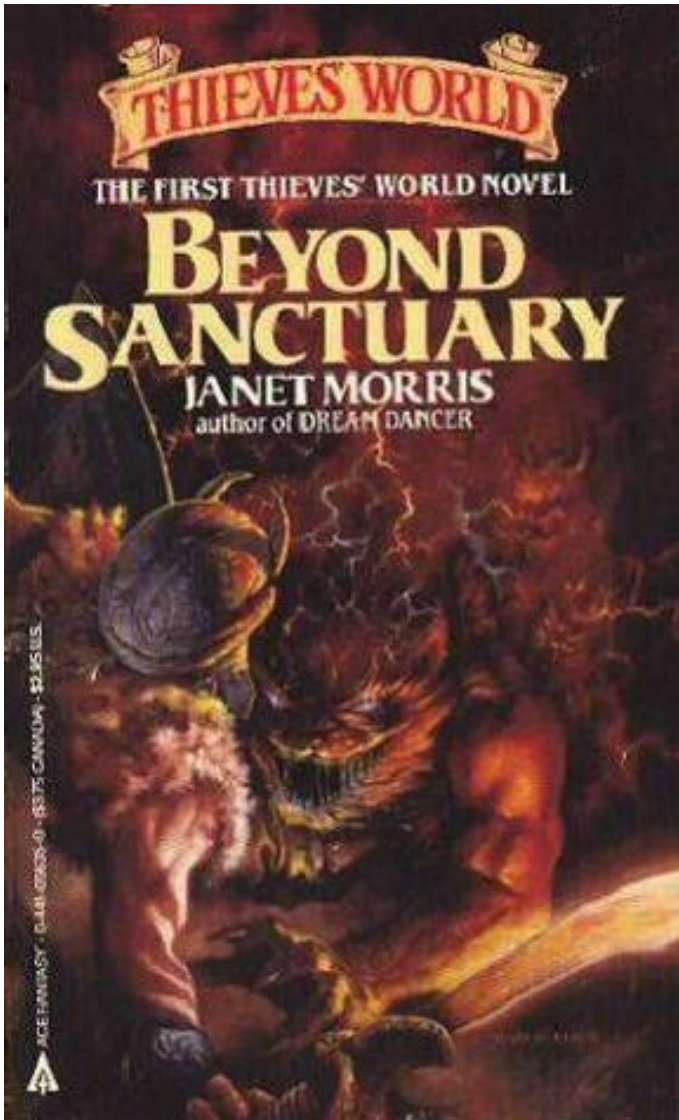

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Description

The Sacred Band Goes North - To War!

Here is the first full-length novel from the notorious "Thieves World" fantasy universe, where gods still stalk the land, warring with demons and human sorcerers and trampling unfortunate humanity underfoot.

If you like stories of bold brave knights employed in meritorious duty, or tales of ladies delicate and fair, be warned. Sanctuary-the meanest, seediest town in all of fantasy-may be too much for you sensibilities. There wizards, bards and maidens mingle with murderers and thieves, and the fight breaking out at the next table may be the one that ends your life.

The hero of "Beyond Sanctuary" is Tempus, leader of mercenaries and warrior-servant of Vashanka, god of storm and war. But he is a hero cursed. Any woman that he loves must loathe him. And anyone, male or female, who loves him soon dies of it. Under such a curse his god's "gift" of immortality is one he would cast off - if only he could.

In "Beyond Sanctuary" Tempus and his Scared Band go north to war against the deadliest demons and most malevolent mages conceivable. In *this* war there is no such thing as honorable defeat, or even honorable death in a losing cause. The winners will eat your soul, and you will live one in the Belly of the Beast.

With Niko, Cime, and the Froth Daughter Jihan, Tempus faces the Archmage Datan and his unholy followers in a battle for the Rankan Empire's survival and that of his very soul.

Insightful reviews

Etoilenoire: As far as fantasy goes, this was a decently-written and enjoyable read, but not an especially profound one. There was a fair bit of "characterization-of-people-by-gender-or-ethnic-origin" known in the modern world as sexism and racism. The book would have been made better had the author used the stereotypes to confound and prove the main characters wrong (even as they remain unaware). It was partially done regarding gender stereotypes, but the female characters only had any power as allowed them by a male figure, i.e. Lord-lover, father, and god of dreams. Another layer regarding the comparative evils of the good and bad empires, the priests and the mages, etc. would also have added more meaning to the work. That idea was no more than mentioned in passing. The book had a great deal of potential to say more. Had this potential been fulfilled, it could have been a contender for 4-5 stars. It was good enough for me to continue with the series all the same.

Travis Ludvigson: Sword and Sorcery at its finest!

