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Kings Of Ruin (Kingdoms Of Sand Book 1)



Synopsis

Game of Thrones meets Spartacus in a new fantasy saga from a USA Today bestselling author. In an ancient world of sand and splendor, an empire awakens. Aelar, a mighty nation, spreads its tentacles. Its oared galleys storm the seas, and the waters run red with blood. Its legionaries swarm desert ruins, smiting barbarian hordes. Its crosses line the roadsides, displaying the dying flesh of heroes. The Aelarian Empire rises. The old world falls. The powerful Sela family has avoided the empire until now. The family has carved out an idyllic life between sea and desert, ruling a bustling port, a thriving city, and lush vineyards. Yet when an imperial fleet arrives in their harbor, everything the Sela family has built threatens to collapse. Sweeping from snowy forests to cruel deserts, from bazaars of wonder to fields of war, here is a tale of legionaries and lepers, priests and paupers, kings and crows. Here a girl travels across endless dunes, seeking magic; a cruel prince struggles to claim a bloodstained throne; and a young soldier fights to hold back an overwhelming host. As the empire spreads, the fate of the Sela family--and of all civilization--stands upon a knife's edge, for under the storm of war, even the greatest nations are but kingdoms of sand.

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Customer Reviews

A fascinating take on the Judeo/Roman conflict of old. The plot moves quickly and the characters are well-developed. The book invokes a vivid picture of what I imagine ancient Rome to have been like with the armies and how they waged war. The book leaves you wondering in which direction the author plans to go next. My only criticism is the liberal use of the "F" word. In my opinion that limits the audience that will or can read the book and is too much.

Amazing, fast paced, intense, dramatic. This is going to be a memorable series. There are some intense scenes that not all people will like, but fit into the storyline great. Characters are extremely well developed, you'll learn to love them or hate them and sometimes feel both about one.

Small countries being gobbled up by a huge empire with professional soldiers. Courage and cowardice abound in strange places, Honor and back-stabbing also occur. Brutality exists and is common. The magic of luminosity plays a part. Reminds me a lot of the Roman Wars against the Jews, and of course the names add to that.

I love this book and can't wait for the new one as to what happens to these people. At first I thought so much detail blah blah blah. Then when the fight stuff started it all came back in the peoples thoughts. You knew why those details were there. They were thinking of their life and family it was so sad. I think Danieil must be a vet because he talks much like he was in the war and knows how these people feel. Not just in this book but in the Earth books etc. Very good

I ended up being laid up today after surgery so I bought this book for something to read. I ended up reading the whole thing today. Once I started I couldn't put it down. I recommend this book for anyone looking for a different kind of fantasy.

I got this as an advanced copy and I could hardly put it down. I finished this book faster than any other book I had finished in so long. This book is so firmly detailed and full of story. There are certain characters that you hate and there are those that you love. I was rooting for the Zoharites and hoping that the Aelarians would go down in flaming descent but I knew by the end of this book

what was going to happen. The battles had me on the edge of my seat hoping for a good outcome. All in all, this is Danny's best since Moth. I can't wait for #2

The only time I have free to read is before I go to sleep. There have been times that I have read the same sentence multiple times! This book is very engaging right out of the gate. It was a little difficult to change gears after just finishing the Earthrise series, but after a few chapters I was just as vested in Maya and her family as I was in Marco and the gang. Some minor editing hiccups that the proofers should have caught are the only thing keeping the fifth star at bay. I can hardly wait to see where Daniel Arenson takes us on this journey!

Not a children's book! Adult themes are included in the story. I am impressed with the Author's work. The story is a bit rough, but the characters are developed and the war scenes are vivid. After reading this book, I wanted more and I understand that the second book in this series is coming soon. I'm ready for it!

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