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In a remote mountain valley, a scout is tortured and killed in a brutal rite of summoning. An army of demons will soon be on the move. Fellow scout Jessup Inntour wouldn't care very much if the empire he reluctantly serves is attacked, but the woman he loves is another matter.

Tamra Dervon, Captain of the Guard of Wayfare Keep, thinks her biggest problem is her love affair with Jessup. The scout is holding things back from her, and she doesn't know what. But when the seemingly unbeatable army of demons invades, Tamra's personal problems look very small. Tamra and Jessup find themselves leading a last-ditch defense. Their army is defeated. Jessup disappears in the retreat. As Tamra continues the struggle to defend her homeland, she discovers that another duty lies ahead -- to face a demon horde alone.

Blood Duty Details

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Avry15 says

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this is the 3rd book I won and read from J.R. Tomlin, and it amazes me that she choose to specialize in this genre of books. There are some typographical errors, though nevertheless, you could still read the story without further hindrances. the story is well-built to the point that the readers could finally believe what's going on and the atmosphere it created.

Although, I agree that this one had somewhat characters which are not really that remarkable, or in other words, they just stay who they are, never moving, never improving. And yeah i notice the bad guys too, their motives had never been clearly identified, though maybe the author could provide us a sequel or a prequel. I think what lacks in this story , is the history of it, because a reader could not fully comprehend the series of events, if he hadn't known first what this is all about.

Ixich, huge demons summoned through a savage blood ritual, lead an army through a mountain pass, slaughtering all who would stand in their way. Tamra, Captain of the Guard of Wayfare Keep, and an allied army from the city of Madrian mount a desperate defense against the onrushing enemy. When their army is defeated and her lover is lost in the battle, Tamra is devastated but must somehow struggle on.

Even worse lies ahead as the secrets of her past come to light and her loyalty is tested. Yet, she must protect all those who trust her against the ixich horde. In her darkest hour, haunted by loss and with defeat imminent, can Tamra fulfill that trust and do her blood duty? ()

Leslie Wiederspan says

Not too bad. It wasnt exciting, but it wasnt boring either. I think it would have been better if it had been longer and went into more detail with the characters. But, it was pretty good for how short it was.

Meyka says

A great fantasy read; full of adventure, magic, sword fighting and romance. The story is well written and flows nicely. If you enjoy books with medieval characters and a twist of magic -you are sure to love this one!

Douglas Cook says

An excellent fantasy/thriller. A very good read.

First paragraph.

A scream echoed through the valley. Jessup stood in the copse of trees, barely breathing as he watched the camp of the Faragund army below teeming with movement. He pressed back against a tree. In the dense shadows of the forest, he would be impossible to spot. The scene down below showed him what a bad idea being captured would be.

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Ieshia says

Loved it

Total fan of J.R. Tomlin and C.R. Daems. It's empowering to read about a strong and loyal female heroine. But unlike other books where the female takes charge and has little to no emotional attachment she makes hard decisions, learns when to hold on, and when to let go. Excellent read. Read with my 14 year old niece.

A Book Vacation says

To see my full review:

<http://abookvacation.com/2014/04/03/r...>

For those who really enjoy Fantasy novels, I highly suggest this book. Although my tastes have changed over the past few years and I'm no longer a fantasy fanatic, this novel definitely piqued my interest and kept me captivated from beginning to end. It's a fast paced novel full of battle scenes and preparation as a blood-lusting King and his army, full of dark magic, march across the land, leaving no survivors. Bent on taking the kingdom of Ilkazar as they approach, the dark King and his mages torture and kill those in their paths, using magic to bind the dead to huge creatures of the dark. Jessup and Tamra, the two main characters of this novel, work to battle against the incoming force, but the army they are up against is much more than they can handle, and it will take an offset of strong magic to break the dark King and his army from taking over all the land.

I really enjoyed the imagery in this novel, and for me, it was like the battles of Helms Deep and Gondor (Lord of the Rings Series) in my mind. With the lumbering monsters and the evil army attacking the forge, it played out in my mind much the same, and it was great fun to read, especially as the defending kingdom is caught completely unawares. The Ixich is a great beast full of magic, and I could see it in my mind's-eye as it attacked, using magic of its own to take down the enemy... in this case Tamra and Jessup and their army.

I also liked that in this world, women fight as warriors alongside the men, and while Jessup is a talented scout, Tamra is the leader of the Keep's army. She is a great warrior, though tied to her duty even though she wants nothing more than to ride off into the abyss with her lover, Jessup. I love that she is strong and that both men and women alike are shown as strong entities in this novel—it was a fresh change from the many fantasy books I've read where the women are helpless and the men must care for all.

Overall, this is a great novel that I highly recommend.

Lourdes says

This book was given to me awhile back but the cover threw me at first. A female sword-wielding warrior fighting off a monster with a shadowed figure in the background, and the words, "A Fantasy Romance". Now that I've read it (a short book at 174 pages) I understand the cover artist's concept and it does fit really well.

Now about the book itself.

It's perfect for Teens, Young Adults, and Adults who want a fast-paced, original story that has a little bit of everything from politics, family secrets, romance, magic, demon-monsters, fighting wars, sacrifice, and gore. Many things aren't actually explained in the book but maybe that's what kept it short. It's as if you just dropped into their lives for a few weeks where they had a past before you met them, and then they will continue to have a life after you leave. I didn't need too many details anyway.

I gave it 5 stars, because I really enjoyed reading it!

Sharon Michael says

Free download that I almost bypassed because it was marked as a 'fantasy romance' and many I've tried were too heavy on the romance, too light on the fantasy and storyline. I'm delighted to say I would have missed a very entertaining book if I had not tried it. Very little 'romance' but rather a solid, established relationship between two admirable main characters. Solid fantasy of the swords and sorcery variety with well developed characters and an interesting twist on 'this is how we defeat the bad guys and win the war'.

I will definitely be looking for more books by this author.

Quentin Stewart says

An excellent fantasy read. With the return of a beaten army with a new force to contend with, the book moves quickly while developing the characters and the story line. It looks hopeless for the defenders as the story develops.

An interesting aspect of the book is the magic that both sides use. I guess you could call it black magic versus white magic. The use of the magic in the battles is interesting and it is continually discussed as the book reaches its climax. But even with the magic it still boils down to an individual having to decide how much they are willing to sacrifice to save their people. That is where the interesting twist comes in this book.

It is well worth a read. Tomlin and Daems have done an excellent job in writing this one.

Krizia Anna says

It was actually pretty good. I love the strong female character, Tamra. I love the pacing. I also love how the author did not dwell too much on the love angle. It was a good modern fantasy story. I would love to read a sequel.

Elizabeth says

Rousing Fantasy Romance style novel that has adventure galore. Well done story, good characters and the battle scenes are well written and believable. All in all a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon in the sun!!!!

MaryLynn Kebort says

Blood Duty is a tale of long, long ago. Which is perfect reading if you want to escape .

I loved reading Blood Duty. It tells of people long ago fighting to survive . Leaving utter destruction in their wake. Blood Duty has a little romance, a little magic and a whole lot of loyalty and trust . There's always time for fantasy, that is where the magic comes in. One side white and shimmering , protecting the Prince , while the other is black, disruptive , crude, .I believe everyone will love to lose themselves in this story
