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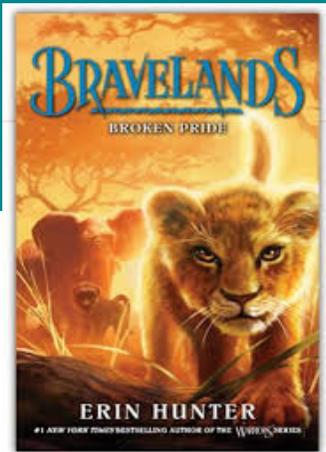
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Book Review

Bravelands: Broken Pride

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Rating

Outstanding

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Titan, a large pride-less male lion, killed Fearless's father when Fearless was a cub to try and gain control of the pride. Fearless was forced to run away to a baboon troop. When the leader of the troop is killed by a hyena, Fearless goes off to force the hyena's group from the area in an attempt to prove himself to the troop. The hyena's gang is much larger than he had expected, and as they overrun him, he is saved by lionesses from his old pride, including his sister. Still unable to return to his pride, Fearless returns to the baboons only to find he's been exiled. With nowhere else to go, he sneaks up to his family's pride to see his mother. When he's found, he offers to find Titan's cub who was kidnapped by cheetahs. With the help of his loyal baboon friends, Fearless rescues the cub and returns. While he now has a place in the pride, his life is in danger around Titan.

Broken Pride is another great Erin Hunter book. Readers who like her other series, Warriors, will enjoy Bravelands as well. There are similar elements of mysticism and religion between Bravelands and Warriors. Erin captures the natural proclivities of each species and seamlessly weaves it into the fabric of the Bravelands world. Her personification of their natural traits are spot on and add a lot of realism to her work. The most impressive is how she moralizes killing to survive, without giving an inch to those who do so for their own gain or other motivations. Not only does it make sense, but she makes the reader truly believe it. The whole book is incredibly well-crafted. The foreshadowing that Stinger, who the reader adores for the first three-quarters of the book, is evil is brought on suddenly, and yet so subtly that it seems to be an idea you came up with yourself, not from the book. Broken Pride is a great, quick read that readers will enjoy.

*Contains mild violence