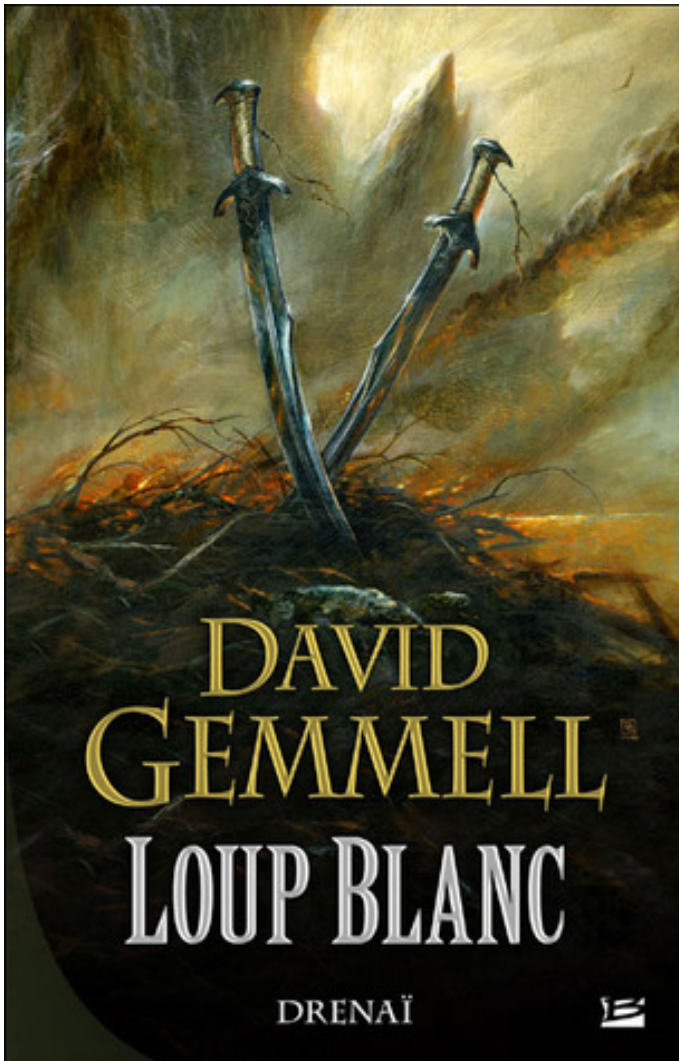


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**Loup Blanc (The Drenai Saga #10)**



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## Description

**White Wolf** marks a return to the bestselling Drenai series and David Gemmell's most popular hero of all, Druss the Legend.

Skilgannon the Damned had vanished from the pages of history. No-one knew where he had gone, following the terrible triumph at Perapolis, and the assassins sent by the Witch Queen could find no trace of his passing. Three years later, a murderous mob gathers outside a monastery, faced by a single, unarmed priest. In a few terrifying seconds their world is changed for ever, and word spreads across the lands of the East -- Skilgannon is back.

Now he must travel across a perilous, demon-haunted realm seeking a mysterious temple and the ageless goddess who rules it. With assassins on his trail and an army of murderous foes ahead, the Damned sets off on a quest to bring the dead to life. But he does not travel alone. The man beside him is Druss the Legend.

In this tale of love, betrayal and treachery, in a world torn by war, **White Wolf** examines the nature of heroism and friendship and the narrow lines dividing good and evil.

*From the Trade Paperback edition.*

## Insightful reviews

Jessica: I really enjoyed this book. I can't wait to read more about Skillgannon. I like this much better than Waylander which I couldn't get into.

Josh Meares: I enjoyed it. I love Druss ... I love how he is maturing as a character as Gemmell gets older. I like Skilgannon, in fact, I like most of the characters in this book. It is interesting that Gemmell feels the need to tie this back into his Jon Shannow series, but it is well-done and not too heavy-handed.

Phil: Writing 4/5  
Imagination 3.5/5  
Plot 4/5  
Setting 3.5/5  
Characters 4/5  
Grimdark 5/5

My Overall Enjoyment 5/5

Once again, I would like to sing the praises of David Gemmell. This book, the tenth in his Drenai series, is possibly my favorite or at least tied with 2 others in the series, [Waylander](#) and [\[book:Legend|618177\]](#). The main character, Skilgannon, is a young priest and former general on the run from the Witch Queen. He is responsible for horrible atrocities in the past in the name of

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the Witch Queen, who was also his former lover. Druss, the main character in several other Drenai books also returns here. Skilgannon is searching for the Temple of the Resurrectionists and Druss is seeking his friend Orastes and they journey together along with some other minor characters and meet more on the way. It is an action packed thrill ride interspersed with lots of moral philosophy. There is some sorcery, powerful but with a light touch.

Skilgannon is one of my favorite characters in fantasy and Gemmell builds him expertly, mixing his current thoughts and feelings about his situation with flashbacks to his past which helps us connect better with him. While I will never be a master swordsman or a deadly warrior and I have never committed atrocities on a large scale, I still empathize with him as a person who has many regrets and failings but is searching for a way to overcome them and become a better person. Druss of course is similar but has his own distinct nuances and characteristics.

