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Fueled by vengeance, a bounty hunter with strange and unexplainable abilities chases a cunning sorcerer and his accomplice across a land populated with elves, vampires, dwarves, and dozens of other enchanted beings. While on their trail, he befriends a mysterious young slave girl whose colossal secret may be the one thing capable of reigniting war between two kingdoms now sworn to protect one another. And to complicate matters is the sudden disappearance of Lombard's Amulet, a powerful relic created for the purpose of peace yet capable of annihilating anyone of magical blood who stands in its presence.

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Vero says

I completely loved it!!!!!!

The summary

Basically it starts with Draygon tracking Zekiel and Ness. On his journey he meets several interesting people who little by little help him uncover the bigger picture and the risk the kingdoms were in. Zekiel and Ness have a journey of their own trying to avoid the bounty hunter who is following them and finding out what does the amulet Zekiel found truly does.

The plot

I loved the story line.. it developed so nicely and kept you interested all the time. I can honestly say i missed my my bus stop once because I got too caught up in the story line. At first I was not too sure about what is going on but soon enough you can see both stories developing and you start understanding that they must eventually meet. I got completely caught up as the peace is fast and there is not one boring moment. The characters are constantly moving around to new places which makes it even more interesting. I think the story line was very consistent and never too hard to follow.

The characters

When you start reading the book you know nothing of the characters and I loved it! You get to know them better throughout their journey and you understand where they are coming from. My favorite character was definitely Draygon I totally loved his personality and I think i liked him the most because i understood him the most. Overall the characters were well developed but I just feel there is so much more to learn about Zull and Zekiel and I hope that is developed further in the next book.

The writing

I loved how the book was written. I could perfectly imagine all the kingdoms and how the elves looked! I loved his writing mainly because I could connect with the characters he managed to make them real for me. I really enjoyed the descriptions because they were not long enough to bore you but they were long enough to create a good picture of how things happened and how the surroundings looked.

Overall I love this book and it left me hanging wanting to know more. I think it was wonderfully written and honestly it was such a unique book for me. I must say this is the best fantasy book i have read!

Also I must say I really enjoyed the illustration as they added a something extra to help picture the characters and the event

Timothy Darwin says

I saw this book advertised under an "author giveaway" on this website, so I looked it up on google and saw that the ebook was selling for \$2.99. I decided to give it a whirl seeing as if it ended up sucking at least I was only out three bucks. Instantly I was impressed by the quality of the artwork. The story follows an angry bounty hunter looking for two sorcerers who killed his family. It sounds unoriginal, but the authors did an outstanding job of creating a whole new experience with only minute fragments of the novel retaining any sort of familiarity to folklore. The elves were not at all like the ones in Tolkein's world other than their

heightened senses. It was also very impressive to see the authors tie in elements of dark fantasy and other genres into what I almost felt (after reading it) was a young adult novel.

There was an assortment of interesting characters and each had their own unique personality, which is a breath of fresh air as some authors don't understand the slight differences in voice that make reading feel like a chore at times.

What I enjoyed most about the book was its theme of duty and responsibility. I wish more young kids would pay attention to stories that have this kind of message. Definitely the first in a series, and I look forward to reading whatever else the authors decide to put out.

Mia Darien says

(This got a 4.5 on my blog, which translates to a 4 stars here on GoodReads.)

You know... I liked it. I usually have more to say leading into my reviews, but in this instance, I don't. It had an interesting world that was fairly well built through the text. The writing was fluid, moved along at a nice pace and kept my interest. I'm not a big fan of pictures in my novels, but those were still interesting.

I had a few small issues with it.

1) It did take me a while to "hook into" the main characters. I was never repelled by them, and the writing was good enough to carry me along, but it did take me a while to get to know them well enough to give much of a damn about them.

2) Women! I would have liked at least one good female character. This was a hugely male driven story, and I'm okay with that, but the women that were there all seemed to be either bad/betrayers or victims/pawn. There was one part at the end that came close, but she still mostly fell into the second category. But... the very ending makes me hopeful that this will be fixed in the next book.

3) There were some big (to me, at least) scenes that seemed to happen "off camera" that kind of bugged me. I would have liked to have seen them written out. And the ending felt a touch rushed, but sometimes that happens. These are the lesser of issues, really.

Otherwise, it was good. The main characters had a lot of power, but I never felt they were imbalanced. (That's a huge pet peeve of mine.) It was an interesting mix of fantasy creatures that are usual in separate sub-genres. For example, elves and dwarves usually seem to be kept apart from vampires and dampiels. But it worked.

