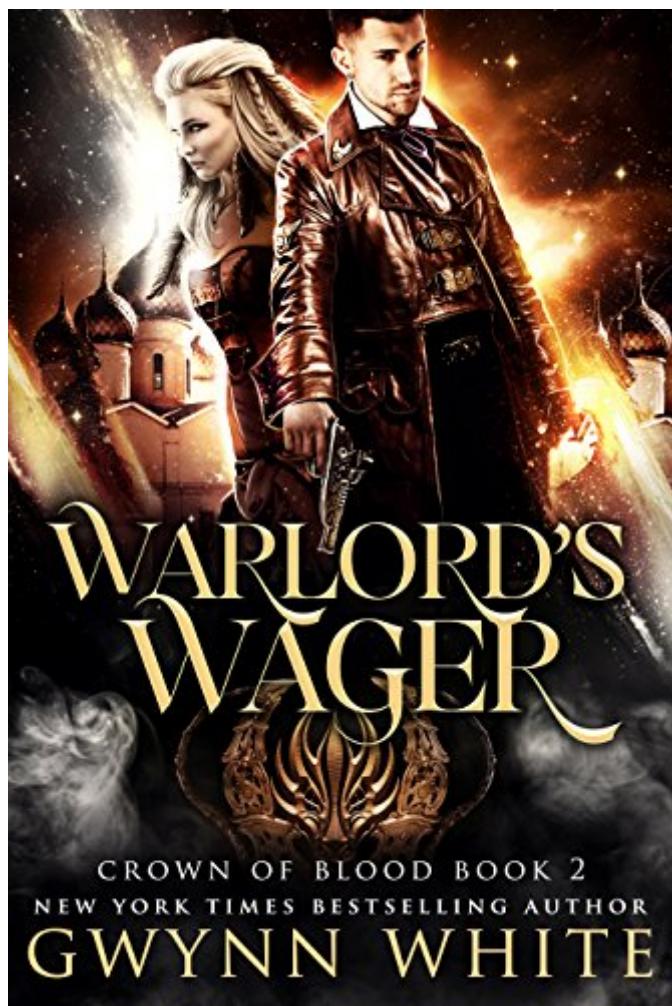


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# Warlord's Wager: Book Two In The Crown Of Blood Series



## Synopsis

Treason. Prophecy. The world as they knew it is gone foreverâ |Emperor Lukan Avanov has no equal. Despite his power, even he canâ ™t break the curse that predicts his death at the hands of his own son. Desperate to keep the prophecy from coming true, Lukan banishes his dangerous wife Lynx from the Heartland. As he tries to focus his attention on the war with Treven, he must rely on a bitter rival to keep his throne and the empire safe. Axel Avanov is third in line to the throne but first in Lynxâ ™s heart. Unwilling to support Lukanâ ™s plan to control his subjectsâ ™ minds, he enlists the help of unlikely allies and outlawed weapons to fight for his future. But will his military genius be enough to outwit the ever-present danger within the empire? Warlordâ ™s Wager is an epic steampunk fantasy set in the sweeping world of Chenaya. If you like fantastic characters, intricate steampunk worlds, and riveting plots, then youâ ™ll love the second book in Gwynn Whiteâ ™s Crown of Blood series. Buy Warlordâ ™s Wager to continue the quest for victory today!

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## Customer Reviews

Warlord's Wager picks up immediately where Rebel's Honor left off, continuing the story. I started this book the moment I finished the first, but I'm a little slow getting my review up. (That's not a

reflection on the story--just me being a slacker.) I'm not going to go into plot details, but if you liked Rebel's Honor, you will not be disappointed with this installment. Like the first book, Warlord's Wager is another page turner that I could not put down. And like the first book it is packed with intrigue. Layers and layers of intrigue. I never knew what would happen next and that kept the tension high. Gwynn writes wonderful, well-developed characters set in a unique world. The setting is an interesting blend of fantasy, steampunk, and a bit of science fiction. It's a particular combination I haven't encountered before which makes the series one of a kind. I haven't had a chance to read the third book in the series, Dragon's Fire, but it's at the top of TBR pile. I can't wait to see what happens next!

I'm a little disappointed in the lack of reviews, this story was a brilliant continuation of the first book. Once again we're immersed in the epic fight for survival, only this time we get to learn far more about Axel as he takes the lead in this novel. Torn between duty, love and family, Axel is forced to risk everything he holds dear to challenge the impending darkness. The villains have only grown in power, and the growing romance between Axel and Lynx has only strengthened. The characters are complex and relatable and there's far more of the world to explore than in the first book. It's well worth the read. And for all who've read the first novel, they'll be happy to follow once again in the steps of Axel, Lynx and Tao; and perhaps be even more eager to read the third novel. Prepare for love, adventure and sacrifice alike, but be warned: once you start reading, you won't be able to put this book down.

To say I am hooked, is such an understatement, I have been reading non-stop every free minute I have. In Warlord's Wager, Axel is forced to fight against everything he was raised to be, in an endeavor to save those whom he holds dear from his power-seeking mind-controlling cousin, who is now Emperor. I am just a little concerned, how can I get my hands on the third book - it is not for sale on , believe me I have triple-checked.

Though I have a thousand other things to do I could not stop reading until I came to the end of the second volume, and now I'm impatiently waiting for the next sequel to come out. I particularly like the bloody-minded and selfish villains, like Felix and Lukan, who are still portrayed as complex rather than simply evil. If I have one criticism, it is perhaps that there is a bit too much reliance, by everyone, on ancient prophecies. Even so - more, please!

As this is the second book in the Crown of Blood series, I can say that just as the first one had me hooked, the second was just as good, again I was pulled into this book and became a part of the story. I don't think I have ever read a sequel so fast because all I wanted to do was read one more chapter to find out what happened and was sad when it ended, now to wait patiently for the next one... Definite praise to Gwynn White on her amazing writing :)

The second book in the series was as good as the first and it kept me on my toes. Loved the characters, even Lukan with his "flawed" self! :-) Lots of unexpected twists! Great storytelling and I have to be patient until the end of February for the next installment! Oh, the waiting is excruciating! :-)

I am thoroughly enjoying this series. Lynx and Axel are great star crossed lovers. Their families, friends, and enemies are all well fleshed out characters and make this story wonderful! Now I'm off to read the next book!

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Well, Gwynn has done it once more. The second book in the series is as good as the first one. It is not only her primary characters that are well drawn but the secondary ones are equally well depicted. Kestrel's character for example is masterfully drawn with her jealousy and willful and self serving blindness. The same masterful treatment applies to Lynx's father and many others. The second book does not end with a cliffhanger but it definitely makes one want to go on reading the series. When I lose myself in its pages I feel that the characters portrayed there are very real and believable. They are natural, not contrived. Within a week Gwynn has reached almost the top of my best favored writers. Gwynn, I love your imagination and your writing talent!

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