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Demonsouled Omnibus One



Synopsis

Combined for the first time in one volume, here are the first three books of the internationally bestselling DEMONSOULED series - DEMONSOULED, SOUL OF TYRANTS, and SOUL OF SERPENTS, and the bonus short story THE WANDERING KNIGHT. Banished for fifteen years, the wandering knight Mazael Cravenlock returns home at last to the Grim Marches, only to find war and chaos. His brother plans a foolish and doomed rebellion. His sister hopes to wed a brutal and cruel knight. The whispers speak of living corpses that stalk the night, of demons that lurk in darkness, and a sinister snake-cult that waits in the shadows. Yet Mazael's darkest enemy waits elsewhere. Within his own tainted soul. And with the dark magic of his blood, he can either save the world...or destroy it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Standing over six feet tall, Jonathan Moeller has the piercing blue eyes of a Conan of Cimmeria, the bronze-colored hair of a Visigothic warrior-king, and the stern visage of a captain of men, none of which are useful in his career as a computer repairman, alas. He has written the DEMONSOULED series of sword-and-sorcery novels, and continues to write THE GHOSTS sequence about assassin and spy Caina Amalas, the COMPUTER BEGINNER'S GUIDE series of computer books, and numerous other works.

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Customer Reviews

Demonsouled follows the exploits of a knight errant that has been away from home for a decade and a half. When he returns home, action, adventure, intrigue and conspiracy occur. I don't really like to spoil the plot in any details, so that is about as far as I will describe it. The setting and tone of the books is very familiar to anybody who has ever played in a D&D fantasy game. Some of the items, spells and monsters are nothing more than D&Disms with the serial numbers filed off. Still the author does not rely too much upon the D&D gimmick to tell his story. Some of the characters are pretty well defined and some are little more than stereotypes. The main character's best friend and traveling companion is barely defined beyond being a pious knight, for instance. **The Good***The stories are an entertaining read.*There does not seem to be the almost obligatory rape scene that seems to permeate modern fantasy. The reason there are four stars instead of three.*The stories are a little lightweight, making them easy to get through in a single afternoon. **The Bad***The main character of Demonsouled is somewhat of a Marty Stu character. It is most distracting during the non-critical encounters where hyper competency abounds.*The first book started with a little awkward prose. It gets better. In fact, the overall quality of writing is much better in Soul of Tyrants.*Some of the names are kind of silly.*Strangely, some of the main characters are little more than stereotypes with little detail to flesh them out. **The Other***If I were to guess, Mr. Moeller is a gamer. One of the main bad guy factions are essentially Yuan-Ti (D&D). A lot of the spells sound like D&D spells.*The writing is pretty terse. That may be an attraction for some and not for others. I actually miss Robert Jordan's "capsule biographies" for secondary or even tertiary characters. The lack of those details are not damaging to the story, as the setting and tone are very familiar to anybody who has played in a D&D-like setting before.*Despite the naming convention, the hints at previous history do make me want to know more about the world.

I bought this omnibus mostly because I was looking for some new reading material. I was confused when I first started to read it as to who people were & what was going on. But I kept reading, about 1/4, that was it. I was hooked. I couldn't put them down & I'm currently on the 4th book in the series. I don't want this series to end. This book has Knights, corpses, demons & so much more.... I'm glad I gave this series a try. Lots of adventure.

The story is good and the characters are engaging. However, the editing is non-existent. Words are missing from sentences. Words are spelled wrong or used incorrectly. Normally I'd let this slide on a cheap indie book but in spots it is so bad it simply takes you right out of the story. The first book in this omnibus had a few problems. The second had sections with two or three on a single page. It was so bad that it gives the impression that the author couldn't be bothered to simply have a single person read the book before publishing. Which is a shame as I otherwise would have enjoyed the book a lot.

Lots of excitement in this story that is very well developed and full of suspense. The story features many evil challenges to conquer and quick and original thinking by the hero to save the day.

Supporting characters are very likeable and play key roles as they all encounter evil after evil. If you like a story with lots of swordplay and last minute saves by the hero against ultimate evil, then this story is for you. Writing seemed a little rough at the beginning, but seemed to get better as the story moved along. I gave this four stars because the writing was a little weak at the beginning and because the typos were rampant throughout the story. Some of these typos were significant enough that it made it more difficult to follow the story at best, and at worse, said just the opposite of what the writer intended.

Moeller delivers again! A true page turner! Great characters and a great story. I usually read around bed time. With Moeller, I think I can go a few more pages, or another chapter. Yes, I stay up too late, but for such a good and satisfying cause. Yes, there are some typos in the text, but fortunately, I am fluent in typonese. Once the story caught me, it hardly seemed to matter. If you want some action with great characters and great continuing story, do yourself a favor and try Jonathan Moeller!

A really good story. Though there are quite a few grammatical and spelling errors, I try not to let that detract me from enjoying a book if the story itself is strong enough to cover for the lack of editing. This story has an interesting premise and a strong story that will keep you to the pages til the end of the book. Combining the first three novels and the first few chapters in the fourth installment in this Omnibus make this a great buy to get yourself acclimated to the series as a whole. A great book to spend a lazy Sunday with.

I like this series very much. Enough so that I can read through the grammatical errors which are numerous. The writing needs to evolve some, but he seems to be on his way to becoming a great fantasy writer. Maybe he's trying to write too many different books at once? I find some of the dialogue to be somewhat elementary, but again, I really like the story and the characters. The main character is likable I'm definitely rooting for him and his compatriots. I am presently reading book 3.

Great story as I've come to expect with Jonathan Moeller. However, it also has lots of simple editing errors, which interrupts the flow of the story. Some of these errors are wrong words that an auto-correct may have put in. Others looked like there was an attempt to change tense but left both words in. Otherwise it would be 5 stars. I will continue to buy his books though because I enjoy the stories.

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