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An original tale of swords, sorcery, and timeless struggle based on the award-winning M-rated electronic game. When Darrick Lang returns to Bramwell, it is not how he left it. Something dark and terrifying has ensnared the townsfolk. Now that same power calls to Darrick....

## **The Black Road Details**

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## From Reader Review The Black Road for online ebook

### **Davidj90 says**

The book holds all the time in suspense. The plot is easily predictable and simple. This book is not perhaps too ambitious, but it gives you a great adventure in the world of Diablo. The main character is very interesting.

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### **Stephen Holtman says**

This book in the action\Horror franchise deals with a necromancer named Zayl as he stumbles upon the Evil Lord's Jitara's plan to awaken a demon. Now he has to do everything in his power to stop it before Sanctuary gets destroyed. This stand alone entry was a nice addition to the Diablo series. The writing in this one was very exciting. I really liked the way that the second half of the book played out. The first half wasn't bad by any stretch of the imagination. But the action that dominated the end, especially the final battle between the Zayl's crew and that of the evil king, Altric. The action was a little on the light side. But there was still enough there to make it enjoyable. As for the Suspencefullness, well it definetly had it's moments. As for the bad portion, well I did find that the astrogha caratcher did kind of fall short of his menacing possiblity. He seemed to be more of a background caratcher then an almost unstoppable looming threat that he was suppose to be. But all in all this was a fantastic book and deserves every single one of it's four stars.

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### **Tyler Murphy says**

Most definitely my favorite book of the series. I plan on reading this again quite possibly in the near future. I love this book, to me this book never really was boring. Honestly the most boring part of the book was maybe the first 5 pages after that it was a delight to keep going on. I will say the epilogue was also uninteresting to me but was nice to have. Mat was my favorite character but that changed around chapter 10 I believe.Raithen was also a fairly impresive character in the book. Would recommend to any reader who likes fantasy/fiction.

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### **Keri Honea says**

Really entertaining and dark story in the world of Diablo with an amazing message about good, evil, and religion. I'd recommend this to even non-Diablo fans.

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### **Justin Cales says**

First book I ever read and got so attached I felt I was in the book! I forgot I was reading and thought it was all happening! One of my favorite books!

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**Alexander Damian says**

Great book

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**Razvan Bucur says**

This is the story of Darrick Lang, a young sailor in the Westmarch Navy with a lot of issues from his childhood and from his super abusive father, who at the end turns to be a hero, a healer and a portal for the Black Road, his own body becoming a demonic host that he was only able to keep in check with the aid of Stormfury.

This is also the story of the renegade Zakarum priest, Buyard Cholik, who's searching for immortality and power and is ready to walk over skeletons & swear allegiance to a demon feared by the Prime Evils. Overall is a good read for a Diablo fan.

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**Carlos Ruiz Santiago says**

Un libro de espada y brujería entretenido, con muchas batallas pero poca chicha. Los personajes tenían cierto carisma, aunque a Mat le hacía mas desarrollo.

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**Victor Priceputu says**

A good book about how we must always fight the demons of the past and how great friends can help us when we are lost, no longer in balance but close to the Darkness.

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**Nisha says**

One of the better Diablo-based novels, imo. It even mentions an in-game weapon. :)

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**Chris Fox says**

I couldn't stand this book I had started it three times before I was able to finish it and it was like pulling teeth even then. the main problem was none of the characters were in anyway relatable or even likeable for that matter especially the main protagonist Darrick Lang, he is supposed to be this sailor with this traumatic past but he just comes off as hopeless, a lost cause even.

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## **Fatih says**

Oncelikle kitab? alma sebebim olan ana hikayeyle uzaktan yak?ndan alakas? yok Siyah Yol'un. Daha kitab?n tan?t?m?nda Kabraxis'in s?k?c? bir iblis oldu?u anla??l?yor zaten. Diablo, Baal gibi de?il daha ezik bi iblis bu. Kitap size asl?nda Kabraxis'in de korkulmas? gereken bir iblis oldu?una ikna etmeye çal??sa bile bunu ba?aram?yor.

Ana karakterimiz Darrick Lang de keza ayn?. Kli?e bir ?ekilde bütün kitap boyunca ailevi sorunlar? ile ba?etmeye çal??yoruz. Bu da kimi zaman "yeter art?k" diye tepki vermemeye yol açt?. Yazar Darrick'in hayat?n? a??r? dramatize etmeye çal??p öyküyü bozmu? bence. Böyle bir hikayeye yak??r? epik bir ba? karakter beklerken, bunu alamad?m.

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Kitab?n bana yarar? ö?rendi?im bir kaç denizcilik terimi oldu, onun d??nda çok kötü bir hikaye olmasa da tavsiye edebilece?im bir kitap de?il. Belki 400 sayfa de?il de 200-250 sayfal?k bir kitap olsayd? hikaye daha canl? tutulabilirdi.

## **Chips says**

Best of Diablo

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## **Chris says**

This could make a gorgeous novella if it weren't so colourfully prolonged with empty inner-dialogs and half-baked descriptions.

In fact, the thing I dislike most about this book is the way the author abuses cliches with descriptions of the environment and battles.

All in all, it's a good read with a -great- plot, except it could've been shorter, tighter and less "colourful".

P.S. #nohomo

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## **TL Jeffcoat says**

Not a terrible book, it's well written, and the characters are well played. I enjoyed the book from beginning to end, but after I was done, I just felt that overall it was just ok. I couldn't quite put my finger on it, but the only thing I can think it must be is that this book could have taken place in any setting. I was looking for something more related to the game. It isn't a bad story though. A fun read.

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