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David Valentine is revered as a hero for his part in fighting to regain Earth's freedom. When a former Quisling traitor is badly wounded, he asks Valentine to find his wife, who has vanished into the darkness of the Kurian Order. With the help of old friends and new allies, Valentine traces her to a mysterious, heavily guarded compound in Ohio. And what Valentine finds within will shake his sanity to its very core.

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From Reader Review Valentine's Exile for online ebook

Aaron Anderson says

I think I might be a little bit tired of Valentine's own side's politics and backbiters kicking his butt. That might be why I'm giving it a 3 instead of another 4 for the series. I'm continuing in it, but it wasn't All That.

TinaMarie says

Not a romance. Valentine is on the run, but determined to keep his promise to try to find Post's wife. Making new friends and uncovering what the Kurians are doing with special women. I like this series and the ending made me want to rush to the next book.

Jim says

This is the 5th book in the series. If you haven't read the previous ones, don't read this review.

At first read, it's not quite as good as the first books, but Knight brings up a theme that is haunting - why do people fight the Kurians? This isn't a black & white world, but a very real one in many ways. Most people do the best they can with what they have. The very real problems of eating regularly versus being ruled by monsters & there are monsters on both sides. More on the Kurian side, but life is often generally better, too.

Why does Valentine fight? I wasn't all that thrilled with the way he just let Martinez take the credit for the last fight & now it's bit him in the ass in a big way. Very realistically, too. The politics were excellent. His continuing faith to The Cause & adherence to Southern Command is barely understandable. He doesn't seem to be pissed off by the way he's been screwed, just goes on.

When I first read it, that hurt the book. On this re-read (listen) I decided it wasn't that bad. It was a great counterpoint to those who live in the Kurian zone & those that have opted out of both sides.

In addition, more real estate was added to the world. We get to explore Kentucky a bit & more about the leg worms. There's more, too, but that would be a spoiler.

All told, it was a pretty good read. Again, there is a short introduction by Knight in the audio edition & the reader was excellent. I have a little trouble with a voice or two & some of the whispering when I'm operating machinery, but it was pretty minor. I'm looking forward to listening to the next.

Fantasy Literature says

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Unwisely says

[at least she's not pregnant, which I was really afraid of happen

James says

I read an abridged version that isn't showing up here on Goodreads, but it was still enjoyable.

Scot McAtee says

Lot slower than the other books in the series. I'd call this the (hopefully) quiet before the storm. Still, a visit with an old friend is always welcome. Knight paints such a wonderful picture in my mind that I can't quit this series. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go buy the next 2 Valentine stories.

Justin says

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Valentine's Exile is a standard addition to the VAMPIRE EARTH series. Like the rest of the series, it is a violent romp through a post-apocalyptic war zone of gooey vampires and enemy agents. The VAMPIRE EARTH series does many things extremely well. The cast is colorful and unique, and they almost always return for another adventure. The stories are just shallow enough to leave you wanting to read the next installment. However, there are some things they do very poorly, and Valentine's Exile just happens to be one of the clearest examples of some things I don't like about VAMPIRE EARTH.

Characters have a tendency to act out of character in order to move the plot along in a certain directions. E.E. Knight also likes to use courtroom drama to make major plot shifts in the overall story. So far there have been at least three courtroom battles that have generated major plot twists. In VAMPIRE EARTH, it seems you cannot change direction in a story without one an act of random homicidal violence or a trumped up criminal charge.

Despite a few "what the hell?" moments, I did enjoy Vampire's Exile. Once again I listened to Knight's

story on Brilliance Audio CD. Christian Rummel is the voice talent, and he is, as always, superb. Some day, I will do a recorded interview with Rummel and make him do the entire piece in his Alessa Duvalier voice. —Justin for fantasyliterature.com

Dale says

Val cannot catch a break. The guy just wants to serve the cause to the best of his ability and stuff keeps happening. Stuff happens here too - and he (of course) manages to overcome it. Sort of. Nice cliff-hanger ending.

Bryan says

Wonderful continuation, though doesn't make much sense if you haven't read the others. I think E. E. Knight has managed to put every single type of thriller novel and archetype into this series: military ranger, secret agent, escaped prisoner, battlefield commander, etc. Pretty ridiculous.

An Odd1 says

** "Valentine's Exile" (Vampire Earth 5) by E. E. Knight starts slow, reviewing the setting and cast. I first listened to the audio, before the book was available. Never again. Hours - was it 18?. I thought I knew what was coming the first time, the second pass was not nice, I held my breath over crude, crud, and stink, even humor bits. The hero is stuck in horrible pits. Parts were not credible, such as that he saddles student-free old swamp teacher Eveready (from book #1) for months with a nuisance prisoner and helpless girls. I like the last chapters, legworm ranchers, and their inspiration in the final escape, genius. First trouble, a sudden air attack, takes out a third of Val's men, part of the siege around Dallas. After the city surrenders, the regiment is ordered disbanded. Post (#3), badly wounded, asks Val, now 27 and overdue for leave, to find his ex-wife. Missing for years, Gail has turned up on a special list. Females who test positive are sent on, priority to Memphis, according to Molly (#1). Condemned to hang on trumped up charges (#4), Val is doomed unless friends (#2) flame-hair beauty Cat Alessa, and giant blonde-fur Grog Ahn-kah (the silly spelling bothers me too, but does sound out pronunciation) get inside help. When the faithful Golden One stays back as diversion, I hope to see him in future. Gate guards who trash their report because one sees a big tattooed Negro, the other a tiny gold-toothed Chinaman is one funny moment. Goal, girl. Incentive, gallows. Go. [Spoiler - I could see the end coming, but when he feeds the baby monster vampire, ouch.]

LadyCroft86 says

Another adventure with David Valentine. Unfortunately for Valentine, he gets arrested not very far into the book and is preparing to hang for crimes that he supposedly helped perpetrate in the last book. Not to worry though, he has friends all over the place that will save him! As he is on the run, he decides to help his friend William Post find his missing wife. What Valentine discovers along the way will change the fight against the Kurians. This book was more suspenseful than exciting since Valentine and Ahn-Kha are back undercover for most of the book. The end of this book was sad and left me wanting to jump into the next book so I could

find out what happened next. (view spoiler).

Overall another very exciting book of the Vampire Earth. 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Benjamin Thomas says

Taking up shortly after the events of the last book Valentine's Rising, wherein we saw David Valentine play a major role in saving the Southern Command from the Kurians in this post-apocalyptic/post-alien-invasion series, I expected this 5th book to find him finally reaping some rewards from his leadership under extremely difficult conditions. But not so. Instead he finds himself screwed over once again and on the run.

This series is certainly unpredictable. This novel is more of a "journey" book as Valentine makes his way northward through Kentucky and into Ohio, an area occupied by the enemy, where Valentine discovers that life isn't necessarily all that bad under their leadership. He has faced so many foes on his own side that he begins to question why he is fighting the Kurian Order at all. The ending was a complete surprise and would seem to throw the rest of the series in a whole new direction.

Barbara Ghylin says

I finished this one last night before going to bed. How I managed to not have nightmares is beyond me. The story line seems to be repeating itself again and again. I have one more book to go in this set of 3 and then I will take a break from Vampire Earth. What I will read next is anyone's guess.

David Melbie says

What a strange ending! These stories are good. --From *A Reader's Journal*, by d r melbie.
