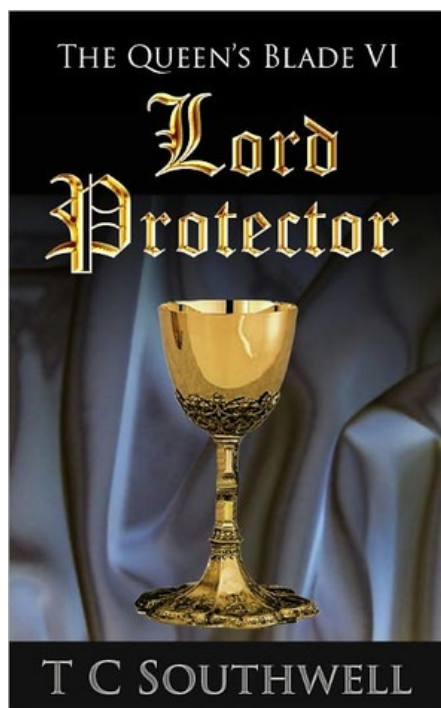




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The legendary assassin's life is in grave danger. With the deaths of a dozen princes and a king on his tally, the Queen's Blade is a target for vengeance, and his enemies are powerful. No one knows if Blade is dead or alive when he vanishes again, but the Regent mourns his loss. Two queens, a regent and a king hunt for Blade, who must fight free of fate's cruel grip.

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Ed Napiorkowski says

Glad to reach the end of this particular volume. There are only so many times when the same story line will enthrall a reader and unfortunately the repeating theme of capture, suffering, vengeance and escape occurred just too often in this book. I am however glad I persisted as the last third of the volume was the best and to me the most enjoyable. That in itself is the reason I apply three stars to this particular episode and I am pleased to offer my thanks to the author but I'm glad the story is now told.

Keith says

This is a blanket review for the series as I didn't find enough differences between the books to warrant separate reviews. The Queen's Blade Series consists of six books, eight if you count the two prequels, that tells the story of two kingdoms torn by war. Queen Minna-Satu is determined to end the fighting that is destroying her kingdom and sets forth on the path foretold by a seer. In her quest to complete the prophecy she takes the assassin Blade into her employ and the perilous journey described in the following six books begins.

The first book in the series, "The Queen's Blade," is a free book. It starts out a bit slow but once the story begins following Blade the action is never absent for long and that trend continues through the series. Of course, the first free book ends in a cliff hanger so you just have to buy the next one, and the next one, and the next one...

The main character in the series, Blade, is a well rounded character that draws readers in. He is a hard man who cares for none but himself, however, the occasional glimpses of his consideration for others and the slowly growing revelation of his horrendous past builds a relationship between him and the reader that keeps the pages turning. Blade is supported by a full cast of well developed characters, both friend and foe, leading to a very readable book.

My biggest complaint was the repetition that becomes more noticeable towards the end of the series. Eventually it seems to be a cycle of Blade being wounded nearly to death, being rescued and nursed back to health, being captured, escaping, being wounded, being nursed, being captured, escaping, etc. That aside, the backdrop for the story is constantly changing and, while assassinations figure prominently in the plot, the storyline has enough changes to keep the reader interested. When all is said and done I would recommend this book to any readers of fantasy, especially the young adult category.

Rachel says

He's so happy I'm crying.

Nora says

Like I probably mentioned in my attempt at a review for The Queen's Blade, the story here seems to rival The Night Angel trilogy. Actually I don't know. They are similar, but different. I like these books a lot. The cool thing about T.C Southwell's The Queen's Blade series is that it doesn't drag on, you can see time passing etc. lots of stuff happens, but it's not all in your face. I'm just annoyed I finished the rest of the books so soon! Definitely a good read :D

Jenny Malec says

I was so depressed when I finished this book because I wanted this series to go on forever. Blade is captivating to the point where I still think about him, weeks later, and he's not even real!! This series will be one I will read time and time again. A truly timeless, classic tale of the human spirit, true love, and the sheer will to go on even when the road ahead is gloomy. Love love love this series!!!!!! I will never ever forget it.

