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Dwarf Trollslayer Gotrek and his human companion Felix Jaeger, Warhammer's most famous pair of heroes, head off to a new adventure facing the terrifying dark elves in the latest novel of this best-selling fantasy series.

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Batsap says

This is truly a Gotrek and Felix novel - it's madcap, fierce and soaked in the blood of its enemies.

Gotrek, after having taken quite a serious turn in my opinion since Nathan Long took on his character, is once again laughing maniacally and grinning in an unsettling manner in the face of danger. I love the scene where they are being attacked by sharks and Gotrek is roaring at them to come out of the water and face him, the cowards. The humour is definitely back in the series and the book is so much better for it. And Felix is back being a lovable idiot when it comes to matters of the curvy, feminine kind.

What I find interesting about Nathan Long is that he seems to reference the earlier books much more than William King did. There is a lot of looking back and tying things together a little more. Felix looking back over the journals he'd been writing from the beginning was a nice touch that brought the prologues at the beginning of each book into the main story more. I also like the mystery that is being set up around Felix never appearing to grow any older.

It's also a nice thing to see some old faces put in an appearance. Anyone who has been wondering what happened to Max Schrieber should read this. And to my utmost delight, this book saw the return of that most unlucky and geriatric of skaven - Grey Seer Thanquol! The books just haven't been complete without his cute, furry little face.

Steven Wittenberg Gordon says

<http://stevesofgrass.blogspot.com/201...>

Sebastien says

Après deux lectures intense, je suis rendu à la dernière sortie à ce jour. Malheur à moi je savais qu'une suite était en marche donc notre slayer préféré ne verra pas la mort dans ce volume. Cependant, ce n'est pas grave, ce n'est mort qui nous intéresse mais bien la vie qu'il vit à chercher la mort ultime.

Ce roman nous fait revoir d'autres anciens alliés, mais cette fois-ci, c'est un peu décevant car il ne sont pas beaucoup présents et le personnage de Max est vraiment trop différent. Ok 20 de carrière comme mage change un homme, mais quand même, à ce point là? Entéka, c'est mineur mais je devais le dire. Fan de Max soyez averti.

Sinon pour le reste de l'histoire, comme toujours, c'est magistral. Nos héros se retrouvent mêlés avec des Thugs et en ont pour leur rhume. On pourrait croire que l'histoire va s'éterniser là-dessus (pas que je m'en plaigne) mais non, l'auteur ne perd pas de temps et nous fait voir qui sera l'ennemie dans Elfslayer. S'était à prévoir, des Dark Elves. Mais pas n'importe quels, une Arch complète. Vous ayez-je déjà dit que dans Warhammer la seule chose pire que la force brute c'est le nombre. Encore pire, le nombre et la magie. Les Dark Elves sont une des races les plus cruelles de Warhammer et ils ont un arsenal aussi varié qu'Evil. Je me suis vraiment

demandé comment nos héros allaient se sortir vivant de cette histoire.

Surtout quand en plus des elves un autre méchant en veut à leur peau (un autre anciens classique de la série) ainsi que les Thugs qu'on avait vu au début. Les héros en ont vraiment plein les bras. L'histoire est bien ficelé et tien la route. Ça ne sonne pas faux et en plus on croit à la souffrance, aux désespoir et à l'épuisement de nos héros face à ce genre de menace. Le fight final est carrément épique et est à la hauteur de ce que l'on a vu depuis le début de la série.

Seul bémol. Ce livre a trop d'action. J'étais fatiguer tellement il y avait d'action par boutes. En plus le fight final doit durer 50 pages minimum. Je me refuse de couper dans un fight final, je devais le lire d'une shot. Mais après 30 pages d'action, de meulage et de fight, j'ai commencer à fatiguer. J'en ai même perdu des boutes. Oui c'était bon et amusant, mais aussi fatigant et exténuant. J'aurais couper ou au moins donner un chapitre pour respirer.

Donc, un autre livre digne de la série Félix et Gotrek. N'écoutez pas les chialeux, cette série reste encore l'une des meilleur de la grande famille des roman de Warhammer.

Joe Moley says

Finally...

I think Nathan Long "gets" the series at last. That or he's written enough for me to get used to his style. Either way, it was a tough transition from William King's original writing. The first couple by Long just didn't work for me for some reason. The characters weren't as enjoyable and the dialog seemed forced. And this was after I thoroughly enjoyed his "Black Hearts" series so I knew he could write (Please Mr. Long, don't forget about those guys... I'd love another book in that run). My only complaint with this one was the handling of the wizard Max. It had been several years (and novels) since he'd made an appearance, yet for some reason, he was fairly pathetic. His power was growing when we last saw him, yet in this book he seemed little changed. Teclis he's not, but still, I expected some fairly impressive spell casting by now. However, all we got were magic missiles and colored bolts.

