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Rokugan is Doomed!

The Serene Prophet foresaw its downfall -- tides of demons flooding out of the Shadowlands. One man seeks to avert the catastrophe -- the leader of the Scorpion Clan. He will pay any price, perpetrate any deception, to save the empire. If he must, he will become evil to fight evil. He and the emperor's champion will battle each other to the death for that which they both hold dear: Rokugan

The Scorpion Details

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Amy says

This book made me want to buy the whole series! Now I have them all except one!

Igor Cebrian Muiño says

Pedazo de libro. Quién lo pillara de nuevo. Ese Shoju es único.

Torpor says

The most striking part of this series is the strong and consistent themed groups. Each clan has an internal philosophy and creed, amazingly, the characters reflect such. The prose are young adult, but the plot is subtle and complex, also, zombies.

Legend of the Five Rings was the expansion that made me quit playing Magic the Gathering -- but the novels can't be blamed for power creep.

Lisa Marsh says

I started reading this basically because I got into the Collectible Card Game. I enjoyed the book much more than I thought I would and am excited to read the rest of the series in the near future. It was a great introduction into the culture and motives for the scorpion clan. Not only does this series give you some history into the world of the game, but each book focuses on one of the major clans and gives you that unique perspective.

It was a little confusing keeping everyone straight, but that was partly because of the traditional Japanese names. And I must admit, the constant description of how every woman is beyond beautiful was noticeable, but that is also a part of the Japanese culture.

I would highly recommend this book and series for anyone interested in the Legend of the Five Rings CCG or RPG or anyone who loves Asian mythology and culture in general.

Serge Pierro says

Being a fan of the Legend of the Five Rings CCG, this series of books were a must read. Of course the fanboy element probably added an additional star to the rating. This volume has Bayushi Kachiko - 'nuff said!

Oliver Wiatrak says

Finally after getting all scrolls (books) i started reading this year. Although i already red the first Book i was still fascinated and hope this is the beginning of an epic story.

Interessting plot if you know the RPG Legend of the Five Rings, fascinating combination of the feudal Japan with a fantasy... 320 pages easy to read, give it a try.

I'll start know the 2nd Book :)

Ward G says

This was the first book. That began an interesting series.

Kind of urban fantasy, meets Asian feudal traditions.

I did enjoy this series. Plan on reading it again.

Series has central story. Each novel, different clan gets more involved.

Plus gives more detail on each clan itself.

Worth checking out, if you can find it. It is an older series.

Matthew says

I'm really surprised how much I liked this book.

Well written and exciting.

I thought there would be more to do with magic and demons and monsters, etc, but somehow the author managed to keep it exciting while limiting the fantasy side of things and making them more implied and underlying to the story.

Eugene says

The heroic tragedy of Rokugan's most vilified and insidious clan: the Scorpion Clan; "The Emperor's Underhand."

Setting: Scorpion Clan Coup, pre-Clan War era.

For more info, check L5R History at <http://www.lowfierce.com/kazenoshiro/>

Ashkhan says

I used to play the L5R CCG, enjoyed the settings and naturally liked the book.

Nisha says

An interesting read set in a world of monsters and magic. Based on several Asian mythologies, this book tells how one clan's bid to 'save the world' actually starts its downfall.

It's a great read for fantasy lovers, especially those interested in samurai and the feudal era.

Derek says

This story really captured the tragedy of samurai movies. I was always surprised by what happened next. :-)

IMO (and my only quibble) the author repeated certain phrases to often for my tastes.

Craig says

It was better than I thought it would be. It was interesting to have all the different animal clans in a japaneseish setting.

Austin Toriumi says

I decided to read this fantasy science fiction book The Scorpion, because of my fondness of samurai related stories. I was drawn to the cover more than anything else because of the intricate drawing of an enraged looking samurai. If it were not for the eye popping cover I would have missed out on an awesome action packed novel. I usually don't read books like this, but after reading the first couple chapters I was surprisingly hooked. I can definitely say that the storyline of this book would make a great movie.

The novel takes you on a journey with the main character or protagonist Bayushi Shouju a young samurai warrior, also known as Shouju. He came into contact and fought with monsters demons and other rivals while on his way to trying saving the place he loves, Rokugan. With members of his group, the Scorpion Clan, his chances to help save Rokugan increased.

The book begins with a detailed description of an intense battle going on. The words Sullivan used to describe the battle is amazing because even though it is fictional, it was quite believable. The imagery he paints in your mind, like the current climate condition, also sets the tone for where the story is occurring. Since I've read books about the samurai era, it really makes me feel good that some one like Sullivan could

capture moments like a battle scene to the extent that I felt like I was there in that time.

There are two conflicts that are apparent throughout the story, man versus man, and man versus the supernatural. Not only is this war amongst two groups of people but Shouju also comes into contact with supernatural forces or antagonists, like demons, spirits, and monsters, which is something we could never come into contact in real life. The place in the book where all this conflict originated is called the Shadowlands.

I would definitely recommend this book to a certain type of reader. If you are into mythical, action packed stories this would be a good book for you. To me there were many good scenes from the start with mythical based battles. Sullivan did an excellent job of capturing the action scenes, making you want to keep reading.

As the reader, I liked the author's style because it was easy to follow and interesting to read. Even though it was fictional it was believable. The way it was written, it seemed to be chronicled like something happened long ago. Excellent books I've read in the past have created visual presentations. They are obvious, and create images in your mind. That's what makes books like this special. The words some authors use to describe scenes gives you that significant feeling you get after you've witnessed something spectacular. If you enjoy any type of Asian action or descriptive war related battles, this book would be an exceptional piece of reading. Since this is the first in the series I will probably go and search for the sequel to this book. My starred review for this book would have to be a 5 because I couldn't see any parts where it needed improvement.

Pointsandwheels says

This was simpler than I would have liked had it been a tie-in book. But given the tie-in constraints, this was an excellent little read. Good for an hour or two of fun.
