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Awakened from an induced year-long slumber, the Nameless Dwarf is tortured with memories of slaughter and must come to terms with who he has become: an outcast, a butcher, the most reviled of dwarven-kind.

As forces of unimaginable destruction coalesce around the mountain fortress of a mad sorcerer, the philosopher Aristodeus puts together a team for a last desperate attempt to avert the coming cataclysm:

A knight besieged by doubts, who has been prepared since a child for the current crisis, yet is crumbling under the pressure of the task before him;

An albino assassin who denies the truth of what he really is;

A woman with a black sword as disturbing as the axe responsible for the massacre at Arx Gravis;

And a dwarf with no name, who will either carve out the path of his own redemption or condemn the world to a night that will never end.

Mountain of Madness Details

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Carole says

The first author that i have read who is as good as J.R.R. Tolkien but does not copy his work, this book was brilliant and whisks you away into another world.

Shenstone says

An enjoyably entertaining read with great characters and landscapes.

Redemption is a tricky thing!

Ami says

I love this series and this book (3rd of 4) is the best yet. Mr. Prior did a marvelous job writing the series thus far but book 3 is a masterpiece, in my opinion, of course. If you like action and dwarves, buy the first book and know that you have a wonderful read ahead of you.

Elias Gilbert says

Love this book: great artwork inside and out. The Nameless Dwarf rocks. Very well written - lots of pathos, lots of action, and it's full of humour.

Jake Scholl says

When a writer sends me an email requesting a review, I get a little nervous. There is no guarantee I will like the author's book, and I prefer not to write a scathing review. Which why I avoid writing bad reviews of books, and move on. I've posted a scathing review before, and deleted it because I didn't have anything constructive to say to help the author.

Thankfully that wasn't the situation with D.P Prior's novel The Nameless Dwarf.

The Nameless Dwarf novel take place in the same universe as Prior's Shader novels (The first of which is Cadman's Gambit.),but in a part that is more primitive and barbaric than the world previously in the Shader novels. No guns here, and no post apocalyptic Australia.

At the core of the novel, the plot is a tale of redemption. The main character, Nameless, wields an evil black ax, and the ax made him slaughter his own people, and drive them out of their home. In revulsion of his horrible deeds, he stays away from his fellow dwarfs, and shaves off his beard marking him a dwarf. He drowns himself in alcohol to stave off his memories that haunt his mind.

But when Nameless finds out they have fled to the dark lands of Qlippoth, a land of monsters and constantly changing landscapes, he goes on a quest to save them from certain extinction, even though he knows they will probably kill him before he can help... And I'd better stop before I spoil the epic plot, and twists. :)

Prior has written yet another great and original novel in the Fantasy genre. And he took a big risk making a dwarf the main character, in a genre flooded with stories with elves and young wizards in training. This is another Fantasy for adults that cover very complex themes that people deal with everyday. The Nameless Dwarf is a must read.

I give this tale 5 stars out of 5!

NOTE: Thanks Derek for the reviewers copy!

Craig Leimkuehler says

I "picked" it up as an ebook special and I was pleasantly surprised. This was the second novel where a dwarf plays a major role. I thought the characters were interesting and the plot moved along. If you enjoy a good dwarf based fantasy novel this is worth reading.

Sorcered says

Probably the closest thing to playing Diablo on my e-book reader :) In other words, it's a fun, irreverent fantasy adventure with usual, yet different hero classes (morose, witty dwarf; dumb yet eager thief; dark wizard wannabe; and finally, in a slight departure from the norm, coward shapeshifter) and enemy types (humans! zombies! man-ants! werewolves! homunculi! demons! dragons! more!). The rag tag band of unlikely heroes go constantly from bad to worse, there's non-stop fighting, and yet I didn't get bored for a second - there's more to the book than the hack'n slash: interesting mythology, likeable characters, colorful descriptions, ever-present humor...

Not high literature, but lots of fun.

Warning - the book constantly references events from the author's previous books (which I haven't read) so if you want to avoid spoilers you should start with Shader. I'm not sure I want to read that now that I know how it ends :(

Montzalee Wittmann says

Revenge of the Lich (Legends of the Nameless Dwarf #3) by D.P. Prior is my favorite book so far of the series. Of course the gang comes across more monsters to fight but Nameless also comes across something else that may help him battle, or will it? It seems to have a mind of its own. Love this epic fantasy.

Jennifer says

W O W! I'm so glad I have the 4 book set! Rollercoaster of emotionally tumultuous encounters. So many irritating habits are truly part of human behavior and I couldn't stop hoping that 'this' would be the time the

character/s would step up instead of fall back to their habits. Enjoyed the whole story and pleased I could simply hit the arrow tab on my Kindle and start Book 4!

Cheryl says

It is a wonderful fantasy fiction book full of adventure & lovely characterization. I really wasn't ready for it to be finished! I would definitely read more books by this author.

Tom says

If you love Michael Moorcock then this will be right up your alley. Gritty action packed axe swinging adventure.

Doug Ward says

This book is a shogging good time!!! The characters really come alive. Is it sad that my second favorite character was the bad guy. I also like the idea that the heroes were flawed and gritty. It made it seem more like real life. Buy this book. You'll really like it! I did!!!

Daniel Beazley says

The Nameless Dwarf chronicles are a must read for any fantasy fan. There are five books in total that make up this series and you will not be disappointed. I get quite frustrated when I read quality like this and then don't see the books on the shelves in brick and mortar stores, especially considering this is one series I would love to see on my own bookshelf. I don't know if Mr Prior has looked at finding a publisher but they'd be a fool not to snap him up.

As you have probably guessed the series follows a nameless dwarf who is carrying a lot of baggage around, in the emotional sense of the word. The companions that he meets throughout the tales only add to the raw emotions that these stories lay bare, each one with their own problems and skeletons to deal with. It was refreshing to see characters that weren't infallible and that were prone to the low balls life can throw at you. What you end up with is a ragtag band of adventurers who rely upon one another to survive against the atrocities they regularly bump into. And what happens when someone picks on one of them... a dwarf axe happens! This sword and sorcery tale has it all; humour and wit, sadness with the odd touch of merriment, and plenty of adventure and adversity.

It was a real shame to have come to the end of Nameless' journey, but I did think (with a sly grin) at least I still have the Shader series to read!

Scott says

The Nameless Dwarf is the Omnibus collection of all five books in the series. I was lucky enough to get reviewer copies of all of them as they came out and was very excited to see that he decided to release a single volume collection with some epic cover art.

I would rate the collection a 4.5, but since there are no half stars it gets rounded up. The stories really get stronger as you progress through them making it so I have no problem with the 5 star ranking at all.

This is especially a great series to read if you are familiar with the Shader series by D.P. There are some shared characters and back story that really enriched the other books for me.

If you are a fan of action packed epic fantasy this is a great collection for you to pick up.

Neha Verma says

The story unfolds with Nils Fargin, the son of a guild master being tasked with the simple objective of leading a nameless dwarf to a wizard known as Jankson Brau.

But like things always tend to take a twist for the worse; our heroes find themselves in the bandit town of Malfen, where they have to confront and defeat their terrifying ruler, Shent, The Ant Man.

The characters have been beautifully portrayed and a lot of detailing has been done on their personalities. The author has also carefully developed the conversations and the expression of thoughts of our heroes.

The story writing is excellent with various themes intermingled and unexpected twists and turns. It also has its fair share of humor, especially when the dwarf gets drunk.

All in all the story had me gripped and made me devour the pages. Can't wait for the next installment in the series