Other than this small complaint, the book was fast paced and filled with tons of carnage. As usual, the Slayer did what he does best... slew and slew some more. As usual, Felix tagged along for the ride and managed some good deeds as well. We got a few more hints dropped about that these two are "marked" for some dramatic battle (Like what they've done up to this point wasn't tough enough...) and are being kept alive through some magical means for a crazy climatic finish. I mean a greater daemon of Slaanesh bowed out of combat with Gotrek because something even more powerful had laid claim to the dwarf. How cool was that? What this great doom entails, I guess we'll have to wait and see.

Not sure what's left for these two... Trolls, check, Giants, check, Dragons, check, Daemons, check, vampires, check, Orcs, check, Elves, check, Skaven, Check What is next? I'm trying to remember, but I don't think they've fought Lizardmen yet. It would be cool to see them head to Lustria to take on a some giant undead Slann... oh and for Sigmar's sake, please bring back Snorri Nosebiter.

Paul says

Gotrek is a slayer dwarf, one who has committed a sin so great the only atonement is seeking out an death in battle worthy of an epic. Felix is a poet and swordsman who is wanted by the Empire for his participation in the window tax riots. Gotrek saved Felix's life from being trampled by the Empire's troops. While hiding in a tavern, very inebriated Felix swears an oath to follow the slayer dwarf and write the epic of his death. In this series of books the duo fight; chaos worshipers, goblin wolf riders, trolls, cultists, beastmen, sorcerers, skaven, a daemon, a dragon, a vampire, giants, men, a wizard, orcs, dark elves, and the undead and a necromancer. Through all of this Gotrek wonders if he will ever find his doom, Felix wonders if Gotrek's doom will be the end of him and if he is crazy for standing at the Slayer's side for as long as it takes. This series was started by William King and is continued by Nathan Long. These were the first books of the Warhammer/Black Library brand that I had read and got me started reading Warhammer novels. I will keep reading the Slayer series until the very day that Gotrek meets his epic doom.

Paulo "paper books always" Carvalho says

A good addition to the Gotrek Series. No doubt about it. Nathan Long as a different way of writing G&F stories but they are great nevertheless. But unfortunately now he stopped writing and other books are being written that don't follow the straight line they were travelling so far.

In this book we start right after last one (Manslayer) with Gotrek morose because he couldn't arrive at the last battle in the Storm of Chaos Invasion. After meeting with some old friends (Max) they search for something that might destroy the Olde Worlde by a elven reliquary long thought to be lost.

In this book, Thanquol also appears and in this book they come face to face, which never happened before. Right until now, they had battle Skaven but never learn of the Grey Seer. This was done in such a way that I laugh. So much energy, years, power and Gotrek and Felix never even heard of Thanquol.

Here they battle dark elves, pirates, skaven and even sharks. I really enjoy the last battle as Gotrek battles a Great Daemon of Slaanesh and when he says that Gotrek is meant to someone higher than it. What are they talking about??? What is greater than a Daemon Prince? A God? Which God? It's unfortunate that Long stopped writing, and we bet we won't be seeing the end until the "cow" stop making money.

Michael T Bradley says

I don't know what it is about Nathan Long and his Gotrek & Felix novels, but for some reason they often come across as a child playing dress-up rather than a fully fledged novel.

In this tome we see Felix trying to help out his father in a bid to win his affection, but he quickly gets sidetracked when Max returns to their lives with a prophetess who has foreseen Gotrek's doom far away. There's also (as you might guess) an elf involved. We get everything from sea dragons to an almost sex scene, a whirlpool that drags everyone into a hidden world, and druchii fun time.

All of this SOUNDS interesting on paper, and Long can usually write an engaging tale, but through the whole thing it just felt like he was a kid excitedly scribbling on paper. 'And then THIS attacks!' I get that

there's a fair amount of that to any WHF novel, but here it just felt ... pointless, I guess. I'm really frustrated because Max WAS my favorite character in the G&F series. I've been waiting for his return for friggin' ever, and once he returns, there's a little bit of good bickering over Ulrika, but that's basically it for Max in this book.

I really liked the last one (Manslayer?), so I'll keep trying these, and I'm REALLY interested to read Long's Ulrika books, since he really seems to enjoy writing her & ... "gets" her more than maybe G&F. Here's hoping.

Brittany says

Okay...this book...this book, this book, this book. The middle part of this book made me squeamish (darn druchii jails....) but all in all, this was a good novel and I enjoyed it.

So basically...this book was about a dwarf named Gotrek and his human friend, Felix Jaeger, going to find a Harp that's with the dark elves, thanks to that stupid rat person that I can't name right now, and along with Max and Claudia, a seeress, they did get the Harp...but at the end it was destroyed, along with Gotrek (whom I hope is still living).

The one thing that freaked me out about the book was when they were in the druchii jail. The druchii jail....OMG I wouldn't survive. Just reading about what they had to do and what they had to eat from that cauldron....it honestly made me sick to my stomach. And those druchii was just....OMG I can't even think about it.

