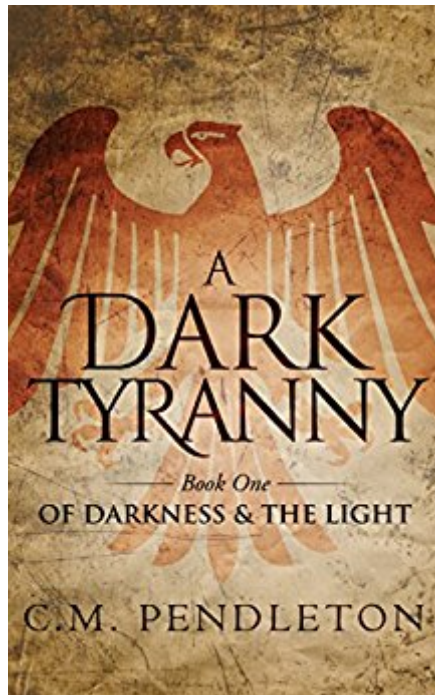


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Customer Reviews

I actually would give this book three and a half stars. I am an avid fan of Fantasy, of course like many I started reading Tolkien as a young teen in the 70's and have been reading Fantasy (my first love) ever since and I am very, very picky. This is a very decent debut novel and kept me turning the pages. This book is indeed populated by the types of characters we have seen before in other novels. ex warriors, stable hands (or falconer hands), damsels in distress, strange creatures of both good and evil and a plot that is unfolding throughout the book. While all these characters have been seen before, the author here still manages to make the journey a fun and enjoyable read while giving it a fresh perspective. I will return and read his subsequent novels and see how he grows, because I think he may go on to do great things. The magic system in this book is more on the lines of Tolkien or Lewis, its more of a deep magic that lays within the earth rather than the type of magic that is found in novels like Sanderson or Rothfuss, where there are explained laws governing the use of magic. While I absolutely love the magic systems of Sanderson and others, I also love the magic of Tolkien and Lewis where it resides in the land and creatures, so I was really able to enjoy this book for that aspect. To be sure there are some clunky parts. Some of the writing is from multiple character pov and they can interchange quickly so there were a couple times I thought, wait

a second, whose is this talking. A couple other quibbles would be some editing overlooks. A horse that is without testicles is called a gelding (not a gilding) when wolves are injured they would yelp, not whelp, unless they were very pregnant and decided to have puppies right on the spot.

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