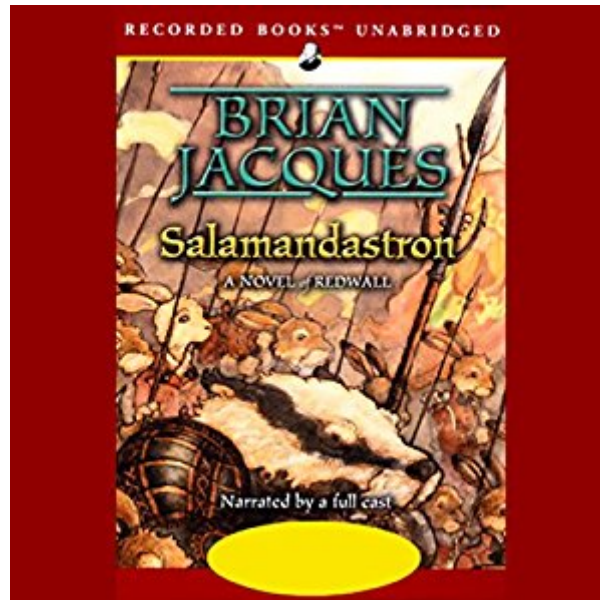




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Synopsis

With millions of books in print, Brian Jacques' New York Times best-selling Redwall series is among the most popular sagas of all time. Now the riveting fifth book in the series comes to full and vibrant life in this extraordinary production, featuring the vocal talents of a remarkable cast of skilled performers. While the good creatures of Redwall Abbey relax during the hot summer, the mountain stronghold of Salamandastron is under siege. Ferhago the Assassin and his band of vicious weasels throw all their fury against Lord Urthstripe the Strong, Badger Lord of Fire Mountain and ruler of Salamandastron. When a lightning bolt uncovers the sword of Martin the Warrior, young Samkin begins an adventure that leads him toward the battle...and toward the ultimate triumph of good.

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Customer Reviews

Salamandastron is easily one of my favorite books in the Redwall series. It has a great cast of characters and probably my favorite villain of any Jacques novel. The story, while not extraordinarily unique by Redwall standards, was robust and very enjoyable, not yet having fallen into the formulaic pattern noticeable in some of Jacques' later novels. I was never much into audiobooks, but after being gifted the original Redwall audiobook and falling in love with the superb voice acting and narration, I wanted more. Salamandastron did not live up to the expectations that Redwall had given me. Redwall was narrated by Brian Jacques, and the main character was played by his son. Many of the other characters had well-known and very skilled actors. Salamandastron is not so much this way: many of the main characters, such as Ferahgo, Thrugg and Pikkle, have downright irritating

voice actors (especially Pikkle). Many others, like Mara and Urthstripe, simply lacked the emotion and resolve in their voices that I'd expect from the characters. Some voices did stand out as being exceptional, such as Klitch, but the "exceptional" actors in this audiobook were few and far between. It's not bad overall, but if you're looking to buy this book after listening to Redwall, you are likely to be somewhat disappointed.

The tale of Salamandastron is a simple one. An evil weasel warlord wishes to gain power and wealth by conquering the legendary stronghold Salamandastron. Mixed in some returning friends new allies some traveling and you have the basic idea of the story. The writing is not excellent but the whole idea of this world on which the dominating creatures are animals is very intriguing. Brian Jacques weaves a very good story for young children. While one of the main faults of the story is that it is predictable. It is incredibly similar to so many of the other books in the series. So much time is spent talking about food and other smaller matters. But it remains fun. The only other fault is that characters are either good or evil. It is a monochrome world. Black and white good and evil. There seems to be no gray area as there truly would be. But for an enjoyable book. This is definitely one to read.

Salamandastron was the most powerful book ever written I recommend it to anyone please read salamandastron

Another huge hit in the Redwall series. I believe that Brian Jacques has really combined the two main parts of Redwall books in this one: Quests and Major Battles (or wars). I would recommend this book to any Redwall fan.

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