Amy says

Ending felt slightly rushed but was wonderful. (spoiler alert for the last 3 or so books)

An epilogue would've been nice, what happened with Minna, Kerrion and their sons, whether Blade ever addressed Kerra as queen, etc. Little fluffy things to tie everything up a little more. The entire series needs some proofreading, typos here and there but they don't affect the books themselves.

Mare says

This book had A LOT of twist & turns in it (More so than the other 5). At one point I thought I was at a happy ending...look down & saw pg. 200 & realized I had 500+ pages to go & it twisted yet again. I enjoyed how the author wrapped up Blade & Chiana's story. All in all, I enjoyed the end of this series. I would definitely recommend it.

Lizi Clawson says

I was so sad this series was ending when I downloaded this final book in The Queen's Blade series. I don't want to give anything away about it, but this was the favorite of mine in the series because everything came together as perfectly as it possibly could have. The action keeps your heart pumping, the temptation Blade faces to run away keeps you wondering, the broken heart of Chiana keeps you pining and the toll of the mounting assassinations Blade must perform makes you wonder if he'll ever make it out alive.

Louise Cromie says

What a wonderful conclusion to this series.

Blades final harrowing days as an assassin, left to die in a remote inescapable prison. The debauchery queen Kerra-Mannu sinks into after his disappearance brought up short by the decayed head delivered to the palace with a note attesting that it is that of Blade. Chiana's assumes her unofficial title of widow regent wearing mourning black.

However in all of this is a promise made by the idol of the beasts Shamsara. And his promises are no small thing for they are that of the god Tinsarron.

This last book is filled with sorrow and joy in equal measure all brought about by the man who changed 3 kingdoms - The Queens Blade

Diane says

The series started feeling a bit long to me at this point, perhaps because I wasn't in love with book four, but I think this book did a great job of ending the series and I'm more than happy that I stuck with it. Again, I recommend the series as a whole.

Férial says

A lot of introspection, a few ordeals and a wonderful gift.

Book VI is a beautiful ending to the series.

I recommend The Queen's Blade. Touching, tough, harsh, violent, emotional...and so much more.

Beverly says

All of the previous books in the series were great. They kept me reading with the same suspense and anticipation of the next event and resolution, so when I got to this one, the last in the series, I expected it to end with everything resolved. It didn't happen. It is like the author was tired of writing and hurried through the last few chapters to put an end to the book and the series.

Situations without resolution: the minor situation between Blade and the young queen who needed to begin showing her maturity. It would have been nice to read that Blade's animosity towards Kerrion had ended with an extended hand of friendship, and most disappointing of all was the unresolved threat of the mystery person behind Blade's imprisonment! Talk about leaving a reader dangling! Very disappointing!

For those reasons I could not give this last book more than 3 stars.

Mina Soare says

This is a minireview for the whole series, since the books are somewhat similar:

This series follows an assassin, aptly called an instrument of destiny at some point, who changes the fate of three kingdoms while finding himself in the process (mostly in the last book. It's a very slow finding of self)

Thus, awesome characters, slow plot and next to no drama(until #6). There's a lot of action scenes, quite a lot, and the protagonist gets caught and makes a daring escape in every book, sometimes even twice or thrice in the same book.

Three stars is my assessment of the series, growing to four when there's a discussion that does nothing but reveal something about the character or the relationship between characters and their place in the world.

Jane says

... And so they lived (almost) happily ever after. I think it would have made more sense for these last two books to switch titles. Kinda think Blade dances more in this one than the last book, but maybe that is just me. I almost feel like there could be another book if this one hadn't ended on such a high note. I am left with a few questions about a plot point and yet am satisfied with the ending. In a small way I compare series this in my mind with one by Robin Hobb.

Kim says

Totally anti-climactic ending. Blah. After six books and thousands of pages, this should have knocked my socks off at the end. No such luck. I did enjoy the series for the most part though. I was considering the prequels, but after that ending, I'm done.
