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The Return Of The Black Company (Chronicles Of The Black Company)



Synopsis

"Let me tell you who I am, on the chance that these scribblings do survive. . . "I am Murgan, Standardbearer of the Black Company, though I bear the shame of having lost that standard in battle. I am keeping these Annals because Croaker is dead, One-Eye won't, and hardly anyone else can read or write. I will be your guide for however long it takes the Shadowlanders to force our present predicament to its inevitable end. . ."The Return of the Black Company comprises the novels Bleak Seasons and She is the Darknessâ •the third omnibus volume of Glen Cook's fantasy epic Chronicles of the Black Company.

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Customer Reviews

This is a reprint of the first half of the Glittering Stone saga. If you have not read the original Black Company series, the characters and plot may prove overwhelming. I'd recommend you start with the first novel, the Black Company. You won't be disappointed. The Black Company (Chronicles of The Black Company #1)Glenn Cook is one of the great fantasy writers. His style is as rich in imagery as any modern author I can think of - in a good way. His novels are chock full of humor and drama. And the world of the Black company is as imaginative as it is disturbing. One of my favorite settings.Great world. Memorable characters. Outstanding plot. And writing so inventive that it trumps all the other aspects of Cook's novels. I highly recommend it.

I read the Black Company Series pretty much as fast as the books came out and I could find them.

Sense this predated and my living overseas this wasn't always easy. Before starting on the Black Company Series I never read much fantasy and I still don't, but The Black Company was so different from the few fantasy books that I had read from authors like Piers Anthony. I just had to know what was happening to the Company! I would start searching for the next book in the series till the next book was published and I got it. Now, I wish I kept those hardbacks but being in the military and moving around I ended up selling them or giving them away. After reading most of the reviews I find myself moved emotionally and really wanting to reread the series. This year I received a Kindle from my wife for Christmas. I had high hopes of rereading The Black Company Series only to find it isn't really available as a series yet with the Kindle. So PLEASE FORGIVE this indulgence when I ask everyone who reads this review to let know you want the books of the series to be formatted to the Kindle. It is easy and only takes a second. Is this a good review? I don't know. The Black Company Series is not your typical Fantasy, so much so a person who does not normally care that much for the Fantasy genre fell in love with it years ago and wants to reread it all over again.

After reading and loving the first two omnibus', this one was a major disappointment. Bleak Seasons in particular was extremely slow and mostly rehashes the siege of DeJagore from another viewpoint. I also found it to be pretty confusing in parts due to a time-travel mechanism that for me doesn't work, and I love that kind of stuff. The story finally picks up in She is the Darkness. Even so, it still didn't feel as epic as previous entries. I'm hoping the fourth omnibus is better, because this one wasn't really worth the investment.

The Black Company is the greatest fantasy series ever. It is very gritty and the characters are well developed. Glen Cook spins a wonderful yarn and this is one of the few series I have read several times and I refuse to pass on the books. I will read them again.

Grown dark fantasy at its best! This is the 3rd omnibus for the Black Company series and it's simply outstanding! Characterization is complex and you NEVER know what could happen. Military battles as well as small conflicts are fleshed out well. Relationships between characters sometimes have you laughing, other times saying, "What?" Quickly became one of the best series of books I've ever read. Will get the next set of books soon.

I've been a Black Company fan from the first. Glen Cook spins a good tale, once you get used to his style. That last isn't a disclaimer, it is just an observation. I would recommend going back to the first

of the series because while each book is a stand alone, there are references that make the stories better if you have the background.

OK, first i love the Black Company books. They have real flawed second rate heroes ? who don't really like being heroes and aren't very interested in being the kind of dead it requires to become legends. They would rather be alive, and occasionally somewhat drunk. Sounds like soldiers everywhere. which is exactly what Glen Cook writes so well. The omnibus concerns Croaker, Lady and her ever growing problems with Kina, the goddess of death and her strangler cult, and her sister, Soulcatcher. We focus on Murgan, One-eye, Goblin, and the rest of the crew. It's written from Murgan viewpoint with a lot of skipping around. It's all part of the plot so i won't give it away. but the style does get to the point where you are going ok, we are world building, i get it, lets move on, too many questions, not enough answers. They don't until the next book so be prepared. If you've followed the adventures from the beginning then the cast seems like family by now and they are in it up to their necks as always just one step ahead of enemies, old (More of the unkillable TAKEN) and new. AS always the Company doesn't go in for toe to toe slugfests but more misdirection and psychological trickery to confound their enemies and often their allies , though with the Black Company they are never quite sure which is which. This is a big intricate story arc which leaves no wonder why the sagas of the Black Company are required reading if you are a fantasy reader. Move over LOTR and Once and Future King, Cook was writing anti heroes long before Joe Abercrombie and Martin's GoT series. its easy to see his footsteps are still being followed...

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