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When three strangers, Henry, Susan, and Gil, discover a corpse partially consumed by deadly eels, they have no way of knowing that it will lead to a confrontation with the devil.

Night Warriors Details

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Jack Tripper says

Another cover that's a lot cooler in person than the picture suggests. It's foil-embossed, and the eels and lettering are raised, with some sort of glitter effect on the eels. The story so far reminds me of the third *Nightmare on Elm Street*, as it concerns a group of people who discover they have superhero-like abilities in their dreams, in order to combat a growing evil that lives in nightmares.

Lainy says

Out of innocence came forth unspeakable evil...

Henry was the first to reach the body, while Gil and Susan walked cautiously closer, and then stood watchinf. It was the body of a beautiful young girl, naked, like a peacefully sleeping mermaid. Never in their most traumatic nightmares could they have imagined the convulsive violence which followed.

From the first few pages you are hooked and horrified from the discovery of a young girl ripped apart by terrifying creatures and as the horror unravels more evil is revealed as is the trios destiny to fight it. Some of the scenes in this novel are really brutal and descriptive. Not only in a violent sense but also strong sexual descriptions. Definately not for the faint hearted or easily offended.

The book then takes on a battle between good and evil and these ordinary everyday people take on 'the devil' and its spawn. The battles take place in the dream world where the playing field is altered and we delve into the history of the night warriors and the beast itself.

The book goes along at a fairly decent pace with interactions and a build up of the characters and their familys aswell as the preparations for battle although I felt somethings could have been dealt with in more depth and somethings wouldn't have been missed had they been left out as it didn't have any impact on the main story.

I would definately read another of his books but this one is a 3/5 for me.

Anastasia says

I read this a long time ago and I really enjoyed it. Interesting concept, well executed, and I was thrilled to learn this turned into a series!! Excellent :D

Steven says

Creepy, gruesome, and a fantastic read for horror fans!! This is book one in a series but stands alone as well.

Ashke says

Utterly disgusting, utterly gruesome, utterly horrific, and utterly enjoyable and creative. This is my first Graham Masterton book, and the lurid description of it on the back cover and in blurbs are poor preparations for it. This is the kind of vivid and memorable book that dominated the horror market in the 80's and early 90's. It's a visceral, splatterpunk style book in the vein of a much more sinister Rosemary's Baby, mixed up with concepts found in comic books and Dungeons and Dragons. The main characters have both normal identities and seperate dream ones, who are called the Night Warriors. Because of that, the shifts between normal and the more fantasy-oriented dream personalities and the tone of the story is incredibly jarring. The horror in the dreams feels much more kitsch and not as serious, while the happenings in the real world are raw, gory, and unnerving.

The ending has the wrong feel to it because of the narrative shift, and I was a bit unsatisfied with it- it felt like a final boss fight in a game or the typical confrontation of a super villain. And there are one too many scenes repeating scenarios that could've just been put in offshoot narratives. It's an engrossing book, though, with a lot of deeper themes regarding social roles and society running beneath its terrible hide. Worth reading for horror aficionados, but probably won't appeal to many other people.

Abe Ofarrell says

My favorite book. Combining fantasy and horror.

A group of individuals are chosen from around the world to become super heroes who go into people's dreams to search out and destroy demons.

Gaz says

Second read through of this taut, exciting and well plotted horror/fantasy. The Night Warrior characters are well thought out and engaging, each displaying their individual talents in both the real and dream domain, the latter with striking results. The faith, determination and courage of each character is heavily tested in an effort to bring down a formidable foe that has two things on his mind. One is sex, the other is death. Well, essentially. Without giving too much away, the journey leads to an awesome confrontation with evil that is both thrilling and satisfying. Good read!

Mark says

First the plot (forgive the slight spoilers):

An earthquake breaks the prison holding an ancient demon captive. This demon has sex with women in their dreams, the women get pregnant with demon eels, and the eels chew their way out of the womb to go hide while they grow.

The initial victim of this demon is found by three unrelated people on a beach in southern California. These three people are then told by an angelic being that they are the reincarnations of the Night Warriors. Night Warriors are people with the power to travel in dreams and defeat the dream incarnations of this demon and his offspring.

At this point, the search for the demon and his offspring begins and several skirmishes ensue over the course of the novel.

My Review:

It's not one of Graham Masterton's better works. It was a quick, attention-getting read for my airplane trip, but I wouldn't recommend it to someone who's just getting into Graham Masterton unless they were a young teenager and, even then, only maybe.

One of the cooler elements of the book is how the Night Warriors change personas in their dreams and refer to each other by their super hero names while fighting the demons in dreamland.

The super hero theme becomes a bit of a problem, though, when it comes to their dialogue while fighting:

"We're in this together, Kasyx, like the Three Musketeers. One for all and all for one. If we don't take Samena with us then we don't go. We're Night Warriors, don't you understand that? Not just three people playing a game! This is us, this is real! Night Warriors!"

I wouldn't have a problem with the comic book dialogue if it were consistent, but it's not.

