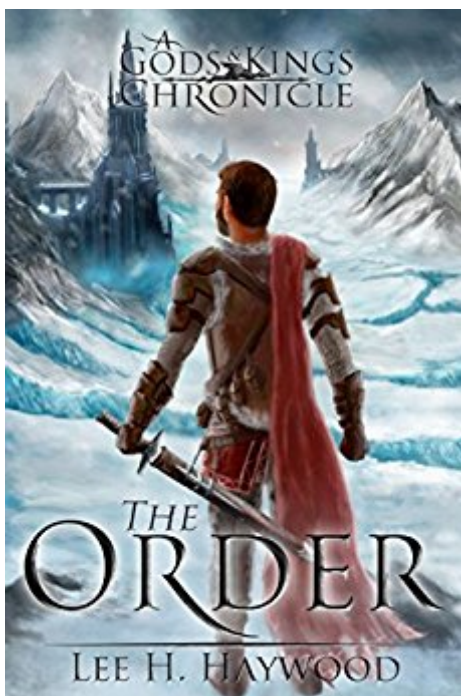


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# The Order (A Gods And Kings Chronicle)



## Synopsis

The gods are dead. Long live the new gods. Marcus serves the Order, a secret brotherhood tasked by the gods to weed out worshipers of the occult. But after the gods are annihilated in a cataclysmic event known as the Sundering, Marcus discovers his brotherhood is infiltrated by the very Shadow worshipers he was supposed to destroy. Now Marcus is the one being hunted, and his only chance at survival is to break into the king's palace and steal the Orb of Azure, an ancient tool created by the gods to reshape the world. Calycia bears the blood of the Old Gods, making her the first woman in a hundred generations capable of sorcery. Unfortunately, Calycia's magic manifests itself in deadly outbursts that places everyone around her at risk. She has spent her entire life trying to suppress her powers, but when the Order instigates a violent uprising, Calycia realizes sorcery might be the only thing that will keep her alive. With the world falling into chaos, Marcus and Calycia each find themselves thrust upon a desperate race to secure the Orb of Azure. Godhood awaits the first mortal to seize the artifact. Will such divine powers lead Marcus and Calycia to immortality or an early grave?

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Paperback version. Excellent prequel, and seriously impressed with the tie-in to the first book. Helps clear up the bit of confusion from the first book, where you were dropped right in and then everything cleared up. The author is more solid on the writing and everything flows together more concisely. Really enjoying his books! Can't wait for the next one!

What a story! And man, this guy can write! Haywood's use of language, sentence structure, vibrant descriptions and keen character development make the story flow so beautifully. I've read all 3 books in this series and loved them all. But The Order is my favorite. His characters come alive in this prequel and the plot is completely enthralling. Mr. Haywood, keep this series going....I want MORE!

The Order is the next great epic in Haywood's intriguing fantasy world. After establishing the kingdom of Laveria in his "Of Gods and Kings" chronicles, this prequel expands and enriches the original series. This book is reminiscent of Sarah J. Maas' series "A Court of Thorns and Roses."

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Very well written. Plot flows well. surprise ending caught me off guard.

I couldn't put the book down. The characters (Marcus and Calycia) came to life through the descriptive writing style favored by Haywood. A must read for fantasy lovers!

The Order allows us to see Haywood mature as a writer. The story unfolds in a way I haven't really seen in other books. Instead of having the characters go on a long journey from location to location like most fantasy books, Haywood digs down on a small set of locations and continues to unfold more and more depth. By the time the story is over, I felt like I had to start over and try to pick up on early story indicators. I've already started re-reading this book, and I expect to re-read The Guardian and The Guardian Stone. Perfect prequel.

This is the third book I have read by Lee H. Haywood, and by far the best. I have enjoyed all of them, but this one transcended the fantasy genre and brilliantly explored the complex relationships that politics, love, power and bias engender. Within the first pages, the vivid descriptions of the environment and the conditions under which the characters found themselves were so compelling, I could not put the book down for wanting to know how they would fare. This book stands alone - one need not read the preceding two novels by this author to full appreciate its characters or its story line. I look forward to the next novel that Haywood publishes! (I got this one on Kindle unlimited - best book I read this month!)

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