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Ren Of Atikala: The Scars Of Northaven (Kobolds Book 2)



Synopsis

I am Ren of Atikala. Kobold. Prisoner. Experiment. My father owns me and my days are full of pain. I have many stories to tell. This one is about death. Kobolds die every day. Even hatchlings are familiar with death, taught to understand it from an early age. Death is our nursemaid. By the time a hatchling has reached adulthood it has seen a hundred lives ended. Humans do things differently. Humans avoid talking of death. It is spoken in whispers, avoided in conversation. When they must discuss it they use euphemisms, silly phrases like "passed on" or "sleeping" or "gone away". They are hoping, perhaps, they can pretend such euphemisms will not one day apply to them. Ultimately, though, they always do. These are some of the hardest times I have ever faced, along with some of my sweetest joys. I have so many stories to tell but this one should come next. It will take some time. This is the story of how I came to truly understand death, and what it means to take a life. Book two of the Kobolds series. The "Kobolds" series: #1: Ren of Atikala #2: Ren of Atikala: The Scars of Northaven #3: Ren of Atikala: The Empire of Dust (Now available for preorder!) Other stories set in Drathari, the World of Shattered Dreams: Sacrifice The Pariahs The Pariahs: Freeland The Pariahs: Elfholme The Pariahs: The Abyss (coming soon!)

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Customer Reviews

I have been starving for a good read for a while, and also looking forward to this sequel, so I got through this book in no time. Unfortunately that means hoping and waiting for a third in the series. Scars of Northaven continues the adventures of Ren the kobold in her trials after the destruction of her city in the first book. I love books like these, with unusual protagonists and different viewpoints, a welcome change from the poor farm boy/girl or displaced royalty with a great destiny. The characters are all well thought out and three dimensional, no one is simply evil for the sake of evil, or even purely good. This is a common thread through the book, the motivators of different people, how upbringing and different viewpoints affect what is seen as good and evil by different people. I highly recommend this book.

Plenty of violence. Ren and her companions wander around for most of the book getting into and out of trouble without much of a plan. There are some funny moments which for me are the highlight of the book, but far more darkness. Some of Ren's questions are answered but many more pop up. Is she a hero or an anti-hero? I'd rate it higher if it had more structure, but this is basically a road piece without a final destination. Get into trouble - use magic - get out of trouble.

Found this series due to a free bundle of stories on featuring the first book. This author writes in a way that grabs your attention and does not let go for the whole story. I am thoroughly enjoying this series, and have since purchased his other works. I can't wait to see what other worlds Mr. Adams will create....

As we progress in this book it become evident that many of the other characters feel that the protagonist and her race are pretty much held in contempt by their rivals and that they are considered to be belligerent and not very aware of the real world. However, we find that Ren overcomes her history and finds that she is actually a very powerful being with the ability to shape her and her world's destiny. I can't wait for the next episode as I am drawn into the story and find that I can relate to this being and am rooting for her to keep growing and overcoming the odds against her.

I enjoyed book 1 so much that I wanted to continue on with the story so got book 2. I'm disappointed

book 3 is not out yet. The story is definitely dark and without giving away much of the plot, sometimes just too overwhelming in the violence department. I had never read a book that was about Kobolds, or had even seen them mentioned in any of the fantasy books I have read (lots of them) and I was excited to experience this breed that was new to me. The Kobolds are so like humans and so unlike humans. When the heroine starts her journey she has preconceived ideas of how the other races are and the storyline goes on to show that her ideas can and will be changed when she starts interacting with the other races. Reminds me of real life in that respect. I think it was a good read except for the parts that made me cringe with too much violence for my taste.

Not very many books are written about the fascinating creatures called the Kobolds, let alone one concerning the lead character. Even if eventually Ren travels down the dark path, it wouldn't surprise me. Her evil father is to blame, considering the torture he thrust onto her body and mind. Look forward to book # 3!

Was really looking forward to this second installment of the story and it did not disappoint! Really enjoying this series of books. Cant wait for the next.

A fantastic set. Ive enjoyed reading about the exploits of Ren and delving deeper into her back story. A book from the view point of one of my favorite creatures in all of DnD/Pathfinder. I look forward to book 3

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