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Magic, drugs, & nock-n-loose! If you like fantasy adventure stories with just a bit of wry humor, then you'll love the epic tale of the Anavarza Archive.

Cayne is a farmer, content to live his life tending to the land, but a marauding army takes all that he holds dear, including his freedom. He seeks his deliverance and also vengeance. After a duel to the death and an encounter with an ancient race of overlords, Cayne finally sees his chance.

Lord Darwan's standing with the king has been falling steadily. When the king orders Darwan to escort his consort, he takes it as an insult, though she may be more than she seems. With his social decline and the horrible deeds he's performed in the name of the king, he turns to a magical drug. It promises him much, but will take more than it ever gives him.

Faylin performs a good deed only to find herself attacked by a wolf. Soon, Faylin awakens a dormant spirit within her and she will never be the same again. Cast out, she roams the plains seeking her place in the world.

Live the story, as lives intersect and collide amid a growing darkness that threatens to consume them all.

Warphan Details

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Mike Siedschlag says

Author JD Mulcey sent me a print copy of Warphan for review.

Warphan strikes me as a mix of Native American Tribalism, Medieval class structure, magic and mysticism. A very good mixture of said themes. Another of those book I knew I was going to like as soon as I started reading. I guess you could say it has an element of coming-of-age, but immediate coming-of-age. The main character "Cayne" has to deal with extreme consequences for his actions while he is learning his life lessons. He is caught between the rivals in a military conflict, having no sympathy for either side.

Warphan is a thoroughly engaging story set in what at times sounds like the American Southwest, and at other times Europe. Even though these are two distinct areas, author Mulcey blends them effectively.

Warphan is the first book in a series (I don't know how many installments are coming), The Anavarza Archive. There are several intertwining story lines. Each is well realized with characters who grab our interest. My personal favorite is actually "Faylin" a skinwalker. The ending is appropriate for a series, yet does not use the device of a "cliffhanger". As you know, cliffhangers tend to tick me off.

If you are a fan of Sword and Sorcery, Good vs. Evil, Lords and Ladies, or American Indian Sprituality, read Warphan by JD Mulcey, it has all of these in good measure.

The only negative? A few too many typos, not so many as to interfere with my enjoyment of the book, but enough to notice. Hopefully they will be taken care of in future editions.

I am looking forward to reading more of this saga as it has really caught my interest. Enjoy!

Mike

Ieva Strupisa says

I received this book as a giveaway winner.

I think that this book will be liked by readers of fantasy, the ones who like wars, mythical creatures, more wars, stories about revenge, made-up worlds and tough fights.

To be very honest, I didn't like the book. I found it too violent. Although on my 'read' list there are quite a few tough books, this was at points a bit too much. Spending three pages of describing violent war scene - well, one page was enough for me to get the idea of the horror happening. I didn't need the other two.

Secondly, for me it was hard to follow the plot as it jumped from one character to the other. And at the end, I think, exactly due to the focus on too many main characters, none was developed fully. Just when you start to think - ok, this guy / girl could be interesting, he / she either gets killed or disappears and is never mentioned again...

In the beginning of the book there is a map provided by the author and I'm very grateful for that! I used it quite a lot for the reference. However, not all the places mentioned in the book were pointed out. I know that some were referring to historical territories, but it made it harder for me to put it in the perspective.

Another point which disturbed me during reading the book is that there were quite a few mistakes. I know, this is a problem of my personality, but it is always so irritating to see spelling mistakes or a space between two words missing... I had an urge to take a pencil and correct it. (I know, I'm a bit sick...)

Of course, there were also many good sides of the book! I loved the idea that nothing is just good or bad. It just is. Or that in wars it doesn't matter which side you are on - anyway the outcome is the same. I really loved the philosophical touch of the book and highlighted a few quotes for myself, like, "Kings call, we answer, and we die. All we can hope to do is survive. We end up the same no matter which call we answer."

Theresa says

Warphan (The Anavarza Archive #1)

by Jim Mulcey

Having met the author by chance at the post office i found my interest peaked at this story. The Ideas of the story are given slowly and they become addictive. I have found as I read the story that I could not place it from my mind. And have found it creep in not only the other stories I was reading but in my dreams as well. The Ultimate battle between just and unjust, black and white, curse and blessing this story sets up a world of divisions that may have to find resolution in itself to find a cure for the worlds illnesses. The idea of Feydens and people blessed and cursed with magic is delightful and interesting. The idea of shape shifters , time travelers, and magic wielders is not new but his twist turns and nuances is amazing. When you finish this first book you are just waiting to find out what happens next.

Thank you Mr Mulcey for your service and sacrifice, in your military carrier but also for you wonderful world and story you have created.

The length i took in reading this book has nothing to say about the book itself but about my access to the book because of technology. I did not at the time have a kindle reader and found my links to kindle hard to tolerate.