It's a nice idea, but the actual execution seems more like it was meant to be a cheesy 35 cent comic book rather than a novel.

Recommended for hardcore Graham Masterton fans who want to possess the ability to say that they have LITERALLY read all Mr. Masterton's books.

Luke says

The book was a blast to read. The Night Warriors are essentially comic book heroes, but make no mistake - this is still a horror novel. There was one part involving an eel going up a man's trouser leg - let's just say I stopped reading for a while when I got to that part. I always thought this could be a cool movie, far darker than Inception.

Peter says

What a novel! I constantly had to think about Nightmare on Elm Street and the comic Dial H for Hero. A

dead woman was found by three people on the beach. She died a terrible death. All three characters are recruited soon after by a kind of supernatural gender shifting person and turn into Night Warriors in their dreams. They are out to hunt down Yaomautil a very old demon, better known as the devil himself. Do they succeed in their mission? What is the devil's plan in impregnating all those women with his spawn? Where does the devil come from? Masterton takes you on a rollercoaster ride through reality and dreamscapes. I really liked the city of a childhood nightmare! This is a highly entertaining book you can't put down easily. A brilliant mixture of fantasy, horror and comic strip adventure. Highly entertaining and something special. The author created a classic!

William Malmberg says

People often dream of being heroes, of having a second life so to speak where they battle evil in defense of mankind. It is a common fantasy, one that is often used to brighten the dull dreary normal existence many of us are forced to deal with on a day-to-day basis. In the book *Night Warriors* by Graham Masterton there are four people that dream of being heroes, only not in the same sense that you and I would. See, they are heroes, but only in the world of dreams, which is where they do battle with an evil force that wants to destroy everything that is good. The proper term for these individuals is Night Warriors. Throughout time such beings have been called upon to do battle within human dreams whenever a threat looms, and now is no different. Descended from Night Warriors of high standing who did battle many ages ago, the three, which then eventually turns to four, are destined for significance as the father of all evil has once again broken free from his prison and prepares to wreak havoc. The question is, are the new young and inexperienced Night Warriors up to the task?

It all begins on the beach one quiet morning. The first three people in question, all strangers to each other, all stumble upon the body of a young woman who seems to have washed up on shore. A drowning death for sure, that is, until the police turn the body over. Feeding on the inner stomach that gave birth to them, eels unlike any known to science emerge. Caught off guard, the police first don't know what to do as the slippery creatures flee the scene, but then one officer decides to grab a specimen so they can study it and find out if some form of dangerous eel is stalking the shores. Big mistake. The eel, which is overly aggressive, latches on to the man and won't let go. Even worse, the attempt to free the eel by killing it only makes its jaws snap shut and sever the flesh it was holding clinging to. Realizing the threat to beach goers, the police shut the place down while attempting to seek out the rest of the eels, all of whom have burrowed themselves deep into the sand. Little does anyone know these eels are not of this world and are actually the Nightspawn: creatures born of what most would call the Devil, though only because their Christian upbringing would identify it as such. Truth is, this evil creature was the inspiration for the religious mythology, as was another being that represents the God they worship. It is this God-like being who the Night Warriors will represent in battle. Also involved is an odd genderless being who seeks each of them out and helps them become aware of their true purpose in life.

Night Warriors was an exciting, gruesome read, especially the scenes dealing with the eels. I have to say, I hate slippery slimy things such as them, and was thoroughly grossed out each and every time they made an appearance. I also found myself growing somewhat nauseous during one scene, mostly because it talked about a poor lady that had the eels inside her and could feel the pain of them squirming around in her lower bowels. The descriptions that were used made me feel as if I might have to hurry to the toilet at some point and let loose a fiery stream of unmentionable crude into the waiting water. If so, my only hope was that whatever came out would stay in the water and not reach up to bite me -- nothing like an eel latching onto a testicle to ruin a man's day. Gruesome aspects aside (which I loved even if they grossed me out), the story

itself was a lot of fun and almost felt as if it was tapping into a younger version of myself, one that loved those old late 80s, early 90s Nintendo games where one could expect to be a character that would jump from dream to dream in an effort to fight evil. I'm not sure why I kept thinking this while reading, but in my mind I could see those 2-D worlds unfolding, each one filled with things I would have to battle with as I hurried toward the conclusion of each level. My only complaint with this book is that it somehow felt a bit rushed, though I can't exactly say how or why. I guess I just wanted more, especially when it came to the history of the Night Warriors and their experiences throughout time. But then again, this is just book one of a series, so maybe more of that is coming. All in all this was an excellent read, one which I highly recommend to horror and adventure fans, the latter only if they can handle the horror elements. I also recommend Masterton's other novels. Having read and enjoyed two now it is safe to say I will like the majority of them, and if that is the case for me, it probably will be for others as well. Now I just have to figure out which one to pick up next. Any suggestions?

