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Synopsis

Lannick deVeers used to be somebody. A hero, even. Then, he ran afoul of the kingdom's most powerful general and the cost he paid was nearly too much to bear. In the years that followed, his grief turned him into a shadow of his former self, and he spent his days drowning his regrets in tankards of ale. But now an unexpected encounter casts Lannick upon an unlikely path to revenge. If he can just find the strength to overcome the many mistakes of his past, he can seize the chance to become a hero once more. And with an ancient enemy lurking at the kingdom's doorstep, he'd better |

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Customer Reviews

This is my first ever book review, so I'll keep it short. I just felt this book deserved more than just a 5-star rating. The last several months I've been reading quite a few self-published fantasy works. This is (together with "Troubles Braids") comfortably the best of the lot. Great characters, from the loyal Fencress, to the cowardly brave (and childish) Bale and the fatalistic Lannick. The worldbuilding is very good, and the story is, for me, extremely compelling. Think "old magics reawakening", reminiscent of "The Way of Kings", and "Dawn of Wonder. All in all I would strongly

recommend this for any fans of fantasy, it is for me a complete mystery how this story has not been picked up by a publisher. My favorite book of the year so far.

I have followed Mark Lawrence's Self Published Fantasy Blog Off with interest. This book has garnered some high praise, and for good reason. This is a very engaging story of the overwhelming powers of evil versus a small group of those who are standing for the good variety. The group of heroes are all of the unlikely sort. We have the veteran war hero who is something more, but has been disgraced and spends his time soaking in an ale cup. We have a timid acolyte who is sent waaaay out of his comfort zone (my favorite character). We have our standard anti-hero, with a really interesting twist, and his merry band of ne'er-do-wells. There is intrigue, betrayal, skulking through dark corridors moments of bravery aplenty. Many of the familiar tropes are dusted off and presented to us over the course of the book. As a self-published book, a few rough edges are to be expected. This book has some, but considerably fewer than the great majority of the self-published books I've read. Nothing jumped out as something to detract from one's enjoyment of the novel. I look forward to the next book in the series. Fans of Joe Abercrombie's First Law Trilogy should give this a look.

Thoroughly enjoyed this journey through a world rich in history, traditions and characters brilliantly imagined and presented to the reader. The characters are compelling and I felt and hoped for them as I read along. The story is deep and intriguing while not lacking in action or suspense. The writer's imagination is fantastic, vibrant and detailed, and is what struck me most. I didn't want the book to end and can't wait for Book 2. Highly recommend!

After decades of peace, the Kingdom of Rune is on the brink of war. Rumors abound of the resurgence of old gods and their secret cults, and the renewed struggle between the faithful Variden of Illienne the Light Eternal, and the zealous Necrists of Yrghul the Lord of Nightmares. Thrust into this maelstrom are three unlikely heroes, each with his own path to tread: Acolyte Zandrachus Bale of the Abbaye of Rune's Sanctum has spent the last 20 years in the monastery's library, and isn't the most enthusiastic of travellers. Captain Lannick deVeers has abandoned himself to drinking for the last decade, seeking the comfort of inebriated stupor to drown the memories of war, betrayal, and his family's demise. The savage highlander Karnag Ma Ragg is a remorseless killer-for-hire, and certainly not the best candidate to defend the ideals of wisdom and justice. And yet, and yet| The story's 3 evolving plotlines summon an interesting cast of secondary characters

(Karnag's accomplice Fencress Fallcrow, Lannick's faithful friend Brugan) and deliciously despicable nemesis: the bloody General Fane and his vicious Scarlet Swords, the ambitious Chamberlain Alamis, and the Spider King of Arranan and his invading hordes. The author shows good penmanship resulting in a solid world setting and well-defined characters, but the story's components are all very familiar to any Fantasy reader, and I didn't (yet) find myself rooting for the main characters. The book could also do with more than a light sprinkling of humour. A Requiem for Heroes stills holds real promise, and the story is likely to mature into an engrossing saga in the next book.

I will admit I read the first chapter of this book and thought, oh it's the same old same old, and I put it aside. Then for what ever reason I went back and read further, boy am I glad I did. In the next couple of chapters different POV's come forward and I started to get really excited. The story started to remind of the things I love about Martin and Abercrombie. There is damaged heroes and unlikely heroes, a multi layered plot and plenty of unflinching action. There is multiple POV's and there is quite a bit of graphic violence and some of the characters are unrepentant about their flaws, so if you don't like your fantasy gritty stay away. If however you love this dark fantasy approach then this is well worth your time and I for one look forward to the next book in the series.

What a great book. Benem has constructed something truly unique with this story. It has everything you look for in an Epic Fantasy novel. A diverse cast of characters, amazing world building, and an elegant writing style that really is levels above the rest. This is not a young adult fiction. It's mature and sophisticated. The characters had great depth and were fun to follow. I especially enjoyed Lannick with all his flaws. He is a rich character who--while still just in book one--has already changed and developed through a satisfying character arc. I would probably best compare the story to something Joe Abercrombie has written, with the multiple character perspectives and gritty writing style. Changing perspective can be a tricky thing to pull off successfully, but fear not, Benem pulled it off beautifully. I was engaged at all times and never tired of any of the characters. I promise, this book will not disappoint. I'm eager to get my hands on book two. I can't wait to see where the story goes and how the characters continue to develop. In summery... READ THE F.CKING BOOK! To quote my favorite line: If you don't, Karnag will rip you "from cock to crown". Cheers!

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