Discover the tale of an intrepid immortal, his deadly shock troops and brothers-in-arms, power hungry mages, a malevolent witch and all manner of Hell spawned evil. This is "Beyond

Sanctuary” by Janet Morris, a classic tale of good versus evil, interspersed with the many shades of gray that lie between the two.

This is a story of epic proportions; mages being exterminated to satisfy the near insatiable needs of the beautiful Cime, the ancient warrior Tempus doing battle with gods and demons and a danger filled journey to engage a formidable enemy and avenge the deaths of members of his beloved Sacred Band.

Morris’ exceptional skill becomes readily apparent as she fleshes out characters whose complex emotions and idiosyncrasies establish a real connection and draw you into their lives. I was especially taken by Nikodemos and the many trials he faces throughout the book. He is such a wonderfully deep and troubled warrior that I couldn’t help but root for him. Niko epitomizes what it is to be strong in both body and spirit. He takes each loss that he suffers as a failure on his part, even when it was well outside of his control. Niko struggles with these losses and begins to doubt his worth. But rather than surrender to despair he pushes himself to reclaim the balance that he has lost with his brothers and within himself. Such is his strength that he earns the respect of the Riddler, the love of one of their greatest foes and draws the attention of the Lord of Dreams himself.

Beyond Sanctuary is not a fairy tale of knights standing about in unmarred, shining armor singing songs of their undying love to silk clad princesses. This is about true warriors who fight and kill the enemy, then celebrate with well earned drink and carnal festivities. Morris’ work is filled with pitched battles, excitement and intrigue. It is a land of warring factions, wielders of dark magic, formidable fighters and capricious gods. I have travelled Beyond Sanctuary and truly enjoyed the journey.

- Travis Ludvigson, author of the Nephilim Chronicles (Yare' Darkness Bound and Iron Song)

Kyra Halland: I was gifted with a free copy of this book for the purpose of giving an honest review.

Interesting, exciting sword-and-sorcery set in the Thieves' World shared world, well-written in beautiful, poetic prose. I'm not familiar with Thieves' World, so it took me a while to figure out what was going on in Beyond Sanctuary, but eventually I got the hang of most of it. 5 stars on that basis.

On the down side, I found the two heroes, Tempus and Niko, deeply unlikeable - one is a rapist, the other has a penchant for deflowering barely pubescent virgins. To me, these are deal-breakers when it comes to heroes. And Thieves' World itself seems a thoroughly misogynistic world. So 2 stars for that.

But those things don't seem to bother other reviewers, so maybe it's my fault for not fully appreciating the context and the setting. And it's a testament to the author's storytelling skills that when I came across things that would normally make me stop reading and delete the book, I had to keep going to find out how the story turned out. Averaged out, the rating comes to 3.5; I rounded up to 4, giving more weight to the objective measures of quality of storytelling and

writing and less to my subjective dislike of the heroes and the world.

Bruce: I used to be an incredible fan of the 'Thieve's World' assortment once they first seemed again within the overdue 70s. One personality particularly left such an influence that he remained with me over the years. That personality was once 'Tempus', created by means of Janet Morris. evidently that personality struck a chord with her, too, and she or he wrote a chain of spinoffs over the consequent years. My favorite of different volumes that was once 'Beyond Sanctuary' (1985), taking Tempus and his Sacred Band from the seediness of Sanctuary to the perilous areas of Wizardwall. lower to today, and 'Beyond Sanctuary' has been published within the wake of her 2010 novel, 'The Sacred Band'. the good news is the newly published model of 'Beyond Sanctuary' has been revised and expanded. analyzing it back after such a lot of years used to be a delight, very like vacationing outdated pals and deciding upon up on conversations that appeared like yesterday. hugely recommended. Oh, and this delusion pulls no punches, so be warned.

Jonathan Stevens: I initially learn this in paperback, in its unique ebook run, in my university years. I bought the improved kindle version on Amazon because the results of a sort promotional deal from the author. This is the "expanded cut" so stuff can have been added. It has been so lengthy on the grounds that I learn the unique that I'm no longer transparent what has been added, however it did not appear to damage the book. it is a bloody, gritty, occasionally sleazy notice and sorcery myth novel. It starts off in Sanctuary, of the previous "thieves world" series, and good points many of the previous characters, and facilities round the additional activities of Tempus Thales, a trendy determine from the unique brief stories. A enjoyable read.

Charles: Janet Morris, who grew to become my favourite author from the Thieves' global books, wrote 3 novels concerning the personality Tempus correct because the unique sequence was once ultimate out. All 3 have been excellent. I feel this used to be the easiest of the three.

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