

## Third Power by Robert Childs

5 stars

The fulfilment of an ancient prophecy in the land of Mithal

Steven Walker is an ordinary 18-year-old, bored in history class, driving a 2009 red Mustang and eager to spend time with his girlfriend whilst dreaming of becoming an astronaut. Then a stranger leaves him a crystal pendant in his will and his life changes dramatically when he is transported through a portal to the world of Mithal which is in the grip of an evil sorcerer, Azinon, the Dark One, who overthrew the royal family and put himself on the throne. He now rules humankind unmercifully and manipulates the other races into bloody border wars with each other from behind the scenes. On Mithal, Steven meets the First Power of Mithal, the wizard Haldorum, and all sorts of other human and inhuman creatures. He finds out that he is the Third Power of Mithal and as the prophecy states - it is within his power to break the evil sorcerer's hold over the land and restore the emperor to the throne. The rebel army have been battling against Azinon for 13 years but they were patiently awaiting the Third Power to finally break the Dark One's hold over the land.

Together with two of his friends, Scott and Sonya, Steven and a host of other creatures ranging from sprites, pixies, werewolves, birdmen and a white tiger battles the armies of Azinon and, in the process, finds out their strengths, weaknesses and finds love.

If you loved Tolkein's Lord of the Rings and Christopher Paolini's Eragon series then this book is a must for you. It is cleverly written with subtle humour and good triumphing over evil is always heart-warming. I was spell-bound by the magic, the story telling and all the different types of creatures that the young people encountered, particularly Steven's familiar, the tiger Kayliss, being a cat lover myself. A wonderful escape from the reality of the world around us.

Saphira

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