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From the bestselling author of *The Spaceship Next Door*:

“I don’t know how old I am. My earliest memory is something along the lines of fire good, ice bad, so I think I predate written history, but I don’t know by how much. I like to brag that I’ve been there from the beginning, and while this may very well be true, I generally just say it to pick up girls.” --Adam the Immortal

Surviving sixty thousand years takes cunning and more than a little luck. But in the twenty-first century, Adam confronts new dangers—someone has found out what he is, a demon is after him, and he has run out of places to hide. Worst of all, he has had entirely too much to drink.

Immortal is a first person confessional penned by a man who is immortal, but not invincible. In an artful blending of sci-fi, adventure, fantasy, and humor, IMMORTAL introduces us to a world with vampires, demons and other “magical” creatures, yet a world without actual magic.

At the center of the book is Adam.

“I have been in quite a few tight situations in my long life. One of the first things I learned was if there is going to be a mob panic, don’t be standing between the mob and wherever it is they all want to go. The second thing I learned was, don’t try to run through fire.” --Adam the Immortal

Adam is a sixty thousand year old man. (Approximately.) He doesn’t age or get sick, but is otherwise entirely capable of being killed. His survival has hinged on an innate ability to adapt, his wits, and a fairly large dollop of luck. He makes for an excellent guide through history . . . when he’s sober.

Immortal is a contemporary fantasy for non-fantasy readers and fantasy enthusiasts alike.

Immortal Details

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Liang says

5 out of 5 stars! Wow, this book is a true gem. This was tailor-made exactly to my likings. I give props to the author for being very original. It's got contemporary, historical, lust, fantasy, adventure, and mystery - all blended together. I've always been into the whole immortality concept, but I was so glad this time the main character was actually a human!

So Adam, one of the many names he goes by, is an immortal man who's been around for approximately 60,000 years. During that time, language wasn't even invented yet. He soon discovered he doesn't age nor gets sick. He is forced assimilate into every era, while learning the languages of every civilisation he lives in.

The setting is based mostly on the present, but he would often recall fantastic stories about the past events he has lived through. I loved how it was written from a perspective that you'd actually imagine an immortal person to have. Anyway, back to the present, there are people who knows of his nature. They are after him, and he isn't sure who he could trust.

There's also the mystery of a red-haired woman who he keeps seeing around for the past 10,000 years. She's the only other person he knows who is like himself, but she always mysteriously disappears before he is able to approach and speak to her.

I love this book so much and it resonates with me so deeply. If I were asked which fictional character from any book I would pick to live as, Adam is definitely one top of my list right now. I'll be starting book 2 soon. Although I listened to the audio version of this book, I'm seriously contemplating on buying a physical copy. I just want to own my own copy of such an amazing story. Book 3 is supposed to come out soon, and I really hope it does, because I really want to know what happens.

Spoiler alert!!! Don't read after this unless you wish to be spoiled.

So what exactly happened to the young Brenda vampire chick? She was very involved with Adam during the first half of the book, but it seemed like she just written off. I hope she comes back in book 2.

I really like Clara. She seems like a bad ass sexy chick. I was a little shocked when I thought she might have betrayed him, but I'm glad she helps him in the end. And that cliffhanger. What the heck? She was a test subject for the immortality gene too!? I really hope she stays together with Adam, because she's exactly the kind of girl he needs and one who understands him. It was so sweet when she was so supportive of him during the time he stayed in her apartment and I wanted it to last.

Eve, just wow, I didn't expect him to meet her this soon at the end of book 1. I thought she might finally show up in book 2 or 3. So we find out she's actually real after all - not a figment of his imagination. She reveals to him she's actually much older than him, which is why she has her powers to vanish out of thin air when she wants. And apparently Adam will develop those same powers eventually too. But there are still so many mysteries, like we still have no idea why Adam is immortal. The rendezvous with Eve was so brief too. She disappeared with so many unanswered questions. Although I like Adam with Clara, I'm actually hoping Adam ends up seducing Eve too. She's like the only other being out there like him, so it just makes sense they have to have some chemistry of some sorts.

Molly Mortensen says

Warning: This is an adult book for violence, sex, and adult humor.

I am a sucker for funny books, so I when I read the summary I was sold. I mean, a funny immortal guy? I'm there.

There's also more to the world than just one immortal guy, there's vampires, ifrits, demons and all sorts of other things, which was cool.

I'm still not sure if I like the main character or not. He's definitely an antihero; killing when necessary, and not always saving people, though he does feel bad about it later. He's also a drunk. **(He was drunk for like 90% of this book.)**

The good:

I liked that for once there was an immortal who liked being immortal, even if he is a bit cynical about everything. He doesn't want to die, and he's a unique immortal, because he's pretty sure that things that would kill a normal person would kill him too, he just doesn't age or get sick.

