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When Roric was born little did he know that his family would die violently as he watched and that his world would crumble only to later find himself chained into the life of a slave forced to survive in the world of the arena where every match meant death for someone, but he survived and one day he escaped.

A Warrior's Redemption is the beginning of a family saga that starts with a boy named Roric. He lives on a distant world that is full of unrest, where disputes are settled by the sword. Little is known of how they came to this world, only that they came from a place known as Earth, in the distant past. How they came is a mystery that some want to discover again while others would gladly die to keep those secrets from ever seeing the light of day. Roric's father tired of keeping the secrets of his ancestors, from the people of his nation, forsakes his family's oath, and leaves to find peace in another land. Little did he know that the wickedness of the land that he settles in would kill him and all his family, except for his oldest son, Roric. Roric, embittered by seeing the death of his family, finds himself sold into slavery. He becomes a survivor in the arena, where man is matched to the death against man and beast alike. He escapes only to pursue a life of vengeance against those who afflicted him and killed his family. Tormented by a life without peace, he remembers the guiding words of his mother, which open up a path of redemption that becomes the guiding influence of his life. Through acts of intrigue and deception he is lead to the awareness of the darker menace within a spiritual world that is unseen, but that he is no less involved in. He travels to the land of his ancestors, a place of majestic mountains and the valleys that lie between them that are settled by a people that exist in peace only because of the warriors that have fought and died to keep them so. It is in protecting these people that Roric finds a reason worth fighting for. He grapples with the long held secrets of his family and unlike his father before him, decides to fight so that his people can remain free. He rises above his humble past to become a leader that inspires a nation in its fight for survival and becomes a legend.

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Gail Ofterdinger-Ledgister says

The author has mastered an elegant, fluid writing style. I found myself zipping along with this epic quest as if I were listening to an audio book. If you are seeking a story with Christian values and morals, complete with reluctant hero who finds faith and lost family, a fierce battle on land and sea, a magic sword, a horse who comes to the rescue upon hearing his special whistle, whales that come to save the day, a tortured love story, and a two thumb's-up happy ending, then this book is for you. I would argue the age range suggested by other reviewers. A young person who plays video games and is exposed to media news reports has encountered a higher level of violence and sexual innuendo than this book presents. I could have read it as an upper elementary or middle school student. My one criticism is the author's occasional use of contemporary phraseology which yanks me back out of his world needlessly. When our hero and his lady share their first kiss, Roric shouts, "Wow! That was awesome." Not something I would expect to hear in the timeframe of this setting. In another instance, a boy is described as being "stressed out." Again, too contemporary for this time. Keep us in your world, Mr. Stanton, and keep writing great tales of love, honor, duty and faith!

Jodi Woody says

I really liked "A Warrior's Redemption." I was given a copy by the author, Guy Stanton III, in exchange for an honest review. It is unapologetically Christian. However the beliefs and the scriptures are all part of the story and does not come across as cheesy or trite. Several places inspired me to be more open and bold about my own faith! The story about an alternate society on another planet, founded by earthlings that fled before the flood. They have forsaken modern technology and live as in medieval times. The story contains fighting and battles of an epic scale. There is espionage, love, family, loyalty and lots of evil characters. Not a "chick" book. Can not recommend for readers younger than high school due to mature content. This is the first in the series, and I am definitely reading the rest.

Attolis says

I have to say this book is better than I first thought. When I started reading it I expected to see a cliched protagonist who never doubts himself and never does any wrong. That proved false however and it was a pleasant surprise for me. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Carrie says

My hope is that since I found this for free on Amazon, I got some sort of unedited version. The grammatical errors alone almost made me stop reading several times. There/their/they're, to/too, missing commas, missing or inappropriate apostrophes, etc. - it was enough to drive me crazy. All in all, the story was good enough to keep me reading and surprise me with some of the twists. I think with a good editor to revise some sections, and help with refining the writing, it would actually be a good piece of Christian fiction. As it is now, I don't

think I'll even bother continuing with the series, though I got the rest for free as well. And as a warning - this is a heavily Christian book, with emphasis on the 'heavily.'

