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The Misbegotten (An Assassin's Blade Book 1)



Synopsis

They were supposed to have been hunted to extinction. But sometimes death is a myth. Astul, assassin by day and purveyor of secrets at night, has agreed to hunt down a king slayer. Somewhat for the money, a little for the ego, and a bit for the adventure... but mostly for the money. There's just one problem. The king slayer's trail leads to a cache of disturbing secrets involving insane kings, mad queens and kingdoms suddenly poised for a war to end all wars. People seem to be losing their minds. Or rather, forfeiting them. Something harrowing lingers and lurks in the world of Mizridahl. And only an infamous assassin with a woeful reputation is aware. Conjurers have returned.

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Customer Reviews

This book is great for anyone who likes a dark story. The story is told very well and kept me interested throughout. While it does have some strong language it does not take away from the story but makes the characters seem more realistic and not some hero that is perfect in every way

since Astul is not exactly a hero. All in all I truly enjoyed this and would recommend it to anyone wanting a great and somewhat dark story.

I received a physical ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review. I enjoyed it enough that I bought a digital copy as well. I appreciate most forms of fantasy, but often find myself going back and forth between the grittier, modern fantasy and the hero saves the day fantasy. The Misbegotten is extremely successful in satisfying the itch for a darker story with a cast of gray characters who often cross the line between good and bad. While Mr. Depaoli has created a sound and intriguing plot, the main character is what drives this story forward, although that's subjective since it's told in first-person. The main character is an antihero whose sarcastic, lively voice keeps the pages turning and is good for a couple laughs too. There are some points in the book where I would have liked to have more information on what's happening in the world, but that can be one of the drawbacks to first-person stories.

I found this book by accident in Kindle Unlimited. I've read plenty of fantasy novels. This is by far one of the better ones. It draws you in and you honestly want to know what happens next. A few parts need more explanation as to what's going on and it skips weirdly in parts. Truly a great read though and I highly recommend. I am anxiously awaiting book three.

Solid read that combines good characters and good plot. Astul can be a huge turnoff to readers who don't like characters who are unapologetically ruthless and uncaring (though the uncaring part is a face he puts on imo, because you definitely see his emotions come out when those close to him are in danger), but that's right up my alley. Good pace too. Lots of fantasies are slower, especially in the beginning, but this one jumps right in. Two thumbs up.

Definitely a good read, with a well thought out story and fleshed out characters. The main character/narrator reminds me of Deadpool--sarcastic, crude, and ready to kill at a moment's notice. So it's really not for younger readers. I'm enjoying the second book already.

I originally picked this book up simply because it was free and with low expectations. I can't believe how wrong I was. I was drawn in from the first page right till the end. This book is a must read for fans of the genre.

I know Astul's the main character, but I would love love LOVE to see more of Vayle. Her responses are so deadpanned and hilarious, and while she's an assassin through and through, she abides by an honorable code. Astul... he's not so honorable, but he does have some rules (no killing kids) and he has regrets, so it's not hard to identify with him and to understand why he's doing what he's doing. I liked the magic part of this book, especially when it was shrouded in mystery.

Fast read, good pacing and story. I like the first person narrative kind of like detective stories of old, yet with magic and swords. I would recommend this to any who likes a quick bite and not a full meal. It's satisfying.

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