There's an info dump at the beginning telling about his life, but I didn't mind it at all, because it was well done and witty. I loved his ability to blend into with whatever culture he's around, his skin tone and hair changing. I wish this had been used more, it was a unique little twist.

He makes many observations about humans that really added to the story and made me believe the whole immortal thing. Like he comments that there are only so many faces out there, so it's weird running into someone you used to know.

I actually liked the flash backs better than the main story. I understand the need for flashbacks with an immortal character living a long life, but the flash forwards (thankfully done in italics) complicated things a bit too much. Once it stays in one time the pace really picked up and it was a more enjoyable read.

The Bad:

I didn't like the Ifrit Jerry, I thought he was crude. Fortunately he isn't in the book much.

Towards the middle of the book it gets into the whole sex thing.

Adam's done some horrible things in his life, (He always defends himself in parentheses saying it was what everyone at the time did.) but some of those things are pretty unforgiveable.

For instance when talking about his early life (cave man type days) he said: "We won the fight and rewarded ourselves by raping several of their women. It's what one did. Don't ask me to feel bad about it if you weren't there." **This wasn't funny and was completely unnecessary.**

Verdict: Immortal is hard book to rate, because I liked most of it and it's certainly an amusing book, with

some interesting details, but there were aspects that I really didn't like.

Odd fact: I was watching that new show Forever (which is very good by the way) and at the end of the second episode (Forever spoiler alert) the bad guy says something which totally made me think of this book.

"You want to call me something, call me Adam, feels like I've been here right from the beginning." – Adam, Forever

"I like to brag that I've been there from the beginning, and while this may very well be true, I generally just say it to pick up girls." -Adam, The Immortal

Visit my blog Woven Magic Books for an interview with the author.

Point of View: First (Adam)

Predictability: 4 out of 5 (Where 1 is George RR Martin (If the characters make a plan or think about the future I know it isn't going to go that way.) And 5 is Cinder (where I guessed what was going to happen long before it did, but it was still a great book.)

Comedy Scale: 2 amusing, but I didn't laugh aloud.

My Rating: 5/10 Stars

Lukas Lovas says

Perfect :) Just....perfect. The humour of this book is the best I've read in some time. I like the language, the writing style.....and I loved the stories the main character tells. I don't like gushing reviews....so I'll just say, that I loved this book, it never bore me, and it made me laugh almost continuously. I applaud the author and thank him for this experience :)

Lena says

Still a five star favorite. A completely original, ubiquitously quotable, irreverent romp through history. Adam is that dreamed of dinner guest you ply with wine for stories and secretly hope he never leaves.

Astrid Paramita says

Immortal tells a story about Adam, a man who existed (most likely, according to Adam) since the beginning of mankind. He was not your typical immortal superhero guy with superpowers nor was he the most handsome man in the universe. Adam was more or less like a normal human; except that he stopped aging at thirty-two, has a super immune system, and a whole lot more story to tell.

To me, it was a modern book about being immortal. It's funny and sarcastic (which I love!), and at the same time it's also mysterious and gripping. I love the author's take on it; I personally believe it'll take a whole lot

sense of humor to survive centuries on earth (plagues, natural disasters, wars, ...!).

I would recommend this book for everyone who likes a funny twist on a fantasy story. Even if you're not usually into fantasy stories, I'd still recommend this book. Adam will entertain you and make you laugh!

For my interview with Gene Doucette, the author of *Immortal*, please visit:

<http://astridparamita.com/2011/04/boo...>

M Hamed says

he doesn't even try to be good,even for urban fantasy,where incompetence is excepted just like a whore ,he writes and gives some FUN

30 thousands year old who is a drunk and likes banging young chicks ,with the stamina of a panzer division going through belgium

and quote

(Nice guy, old Mohammed was. A tad zealous and more than a bit touched in the head, but otherwise all right. He and Lester the subway drunk would have gotten along well.)

yeah ,and that

Arnaud says

Just make sure you read beyond the first 25% :-)

Admittedly, I was very close to question the ratings on this one until I reached the 24% mark in the book. The first portion is somewhat dull and doesn't quite grab the reader's attention as something that will turn in a "can't drop this novel until I'm done" kinda deal. Luckily, I plowed through and was proven wrong! The rest of the novel is a page turner with solid characters and a good plot. While the back and forth through history and present might be confusing at times, the key is to remember that ultimately there are not many characters to keep track off. I found the reminiscences to the past entertaining and adding up to the credibility of the immortal character. A win then! Highly recommended in the end :-)

Sue London says

Immortal is probably the modern (and historical) fantasy you've been seeking.

By the end of the first chapter I was fairly convinced that Gene Doucette had found this manuscript between seats on the subway because it had clearly been written as a collaboration by some of my favorite authors while they were sharing a bottle of whiskey. He has the wit of Douglas Adams, the sarcasm of Jim Butcher, the droll plotting of Spider Robinson, and the sly twists of Neil Gaiman, just to mention a few. But don't think that this means he seems imitative because he doesn't. "Immortal" was clever, fascinating, and endlessly entertaining.