James W Allenbrand says

It has been a long time since I have read a book that was this much fun to read.

A rags to riches plot is certainly not a new idea but this was refreshingly different. It had the same type of appeal as the early Frank Peretti stories like "Piercing The Darkness" and "This Present Darkness" did except it is in a mid-evil setting. I would not commend it to someone who is offended by a strong Christian world view but I personally enjoyed it immensely.

Amber says

While I have read my share of beautiful epic fantasy adventures, I am in awe of this brilliant tour de force! It raised the bar on the fantasy genre a few notches for me, and I am truly amazed at the level of energy and heart that is packed into this story! It is filled with everything you could ever want – thrilling action, non-stop adventure, deadly suspense, passionate romance, and deep-seated faith. I finished reading the last page with a soul-satisfying, quiet contentment. There is nothing better than reading a book that fuels your faith, quiets your doubts, and fulfills your highest hopes.

Roric has led a life that was both common and yet extraordinary. He knew the joy of being a free man and the despair of being a slave. While he fought for his freedom, he also found himself fighting for his very soul. He found himself in the middle of an ageless struggle between good and evil. The choice that lay before him would change everything that he knew, but it would also require more courage and faith than he had ever known. Would he boldly stand up and become the man he was born to be, or would be shy away from his destiny and settle for second best?

The characters are pleasantly surprising, beautifully well-rounded, and such a pleasure to discover. Even the secondary characters are very well developed and fleshed out. I couldn't help but fall in love with them. They really touched me in their determination, their dedication, and especially their heart. Even when things fell apart and looked hopeless, they pushed onward knowing that things would work out as they were supposed to. My heart broke for them during their darkest times, and when the light shone the brightest I nearly jumped for joy. Their words literally jumped off the pages and into my heart. I couldn't get enough of them.

This is a very special and unique story compared to any others that I have read up to this point. The troubles, heartaches, and battles fought could easily translate to any of our lives. It was the pure and simple faith that continued to grow and strengthen throughout the pages of this wonderful journey that really spoke to me the most. I have struggled with my own faith throughout my life, and I was encouraged that even in my greatest weaknesses I can be made into a beautiful example of the boundless power and unfailing love of the Creator of all. To hear those words written gave me a hope and an understanding that I didn't have before. It reached down and pulled me a little farther out of the mire of my fears and doubts.

The depth of heart and talent that I see manifested in the writing of Guy Stanton is phenomenal! What a

blessing to be able to read and enjoy this beautiful gift of a writer! I truly hope to be able to read more from him in the future as he was able to lift my spirit and encourage my heart while weaving a beautifully spell-binding story of epic proportions. I highly recommend both this book and this author to anyone who truly enjoys the art reading a well-crafted and highly entertaining story.

Debra Shaw says

Good story, but...

Excellent story. Too many repetitive words and phrases in most paragraphs. Wrong spelling of words. I would have given 5 stars if those would have been cleaned up!

Peter Koning says

Bad grammer and the religious aspect....no thnak you ! Did not even finish the book.

Jennifer Jungling says

I read the entire Warrior Kind series in less than a week. I couldn't put them down. The story lines were amazing and creative. I love how the characters though very imperfect in some ways worked through their issues and grew closer to Christ. Their experiences made them stronger. The details were amazing I could picture everything. Roric the main character was very endearing from the very beginning. He is a protector and defender of those he cares about.

There were two downsides to the books. I found quite a few words in each book that were improperly used. For example: "there" instead of "they're". But to me it doesn't matter because I understood. The other downside is the details. A double edged sword. I couldn't recommend these books to just anyone. The details in which the unmarried characters desire each other physically went farther in the description than many Christian books and is not for everyone. I wouldn't give these books to my family to read. But on the other hand lust is something that is prevalent in this world and the characters deal with it as best as they can with God's help. I am glad that they still desired each other the same after they were married.

To sum it up I love Christian science fiction/fantasy/adventure/romance/historical and these books have it all. I will read them over and over again. They are a permanent fixture for my kindle.

