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The Blade Heir Details

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Karen says

This book introduces you to Lucius, and to his elven family Helmer and Siegfried. Lucius has nightmares about the dragon Kraegyn, otherwise he is not unhappy with the elven environment. And then - he and Siegfried are sent to save Azuleah.

With The Blade Heir, Daniel Adorno has created a nicely woven fantasy story. It is a compelling read, drawing you into the world of Azuleah. Daniel Adorno paints a clear picture of Lucius' mind while the story evolves. Lucius is very likeable, he is of sufficient depth, this also applies to the other characters - depending on their relevance. Siegfried is a great guy as well, and I need to mention Syl; Syl is my favourite supporting character! The story comprises several plot lines, comprises interesting turns, and has a really good flow.

This is a book for you if you like fantasy and adventure, and if you like highly believable characters.

Recommended.

Bill Tillman says

Five star fantasy, a book that will bring you back for other books by Adorno. Really a gifted fantasy writer.

Tamara Sinnamon says

Overall I loved this book. The whole feel of it was great. The characters were unique, and the creatures were fascinating. I did find myself wanting to know more about them though. Since this is a trilogy, I'm hoping there will be more backstory and details in the next two books.

One thing I would have to say negatively is on the pacing. Things did feel a little rushed in the beginning, and at other spots in the book. The storyline was great however, and the descriptions and scenarios stuck with you.

I loved how the author depicted Satan, God, and Jesus. Of course they all had different names since this is a fantasy. The main characters struggle with trusting Yewa and Yesu felt very real. It also gives you a deeper perspective on what it's like to trust God during struggle, pain, and adversaries.

I'm really looking forward to the next book. I would recommend The Blade Heir to anyone who enjoys Christian fantasy.

Belinda says

4,75 stars - English Ebook - Epic fantasy - ???

Quote from the book : The Blue mist permeated the air once more and envelopped Lucius in the darkness. The walls of the hallway bore arcane inscriptions and runes unknown to Lucius. He stopped Just outside of the room and peared inside. ???

Lucius is a human living with they elves. His elven brother is Siegfried. His father took Lucius in when he was found abandoned at the Gates of the elvencity. The father of Siegfried thinks Lucius is an heir to a Noble

house and he has to slash the Dragon Lord. The brothers leave on a quest quit unaware of all the dangers they will face.

My favorite genre is fantasy. Mostly Epic fantasy. I see this book in front of me while reading. Really enjoyed it. Like to read the second book in this series. Did not like the cliff hanger at the end of the book. Makes me curious. Hahaha ???

Greg Scott says

The comments in the 5 star reviews are right on. This first book of Daniel Adorno's trilogy does bring back fond memories from when I first read "The Hobbit" and "Lord of the Rings." It has a similar feel and cast of species. And geography dictates much of both stories. I noticed a couple reviews knocking the similarity between Adorno's world and Tolkien's. I don't see a problem. Tolkien invented a great fictional world and Adorno made a smart choice using Tolkien's writing to influence his world. It works here.

But Adorno is not a Tolkien clone – and this is good because originality and creativity keep readers interested. I like how Adorno introduced Yewa and Yewa's son, Yesu, and the doubts in Lucius's mind about all the ancient history and prophecies in his world. And I like how Adorno revealed pieces of his world history throughout the story. I hope Daniel continues introducing his own elements into later books in this story.

Lucius's doubts about the outcome of his faith decisions in Adorno's fictional world mirror doubts I feel every day in our real world trying to slay my own dragons. I can peek inside Lucius's world and see the big picture from my reader's point of view. But just like Lucius in Adorno's fictional world, I can only see a portion of the real world from my own limited point of view. So just like Lucius, I depend on faith for every decision because I'm not able to step outside the real world and peek inside like a reader. This is true for everyone, for every decision. Especially the big ones, and Lucius is faced with a whopper. His whole world hangs in the balance.

I have a minor nit. Daniel mentions a few species in passing but doesn't do anything with them. Maybe trolls and orcs will serve a purpose in future installments. But they're undefined here. If they don't serve a purpose, just edit them out and stay focused on the story.

I like how Lucius grows through the story, especially in one key scene near the end of the book when he's tested. I won't describe the scene here – buy the book and read it first-hand. You'll be happy you did. Mr. Adorno, keep up the good work. I look forward to the next book.

- Greg Scott

Fee Roberts says

The Blade Heir by Daniel Adorno is the first installment of the Azuleah Trilogy. Lucius Nostra finds out that there is more to him than meets the eye.

I simply loved this book. There is everything I love in a fantasy tale in this story. I loved the characters, well most of them. Of course there were characters that I didn't care for, which is expected in such a tale. There were graphic scenes throughout the book, so beware. It also had religious overtones, which doesn't bother me, but be informed. Overall, I'll be reading more of Daniel's work.

I received this book from BookFunnel in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

Lena says

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An epic adventure full of powerful magic, hidden royalty, and people who are more than what they seem. Written in much the same style as J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, The Blade Heir brims with fantastical creatures and enchanting lands.

Characters

The characters are amazingly crafted. Every action, every move resonates splendidly with their personalities. They seemed so real, their trials and pain provoked deep emotions. I'm looking forward to getting to know them better as their story continues!

