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Hammer Of Darkness (Veil Knights Book 8)



Synopsis

Life's most intense moments happen in the dark. Death. Love. Magick. A vampyr cortÃfÃge, Three spell casters, a knight, and a single Veil Key all collide on the deadly streets of a shadow shrouded San Francisco. Death. Love. Magick. Hautdesert stands apart, a servant of the Circle, but outside the ring. When a knight goes missing in a nightmare cityscape haunted by ghosts of his past, Dante Grimm, the Merlin, sends his one right hand. Death. Love. Magick. The Veil is thin in the city by the bay, and things stalk its gloom benighted underbelly. Things with claws and fangs, things with fractured of souls, things in the thrall of dark pacts. And the most dangerous things of allÃçâ ã|ex-lovers. Arthurian myth meets urban fantasy in this thrilling new series from Rowan Casey!

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Customer Reviews

To date I have read each installment of this series in order, but this is the only, so far, to have been written in the first person. This I found interesting. But the main feature in this episode is that there is

only the main character with many supporting roles to contend with. The writing is straightforward and creative and the plot clearly shown. The amount and description of the gore was, at times, very gruesome and unsettling. But being the type of story it is it fits without being gratuitous. Though the subject matter may, in some people's minds, be fantastical it is not without precedent. The End Times as described in The Bible is along the lines of what you'll read here. I'm not saying this is prophetic scripturally but it is of a type not unheard of in end times predictions. The Veil is thin and slowly failing. The reincarnation of the Knights of The Round Table must discover the elements of the key to repair and this, contain, The Veil to keep making safe from conquering by those whose only desire is to defeat and conquer us all. Can the Knights prevail. I sure hope so!

Not nearly as good as the earlier installments. Darker, more violent. Hautdesert's personality and character seem very different from how he appeared in the previous books. Admittedly, this is his story and we get to know him better, but the differences are disturbing. For one thing it seems he has slept with every woman he has known. Just not as well written. Probably need to read it if you like the series to keep continuity, but don't expect too much.

Hammer of Darkness is the eighth book in the urban fantasy Veil Knights series. The Veil between worlds is thin, and Knights are sworn to protect our world. Each novel deals with a different knight and a different task they must perform. In Hammer of Darkness, Hautdesert, a tough Knight who has battle fatigue stretching back through time, provides a noir first-person narrative. Hautdesert is called upon to recover a mystical basket (hamper) of power. Hautdesert navigates his way through the seedier and supernatural dangerous parts of San Francisco. He must battle natural men and supernatural creatures - from witches enhanced by magic to the point of superpowers to succubi vampires and other dangerous elements of black magick and the dark left-hand path. Along the way, Hautdesert goes through a series of uncomfortable reunions with ex-girlfriends. (Imagine if James Bond revisited paramours from his past movies.) Many of the femme fatales harbor resentment and/or their own motivations when dealing with the hapless knight. The action pistons along. There is a level of grit, gore and violence keeping the story away from a comfortable polish found in other contemporary urban fantasy stories. Hammer of Darkness is a solid, quick read if you want a taste of gritty noir urban fantasy.

One of the best of the series thus far. A lot of the authors don't seem really comfortable with the genre, but not so with this one. Very gritty story, with non-stop action and great characterization.

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