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Skavenslayer (Gotrek & Felix)



Synopsis

Deep in the tunnels beneath the great Imperial city of Nuln, a dark evil has emerged that threatens to bring the city to its knees. The foul Skaven ratmen will stop at nothing to bring chaos to the world above and fulfil the prophecies of their dark god. Having enlisted as sewerjacks in the vain hope of keeping a low profile, Gotrek & Felix find themselves in the thick of the action as they battle to foil the skaven's dark schemes.

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Customer Reviews

'Fantastic scenarios.' Daily Telegraph 'The King of high adventure.' Starlog 'He presents an action-packed life of fantasy axe-swinging' SFX

William King was born in Stranraer, Scotland, in 1959. His short stories have appeared in 'The Year's Best SF', 'Zenth', 'White Dwarf' and 'Interzone'. He is also the author of the other three Gotrek & Felix novels: 'Skavenslayer', 'Daemonslayer' and 'Dragonslayer', and two volumes chronicling the adventures of a Space Marine warrior, Ragnar: 'Space Wolf' and 'Ragnar's Claw' all available on . He has travelled extensively throughout Europe and Asia, but he currently lives in Prague, where he is hard at work finishing the fifth Gotrek & Felix adventure, 'Beastslayer'! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The first book in the series is " TrollSlayer" and I enjoyed it and purchased this second book. This company sent my book very quickly and it was in perfect condition. I enjoy PC strategy gaming and

am not an avid reader. In 2016 a new game is coming out called " Total War : Warhammer " and this series of books describe the world and characters that are in this game. That has inspired me to want to read about it , to enjoy the game play from a clearer imagination of the layout of the world map and conquests !

This was the most humorous of Warhammer books that I've read thus far. The army of skaven that is intent on taking over the world, starting with the city of Nuln, is lead by the most devious and backstabbing generals you could think of. Gotrek and Felix basically walk through the overconfident and cowardly rat-men, finding themselves in position to thwart various rat-schemes. I loved the way that King portrayed the skaven and had a great time with this light and entertaining read.

I believe that this was more action packed and more interesting than the first one. I was very impressed and I also liked the Skaven rivalry as well, which makes it even more interesting.

I can only add one thing to the other reviews, and that is to give full marks to the villain of the story, Grey Seer Thanquol. Like any excellent villain, he carries the story - after all, he's the reason for the plot in the first place! Shaping up to be the Wile E. Coyote of the Warhammer Fantasy universe, he's the poster child for the Ratmen of Chaos, the Skaven, and every human executive ever known (particularly the weaselly kind). His simple progression of thought (Step 1: My brilliant plan cannot fail! Step 2: My plan is failing because of incompetent underlings. Step 3: My underlings were actually exceptionally competent, and working for my enemies!!) is so familiar that I almost feel sorry for the old rat by the time everything has gone to heck for him. Kudos to King (Games Workshop's best fiction writer by far) for the invention of this character.

I enjoyed this so don't let the stars fool you. My problem comes from the invincibility of characters. Of course we want them to succeed and to overcome obstacles but serious setbacks and occasional hard losses would make these books more gripping (this is not just the problem of Skavenslayer). We find Gotrek portrayed as a manic slayer but rarely does he face anything and we are lead to believe something bad could potentially befall him. Felix is always caught up in small tragedies and indignities which helps to make his character at least a little bit more identifiable. As someone who loves Grey Seer Thanquol and the Skaven i was caught up in the scheming and intrigue provided, but that quickly grew stale as the result was always the same. Gotrek and Felix stab, cut, slash, stab some more and murder to solve their problems. Felix is painted as an

intellectual, but the only problem he ever has to solve is where the next place to start stabbing is. It makes all of the plots and machinations of the Skaven seem brilliant by comparison but we soon learn and realize they are just gross generalizations of the four major clans with out much thought put into their actions. Aside from Thanquol and his great internal monologue's, we are treated to a great scene of comedy when a Skaven assassin invades a custom party and hides amongst the masses. Very entertaining and a great break in the constant dicing and slicing. The plot is broken up into short stories that would have been better served being placed in a monthly serialization rather than combined into one novel. If i had one recommendation that might enhance the reading of this book would be to read a chapter a week. Though with it's writing style and the speed of which you go through the pages one can find it hard to put down as you figure on a few more pages. It's a good fantasy read and if you like the Skaven it's probably closer to four stars, but a fan of the Warhammer universe in general would probably find it more in line with a three star review. If you enjoy Gotrek and Felix novels then you've already bought this book and found it quite enjoyable, and if you haven't and you place yourself in this category what are you waiting for?

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