



**Title:** *Dragonfly Falling*, Book 2 of the *Shadows of the Apt* series

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It took me a while to get into *Dragonfly Falling*, but the action and intriguing culmination of events drew my interest about halfway through the book, after which the pace picks up.

While the Wasp Empire invades the Lowlands, various characters work either for or against the empire, many with a personal agenda. The numerous sub-plots were certainly well thought out and implemented.

Although the novel is readable as a standalone story, I found the character descriptions lacking; these characters were presumably described better in *Book 1*. I recommend this book to any avid fantasy reader, from mid-teens onwards.