Nirav Shah says

It is rare for me to leave a book unfinished but i somehow could not finish even half the book. Events occurred with no directional flow, jumping from one line of progression to another. It was quite obvious that the author is a devout man but there was little else about the book that i enjoyed. There was no time spent in building any depth to the characters and frankly, very little logic applied to their actions.

Dana Burkey says

I really could not get into this book at all... It felt one part Gladiator, one part Christian fiction, and yet it began with a confusing chunk of exposition all about space travel? It was too slow for me, and even the plot twists were not exciting enough to excite me into reading more. I rather dreaded picking up my Kindle each day to slog through more pages. In movie form I might like a story like this, but in book form it was just too much...or rather not enough.

Beni West says

Interesting story, well developed characters

I would've rated this book higher, but the grammar and punctuation was just awful. It seemed as though every page contained wrong tenses, poor punctuation, and wrong words. I which caused me to have to re-read the sentence/paragraph/page to determine what just happened in the story. I wish I had been asked to proofread it before the book was published.

Kaj Samuelsson says

A Christian action story of another world, with only fragments of the holy scriptures. Sold as a slave and put into the arena as a gladiator, surviving, escaping, taking revenge and finally a war against the evils. This story had everything I wanted from a good story, and foremost it was action from the start.

Peter Younghusband says

An author friend of mine contacted me informing me that Guy Stanton had asked him if he knew of anyone who would be willing to review his books. My friend mentioned my name, and my friend contact me and gave me Guy's details. I checked out his books. As soon as I read the blurb for A Warrior's Redemption, I knew this was a series I had to read. I have not been disappointed.

When I started reading, I was instantly impressed with Stanton's writing style. My first thought was how beautiful it is. It is not overly descriptive, but it is well constructed yet simple in its execution. His descriptive style lends well to this book and its fast pace, it allows the plot to flow almost seamlessly from one scene or plot twist to another.

It is addictive and provides a richness to the plot and character development and the world that he has created. Without this richness, it would one very weak and mediocre novel. His characters would be two dimensional and less relational, the plot weak and the fantasy world he creates very bland.

Stanton is a master at adding depth to his characters. It is a hallmark of a talented writer who provokes emotions in you that are specific to how you relate to the characters, for example, you find yourself wanting

to protect those in distress such as Krista, you respect, admire the strength of character and humility of Roric and aspire to be like him, you admire the loyalty of Roric's fellow slaves, Rolf being one of many, who Roric set free and who became all brothers in arms and fellow warriors. You hate and despise the demon possessed Marfoul, the sex slave mistress, Esmeralda, who exploits Krista, the many men who treat the slaves including Krista and Roric so badly, and inhumanely. And these are just a few of the many and varied characters where the reader finds themselves experiencing a wide variety of emotions.

Stanton is also a master of describing the richness and complexity of the different environments of this novel, such as The Valley Lands, the Plains of Zoar and The Attorron Forests. But on the whole, Stanton succeeds in transporting the reader to this world, and it is this as well as what I have outlined in this review so far that is all absorbing and enthralling. So many times, I was not aware of my surroundings and nearly missed my train station! You can definitely become part of this world and not want to return to reality.

If there is one thing that Stanton really shines in is the spiritual elements. This book and I presume the entire series is very God and bible focused, and that is one of the strengths of this series. Stanton has depicted God as not only as he has experienced Him in his life but also as the God of the Bible. There does not appear to be any difference between the two. I have said before in other reviews that one thing that impresses me about a Christian author's writing is that it reflects the depth of their relationship with God. Many of my favourite authors have this characteristic in their novels and for me that is an assurance that their writing will have depth, be biblically sound, honour God, strengthen a Christian's faith and not lead a reader who does not have a relationship with God astray. Stanton ticks all those boxes in this novel.

There are some wonderful orations from Roric about the goodness of God, of His many characteristics and of His mercy, love and forgiveness. These can be found when Roric states to his band of brothers that he is giving up the life of revenge against his former masters/tormentors and for killing his father and brother, and his declaration to follow God and His ways only. The hairs on the back of my neck raised. This oration/declaration is very powerful and so is the one when he declares victory over the Zoarinians at the end of the book. I had the same physical reaction to this latter declaration as well. Very inspiring indeed and well written. These make your faith soar and reinforces the belief that we really do serve a victorious God in any battle, and His victory is our victory when we do battle in our lives His way.

