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Chosen (The Warrior Chronicles, 1)



Synopsis

****Overall Top 100 Bestseller by USA Today Bestselling Author!****It is said that when war threatens the world, one individual will be selected by prophecy to lead the Shadow Warriors out of the Land of Mist and reclaim the freedom which has been stolen. ~~ Shanti has grown up under the constant threat of war. Since she helped her people defeat a raiding party by using a special power, she's been a hunted woman. Carrying rare abilities and an uncanny fighting aptitude, Shanti is the only hope of salvation for her people. The problem is, she doesn't believe in her own divinity, and when she flounders, she nearly fails in the duty hanging so heavy on her shoulders. It seems like any other day when Sanders and his band of misfit boys find a foreign woman clinging to life in the wastelands. Oblivious to the weapon they now have in their possession, they are content to harbor the mysterious woman until she is well enough to continue her journey. But when the war spreads its arms and lands on her borrowed doorstep, Shanti has no choice but to reveal her secrets, plunging her saviors into danger. If they band with her, they will face certain death. But to trade her to Xandre, the warlord desperate to add her to his war machine, would be to give up their entire way of life. War is coming. The only choice becomes: Which side do you choose?

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Customer Reviews

Okay, fine. Two bucks, what am I, proud? I buy a lot of \$2 kindle things. Roughly half of them suck. But this doesn't suck. This is quite good. Grown-up fantasy. Inappropriate language. Bloody violence. No elves. Plenty of lovingly described fight scenes. But by no means excluding rich emotional content amongst/between the players. In judging a fat book or a fat series, perhaps the most important thing is this: do I want to know what happens? Reader, I did. I wanted to know what happens. I'm nearing the end of the fourth volume and I'm already unhappy because I know this will run out soon enough. But I won't stop, because I want to know what happens to these people I care about. My only advice: never get involved with fiction.

I have to be honest. I did not know what to expect going into this story. It's called 'Chosen' which to me is questionable since I am no fan of chosen one stories where a main character is prophesied to be awesome and then they are. That is not this book, in fact there was not much formulaic about this story and that is much to its credit. Author K.F. Breene seems to have a lot of experience writing and it shows in her work. Characters have depth and seem alive with their actions and motivations even when they're not a very important character. The world has clearly been designed to a level of detail far greater than comes up in the story and the tale itself is not without twists and turns and even some heartache. I can't express enough how much I felt like I was in a real world reading this book with real people and clocking in at just over four hundred pages, that is saying something. One of the things I loved best about this story is how incredibly (and believable) dynamic she manages to make her cast, even minor characters. You should be aware if you get into this book that the author has some experience writing romance, and if you're looking for romance you will be let down as this is not a romance novel. Furthermore if you're specifically turned off by romance the author manages to display some very steamy moments without there being actual romantic interactions involved. It's very clever but some people might find their heart beating a little too fast. Another thing which caught my eye was by coincidence all of the characters specifically mentioned to be not hetero normative are villains. I had a chance to ask the author herself about this over an email exchange and she explained it wasn't a political message or on purpose. So I was reading too much into it, but honestly a book with as much detail and subtlety as this one manages to have, can you blame me for trying to find more? There is a great deal of fantasy in this book at times, some magic, but it is supposed to be rare and I liked that. In fact the way the author deals with supernatural talents is brilliant and rather than being mundane or just a tool to elevate the main cast, she uses it as a weapon of terror and horror and the world reacts appropriately. I really can't empathize enough that

the world reacts, but not just to magic. Every action taken has its effects and consequences including friendships lost or gained and new growing threat. There was a little bit of unrealistic battle situations, but even those were grounded in the rules the world had already set out for itself. Needless to say I would recommend this book to just about anyone. If you don't mind a little steam (without romance) and want a decent low key fantasy with action and adventure then you should read this. . . . Actually who am I kidding, you should just read this anyway.

This is a more traditional fantasy story about a warrior from the north named Shanti. She is one of a very few that are bestowed with the 'gift'. The gift is a mental power that helps the user to be a better warrior or other specialty and can even attack and kill from a distance. Shanti's gift is very powerful and as a result her people designate her as the 'chosen'. The chosen is the one that has the ability to unite her people with a lost segment from the shadow lands. After most of her people were killed by the evil Graygual, she is forced to begin the long and dangerous journey to unite her people. Along the way, she is found by the men of a mountain city and she discovers that there are others that have the 'gift'. The leader of this mountain city has a strong gift. She helps the mountain city defend itself against the ever expanding enemy. Will she be able to complete her mission when the enemy is already expanding rapidly? Really good story with all of the characters well developed and enjoyable. Highly recommended to fans of the genre.

I don't know if I can write a review that does this book justice. I will give it a go. I'm going to start by being honest and saying upfront....I kinda judge Self-Published books. Because they don't have the benefit of an editor who will say bluntly "Your book will benefit if you cut out this, expand on that, clarify this etc" I cannot tell you how many times I have picked up a self pub book and I wished that someone had read it objectively and asked a few questions to the author. Sorry for going off on a tangent but I wanted to establish that I lower my standards when reading self published books....but this book blew my perceptions clear out of the water. The writing, the characters, the world building....I had a plotgasm. I cannot find one fault with the book, I cannot find one thing which I would want changed. I did 3 years in Uni majoring in writing/media and trained in close reading. I can analyse the s*** out of a book. So do yourself a favour - if you like a strong female, great plot, awesome characters, sexy alpha male who is gonna be more complex than you first thought...and a great villain. Then READ THIS SERIES :) After putting this book down I had moments of Envy - I wish I had written something this good :)

The initial book showed some promise so I read the entire series. It went steadily downhill. The shifts between a truly competent female protagonist and an emotional wimp got increasingly annoying. The male protagonist started out annoying and got to be really irritating. And the finale was ... terrible in every sense of the word. Pity. The concept and framework had real promise.

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