Plot

The plot was action-packed and enthralling. Every major plot point was unexpected, and it kept me on the edge of my seat. This was not merely action, however. The story was an excellent mix of sword fighting and exhilarating skirmishes, as well as being deep and meaningful.

Overall thoughts

This is beautiful. Everything about this book, the characters, the descriptions, the names (oh gosh, the names!), makes it an alluring tale, well worth the read. And it really lends a sense of reality to the story, a sense of hopeless desperation, when authors are not afraid to kill their characters. This, and books that end on a cliffhanger, really entice me. (That may or may not have been a small spoiler. *_-). I wish I could give it ten stars!

Would I recommend it? Yes, I highly recommend this book to all fantasy lovers, especially fans of Lord of the Rings and The Wheel of Time

Would I let my kids read it? Yes, most definitely!

Overall Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

Linda Todd says

This amazing book I would give it more than 5 stars as I enjoyed every page an exquisite and well balanced story with lots of thrilles along the way. With that said a riveting story you don't want to end but it does. My appreciation to all the authors that can come up with amazing stories such as this. My thanks to the author Daniel Adorno for the extreme pleasure of reading his wonderful book & I do hope to read more of his books in the future a truly thrilling wild ride you will enjoy to go on. So with that all said this wonderful ebook was a gift from the wonderful author so to all happy reading from wee me. xx ?♥

Stephen says

The Blade Heir is the first book in the Azuleah Trilogy. The Golden Millenium of Azuleah has long since passed and the terrible days of the Black Dragon, Kraegyn, are a distant memory. But in the elven city of Evingrad, a young man named Lucius suffers from a recurring nightmare of Kraegyn. The nightmare always ends with Lucius being burned to oblivion by the malicious creature's blue fire. When his adoptive father reveals that these dreams signal the return of Kraegyn, Lucius learns to embrace his role as the prophesied protector of Azuleah. With his elf brother, Siegfried, at his side, Lucius embarks on a quest to forge the Requiem Sword, an enchanted blade which once defeated the Black Dragon nearly a millenium ago. The journey will take Lucius through the lands of elves, faeries, dwarves, and dragons. Can Lucius acquire the Requiem Sword in time to stop Kraegyn's ascension or will blue flames scorch the world once more?

You will not go wrong in reading this novel, It holds you throughout and leaves you wondering what is going to happen next. I can't wait for the next novel. I am going to become a follower of this author, so I won't miss the next one. Great reading.

Jerry Rogers says

I enjoyed the book. There were times the pacing was a bit off, but it recovered. Early on, it took a while to get into, but that's okay. There have books I've read that took a while to build into the story. I approach it like life, everything isn't always wam-bam action all the time. That will get to be just as tiresome. Also there were a couple of chapters that flowed very much like Lord of the Rings (Return of the King). I overlooked it because I found myself engrossed nonetheless. The approach for the community life of the elves is quite interesting. The author was bold enough to toy with different attitudes, while keeping to the societal norms elves are known for.

There were sections that were a real page turner and had me hooked. Is it a perfect book? No. Was it worth the read. Definitely. I've worked to include more indie/self-published authors in my reading list and its been worth it.

Tdabbas says

Considering the fact that I only got this book because it was \$0.99, I'm glad it turned into a 4 star book for me. I thought about giving it a lower rating because I feel that it lacks some originality, but I really like the values behind this book.

My first description of this book to anyone would be "Lord of the Rings meets the Bible". I'll be honest I haven't read the LotR series yet but the similarities are all there. Here is what I've come up with so far.

1. There is a long lost descendent of a former human king.
2. That descendent falls for an elvish princess.
3. In order to beat the bad guys the need to remake a sword for the royal descendent.
4. They get help from the son of the king who note controls the descendent kingdom.
5. They get help from a magician.
6. The army of bad guys are actually messed up bodies of old elves.

If you know LotR, you should see those parallels. As for the Bible bit, the God of the humans is based nearly word for word upon the Bible. I found that to be a sling point for me because it seems that less and less authors are doing that.

I love the struggle that Lucious goes through with his faith in God. It's definitely a relatable feeling for people of any religious belief, so I want to see how he progresses in the next book.

Laura says

Interesting characters, plenty of action

Intriguing and action filled each chapter. Loyal creatures all, ardently pursuing their personal missions. Worth reading for fans of the genre.

Andrea says

AMAZING! This book brought me into a fantasy world right out of the gate, and I couldn't put it down! Such a refreshing novel. I can't wait for the next one! My copy is making its rounds between all of my friends and family - it will be tattered and worn by the time I get it back, and I couldn't be happier about sharing this piece with everyone I know!

Crystal says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The writing was easy to follow, the characters were believable. The writing left me wanting more, I love when that happens. It took me 2 days to read the story, but that's because I

didn't want it to end. Thank you so much Mr. Adorno for entertaining me in your wonderful world!!

Joseph Samaniego says

When I first started the book I found it a bit of a slower read but I found that the story did keep my attention as it moved along and what at first felt like a slow read turned into something much more action packed. I'd love more backstory in some of the history of this world and characters. Some was given but I'd love to read more.

In all it was a enjoyable read.
