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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Best known for his military SF (Grimmer than Hell, etc.), Drake is less adept at epic fantasy, as shown in this overlong, wearying novel, the fifth installment in his Lord of the Isles series. Young Prince Garric, his beautiful blonde sister Sharina, his boyhood friend Cashel and Ilna, Cashel's witch-weaver sister, have finally reached their goal, the island kingdom of Carcosa, from which Garric will rule. If only it were that easy. He must first reunite the many island kingdoms, disunited for a millennium. While Garric battles nasty villains and giant centipedes, Drake drops Sharina, Ilna and Cashel each into trouble on separate other-dimensional worlds. His crosscuts between his different story lines call to mind D.W. Griffith's Intolerance, in both their dexterity and monotony. Out of the author's inexhaustible imagination come endless dragons, demons and undersea monsters, as well as two more original and memorable creations: Beard, an insatiably bloodthirsty and chattering axe wielded by Sharina, and Evne, an enchanted female talking toad that accompanies Cashel. Written in an accessible style and with only mild violence and no sex, this series is particularly suitable for adolescent fantasy fans, especially those with a lot of patience.
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From Booklist
The fifth volume of Drake's magisterial Lord of the Isles will quite probably be the last. The title character, on stage throughout, even if sometimes only as a sinister influence, remains so potent, however, that narrative interest and impetus are sustained straight through to the last chapter. Principal protagonist Garric's sorcerous advisor, Tenoctris, makes the danger clear to him when Garric and his disciplined fleet and army arrive in Carcosa as part of his campaign to unite the kingdoms of the isles. Meanwhile, Garric's sister, Sharina, contends with evil magic in another world and with Garric's friend, Cashel, in yet another--and Drake develops both those magical realms as well as he does the more mundane world of the isles. In the north, Cashel's sister, Ilna, and her betrothed, Chalcus, encounter the goddess even more directly, and from that flows a climax in which everyone is swept toward a grand, ultimately compellingly powerful, resolution. A satisfactory conclusion to a series that may be altogether Drake's most accomplished work. *Roland Green*
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Review

"Drake's ambitious high-fantasy saga, Lord of the Isles . . . is emerging as the author's most important work."
--*Publishers Weekly* on *Mistress of the Catacombs*

"The book was fascinating throughout, a pleasure to read. . . . certainly one of the finest epic fantasies of the decade."
- Piers Anthony on *Lord of the Isles*

"David Drake's work here is original, engrossing, and instantly credible."
- Stephen R. Donaldson on *Lord of the Isles*

"*Goddess of the Ice Realm* is a solid addition to an outstanding fantasy series, showing once again that Drake is among the most versatile of authors in the SF/Fantasy genres."
-S. M. Stirling

"The heroes are exceptionally well-written, especially the strong-willed Ilna and the unflinching Cashel --

either one of these characters could stand alone to support a book. The secondary characters also grow and change, unusual in fantasy literature. The plot moves forward at a deliberate pace, gradually exploring the people and their land."
-*Starlog* on *Queen of Demons*

"The world building and characterization here are among Drake's best, and the magic is well thought out. Drake clearly has embarked on a fantasy saga as big as Eddings', Jordan's, and Goodkind's and as eminently worth reading."
-*Booklist* on *Queen of Demons*

"Unlike most modern fantasy, David Drake's *Lord of the Isles* is an epic with the texture of the legends of yore, with rousing action and characters to cheer for."
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