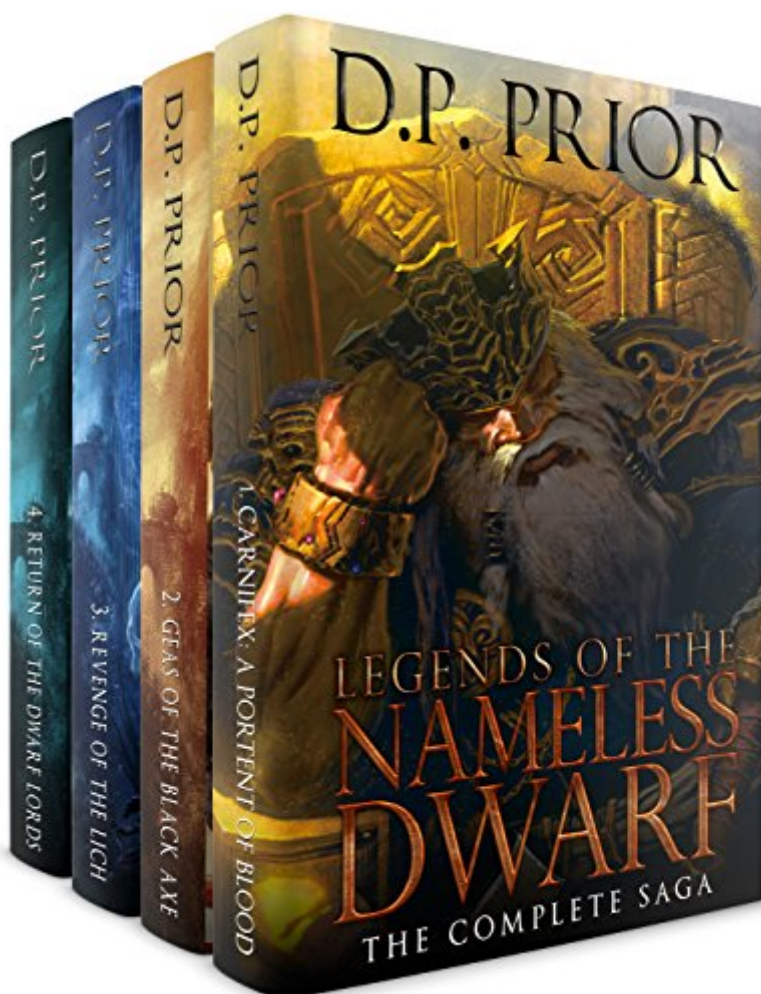


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Legends Of The Nameless Dwarf: The Complete Saga



Synopsis

The blockbusting epic fantasy from international bestselling author D.P. Prior. The entire Legends of the Nameless Dwarf Tetralogy in one box set:

1. *Carnifex: A Portent of Blood* "Gritty, tense, and brutally tragic. High quality storytelling with great characters and a relentless plot." -- Mitchell Hogan, author of *A Crucible of Souls* and Aurealis Award winner. "For more than a thousand years, the dwarves have hidden away from the world in their ravine city of Arx Gravis. Governed by an inflexible council whose sole aim is to avoid the errors of the past, the defining virtue of their society is that nothing should ever change. But when the Scriptorium is broken into, and Ravine Guard Carnifex Thane sees a homunculus fleeing the scene of the crime, events are set in motion that will ensure nothing will ever be the same again. Deception and death are coming to Arx Gravis. The riddles that preceded Carnifex's birth crystalize into a horrifying fate that inexorably closes in. But it is in blood that legends are born, and redemption is seeded in the gravest of sins. For Carnifex is destined to become the Ravine Butcher, before even that grim appellation is forever lost, along with everything that once defined him."
2. *Geas of the Black Axe* "A dwarf with no name is a dwarf most shamed." • As the lands above the ravine city of Arx Gravis face their gravest peril, the last desperate hope of Creation lies in a dwarf with a grisly past: The Nameless Dwarf "a pariah, untouchable, the most cursed of dwarven kind. But in a world plagued by deception, where no action is free from risk, the road to salvation is shadowed with portents of blood."
3. *Revenge of the Lich* The survivors of the slaughter at Arx Gravis flee their ravine city, leaving its walkways and canals awash with blood. Convinced there can be no atonement for what he has done, the Nameless Dwarf joins forces with a whiskerless thief, a guilt-driven assassin, and a consumptive wizard. Together, they pursue the dwarves into the lands of nightmare across the Farfall Mountains. But the companions bring troubles of their own, not least of which is an ancient grimoire that leads them inexorably toward a forest of tar, and an evil from Nameless's past that threatens his entire race. The last hope of the dwarves comes from the unlikeliest of sources: a mythical city beneath the waves, an axe from the age of heroes, and the Nameless Dwarf, in whose veins flows the blood of legends.
4. *Return of the Dwarf Lords* The Nameless Dwarf: the name that is not a name, but is far better than the one he left behind. Freed from the curse that turned him into the butcher of his own kind, he once crossed half a world to protect those who had survived. Having worked out his penance and resettled his people in Arnoch, the ancient citadel of the Dwarf Lords, Nameless sets up home in the town of Brink. Now, with everything a dwarf could possibly wish for "a gym, a beer hall, and a bawdy house across the road" his new life is a welcome break from a decade of adventure. Then a blood-stained dwarf staggers into town with a message of doom: Arnoch has

