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# The Path Of Flames (Chronicles Of The Black Gate Book 1)



## Synopsis

The first book in the new epic fantasy series readers are comparing to David Gemmell and Raymond E. Feist. A war fueled by the dark powers of forbidden sorcery is about to engulf the Ascendant Empire. Agerastian heretics, armed with black fire and fueled by bitter hatred, seek to sever the ancient portals that unite the empire - and in so doing destroy it. Asho--a squire with a reviled past--sees his liege, the Lady Kyferin, and her meager forces banished to an infamous ruin. Beset by tragedy and betrayal, demons and an approaching army, the fate of the Kyferins hangs by the slenderest of threads. Asho realizes that their sole hope of survival may lie hidden within the depths of his scarred soul--a secret that could reverse their fortunes and reveal the truth behind the war that wracks their empire. Unpredictable, fast paced, and packed with unforgettable characters, The Path of Flames is the first installment in a gripping new epic fantasy series. Grab your copy today!

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## Customer Reviews

For a fantasy novel to really succeed for me, it needs to build a world that uses medieval and magical tropes but still feels unique, with intriguing lore and fresh, developed characters. Path of

Flames succeeds with a unique fantasy world, somewhere between Wheel of Time and Song of Ice and Fire in how overtly magical and amorally political the world is. The characters are also great- the POV characters all have distinct, developed voices that makes you care about them, and open up richer understanding of what living in this world is like. But beyond the world building, a fantasy novel has to be fun to read, and Path of Flames had nailed that. Tucker writes action scenes that suck you in and play out like movies in your mind. They're always gripping, there's plenty of them, and they build from gritty, medieval swordplay to epic combat not out of place in an anime. His action never drags, and never feels gratuitous. All in all, this is a great start to a new fantasy series. The story is exciting and satisfying, but I finished it wanting to jump into what comes next.

I'm not into epic fantasy. I was ready to be bored. I was ready to flip ahead. But, somehow, not once did I find my attention wandering. I was with each and every character every single step of the way, utterly riveted. Tucker's world building give the reader just enough to want more, to fully understand the inner workings and history of this place he's created. This is a fascinating work and I cannot wait for the second piece. I'd recommend this for fans of "Ice & Fire" to enjoy until 2022, when Martin decides to publish the next book.

The first of what, hopefully, will become a must read saga. The world created by Phil Tucker appears both similar and very, very different from our own. From the very start you are thrown into the heart of an epic battle. In the traditions of Tolkien and Martin you are led through the story through the viewpoint of various protagonists. Humans, Orcs, Dragons and Demons all populate the beautifully described landscapes. An epic read, can't wait for the next book.

I wish this author or publisher (whomever decides these things) had chosen to include the first Five chapters instead of the first Four. Chapter Five contains some of the best writing I've ever read - full stop. Phil Tucker is a talented writer. He understands how to strike all the emotional cords while world building and developing characters. I don't want to include spoilers - so I'm purposely refraining from describing the plot. I would recommend you start this novel 'cold' without any preconceived notions. You'll be hooked after chapter five and wondering what kind of journey Phil's taking you on. Great book.

This one gets a huge thumbs up; but, DONT LET THE FIRST two chapters scare you away. Mr Tucker starts off in the deepest throw of battle and as the reader its confusing, not knowing that and

why or for what! Hang in there ... especially if you're a Game Of Thrones fan. You'll be so very happy you did. I even went back to the first of the Thrones books (I read them so long ago) to see if I was losing the "fantasy" side of my thinking because five paragraphs in, I had no idea what I just read! Yep, same lost feeling two paragraphs into Fire & Ice, and I knew I LOVED that book, so back to "Flames" I went. Started again and picked it right up!!! Guess that's what happens when you read too many Quilting books while you wait for another PW Tucker book to come. LOL Never spoilers from me, just know this book is fantastically written, all plots (so far) introduced and recognizable and the deepest, maybe darkest depths of both love and hate are visited with grandeur. My only silly complaint would be I desperately dispise where it ends ... now all I can do is hope the next installment doesn't take as long coming as did Vampire LA (pun intended, Phil), but, no way I want to rush genious!!! I'll definitely re-read this at least once more (while I wait ;)

When I stumbled upon The Path of Flames and read the description it mentioned my very favorite author David Gemmell and one of the all time greats Raymond Feist, I thought I better check it out. I am glad I did! This is a wonderful tale with neat characters, I have already recommended it to my other reading buddies. Bravo and eagerly awaiting book 2.

I don't read self pubbed authors, I've been burned before, but then I saw the self published blog off competition reviews and took a chance. I'm so glad I did. This isn't just good fantasy, this is fantasy at its best with a richly realized world layered in mysterious history and fully realized characters that move naturally through a compelling plot that kept me racing through to the end. This wasn't without a few flaws, the climax, while provoking, wasn't quite as epic as the story leading up to it and a few scenes could have used more description. But, for a debut this was excellent, easily better than most traditionally pubbed debuts. It's a crime Phil Tucker doesn't have an agent and an editor. If he did he'd be storming the bestseller's lists.

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