The world the Drenai books are set in are brutal and dark but not hopeless. There are a lot of races along with different beasts and many locations which have been explored in the past ten books. I really love exploring this world and while it is not the best world building in all of fantasy, it is very good. Gemmell writes succinctly yet he makes this world come alive to me.

My favorite parts in Gemmell's writing are the little phrases or paragraphs which are woven in throughout and speak about different concepts like heroes, good and evil, the condition of man, love, revenge, hate, etc. Following are just a few of my favorites from White Wolf but all of his books include these little phrases.

"How simple love would be, Younger Brother, if we only had to bestow it on those who deserved it. Yet what would it be worth? If you gave a poor man a silver coin then that would be a gift. If you expected him to pay you back, then that would make it a loan. We do not loan our love, Lantern. We give it freely."

"Scholars tend to overcomplicate matters,' said Skilgannon. 'If a man runs at you with a sword it would be foolish to spend time wondering what led him to such action. Was his childhood scarred by a cruel father? Did his wife leave him for another man? Was he perhaps misinformed about your intentions, and therefore has attacked you in error?' He laughed. 'Warriors need black and white, Elder Brother. Shades of grey would kill them.'"

"There's nothing to be frightened of, laddie. We live. We die. A wise man once told me that one day even the sun will fade, and all will be darkness. Everything dies. Death isn't important. What counts is how you live."

"And I'm not wise, Rabalyn. Had I been wise I would have stayed home with the woman I loved. I'd have farmed and planted trees. I'd have raised cattle, and sold them at market. Instead I found wars and battles to fight. Old and wise? I've met wise men who were young, and stupid men who were old. I've met good men who did evil things, and evil men who tried to do good. It's all beyond my understanding."

"No. I regret that. Though I have to say that I get tense around the very young. The screaming and the squalling grates on me. I'm not a great lover of noise. Or people, come to that. They

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irritate me."

"You remind me of Sieben. He loved these debates, and would twist words and ideas round and round until everything I believed in sounded like the grandest nonsense. He should have been a politician. I would say that evil should always be countered. He would say: "Ah, but what is evil for one man may be good for another." I remember once we watched the execution of a murderer. He maintained that in killing the man we were committing an evil as great as his. He said that perhaps the killer might have one day sired a child, who would be great and good, and change the world for the better. In killing him we might have robbed the world of a saviour.' 'Perhaps he was right,' said Diagoras. 'Perhaps he was. But if we followed that philosophy completely we would never punish anyone, for any crime. You could argue that to lock the killer away, rather than hanging him, might prevent him meeting the woman who would have given birth to that child. So what do we do? Free him? No. A man who wilfully takes the life of another forfeits his own life. Anything less makes a mockery of justice. I always enjoyed listening to Sieben ranting and railing against the ways of the world. He could make you think black was white, night was day, sweet was sour. It was good entertainment. But that is all it was. Would I deceive an enemy? Yes. Would I deceive a friend? No. How do I justify this? I don't."

"When he spoke it was as if he was reciting a prayer. The words hung in the air. 'Never violate a woman, nor harm a child. Do not lie, cheat or steal. These things are for lesser men. Protect the weak against the evil strong. And never allow thoughts of gain to lead you into the pursuit of evil.'"

I quote these to give a sample of the themes which run through Gemmell's books. These ideas are all explored throughout the story. This type of philosophy is highly relatable to every reader as these are all things which people ask or wonder. There are many more good ones but it would be impossible to put them all here and that's a big part of why I love to read these books never knowing what he will touch on next.

If you are looking for something great, check out this book and any other Gemmell books. If you like to think and enjoy realistic darker themed fantasy, this is a must read book.

Paul Convery: White Wolf was once a booklet I struggled with for a few time. It began with the creation of Skilgannon the Damned who seemed to be one other very attention-grabbing and good written David Gemmell character, yet then I felt love it received slowed down in for nearly a 3rd of the publication with little or no development within the total plot and characters who simply did not inspire me to maintain reading. Getting over that bump within the street used to be really worth it though, with the advent of Druss into the tale in addition to a few extra helping characters the publication abruptly reengaged my curiosity and did not enable go. From the looks of Druss onwards, the plot begins to actually come jointly and most significantly for me, David Gemmell rather starts off to enhance his characters. as soon as prior the sluggish trudge of the beginning of the book, Skilgannon unexpectedly reveals a aiding solid of characters to dance of that truly develops his personality to the extent that i have come to count on from a Gemmell book. whilst we additionally begin to see extra of the again tale of Skilgannon and the Witch Queen, which not just builders their characters yet provides one other layer to the story. In the end, for me a heroic fable novel particularly lives and dies by means of it is characters, and

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even though it starts off of slowly White Wolf does gather a wealthy forged of characters that I cared approximately and engaged with through the end.

Keith Fearn: so the easiest in fable ever heavily Olek or Skilgannon the Damned should be consider as eras die hes a dwelling paintings and David Gemmell is an heck of a web page turner im no longer an important fan of Druss boyo yet i do know David immensely created the area with him in brain and that i wouldnt have it the other approach kinda like R.A.'s Drizzts guy i admire his Luthien or purple Shadow higher so all in the entire little personality are my favorites usely and so they arebt written approximately alot.

Ollie Odeunmi: I easily love every thing Gemmell wrote, and feature learn all his books or 3 times. White Wolf is not any exception

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