But even though this is a short book review, I did love it a lot :)

Le Petit Chat says

This time Gotrek and Felix find themselves facing off a horde of Dark Elves when they agree to go on a quest with Max, an Elven scholar and a Seer who has her eye fixed on Felix much to his and Max's displeasure.

As it seems to be the case with Long that is not at all how the story starts, in any case at the heart of the story is an ancient and very dangerous Elven weapon that must be either destroyed or put somewhere where it cannot be found (I won't disclose what ends up happening). There is also a side story involving Felix and his father.

As it was hinted in Manslayer, the Grey Seer Skaven makes a re-appearance in this book and is determined to kidnap and use Felix and Gotrek for his own purposes, by this point he has far outlasted most Skaven at almost 60 years old.

We get to see the dark elves and how they live and treat others, as well as get a closer look at dwarves and their sense of honour, which is tested but manages to come back and stand firm much to the Slayers pleasure.

A fluid read with a lot packed in for such a small book, while I am enjoying the series I can't help but wonder who will kill the Slayer? Such a creature/spirit/whatever will have the power to destroy everything

and everyone else...unless it is so wounded by its battle with the Slayer that Felix is able to finish it off thus giving the Slayer his doom at the same time killing off such a formidable creature and leaving Felix to write his book (after all we do have snippets from "my travels with Gotrek" in the books...unless that's Otto's doing...).

Dragonfire says

It seems that I never get accustomed to the new author. Serial seems to be wrong now. Aside from the point that there is no humor serial seems to be not fitting Warhammer universe anymore. From the one side it has the all universe trademarks like moment of killing, grim and dark environment but from the other side it looks too normal and regular without crazy truly epic moments. Well, now you have boring talks about meaning of life and value of normal things heroes are lacking like family, warm house and children. Honestly, I don't see reason for mention it, since I need grim and dark fantasy action not some philosophical thoughts. I have plenty other novels to read about it if I need. Verdict: serial is almost destroyed and each book is becoming worse and worse. I've begun reading Shamanslayer and I can say that it's even worse.

Jesse says

This was fun. Its always fun to return to Gotrek and Felix and watch them "Conan" their way around the world. The come to town, they find the evil, they kick its ass. And occasionally while they are finding some evil or another, some other evil comes and finds them at the same time. And you know what, they get beat up some and then they still manage to kick evil's ass. What can I say, I'm a man of simple pleasure. But seriously, if you want some action packed simple fantasy adventure you can't go wrong with this. Plus Dwarves rule the fantasy world IMO, and Elves all deserve to die horrible deaths. So sayeth Baron Ironfury!!!

Maetco says

Edit. I have now read all Gotrek & Felix books. Here is my order of preference:

Rank Book # Writer

- 1 Skavenslayer 2 William King
- 2 Daemonslayer 3 William King
- 3 Shamanslayer 11 Nathan Long
- 4 Manslayer 9 Nathan Long
- 5 Beastslayer 5 William King
- 5 Elfslayer 10 Nathan Long
- 7 Orcslayer 8 Nathan Long
- 8 Slayer 14 David Guymer
- 9 Kinslayer 13 David Guymer
- 10 Zombieslayer 12 Nathan Long
- 11 Giantslayer 7 William King
- 12 Dragonslayer 4 William King
- 13 Vampireslayer 6 William King

Jay Little says

I am a huge fan of the Troll Slayer series, and Nathan Long has done an excellent job carrying the torch after William King ended his run. The adventures of Gotrek & Felix continue to be exciting, action-packed romps through the rich, dark, gothic Warhammer Fantasy setting by Games Workshop.

I am not as big a fan of Dark Elves and Naggaroth as I am of the other races and regions of the Old World, as they add a bit more "high tier magic" in what I love as a "low tier magic" sort of setting.

Thomas says

Chronic flies in the ointment, Gotrek and Felix return for book 10, and they prove to be extremely violent flies. Hunted by a vengeful old enemy, travelling with allies old and new, and meeting the feared, degenerate Dark Elves; you know Gotrek wants his Doom, and Felix will be there to record it, if he lives. Check it out.

TwentySomethingReads says

Action Adventure Fantasy, 10/12 of the series

Join Gotrek on his fantastical aim of a heroic death with Felix's oath of chronicling Gotrek's death.

Within this novel the pair fight hired guards, giant sharks, skaven, sorceresses, dark elves, dragons, and a demon.

Thanquol the Gray Seer skaven and Maximilian Schreiber the wizard make a return to the series.

Discussion/Spoilers

Highlight of the novel was definitely when the greater Slaanesh demon foretells the circumstances regarding the doom of Gotrek. Max seemed kinda thrown into this episode of the series just to bubble the group at opportune times. Thanquol was great for the story

The pacing of the story was great. Whenever there was an action breather the group was solving puzzles or gathering their power for the next battle.