Roric could be seen as a Christlike figure from the many examples in this novel, from being a warrior in battle, from being tender and loving towards his fellow Valley Landers, for accepting Krista with no judgement or condemnation for her being treated as a sex slave, from leading his band of brothers in the way of the Lord leading to their acceptance of Him as Lord and Saviour. There are many more, and I encourage any reader to seek these out as they read this novel. Truly a blessing!

Stanton has also shown his characters to have flaws, Roric struggling with sexual temptation, but not giving into, despite his commitment to God to remain sexually pure until marriage. He depicts this with much realism that I am sure most male Christian readers would identify with. He also shows many characters, including Roric, having doubts about God's faithfulness in times of despair and dire circumstances, but it is here in some of these instances where he has included an angelic visitation to encourage Roric or a supernatural event when all seems lost. Again, Stanton's writing shows in all these instances the omnipotence of God, God's Sovereignty, His victory over sin and death can be ours in our doubts/temptations and human weaknesses. He also shows that these characters follow through with God again after this. Even the depiction of an angel when they visit to deliver a message from God is very uplifting and encouraging to the reader's faith and this is very biblical as well.

There is so much more in this epic and enthralling novel that it did not surprise me to think that there could

be a study guide to accompany this work to enable the reader to get the best out of the many and varied Christian themes that I am sure readers could apply to their lives.

I did not want this novel to end, but it is very comforting to know there are 4 more books to escape to and continue to be blessed by this author and the much loved characters and more to be introduced. Continuing in this series is to be in a reader's heaven!!

Highly Recommended.

Yvonne Innes says

Set in a parallel reality, "A Warrior's Redemption" recalls the decadence and immorality often credited to the Roman Empire. As much as I would like to turn a blind eye, such atrocities continue today. I used to believe that human trafficking was a practice of the past or occurred only in the poorest of countries until I noticed a prominent billboard informing me otherwise. It depicted a forlorn young girl and explained that the average age of such victims was 12. In bold letters, it displayed the name of my county. I was shocked. Here? No way? Slavery? You're kidding? As I continued reading this book, I began to realize how relevant its themes were to our current lives.

Mr. Stanton's grasp of history adds a rich level of realism to the events shaping his story. Details were incorporated in a clear and easy-to-follow manner. I really appreciated this. In most books I have to read the battle scenes over and over and over before I can figure out the choreography. This is not to say that the action sequences here were short, simple or slow. Quite the opposite, only they were so skillfully portrayed that I could follow along and vividly visualize them. The various armed forces were well defined, as were their capabilities. At one point I thought, "That's a Testudo formation! Cool!" Don't worry it's all clearly explained.

I was very engrossed and came to believe that I had figured out how Roric, the main character, would resolve an impossible situation. My prediction proved wrong. As creative as some of Roric's strategies were, Mr. Stanton keeps reminding his readers that we cannot rely exclusively on our own devices. Without faith, we cannot hope to succeed. Good point!

The romantic elements were a little weak, in the sense that they were written from a man's perspective. There were moments when I felt that Roric needed to officially apologize for his denseness. Yet, Mr. Stanton must have intended Roric to be imperfect; otherwise he would not have been able to justify Krista's flight in the chapter "Breath of Life". Still, I was frustrated with Roric for neglecting to give Krista what she rightfully deserved as soon as she was bequeathed to him. I also felt that she was too subservient at the end of "A Queen's Ransom." They were both heroes in their own way. If she was his adorning crown, he should have been her valiant suit of armor or something that implied more of an equal footing. I suppose that I'm just sensitive that way.

Overall, I really enjoyed the story. Aside from its value as a great action-packed adventure, "A Warrior's Redemption" reinforces a number of Christian values. It is a reminder of God's mercy to those who ask, and even to those who haven't yet asked. Because of the war-related bloodshed and mature topics, I would recommend this book to adult or mature young adult readers.

