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The Price Of Valor (Shadow Campaigns Book 3)



Synopsis

In the latest Shadow Campaigns novel, Django Wexler continues his epic fantasy of military might and magical conflict following *The Shadow Throne* and *The Thousand Names*, as the realm of Vordan faces imminent threats from without and within. In the wake of the King's death, war has come to Vordan. The Deputies-General has precarious control of the city, but it is led by a zealot who sees traitors in every shadow. Executions have become a grim public spectacle. The new queen, Raesinia Orboan, finds herself nearly powerless as the government tightens its grip and assassins threaten her life. But she did not help free the country from one sort of tyranny to see it fall into another. Placing her trust with the steadfast soldier Marcus D'Ivoire, she sets out to turn the tide of history. As the hidden hand of the Sworn Church brings all the powers of the continent to war against Vordan, the enigmatic and brilliant general Janus bet Vhalnich offers a path to victory. Winter Ihernglass, newly promoted to command a regiment, has reunited with her lover and her friends, only to face the prospect of leading them into bloody battle. And the enemy is not just armed with muskets and cannon. Dark priests of an ancient order, wielding forbidden magic, have infiltrated Vordan to stop Janus by whatever means necessary. |*Library Journal

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Customer Reviews

After just finishing the third book in this series I first have to say to everyone who loved the first book but was not entirely "thrilled" with the second. You need to read this one. Having done a reread recently on the first two, this one defiantly has a lot of the feel of the first novel, but with the character additions we gained from the second.spoilers...My main pro to this book was we had Winter back into the action of leading people into battle, and in my opinion, great battle descriptions to the point you feel like you are there!Now we don't get to Marcus as much on the battle field.. But from his POV chapters we do get some more depth to the world that this series is set in with some more of the behind closed door, spy, type of situations that the straight laced colonel loves to deal with.If I were to really say anything bad about this book would be I would like more answers on who really are the Black Priests and more possible world building. But being that it is a series I imagine it will come with time, I just need to learn to be patient!! I do really like the fact, with the exception of the interludes between sections, there are only three main POV characters. I personally am getting tired of every author feeling like they need to outdo or attempt to compete with the number of POV chargers that are in the Game of Thrones series... In the end that just starts to make thing more confusing then helpful, a good example is the Wheel of Time series.But really other than being impatient and not liking how certain characters act in situations I really enjoyed this book and can't wait for the next one to come out!

I loved this book, but now I have to WAIT to see Winter kick ass and Marcus, hopefully, fighting alongside her. I read these books with only brief intervals, I don't have Raes' certain abilities and need food and rest, but if I could read faster, I would read this in one sitting. The Thousand names opened a lot of doors to unexplored genres for me and I am very grateful... But these books are just the best. Unlike many books I've read, the shadow campaigns series actually lets me understand what the hell is going on in any fight and I don't just zone out during the action sequences. Awesome series, love it, can't wait for more. But I understand an author needs time and support to work his craft, and I won't be too demanding. Yet. Thank You Django Wexler for this amazing book and the two before it. Now, I sit and wait.

This is a competent book. The prose is well-written & the pacing is good. The plot-line itself is

somewhat original/different. The characters are somewhat fleshed out, but in a fairly simplistic and somewhat cliched way. On the flip side, the so-called political side of things is extremely simplistic. The plot also just kinda meanders along, with Janus being brilliant and going on an unexplained conquering spree (not sure how they went from defending themselves into launching all-out offensive wars on multiple fronts). Also, the super-powered villains are woefully under-utilized for some inexplicable reason. Lastly, the way the whole "let's capture the impregnable fortress" (won't detail more as it would be a spoiler) was *laughable*. And yes, please allow me to add to the "ENOUGH already with the Jane-Winter storyline". It is tedious and just stalls the plot - especially when the whole drama consists of "they kiss, they fight, Winter feels bad" repeated over and over. Add the whole "Winter feels bad about dragging the girls to their deaths" on one hand and then argues "they chose it for themselves" on the other. I thought the best book in this series was the first one - the setting was unique, the story was interesting, Marcus as the protagonist was also different. The next two are just sort of toiling along, with enough action to keep the books from getting boring, but nothing much really happening in the way of development of the story arc (sorry, devoting 1.5 books to resolving the whole Stalinesque political situation at "home" - especially given the extremely simplistic way in which this was handled - is way too much). If you like something different and aren't willing to overlook large gaps of plausibility in the plotline, this is a decent read. I'll certainly finish the series.

I have been reading the series and they are good books but seems to be a trend in this series. Basically all men are either evil or idiots (a bit melodramatic but reasonable) and women the unsung heroes. Even General J is now not to be trusted. Marcus seems to plod along and have a couple of victories. The series is a good series, worth reading but it will probably end with this book for me.

I went into this book without reading too much about it because I knew that I liked the first 2 in the series and I assumed it was going to be the third book to wrap up the trilogy. I'm extremely glad I was wrong and I can expect more books about this story in the future. As the title says, this is the best book Django Wexler has written so far for the Shadow Campaigns. I think of the structure as a balance between the first 2 books. The first dealt more with battles and action while the second dealt more with revolution and political intrigue. This book strikes a nice balance between those two elements. I don't want to give anything away about the story, but I felt compelled to write a positive review because I've enjoyed the book so much. The story is driving, the characters and their relationships with one another develop even more, Janus somehow becomes even more awesome,

and overall I think it's just a very unique world that Wexler has created. I definitely recommend this book to anyone who is even somewhat interested in continuing the story where it left off after book 2, and I can't wait for more installments in the future.

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