plot or that there are so many things going on at the same time (sometimes too many) I still find myself enjoying the books very much. It's all quite improbable but it works! This series is definitely character-driven and I'm fond of them all (well Books and Askyr I don't like as much as the others but that could change as the series evolve). They sometimes feel a bit clichéd individually but they are quite compelling nonetheless and I can't wait to find out what happens to our little gang of outlaws in the next installment! English \*\*\*1/2 I'm kind of puzzled as to why Lindsay Buroker's The Emperor's Edge books are so fun readable and compelling. Obviously Buroker is just making stuff up as she goes along creating a technological or magical 'doodad' (as Amaranthe calls them) as she needs them or creating a new magical character or power when it suits her. How can you fear for the hero when you know that the author will just pull another 'magical' rabbit out of their hat or have an implausible escape whenever they need to get the hero out of a bad situation? It's sloppy. I enjoyed the first book a bit more than I did this one and I can't really put my finger on why but I think it has to do with never truly feeling that any of the characters were in real danger. The stories rely on dangerous situations action and a lot of banter between the gang of misfits all with bounties on their heads and all trying to figure out their place in the group and in society. Looking forward to the next book ☐☐ English Thoroughly enjoyed this second entry in the series which widens the POVs beyond Amaranthe (my favorite) to include Books the quiet librarian among the five guys following Amaranthe. The Emperor's Edge was interesting enough to make me this self-published author a second chance but while this does represent a step forward it's not enough of one to make me enthused about the series. But I seriously enjoyed this and think everyone who is even somewhat interested in steampunk fantasy should give The Emperor's Edge series a try! English Fantasy Review BarnA quick recap of 'The Emperor's Edge;' Amaranthe and her plucky cast of outlaws are actually nice people doing everything they can to save the Emperor from some bad people. Despite this a few lucky breaks and some quick thinking from several people in the crew works out in their favor the Emperor is saved and the entire crew find themselves to be outlaws still. So an ex-cop deadly assassin male escort wannabe magician former pit fighter and Books (guess what he does) are out of work looking for good deeds to clear their name and get back in the Emperor's good graces. Turning down a job for an assassination gives them a lead into some nefarious doings anyway and soon the group must leave town together to save the city from the latest and greatest troubles. The group's adventure relies less on a complex plan and more on quick decisions this time around which helps alleviate some of the plot holes the first book had (though I am sure a reread would make me questions a few things). Not a lot is added to the world other than proof there is life outside the main city and some signs that the Emperor they

saved is trying to make the land a better place. The Emperor's Edge series has so far been a blast to read; Engaging and fun characters quick paced adventures and it appears that the beginning of an actual story arc building.

Im a full time indie fantasy and science fiction author, When Im not writing Im ferrying my dogs to hiking trails for adventures. When I'm not writing I'm ferrying my dogs to hiking trails for adventures. {site\_link} It's been three months since former enforcer Amaranthe Lokdon and the notorious assassin Sicarius thwarted kidnappers and saved the emperor's life: The problem? Nobody knows they were responsible for this good deed, With enforcers and bounty hunters stalking them and the emperor nursing a personal hatred for Sicarius it's going to be hard to earn exoneration. But they'll have to defeat vengeful shamans man-eating predators and deadly mechanical constructs all while dodging imperial soldiers who would rather kill them than accept their help. A slightly moronic shrimp I obviously was when I first read this book [New rating: 4 stars, BUT 1) Characterization is Super Extra Yummy (SEY™)—one of the best ragtag bands of wannabe-not-misfits ever methinks—and 2) Those: Dialogues—some of the mostest funniest ever methinks— Here have some more on the house and stuff: [Book 1: The Emperor's Edge [Book 3: Deadly Games [Book 4: Conspiracy [Book 5: Blood and Betrayal [Book 5: The Emperor's Edge was a nice introduction to the series and Dark Currents although not the best book in the series offers quite a lot in terms of character development, I didn't enjoy the story that much but what makes the series so appealing to me is the interaction between the characters: The next book will focus on Basilard which I am looking forward to, I think it's a great idea to explore a different character in each book and give the reader a different perspective, They are entertaining funny (love the dialogues!) and Buroker knows how to keep the reader turning the pages: I really like the adventure meets silliness meets crazy plans meets "we're saving the empire" thing that is going on here: It seems Buroker found the perfect balance between all the characters in the story, The technology level is sketchy at best with her heroes driving lorries and using rifles/pistols yet still carrying antiquated weapons like swords. The political strata is kind of vague and the neighboring countries are too much alike blurring together: Consequently her world doesn't always fit together or make sense: For one thing creative world building is one of the reasons I seek out fantasy/steampunk. Another reason is without proper limits or rules the action scenes just aren't suspenseful, I wanted to skim over her action scenes when they should have been exciting and compelling, Without boundaries there's no real risk and the action is tedious to read. So why am I eagerly awaiting the next book?It's the characters: (And personally... I think some of the most creative and complex characters have come from graphic novels: As if being limited to a template makes writers go to greater lengths to give their characters depth. ) But anyway I'm intrigued and amused by Amaranthe's motley little group, There's a feeling of mystery and untold stories with each and every one of them, That's where the suspense for The Emperor's Edge books come from...this desire to know more about the characters, I'm dying to learn their secrets and see if they find happiness and romance. Yes they tend to throw cheesy one-liners at each other (which make me groan) but I'm willing to ignore that. So while this series is far from great literature I've been sucked in by the compelling characters and will definitely be reading book 3: This was a buddy read with Jeannette and she wrote an excellent review for this, I like all of them and it is easy to root for their success but most of them seem ironclad plot wise and the danger factor is lower, This leaves the reader with character development and what shenanigans they are about to get involved in this time around: There were Magical constructs and monsters cool fights and some slow burning romance which has not come to any resolution yet: Overall I am enjoying reading this series quite a bit and would recommend it to light Fantasy fans of all ages. While the main relationship follows a predictable path I like the way it was handled especially the conversations toward the end: The world building is pretty sketchy but the breezy tone and above all Amaranthe's voice carries the fast-paced storyline magnificently. The main mystery is wrapped up while some enticing threads are introduced promising a broadening of the big questions. I also think Buroker does a terrific job with a female

