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The First Round Table: The Legends Of King Arthur : Book 1



Synopsis

At just 18 years old, Arthur is on the verge of being crushed under the weight of his great destiny. The mighty castle at Tintagel has fallen. King Uther Pendragon lies dead. The mad King Vortigern sits upon the throne with a dragon at his command. And Merlin, having turned traitor, stands at the new king's side. Now Arthur, with the help of the mysterious sword in the stone and his loyal mentors, Gawain and Percival, embarks on a daring mission to retake the crown. However, his greatest challenges lie not in overcoming his enemies, but in finding a way to reunite with two lost friends: a wounded knight called Lancelot and an assassin named Guinevere. Experience the classic tales of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table like never before with this thrilling re-imaginings of ancient legend. Packed with swordplay, magic, romance and humor, "The Legends of King Arthur" promise to take readers of all ages on an unforgettable journey of fantasy and adventure! Witness new twists on classic stories like: The mysteries of the Sword in the Stone The origins of the Round Table The treachery of the wizard Merlin Inspired by classic Arthurian works including: Sir Thomas Malory's "Le Morte D'Arthur" and T.H. White's "The Once and Future King" In the vein of other classic fantasy and YA series like William Goldman's "The Princess Bride," J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit," Neil Gaiman's "Stardust," and J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. Cover Credit: Fiona Jayde Media For more details and updates visit www.thelegendsofkingarthur.com Or follow us on Twitter @LegendsofArthur

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Customer Reviews

A very solid and creative novel that was a fun read. I really like the author's writing style, and hope that there will be more to come in the series. Took a chance on this one and it was worth it. I'd highly recommend.

The Arthurian legend is vividly reimagined, beginning with a 17-year-old boy awaiting his destiny to rule as his people face multiple threats - from invade Saxons, from internecine warfare, political intrigue and dragons! Myth and magic are woven through the story, which moves as often breakneck speed, introducing us to characters so passionate, conflicted and complex that they jump off the page and beg us to follow them. It's a rollicking adventure, a thoughtful character piece and a great tribute to the Round Table legends that have gone before. Gillman knows his stuff, and he'll have you turning the pages with breathless anticipation. Lancelot, Sir Percival, Guinevere, and of course Merlin - they're all here, brought thrillingly to life by the author's skillful use of language, eye for detail and insight into the human condition. It's smart writing but more than that, it's just plain fun. A great read!

So, this is not my usual genre for a book - but a friend recommended it to me and I couldn't be happier that he did. Full disclosure - I'm not finished with it yet but I've loved what I've read so far: great characters, cool set setting, love the way the characters talk. Usually action scenes in these kind of books start to bore and confuse me a bit, but Gillman somehow makes the action easy follow without losing the tension. They're actually...exciting. Also - I just like the WAY this author writes, it's funny in places, well-paced, and paints great pictures. One of my favorite examples, "His black hair and beard a mess of grease and madness."Omg! Come on. That's just awesome.Get this book - great read.

A fun ride! For anyone who loves Arthur mythology, fairytales or just a well-crafted escape to

another time. The writer both adopts a unique take on the timeless tale and manages to simultaneously stay loyal to the story so those of us who are rabid camelot fans are both placated and intrigued. Not an easy feat. I hope the author continues to write more of this series. Def. recommend.

What a wonderful interpretation of the King Arthur legend! If you've read other Arthurian legend, I highly recommend The First Round Table. Gillman re-interprets and re-imagines the lore with a fantastic sense of humor and a healthy dose of grand, epic adventure. This is Arthurian legend with a few new wrinkles thrown in to keep you guessing and subvert the cliches of the lore that most people already know. The author makes the material his own and presents it in a very easy, readable voice. Looking forward to the next book!

Fast paced and with enough twist in the Arthurian legend to keep you turning pages as fast as the action keeps coming. Great characters but full of twists Nobody is who they seem and everybody is out to kill the other

This is a lot of fun! Not only is it a creative take on the familiar legend, but I love the writing style. It's quirky, funny, and easy to read, and the dialogue is clever and witty, with lots of laugh-out-loud lines. It would be a great book for young teens, and even middle-school readers, looking for a good adventure series to dig into. It has magic, action, and adventure delivered in a fresh way, with developed characters and a swiftly moving plot. I definitely recommend it!

A wonderful fresh take on King Arthur! Non static characters. Twists and turns. A must read for book lovers and those looking for an exciting adventure. This book will exceed your expectations. I am exceedingly grateful to have stumbled across this gem. I look forward to and will be reading Ben's other books. I am ordering copies for friends and family to enjoy.

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