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Nightblade: A Book Of Underrealm (The Nightblade Epic 1)



Synopsis

The first novel in the epic sword & sorcery series readers are comparing to Robert Jordan and Terry Brooks. A #1 Fantasy Bestseller Loren dreams of escaping her cruel parents and becoming a great thief: Nightblade, a warrior of darkness and a champion of the light. Following the fugitive sorcerer Xain out of her forest home, she wears a stolen noble's cloak of fine black cloth and carries a dagger the world has not seen in centuries—a blade that can turn enemies to allies when she least expects it. Yet something keeps her from using that dagger to take a life. Soon she crosses paths with the smuggler family of Yerrin, invoking their wrath by stealing their most precious treasure. Yerrin's reach is long, and they will not stop until they silence Loren forever. If she can survive, Loren may become the most infamous thief in the world. But if she fails, she will be only the first to burn in a war that threatens all the nine lands. The Nightblade Epic is a #1 fantasy bestseller, hailed as one of the best new sword and sorcery books in years. Your journey begins here. JOIN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF READERS ON AN EPIC ADVENTURE.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed Nightblade. This was the first book by Garrett Robinson that I have read and I am definitely looking forward to the next books in this series. I found the characters to be very believable and developed with definite room to grow as the story progresses. The writing was consistent and the action was close to non-stop. I really liked Loren and am anxious to see her develop into the Nightblade in the next two books. I'd definitely recommend this to any fan of fantasy!

Nightblade: A Book of Underrealm is the first book in the Nightblade Epic series. This is the first book I have read by Garrett Robinson and I enjoyed it and look forward to reading more from him in the future. This is not a stand-alone book. It is very much a set up for a new serial story. That being said it is a full-length novel, it is just obvious there will be other books in the series because you are left with many unanswered questions. I look forward to reading the rest of the books in this series as they come out.

Review first posted at Girl Who Reads. Loren of family Nelda lives near the forest and hates the life she has. When she aids a man on the run in the forest, she uses it as an opportunity to escape her village. She flails about when abandoned, and is drawn to shady characters that at least get her to the main town. Unfortunately, she blunders into one disaster after another and has to fight her way out of bad situations in order to retrieve the mysterious knife she calls Nightblade. Others know what it means, even if she doesn't, and she is going to be caught in a much larger story. The language used in the book is a bit difficult to get into. It's a mix of modern descriptions and archaic-sounding phrasing that is likely meant to make you feel like this is a Medieval-esque type of fantasy world. There is magic in this world, which is generally understated, as well as black market dealings and shady guilds. Once we get to the city, the book really seems to get its bearings. Maybe the language feels less stilted and awkward at that point, or I've gotten used to it. The action sequences are well described, and I wanted to laugh in several spots when Loren just plays along with other characters as if she knows what they're talking about when clearly she has no idea what's going on. It very much plays out like someone's RPG campaign so some of the tropes used will be very familiar. This is the start of a trilogy but has a neat enough ending that you can stop here if you're

not overly fond of the characters. They aren't necessarily heroes doing heroic things, but they're not evil and there's a massive story that Loren has fallen into. The world building is excellent, even if some of the characters themselves fall a little flat.

Loren fancies herself to be a great thief...one who steals from the rich and gives to the poor. With her trusted blade...Nightshade, she will be invincible. Unfortunately, she is but a girl, who her parents are trying to marry off. They abuse her daily, often beatings by her father, and her mother locking her away. She meets a man on the run. Actually, he's being chased by the king's men, and he is a wizard. Xain promised to take her with him, if she helped him get away, then once on the road he abandoned her. She has no luck, save for the dagger she stole from her parents' house. She is picked up by a caravan, chased by the king's men and almost killed by a shapeshifter. Can things get any worse?? Of course. This is a different story than I usually read, however, it is interesting. The verse used is different, the characters strange, but enjoyable. I think I will continue to read the next book. Read on my friends.

Complex characters that are well developed. Loren is very much a person you would like to have as a friend. She has big dreams and only wants to help others. However her story is not how she would have liked. One conflict after another throws itself in her path. Her story is well written and holds the reader's interest. This is the first book in the series and I am looking forward to the next adventure. I would recommend this story to anyone who likes adventure and overcoming the odds.

I have rarely been pulled into a story as quickly as I was with Nightblade. Loren and her interactions with her family make her actions extremely believable in context. In the grand tradition of the dark fantasy, the protagonist is stronger than it first appears, and pushes herself beyond anything she has ever believed possible, to follow the wisp of a dream she once had. The quest begins quickly and progresses through various obstacles slowly enough for the reader to follow them and quickly enough to keep the reader engaged and wanting more. I am eagerly awaiting reading more in this world. The author has me completely invested in learning what happens next to all five of the characters that we will continue to see in the continuation of Loren's story.

I enjoyed this story although I wasn't sure what to expect. It kind of grabbed me in the beginning with the main character fleeing from one dangerous situation to increasingly more complicated ones. The action while not as taut as some would like, was interesting enough that it kept me turning

pages to see what would happen next. I have bought the trilogy in hopes that as the characters, especially the main character, become more fleshed out and more mature we will see the appearance of the "real" Nightblade and not just the image she is trying to become. Overall it was a good book, not what I would call epic fantasy, but from what I've read of future books I'm hoping the author has much more left to give us where the Nightblade is concerned.

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