(especially in a warrior culture) leading five men. I kept thinking This works because all five are not in love with her: To my surprise Sicarius is thinking along an orthogonal trajectory. Not to say I don't enjoy the broody distant assassin type because I do but they tend to be a bit alike: It's a great balance between them all friendship and respect or at least tolerance building among the team: :) English Dark Currents is better than the first book in the series which struck me as okay but weak. There isn't anything I'm hanging fire on finding out so while I find them moderately amusing I think I'm good. Note: The rest of this review has been withdrawn due to the changes in Goodreads policy and enforcement, In the meantime you can read the entire review at Smorgasbook English Goodreads: I've cheated on you and for that i am sorry; the book was finished yesterday. Not that i don't like him it's just that Amaranthe is in all the action so to say, Yet he did bring an interesting change of view and feelings, Why/how did everyone in the Empire know Sicarius' name? Did he sign his name in blood? It's a question that keeps nagging me: Not going to bother writing a full review since I JUST reviewed Book 1 and I'm diving right into Book 3: Amaranthe sets up a complex and brilliant plan to trap the baddies which fails miserably: Glowing eyed wildlife magic practitioners angry fathers and near-invincible imported predators are all out there to greet them, Like the first novel this book moves at a lightning speed I am amazed at how fast I have read the books in this series, The greatest strength of this book comes from the character interactions which can only be described as fun. Constant bickering light jokes but brotherly (and sisterly in Amaranthe's case) love is shared by almost all. I am glad to be past the team set up stage because the interactions are much more natural now that I have gotten to know the characters, The author states in the epilog that her hope was to each book feature a different secondary characters; 'Dark Currents' features Books: It worked though he is certainly not the most intriguing character of the group (though he is probably the most realistic), What made it work was the relationships he had; the love/hate with Maldynado and the romance he is struggling to keep up with: I still am not a huge fan of the assassin character but he doesn't detract from the story for me: Many things happen not for logical reasons but because the author needs them to happen in order to have a story: If these were not so fun it may be a bigger deal but the light hearted nature made me care a little less: I was a bit disappointed that I learned the reasoning behind some of the villain's acts but never the true purpose of the master plan: This is such a major thing that I have to give the author benefit of the doubt and assume all will be explained later. Oh and I never quite understood the purpose of monsters that eat lady parts. While they are not as strong as Chris Wooding's 'Kitty Jay' Series I have the feeling a lot of fans of Wooding would really enjoy Buroker's books. I'm a full time indie fantasy and science fiction author. Worse they're being blamed for the entire scheme. Nobody said exoneration would be easy.5 stars.5 stars. but they are. Buroker's books are not great fantasy. In fact her world building is quite shoddy. I have no true visual of the city or it's people. The rules for magic are a mystery. I will always yank a star for this. The easy way out and Buroker does this a lot. They're fun. I'm fond of them. Yes Buroker uses archetypes but so do comic books. They bicker and fight. They tease each other. I want to see what happens to them. review English \*\*\* 3.75 \*\*\*So this series is very entertaining. That part didn't disappoint. And the last few lines? Terrific. Made me go straight out to buy the next. That made him interesting to me for the first time. Sicarius is showing signs of being different from most. Huzzah!. English 3.5\*Another light and fun read. I'm really enjoying this series.And it doesn't hurt that it's free. But it isn't a lot better. And so I think we're going to part ways here. There are a lot of books out there. I feel I've given these a fair shake. You can read why I came to this decision here. But no worries i put the right finished date.So. What i want to say is: The bOOK is awesome. Amaranthe is cool and kickass and so is Sicarius.Books is admirable since he likes books. Overall the book is good.But i don't really like having Books' POV.Though i have one question. English Loved it. Tough break. The weaknesses of the book are easy to spot as well. Just a bit weird.4 Stars English

