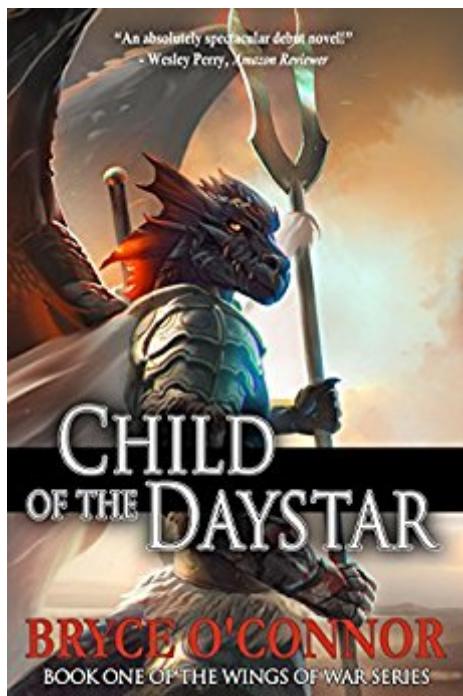


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Customer Reviews

This book is impressive. A great origin story that opens the door for hopefully many more books to

come. It gives hints for the larger world and their potential to fulfill a prophecy but doesn't get bogged down in developing everything at once. This is personal journey of two people that start from simple beginnings but get put onto new pathways at a very young age. Raz is a humanoid from a species that has been relegated to the shadows and seen only as animals or slaves. His destiny is to transcend those preconceptions. He is rescued as a child and raised as a human, yet he still has his animal instincts and the size and strength to make him a formidable killer. When doing the right thing has disastrous consequences and he loses everything, he must navigate a new path where doing what is right is not always clear. He must find a way to retain his humanity while using his animal instincts to exact revenge. His fate seems to be entwined with Syrah, an albino girl who is taken in by an order of priests that don't believe in killing and have some magical abilities. Her origin story is less traumatic, although when they briefly cross paths her life is also changed and knowing their fates are somehow connected makes for a great mystery that I hope will unfold in future books. This book is an easy read that will keep you captivated, and ending that will leave you wanting more.

This book has several key elements I like to read in a book. An anthropomorphic main character, adoption, and a main character that is not focused on romance as his initial goal in life. With that out of the way, this book had wonderful character development, very descriptive emotional moments that enlightened one about either side of good and evil, but yet, made you hate the bad guys with a passion. So much so, you wanted to become Raz, himself, and skewer them with his iconic weapon! I can't tell you how many times I was even the least bit disappointed he didn't slice someone well deserving of his wrath, because they were just distasteful in character. Either way, the author had my attention, the entire time and I hate and loved characters at the same time for how devious they were or for how good-hearted they were. Its a controversial thing when one rather finds a villain charming, yet they know, they are not in the right with their methods and you still find them favorable in some ways. In the end though, the author managed to make the characters realistic in appearance and made them practical for their alliances. The bad guys might be deceptively attractive, but when they are in their natural environment, you wrinkle your nose at their disgusting lifestyles. There is no eye-candy, in this book. It's as brutal as life gets and I like that. Movies, these days are too sugar coated. This book can put them all to shame. That is it's charm. Humanity at it's core and it's pretty vicious, folks. Time is progressed in a realistic and just-right manner. Not too fast, not too slow. The book was well paced and I finished it within about two days of reading. Faster than I thought. Before I knew it, I was at the author's note! I actually thought I had

clicked on the page by accident in my kindle app and went backward to come to the page, again, once I went forwards. I cannot wait for the new book to be released. I, now, have a new favorite book series. This book has the subject matter of adoption, which you don't see in a lot of everyday life, nor in books. I appreciate this aspect, because I, myself, am adopted. I know its a tiny little thing to take to heart, but it means the world to see it in a story with the main character, especially with as extreme of a blood and species barrier as is presented in the book. The fact that he calls a human, "Mama" is absolutely precious to me. Very adorable. This book shows how sad it really is when family can go astray or can't come to accept an individual that is taken in and made family that is not blood. I can relate to the prejudices of family because I am an african-american daughter with an all white family. My dad's side of the family was very bigoted towards blacks and did not appreciate their son adopting a black baby, regardless of gender. The ultimately sad thing was, I was, more or less, a status symbol for him, which, after I was well grown and in my twenties, my mother got a divorce from him. You don't know your family as well as you think and some things you do not even see coming. Losing family from prejudices can send other family into a treacherous betrayal or disowning and that hurts worse than someone dying. I would have rathered that man died or walked out on us, than to stay with him that long and not know his true intentions until it was too late. With that said, this book hits home for me, but I absolutely enjoyed it. I know how Raz feels when it comes down to it and I have bonded with him in such a deep manner because of this.

This was a surprisingly good story and well written. So often you find books that do not live up to their hype, and worse, reviews that sound faked and/or forced. 5 star reviews that should really be even less than a star when you read the story because the writing is so bad. Not this story! The reviews sound real and the book is an interesting introduction to what I hope will be a great series (if this first book is any indication) The story revolves around Raz, who is an alien that sounds awfully dragon like in appearance. He is found almost dead and taken in by humans and they become his family. The story ends satisfactorily (I hate cliffhangers) but it is obvious that there is more to the story. I can't wait for the sequel! I am hoping it is soon and not years away. Too much time between books is almost as bad as the cliffhanger thing.

Complex and fascinating world, with a non-human central character, Raz. Raz is complicated, conflicted, but despite the violence and animalistic moments, he is oddly moral and high minded. There are stylistic similarities that evoke Frank Herbert's DUNE. While I rarely follow series, this is one that I want to continue. I highly recommend this if you love exciting well written fantastic novels

about other worlds.

I really enjoyed this book. I don't normally leave reviews, since I figure other people do, but in this instance I wanted to help out a new author and get more people interested in his work. THIS REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS The only problem I had with the whole book was the way the first half of the book is rendered obsolete by the summary. I understand you want the reader to be interested enough to buy the book, but after reading the summary I knew how the first half of the book would end up. As a reader I want a few more plot twists than that in the story. Despite that, the pros far outweighed the cons. I loved the main character, and I generally liked the supporting characters, although I'm not sure yet how I feel about the world building (we don't know enough about the North yet to really judge, other than that it's cold). I'm looking forward to the second book, and can't wait for its release. I strongly recommend this book to anyone who's looking for a good read.

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