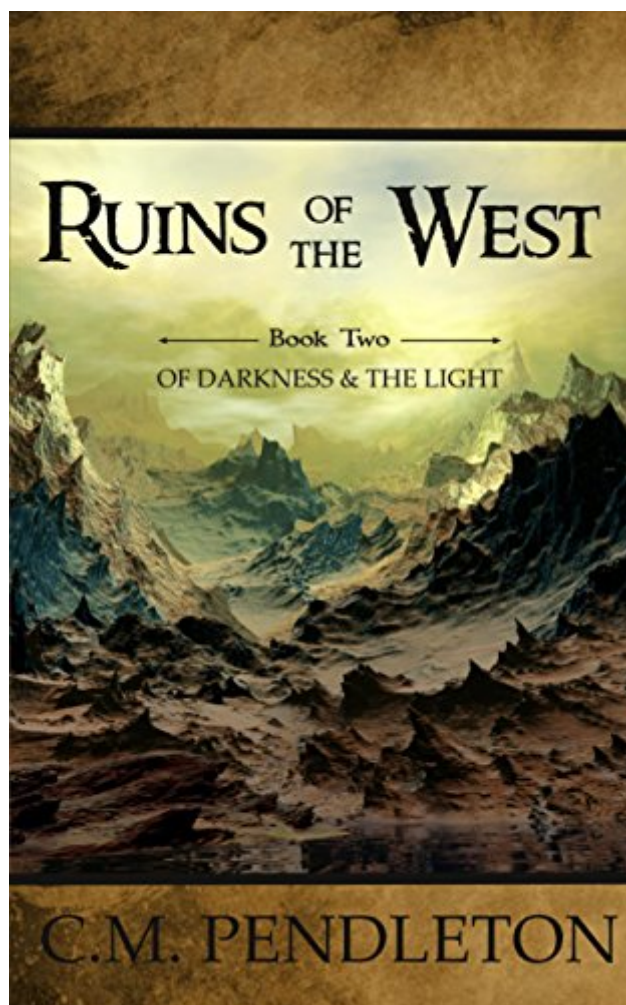


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Synopsis

The Thrilling Fantasy Series thatâ€™s Captivating Readers Across the World! C.M. Pendletonâ€™s sequel to the immensely popular fantasy series *Of Darkness & the Light*. A distinctively original saga that is both epic and personal. Readers across the world have been captivated by its originality, gripping storyline, and depiction of hope during a time of war and savagery. â€œPendleton's ability to maintain control over this amazingly unique and fantastically adventurous story is awe-inspiring. He manages to introduce each character with all of their complexities, conflict, and heroism.â€ -The Woodlings Blog (for book one: *A Dark Tyranny*)

Survivors of the invasion have begun to form an army in the west. Gorgons and wolveren beasts continue to rampage across the land, as even more sinister beasts are let loose to wreak havoc. A fabled relic has been discovered that releases an ancient darkness into the already war-torn world of EhlÃ¡r. The Acolytes set sail to join their brethren, but a monstrous creature of the deep sea has other plans. Lost in grief, Finn seeks revenge against the invaders, causing his legend to grow. Finn and Xander gather an army of the survivors in the west. They quickly realize that their army consists of villagers seeking refuge from the war. Finn takes what fighters they have to find vengeance. The legend of the Falcon King begins to grow across all of Altaris. Xander struggles to plan for the war, despite Finnâ€™s constant thirst for blood. Their conflicting ideals puts them at odd, however, when gorgons begin to poison the water sources of Altaris, Finn and Xanderâ€™s army soon finds itself struggling to survive. The crew of the *Lisbeth* are pursued by a monstrous creature stalking the seas. Luras and the crew of the *Lisbeth* set sail to find their Acolyte brethren across the ocean, but soon find themselves on the run from an enormous beast of the deep sea. They must find colder water and hope their provisions outlast their pursuer. Luras finds distrust amongst members of the crew, as they wonder if the *Bourne* is an ill omen that will lead to their demise. Nylah and Desa return to Altaris to search for Finn. Nylah and Desa survived the sinking of a gorgon supply ship and are brought back to Altaris by the crew of the *Tigress*. They begin a search for Finn that leads them to joining a group of survivors that are journeying to find the fabled Falcon King. Their trek becomes more perilous as King Tellos of the Northern Realm commands his soldiers to scourer the realms for survivors. A small group of scouts search the lands for water and safety. Ellison, Amloch, and William scout the Western Realm for fresh water and safety. They are the only hope for Finn and Xanderâ€™s army that is struggling to survive. An encounter with skin-slavers divides the group. Amloch is left alone to journey across the Western Realm for any sign of water, while trying to stay one step ahead of gorgon trackers. Matthias finds himself in a land of shadows. Matthias is lost in a world of shadows, as he is reunited with his wife and son, but quickly learns that nothing is as it appears. He must decide

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Customer Reviews

I picked up book one in this series "Dark Tyranny" by this author and really loved it. I never thought myself much of a fantasy reader, but my friend recommended this and I found myself immersed into a new world that was intriguing. This second book in this series does NOT disappoint. The theme of darkness and light is much more evident in this book and as a reader, I have begun to care and develop relationships with the characters, far beyond book one. It's obvious that Pendleton is devoted to this series in the way he writes his characters with care and thought. Every chapter offers the reader a new emotion and I LOVED every minute of it. Gonna be a long wait for me till book 3 comes out and I can't wait!!

A well-developed second outing in this book series. I was afraid that this book would lose some of the momentum built in the first but instead, it built on it and added new dimension and depth! The lore was there, the action was there, the romance was there, and it had me anxiously anticipating each new turn. Pendleton is definitely a gifted story teller but more importantly, he has translated the his story into prose that pulls in the audience to his world. Already looking for the next book!!!

CM Pendleton is an expert at character development. He obviously lives part time in this world he has created as he describes it and the characters as if they were all personal contacts. It's a book I wouldn't miss reading. Highly recommend.

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