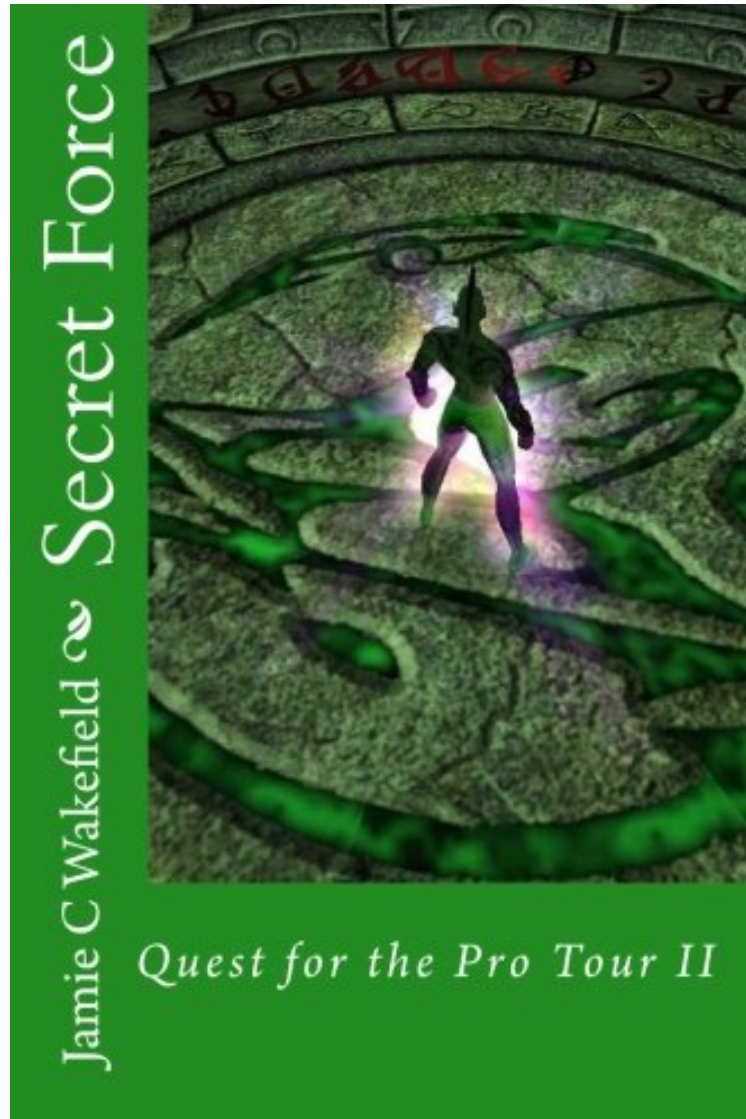


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**Jamie C Wakefield : Secret Force: Quest for the Pro Tour II** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secret Force: Quest for the Pro Tour II:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Old School Stories From a Magic LegendBy SteveHere's something that I've learned over the last fifteen or so years of reading Magic articles: if Jamie Wakefield writes something, it's worth your time to read it. Jamie is one of the original storytellers of Magic, and this book (along with his first book: The Quest For The Pro Tour (Volume 2)) collects many of his early tales of strategy, training, triumph, and heartbreak as he tries his best to dominate the game. Quest for the Pro Tour II chronicles the time of Jamie's life that he is most famous for. It starts out with a quick review of some Tempest cards and then moves into the early

stages of Secret Force, Jamie's signature deck. We hear about the initial deck idea and design, and Jamie's desire and determination to use this creation to qualify for the Pro Tour. The rest of the book is a mix of tournament reports, testing feedback, tweaks to the deck, and stories about Jamie and his friends having fun living the gaming life. The complete and total embrace of the gamer lifestyle reminds me a bit of my younger days, when friends and I would regularly engage in marathon gaming binges - which I sometimes look back on with fondness. Quest for the Pro Tour II is a great vehicle for that type of nostalgia, if that's your kind of thing. While, as mentioned above, this book contains a very wide variety of articles - Jamie Wakefield is a master of the tournament report, and those entries are the high points of 'Secret Force'. He really brings the reader with him through the tournament experience, so much so that at times I'm pretty sure I want to topdeck a Natural Order just as badly as he does. These reports don't always end in glory and success, but they are always entertaining and usually end with a few solid lessons. In many ways I think that last sentence I typed is the perfect summary of Secret Force: Quest for the Pro Tour II. One last thing worth noting is that if you're a newer player, this book will probably mention a bunch of specific cards and decks that you're not familiar with. Expect to spend some time looking up older cards in order to truly follow along. This isn't really a serious negative, but I thought it was worth noting - keep a laptop or smartphone by your side, and you should be all set. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not as great as the first... By theonerandom Jamie Wakefield was iconic in Magic's early history. This book though he goes a little off topic trying to tell a fantasy story at some parts. I don't recommend his books for people who are beginners because many of the cards they will have to look up and look up why they were used at the time. Great walk down memory lane for those of use who have been playing for over a decade though! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some Good! By theEMPFun read, I just read this one after reading The Quest For The Pro Tour. This one reads similar to Michael J. Flores Deckade: 10 Years of Magic: The Gathering Strategy and Commentary. The use of "some good" and "some bad" jumped out at me. If you enjoy reading about old school magic and tournament reports this will be right up your alley.

Tempest has just been released and Jamie is enamored of the new card: Verdant Force. Shunning conventional deck building, as usual, Wakefield attempts to make a deck around the card that will earn him a slot at the next Pro Tour. Told by more traditional deck-builders that his creation will never work, that it "isn't even good enough for fun play" Jamie struggles through hundreds of testing sessions, local tournaments and Pro Tour Qualifiers striving to prove them wrong.

About the Author Vermont born Jamie Wakefield is a freelance writer currently living in Spain. Jamie became a legend in the Magic: The Gathering community for his self-deprecating wit and laugh out loud commentary about an ordinary guy taking on and living the extraordinary. The first book describes his attempts to make it to the first Magic Pro Tour is a classic of the genre and has been described as "the best Magic book, EVER." Now Jamie wants to get back on the Pro Tour with his most famous deck, Secret Force. In the past he has been a contributing editor to "Scrye" magazine, had a column in "Top Deck", wrote for the online publications "The Dojo" and is a currently a writer for "Star City Games." His second book "I'm not an Alcoholic, I'm just European!" is also available on .com and also has five stars.