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The Lion Hunter (Mark Of Solomon)



Synopsis

It is the sixth century in Aksum, Africa. Young Telemakos?King Arthur?s half-Ethiopian grandson?is still recovering from his ordeal as a government spy in the far desert, trying to learn who was breaking the Emperor?s plague quarantine. Before he is fully himself again, tragedy and menace strike, and he finds himself sent, with his baby sister, Athena, to live with Abreha, the ruler of Himyar?a longtime enemy of the Aksumites, now perhaps a friend. His aunt Goewin, Arthur?s daughter, warns him that Abreha is a man to be wary of, someone to watch carefully. Telemakos promises he will be mindful?but he does not realize that Goewin?s warnings are not enough to protect him. The Sunbird (?Intense, absorbing, and luminously written,? Kirkus Reviews, starred review) was the first book about Telemakos. The Lion Hunter continues his story, to be quickly followed by The Empty Kingdom?a two-book sequence called The Mark of Solomon.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

OMG I am glad I have the next book sitting here. I understand this was written as one book or some such thing - this is The Mark of Solomon - book one. I will pick up book two when I finish this report. This book actually follows the first three books; The Winter Prince, A Coalition of Lions, and The Sunbird. The first book is very very loosely based on the Arthurian legend but we are way past that

in this book - other than this one continues with the story of Medraut's (Mordred of Arthur legend) half Ethiopian son, Telemakos. I seldom read books about twelve year old boys, but this author has drawn me into a world I am unable and unwilling to give up. It's difficult to explain exactly why that is. In this book Telemakos, who is still recovering from his injuries from his ordeal as a government spy in the desert and the subsequent mauling by a lion, is sent with his young sister to live with Abreha. Abreha is the ruler of Himyar and a long time enemy of Telemakos people, but now considered a friend. Telemakos finds himself an honored guest and revels in the freedoms at this amazing palace and the friends he acquires. But he is troubled by no contact from his aunt Goewin who warned him of dangers in this place. They had agreed on a code of sorts but there have been no letters received. I do not want to tell the story here, but everything comes crashing down on Telemakos in one day and evening, and he comes close to losing his life as a spy and a traitor. It is very tense writing as I have learned this author is very capable of dishing out. When I came to the last page and it said: To be continued in THE EMPTY KINGDOM.....I took a fast look at the shelf by my chair to be sure The Empty Kingdom was sitting there - sure enough it is!

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