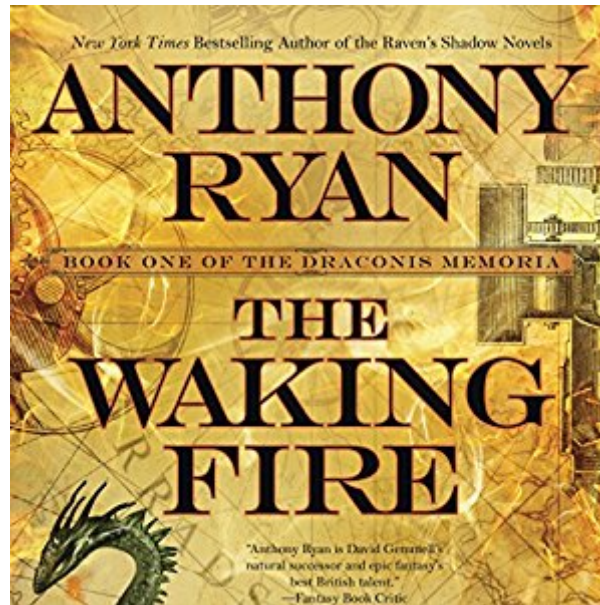


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# The Waking Fire: The Draconis Memoria, Book 1



## Synopsis

The New York Times best-selling Raven's Shadow Trilogy was a perfect listen for "fans of broadscale epic fantasy along the lines of Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time series and George R. R. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire novels". Now Anthony Ryan begins a new saga, *The Draconis Memoria*.... Throughout the vast lands controlled by the Ironship Trading Syndicate, nothing is more prized than the blood of drakes. Harvested from captive or hunted Reds, Greens, Blues, and Blacks, it can be distilled into elixirs that bestow fearsome powers on the rare men and women known as the Blood-blessed. But not many know the truth: that the lines of drakes are weakening. If they fail, war with the neighboring Corvantine Empire will follow swiftly. The Syndicate's last hope resides in whispers of the existence of another breed of drake, far more powerful than the rest, and the few who have been chosen by fate to seek it. Claydon Torcreek is a petty thief and an unregistered Blood-blessed who finds himself pressed into service by the Protectorate and sent to wild, uncharted lands in search of a creature he believes is little more than legend. Lizanne Lethridge is a formidable spy and assassin facing gravest danger on an espionage mission deep into the heart of enemy territory. And Corrick Hilemore is the second lieutenant of an Ironship cruiser whose pursuit of ruthless brigands leads him to a far greater threat at the edge of the world. As lives and empires clash and intertwine, as the unknown and the known collide, all three must fight to turn the tide of a coming war - or drown in its wake.

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## Customer Reviews

Ahoy there me mateys! I received this fantasy eARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest

review. So here are me honest musings . . . This is a novel with dragons and pirates and spies oh my! At 592 pages this is an epic fantasy of a book and is the first of Mr. Ryanâ€™s new series, The Draconis Memoria. In the Arradsian Continental Holdings, there are four types of dragons â€“ Red, Green, Black, and Blue. Certain people can use this drake blood to do cool things by ingesting it. The poem of its uses: "Blue for the mind. Green for the body. Red for the fire. Black for the push." And yet there is a myth about a White drake. Does it exist? If so, what does its blood do? Well ye can read this book and find out. But some thoughts before ye do. 1. I loved the distinction between the types of dragons. Each color has particular ways of living and fighting. Black dragons of course were me favorite. But be aware that there are not enough fulfilling dragon encounters in this book. Lots of humans and dragons fighting but the dragons seemingly were a side note to their blood. The dragon blood got WAY more conversation than the dragons themselves. Sad. 2. Loved the character development overall. I found the three main perspectives of Clay (adventurer), Lizanne (spy) and Hilemore (sailor) to be both engaging and unique. Hilemore was me favorite and not just because he was a sailor (Arrrrr!). It was nice to get good female characters in this book like Tekala (girl) and Zenida (pirate). I also liked Steelfine (Islander) and Braddon (head adventurer) a whole bunch too. The characters kept me reading even though I had some problems with the plot. 3.

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