I think I liked Rez the best, and Drifter seemed like a fascinating/cool character. With the above issues and missing that spark that makes me really go "wow!" and rave about it, this is just shy of a 5 but easily gets a 4.5 rating, and I will definitely check out the next book.

Jeffrey Poole says

Review coming soon!

Zac says

Uh-oh, another review from one of the guy's responsible for this little project. I am happy with the art I put together for this book, but I am even more impressed with the love and time that went into the crafting of the story and it's characters. This is not the perfect package, it is a first for all of us, but what fun would this be if there were no room for growth and nothing to look forward to.

Michael says

Bottom line up front: this book ranks number 1 amongst all fantasy novels I've read up to this point; with a few Dragonlance novels and the Eragon series falling behind. Although Riding's and Mullikin's first book isn't perfect, it's a solid start with a promising future.

When I started reading it, I immediately put my hands on my shaking head. There's nothing unique about a war between humans and magic users with villains so powerful that their names should not be spoken, and I was pretty sure that the two new authors weren't going to be able to tell that story better than the Dragon Age video game series or the Harry Potter series.

But I was wrong...

As I continued to read, this book became more and more distinguished. Although I see a lot of Final Fantasy, Dragon Age, Eragon, and Harry Potter influence, this book is a fresh piece of work that pulls gnomes, vampires, man wolves, elves, ogres, goblins, and several other fantasy characters together better than I have ever seen before. Like Poaloni's work, once I got into it, I had a heck of a time trying to put it down.

Fantasy lovers both new and old should read this book. Moreover, this is an excellent first fantasy book to those new to the genre. My concern is that it's not getting the hype it deserves. This book is really that good! Purchase it, tell your friends about it, because I think this is the next Inheritance series. I just hope Mulliken and Ridings don't slow the pace up like Poaloni did in his second book.

Beth says

I loved it! From the very beginning it was action-packed with interesting characters. (I love Draygon!) It is such a well-developed plot with some interesting twists and turns I could not see coming. All in all, this is one of the books that I have to put on my favorites list! I CANNOT WAIT FOR THE NEXT IN THE SERIES!!! If you love fantasy and action...THIS IS THE BOOK FOR YOU!

Gary Tong says

This book was recommended to me by a friend. Although I enjoy the fantasy genre, it's not normally my first choice when it comes to reading a new book. I bought the ebook on my Kindle and decided to check it out. The story takes place in a fascinating world ruled by 4 different kings(I'm not sure if it's supposed to be earth

of another planet). Like anywhere, there seem to be conflicts between various rulers, and by the end of reading the prologue the reader understands that some crazy stuff is about to happen.

I liked the way the story bounced back and forth between characters, and it seemed like there was always a connection between people. The authors did a good job with a variety of different characters: all of which seemed to belong to different races. I have never read a story that mixed so many different types of creatures before. There were: elves, dwarves, vampires, werewolves, gnomes, sorcerers, leonines (which I had never heard of before), demons, changelings, and more.

Biggest reason I liked it was the action. It seemed like someone was always getting punched in the face, thrown off a balcony, blown up by a spell, or stabbed with a sword.

All in all, a great read, and I look forward to the next one.

Cherie says

This review was also posted on my blog along with an interview with the author. You can check it out [HERE](#).

My first thought on finishing this book was, "Wow, that was just like an RPG!" For those of you who aren't quite as immersed in geekdom as I am, an RPG is a role-playing game. There are tabletop games, like Dungeons and Dragons, and video games like Final Fantasy. I am a huge fan of video game RPG's, so when I say that this book was like an RPG, it's definitely a compliment. The best RPG's all have certain things that make them great: great world-building, characters you care about, interesting secondary characters, special abilities or fighting styles, and a great storyline. This book has all of those elements. After interviewing the author, it makes sense that this would remind me of a game because the idea came from one.

The book starts out with the bounty hunter Draygon tracking Zekiel and Ness, two sorcerers he believes have killed his family. The book alternates between Draygon and Zekiel & Ness. At first it's unclear who is the "good guy" and who is the "bad guy." In fact, throughout the book the lines between good and evil are blurred. Characters who at one point seem good make decisions that are not so good. Characters that at first seem evil turn out to maybe have some good motivations. I loved that about this book. I'm always a fan of flawed characters who make mistakes but can still find redemption. Real people are usually not all black or all white so why should a fictional character be?

Just like in my favorite RPG's, as the story progresses characters join the party and either help or hinder the main characters. These secondary characters kept the story interesting and sometimes added some comic relief. Each of them has their own personality, their own fighting style. Actually, some of my favorite characters in the book were secondary. Prodegy the dwarf was always amusing and I loved Loknol who we don't meet until the second half of the book.