Cherie says

My ratings system is as follows. One star is GOOD. The book is entertaining, easy to read and you don't want to stop reading because something about the book is compelling you not to. Two stars is GREAT! This time the story is not only entertaining, but highly creative, unique, easy to read and hard to put down. Three stars is EXCELLENT. Here the book has all aspects of one and two stars, but now the book is thought and emotionally provoking. Four is AWESOME. This is the read that is not only creative, original and emotionally and utterly captivating, but you are overwhelmed at how talented and skilled the author is in telling you their story. Literary brilliance. Five is PHENOMENAL. This is the book that has all the components of the previous four ratings but leaves that lasting impression. It's the book that changes dramatically your point of view and your interpretation of experiences you or others around you endure.

Damien Zehnder says

I read this a while ago, read it a few times actually, and now I wanted to write something on it.

Basically it is about this: this evil character goes around having sex with women in their dreams. They give birth to this horrific spawn that kills them (think of the alien scene from Alien). The angel character (yeah, the story basically takes a very formal Good VS Evil approach) rounds up a bunch of random characters (drunk professor, beach bum, urban black kid, hot girl, etc) and gives them powers that they can use in dreams to hunt down the devil thing.

The book is decently written. It's interesting enough that I read it more than once and by the ending it is clear this is merely the beginning.

It is not high fantasy like lord of the rings. The fantasy aspects come from the dream realms the protagonists enter and there is a bit of horror to be had regarding the devil character.

Besides that... it's ok. Not LOTR tier but it's ok.

Tobin Elliott says

I'm not going to rate this because, quite frankly, the writing was so terrible, the characters so boring, and the storyline so slow, that I literally could not get past the first 50 pages.

Masterton is capable of decent writing. His Katie Maguire series alone shows that. But my God, the man can toss out some shit.

And brother, this is some shit.

Bandit says

Part of his Dream Warriors series. Not as good as Manitou series. And in my opinion not as good as his stand alone novels. But still, it's Masterton book and as such it's a solid entertaining read.

Kinksrock says

Three regular people (later joined by a fourth) are brought together when they find a dead body together, and are advised that they are descended from an ancient order that enters dreams to fight demons. I enjoyed the parts of this book where they were just regular people figuring out how the girl they found died and the implications for mankind. I was not so into the parts where they became costumed superheroes with ancient names (and there just has to be one name with lots of X's in it). Those parts seemed more appropriate to a comic book to me, but I can see why others might like them better than I did.

Dan Khan says

Read it when I was 12/13.. Superheroes, deamons, spiritual guides, action and a good storyline ! Kept me interested but not enthralled !

Grace says

Summary

This was a classic good against evil sort of book, but with unpronounceable names for the gods. According to this book, there is a male/female angel type thing (Springer), who recruits ordinary people on behalf of Ashapola (what we think of as God) to become night warriors to do battle with Yaomauitl (what we think of as the Devil) and the spawns Yaomauitl. These people are normal in the waking world, but in the dream world they are like superheroes. Yaomauitl is awakened and let loose after an earthquake broke loose his sealed box, and thus the night warriors were called upon to do their work. The night warriors task is simply to stop Yaomauitl and all his offspring from destroying the world.

Characters

The character building was fair in some regards, absolutely weak in others. It seems like of the 4 heroes, Masterton only bothered to spend time writing about two of them, Gil and Henry. So, when Susan ended up getting abducted in their first dream run, I couldn't have cared less. Then they brought on another night warrior, Lloyd, that just so conveniently lived in the area, but he really didn't have much of a personality either. Honestly there was nothing memorable about any of the characters.

Thoughts

This is one of those books I picked up at a yard sale aeons ago for 10 cents. When it comes to books like that it's hit or miss. This one was a miss, though only barely. It starts out with an interesting premise, and there is *lots* of action. There is a pretty good storyline, too. It falls short when I couldn't really pronounce the night warriors alternate personality names, the bad guy's name, and couldn't remember who the heroes even were after I put the book down for a day.

It was also one of those books that I could only read a paragraph or two at a time before I would inevitably find something else more interesting -- like dishes. I couldn't really place what it was that just didn't resonate with me in this book. I can tell you that I had dreams about eels (what Yaomautil's offspring are in the waking world) trying to eat me, though, so it couldn't have been all that forgettable.

Alexander Draganov says

Could not finish. Usually I love Graham's style, but I could not find it here - slow moving pace and the horror was more tacky than scary. Read "The Manitou" instead - a true classic.

Donovan says

Night Warriors is the first in the Night Warriors Series and was the book that kick-started my Graham Masterton collection. I could quite easily believe that the makers of the Nightmare on Elm Street were inspired by this series. Admittedly, I was young when I read this and I have not gone back to see if it has held up as a good read. The series consists of:

Night Warriors

Death Dream

Night Plague

Night Wars

The Ninth Nightmare ***Although I haven't read this one***

Brief

Normal everyday people find themselves in control of a great power that allows them to enter peoples dreams. Situations develop that force them to fight demons that reside in the dreams. It's as simple as that...or is it?