sunk beneath the waves, its last defense against the attack of a five-headed dragon. The one slender hope remaining to the dwarves lies in their distant past: the Dwarf Lords, who had been created for perils such as this. But for centuries, they have been in exile on Thanatos, a death-world likely to change even the greatest of heroes. With time running out for Arnoch, Nameless must find the Dwarf Lords and persuade them to come home. But before that, he first has to survive them.

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Customer Reviews

Good indie books are a dime a dozen these days, but it's rare when you stumble across a great one. Such is the case with D.P. Prior's LEGENDS OF THE NAMELESS DWARF: THE COMPLETE SAGA, a massive, enthrallingly original epic fantasy series made up of four books featuring the titular character set out on a quest for redemption after committing a harrowing act against his own people. Aligned with some of the most troubled, dangerous and funny characters the world has to offer, they stumble into adventure after adventure while trying to bring peace and solace to a world threatened by the ultimate evil. Purist fantasy readers will love how classic genre elements have been turned on their head. Modern fantasy readers will love the scope of the story

and Prior's ability to build worlds that feel utterly unique and foreign while at the same time successfully transporting us into the middle of them as if we could feel the textures of the stones and smell the odors of the flora, fauna and blood. Blood you say? Yes, there be blood. Lots of it. LEGENDS is full of action, both beautiful and tragic. As with any fantasy featuring dwarves, we have requisite axes and swords (and no shortage of magic), but this isn't yet another retread of Tolkien. This story is dark. Bad things happen to characters you love, and too often you find yourself cursing Prior, much like you curse George R.R. for keeping it real. But in the end, that's what makes the book special. Rumor is the publishing giants passed on this series simply because dwarves don't sell, but their failed logic is our gain. LEGENDS OF THE NAMELESS DWARF is a sprawling froth of brew—the antithesis of Ironbelly's—that'll leave you fat, bloated, drunk on words and wanting more, more, more. Thankfully, it seems Prior is up to the task for delivering it.

Completed all four books but it took awhile as they are all long but you get your money's worth. A lot of action. A flawed hero. Great character building even though you lose friends along the way. An interesting world with gods, near gods, technology and magic. I can understand the attraction of a good beer but can not appreciate a woman with a beard. Get ready for a shogging good time

Anytime a book keeps both of us, husband and wife engaged, it's a good read.

Good story and it was left wide open for a followup book. BUT, what Thumil and Cordana did to Carnifex was, for me, UNFORGIVABLE, They were supposed to be BEST FRIENDS but they could not tell Carnifex. Thumil knew how Carnifex felt about Cordana, but he never said anything to him, so he could have Cordana himself. Is that what a best friend would do. Then to have Carnifex find out, in front of the entire city, effectively stabbing him in the heart, followed by them demanding Carnifex be the best man, all the while claiming he was their best friend and knowing how devastated he would be was beyond forgiveness. Best friends would not do that and it would be impossible for me to ever forgive them. What they did was what the most evil character in the book would do. That is why I gave it only 3 stars, I REALLY HATED WHAT THEY DID, so much so that, thinking about how completely awful and unforgivable their actions were kept me awake for 2 nights. I hope I can go to sleep tonight.

Not the kind of book I usually read. A lot of battles and gore but somehow I could not put it down.

The characters were just weird enough to be interesting and the action kept luring me on. Anyone who likes fantasy and action should enjoy this.

Nameless is an every-dwarf, a character that most of us can relate to in one way or another, and for that makes a compelling protagonist. The other supporting characters are woven in and out of the narrative in away that you feel the absence, and you wonder what became of them. The mythos, the magic, the truly fantasy elements all come with a price (no fluffy power with out consequence) and make the setting relatable to our reality. Highly recommended if you enjoy a darker fantasy setting with an added layer of gritty battles, and beautifully crafted character building.

This is one of the best series of books that I have read in years. I have read the Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings Trilogy. Many if not all of the Forgotten realms books. Neil Gaiman's books and many I can't even remember and the Legends of the Nameless Dwarf ranks at the top of the list of must reads. You will not be dissapointed.

A great read, I enjoyed this saga. This story will become a must read for all those who enjoy epic fantasy.

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