One of the other things I really loved about this book was that it incorporated some paranormal elements that are more often found in urban fantasy than high fantasy. There are vampires, shape-shifters, changelings and more. There are also, of course, elves and dwarves and all of the characters one would expect to find in a good fantasy novel. Each time one of those paranormal creatures made an appearance I was pleasantly surprised. They were an original addition to a classic fantasy.

The story itself was exciting. I won't go into details because I don't want to give anything away but there's really not a slow moment in this book. There are some great fights, daring escapes, dangerous forays into mines filled with traps, and some amazing displays of magic.

The one thing I was a little but disappointed in was the lack of strong female characters. There are women in the book but they are all either minor characters, deceptive and maybe evil, or weak. I would have loved to see a strong female character. This is slated to be a 7 book series, so I have hope that as the series continues this will be remedied.

All-in-all, this was a really fun fantasy adventure. I look forward to reading the sequel. As of this posting, the book is only \$.99 so you really can't go wrong. There is some violence but nothing extremely gory so this book would be appropriate for teens but the writing is sophisticated enough to be enjoyed by adults. Fans of fantasy or RPG's of any age should give this one a try.

Lu Gualdieri says

Wow... I just... Wow...

5/5 stars

First of all I really liked this book, and I highly recommend it to anyone who likes reading about adventures and magic beings.

Now, on to the review...

At the begginnig it was kind of hard for me to follow the storyline, it seemed a little slow, but not to far from the start, it begun to be faster and more interesting by the minute. That's the only 'negative' thing I have to say about this book.

As someone who has read quite a few of this kind of books, I usually can predict what's going to happen next, because there are some things that are the same in every story, but in this one, I kept being surprised every time. It was awesome.

I was very surprised that the storyline was not based on a love story and it was a really good choice, because it may have been a totally different book, and maybe, not just as amazing as this one. It was nice, for once, to read something without too much romance.

The characters were well created and descript and it was easy for me to imagine them. I also liked the fact that there was a map of the land at the beginning of the book, because it's easier for me to follow the trips of the main characters, when normally one gets a little mixed up when it comes to the forests, villages and towns.

The rhythm of the story was really well kept, it never ran out of adventures and it wasn't something boring like "oh, god, not this again!" I was always left wanting more and expecting something to happen when things were looking too easy. It kept me on the edge all the way till the end of it and I was left anxious to know what's going to happen next.

Oezay says

Ok.... i recieved this book free through making connections group, the author Kevin Mullikin was kind enough to give me this book for an honest review.

The characters are very well developed,they have a lot of depth to their structure and their morals, as does the main plot of the book, though a bit complex it adds to the appeal of the book.The fights really stir your imagination and make you want more.

All in all it was an interesting read, i recommend this book to people who like fantasy And action orientated

books.

Will definitely be looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Kevin Mullikin says

Okay, I know what you are thinking, five stars says the person who wrote it. I get it, I'm incredibly biased. SO WHAT!!! Read it for yourself and tell me what you think.

John says

Great book! Very well developed plot and central characters. This is the book that you find in the book store that you not seen before and you take a chance on it and get wowed! Yes it's that good! Hope they do another! I finished it on Halloween so that made it even better...

Annemieke says

A great fantasy book with a lot of twists and turns, betrayal and unexpected plots.
+ I loved the way the author introduces the characters. First you get a description of the appearance, then a bit of information about the character and after a page or so you discover the name of the characters. Kevin Mullikin manages to do this in a way without getting you confused or irritated who this person is. A rare gift!
+ I liked the characters and loved the fact how they all are somehow 'bound' to each other in the story. Somehow everything 'engages' into each other and suddenly every action of the characters make sence.
+ The artwork is beautiful!
- Sometimes the names of the characters can be confusing, i counted up to 41 different characters and some characters have more than one name.
- I missed a map of the imaginary world the story takes place in at the beginning of the book, because the characters travel a lot and 4 different kingdoms and even more cities and towns are involved. Sometime a map would be really handy to understand the paths of the characters.
+ I find it really amazing how the author manages to keep the story understandable/clear while there is so much going on and many important things to remember because the information is needed further on in the story. Not much authors manage to keep a clear vision and are able to wove the storylines of so many characters flawlesly into each other. Kevin managed to do so! Well done.

Carlos Jr. says

Fantasy all over the place. Readers who love the fantasy genre should get this book. Because I would.