I'm tempted to quote all the clever parts (which I highlighted because they were that good) but will let you discover them for yourself. As an example, one of my favorite bits from the first chapter: "I was suicidal for two solid centuries once. That was during the early part of what they now call the Dark Ages, in medieval Europe. Suicidal tendencies were de rigeur at the time, and I'm nothing if not trendy."

If there is a God, which is something that main character Adam sincerely doubts, then Mr. Doucette will write a series and get a TV show.

Mike (the Paladin) says

Odd interesting book. I found (a few years ago) that I like good Urban Fantasy, thus I'm always looking for new "good" Urban Fantasy. This one was suggested on the books like Harry Dresden thread. When I started this novel and began to get acquainted with our erstwhile protagonist the book ran hot and cold for me.

Adam is immortal, he just doesn't age or die. Oh he can get hurt, he believes that (in spite of his rapid healing ability) he can be killed...though up to now that hasn't happened. He's very, very old. He wonders if he's been around from the beginning though as he tells us himself, he only claims to have been around from the beginning to pick up women. Of course Adam is only the name he's currently using. He's pretty sure his first name was something like "Urg". His earliest thoughts are (he thinks) like "ice bad fire good".

I got this in the audio version and must admit for about the first 40 minuets of the book my thoughts were...blah. I was almost convinced that I'd be laying the book aside, I was in a few words, just plain bored.

Then something happened. I found myself interested in the story. The problem was (and is) that we have a triple layered story going here. First our "hero" is relating what's going on in his present, then in flashback he's telling us how he got there...and third in a series of memories we get a view of his background, the world we're operating in, and some of the creatures in it. So, like the previous sentence the early part of the story tends to, "run-on".

Still hang in there for once you manage to forge your way through some of the morass like early set up the book is a good read.

Let add this caveat, to some this won't matter at all but I want those who may be bothered to know. Our protagonist is pretty much an across the board "insulter of Theists". I'll give him this, he insults not only Christians and Jews, but actually brings in the Islam faith. Most writers who choose to insult religious belief stick with Christians and Jews.

Still, I survived it. Just take it as "it's a story" and go on. The novel is pretty well written and I think most will like it. I'd say give it a shot and see what you think.

Lori says

From author/publisher

"Part science fiction fantasy, part action adventure and thriller, Gene Doucette creates the perfect balance of

humor and edge-of-your-seat anticipation in this genre-defying story of an immortal man named Adam, who finds himself battling demons and bounty hunters in his eternal search for Eve, the red haired mystery woman of his dreams. Witty and wonderful, with a bite of sarcasm, Immortal is a five star read for any fiction lover. " (Book Blurb submitted by yours truly!)

I have the extremely amazing honor of being the first person to write a review on Gene Doucette's debut novel, which will be released on Amazon.com October 1st by HIP (Hamel Integrity Publishing).

In "Immortal", we are introduced to Adam, our immortal but not invincible quazi-hero, as he awakens confused and disoriented nursing a massive hangover from beneath a futon at a college frat party, immediately putting his reliability as a narrator into question. But don't worry guys, it's all part of Adam's charm.

Witty sarcasm, quick quips, and an uncanny knack to self-preserve at all costs, our leading man quickly endears himself to you. We find ourselves drawn to him, not unlike the way one is drawn to the scene of an accident, nudging and jostling one another for a better view of the carnage.

Believing he is one of a kind, Adam asks the reader not to mistake him for a vampire. No, he doesn't age and does not get sick, though he is most certainly capable of dying. He has no super powers to speak of, though he is fluent in every language that has ever existed and can blend in with whatever culture he is hanging out in.

And he is searching for a red haired mystery woman who haunts his dreams throughout myriad millennia. Little does he know that while he searches for her, someone else is searching for him, and will stop at nothing to find him - leaving a bloody trail of unfortunate bodies in it's wake.

Adam narrates our novel through two time lines - The italicized text at the beginning of each chapter is Adam's current timeline where he appears to have been captured and locked away with a mad scientist who is determined to discover the why's and how's of his immortality. The main text recaps all of the wild and crazy events that lead up to Adam's eventual capture.

Along the way we meet tricky iffrits, whimsical pixies, sexy vampires, and armored dragons as Adam finds himself on the run on more than one occasion, forced to battle demons and bounty hunters, while trying to uncover who is coming after him.

A rapid fire, unrelenting wild rumpus of a ride - Immortal earned it's spot as the Next Best Book. Everyone will find something to love, and everyone should sign up to purchase a copy come October 1st! Do not miss this hilarious, edge-of-your-seat action packed thriller. Or I will come find you and harass you until you do! You have NO IDEA what you are missing!!!

For additional information on the author and his novel, and to sample a chapter of Immortal - view his website
