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Editorial Review

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The creator of the vast and vastly popular Malazan Book of the Fallen now launches a trilogy intended to provide the background for the original 10-volume epic. In Kurald Galain, the Warren of Darkness, Mother Dark herself is supposed to reign and, incidentally, keep all the various magical forces at least minimally under control. But she has married a foreigner, Lord Draconus--always a questionable move when there's a rival for her hand. In this case, the rival is the hero of the people, Vatha Urusander, and this rivalry is generating tension and intrigues on an alarming scale. Not the least alarmed are the three Sons of Darkness, who wonder whether their heritage, Purake Hold, will survive the time of troubles. Readers who have survived the original saga (more than a few) will certainly jump into this one, and new readers may besiege the libraries because of Erikson's epic's resemblance to George R. R. Martin's best-selling Game of Thrones. --Roland Green

Review

"Forge of Darkness is brilliant and far exceeds any and all expectations that readers of 'The Malazan Book of the Fallen' could possibly harbour...I think we all wondered how Erikson could possibly follow up arguably the best fantasy series of all time. Forge of Darkness will dispel any and all doubters (if any do indeed still exist out there) that Steven Erikson is the best writer on the planet." SFSITE "Forge of Darkness is, quite frankly, remarkable...Erikson should be raised up as a standard bearer, representing the best of the best of those books we would love to be more loved - those that are intellectually nutritious as well as artistically delicious." TOR.COM

About the Author

Steven Erikson was born in Toronto, grew up in Winnipeg, and then lived in the UK for several years with his wife and son. They recently returned to Winnipeg. He spent nearly twenty years working as an anthropologist and archaeologist, which shines quite clearly in the depth and breadth of the various societies, peoples, and cultures in his books. He is a graduate of the Iowa Writer's Workshop.

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