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Rejoin Never as he searches for his father's legacy and the sister he hadn't known existed.

In *The Phoenix of Kiymako* Never must navigate a secretive new culture ruled by warrior monks. Distrusted and hunted for his blood, he must forge new alliances while following the dark trail his father has left. If Never can survive, it will lead to both his long lost sister and - finally - the truth about his mysterious name.

The Phoenix of Kiymako Details

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Maddalena says

I received this book from the author, in exchange for an honest review.

Never's story gains another chapter in his journey of discovery, and change: after the massive revelations of the last two installments, which saw not only Never's unexpected transformation but also his disillusionment and grief, our hero embarks on a new quest in the search of a sister whose existence he did not suspect until recently, and in so doing takes us to a remote part of the world that is quite different from his usual stomping grounds.

Kiymako is an island far away from the mainland where Never's previous adventures took place, and it has a decidedly far-Eastern flavor, both in environment and culture: from the plains and mountain ranges of old we are taken to a lush jungle-like territory, where bamboo and rice paddies share space with tropical forests. Thanks to their isolation, the inhabitants have developed a very different culture, one more geared toward mysticism and a heightened sense of spirituality, as testified by the temples dotting the island and the great number of monks that seem to present in every settlement.

This does not mean that our hero faces an easy task, because he soon discovers that the place is rife with plots within plots and that power games are being played at any latitude: as he starts to inquire on the whereabouts of the young woman to whom he might be related, Never must guard his back carefully and be even more wary than usual. Thankfully though, he also manages to make some friends, something that seems to be his true advantage in any situation: for a man who has always lived alone and counted only on himself, he has this uncanny ability to engender friendship and loyalty in the decent people he meets, so that his quest is facilitated by some much-needed allies.

As I have come to expect by now, Never's search is a long theory of discoveries that lead to puzzles to be solved, which in turn help him unearth some new clue that will guide his steps forward: this kind of storytelling will certainly appeal to readers who also enjoy playing games because, as I have noted before, the narrative looks like a series of levels of increased difficulty to be unlocked before Never can move to the next challenge. Unlike previous stories in his journey, though, there is a difference here: due to the sometimes unpleasant truths he finds, Never becomes progressively disillusioned with his origins, understanding as he does that he, his late brother and now his newfound sister were nothing more than pawns in their father's far-reaching plans. And it's for this very reason that his encounter with innocent Ayuni gives him hope for a better future, and for a family tie that is finally free of ulterior motives.

Unfortunately, the name our protagonist goes under seems to determine his fate and never looks like the final word for every one of his goals, as he's forced to continue in his quest for the heritage that gave him great powers, but also – as the saying goes – great responsibilities, and also exposes him and all those of his blood to great dangers.

And so the adventures go on...

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Brenda says

Never's journey across the water to Kiymako was a time of learning for him – the language of the Kiymako people was important to Never if he was to blend in when he arrived. The dangers were huge – searching for his sister; the sister he hadn't known he had – caused uncertainty within him. Never wasn't sure if she was still in Kiymako – but he would follow where his intuition – and his blood – led him.

The monks who cared for his sister - perhaps imprisoned - were dangerous. There was no way he would be able to get into any of the many temples to search. But there had to be a way. Never was determined to find his long-lost sister, and also his real and birth name. His journey had been a long one – surely the truth was near?

The Phoenix of Kiymako is the 6th in the Book of Never series by Aussie author Ashley Capes, and just as in the first five, this one was fast-paced and action-packed. I was pleased to learn *The Phoenix of Kiymako* wasn't the conclusion to Never's story – the many adventures are set to continue! A brilliant fantasy/paranormal novel which I highly recommend – make sure to read from the first though!

With thanks to the author for my digital ARC to read and review.

Diana Jimerson Ezechiels says

Great read

This is in my opinion the best yet. Never is a wonderful character to read. Thank you. Well done Sir.

Ashley Capes says

Update - May 9th

Hello again!

So, after a tremendous Kickstarter last month, I wanted to quickly mention now that the 'regular' pre-order is now live if you wanted to visit your fav retailer:

The Phoenix of Kiymako Pre-Order

:)

Update - March 31st

Hi folks, following on from the update below - the Kickstarter is live and you can take a look at the link below :)

The Phoenix of Kiymako Kickstarter

Hello, Never readers!

When I finished writing the Never series back in 2016 with *Imperial Towers* I wasn't sure there'd be another story, as personally, I tend to like fairly open endings. But two years have gone by now and I think it's definitely time for more snark and adventure – and so I've set out to tell the tale of Never's search for his sister :)

Some of you may remember that I considered running a Kickstarter campaign to contribute toward costs for *Imperial Towers* back then and as it turns out I'm going ahead with a campaign after all – only it's for *The Phoenix of Kiymako* instead! (If you're not familiar with Kickstarter, it's basically like an elaborate pre-order set-up to help creators fund projects.)

So, stay tuned for more details and a cover reveal in the coming days!

*And the cover art is of course, not final - that's just me having fun with pastel colours and a chunky font

Jean Hillsgrove says

Stupendous

What a journey! This is number six and so very exciting. It's one adventure to another and can't wait to see Never again! Well met and hope everyone else will enjoy the adventurous Never and everything he seeks. ? loved it.

Penny Noble says

Supposedly, the book before this one in this series was to be the concluding title. However, there were hints that maybe there would be another one, and here it is; I was so glad to see this book. Never is back and on the hunt for his sister, and maybe, just maybe, he'll find out more about his father, and his journey takes us on an action-packed adventure as only Never can take us. This book is filled with wonderful descriptions and characters, and it takes away to a far away land, keeping the reader enthralled. Never has come a long way, and he's such a great character. And, yes, we finally find out his true name, but he will always be known as Never. With the events that took place in this book, it seems we have seen the end of Never, but have we really? If you are a fan of this series, you will love this installment. If you haven't read the series, begin at the beginning for a fun ride! Highly recommend! I was provided the e-book which I voluntarily reviewed.
