

Traitors Blade The Greatcoats Book 1

A thrilling new dark fantasy series about immortality, war and survival, from the bestselling historical author Chris (CC) Humphreys. Three lands, peopled by humans and immortals. In Corinthium a decadent endlessly-lived elite run the world for profit and power. But when a poor, honest soldier dies, and is reborn, everything changes. In wintry Midgarth, where immortals are revered as deities, one of them has realized that something - or someone - is killing the gods. And in Ometepe there is only one immortal, for he has murdered every other. Until one woman gives birth to a very special baby. Yet there is a fourth, hidden land, where savage tribes have united under the prophecy of 'the One': a child who is neither boy nor girl. Now they plan to conquer the world. Unless a broken soldier, a desperate mother and a crippled god can stop them . . .

Swordplay, magic, intrigue and friendships stronger than iron: the first book in a new swashbuckling fantasy series by the bestselling author of The Greatcoats. Damelas Shademantaigne picked a poor night to flee a judicial duel. He has precious little hope of escaping the wrath of Vixen, the most feared duelist in the entire city, until he stumbles through the stage doors of the magnificent Operato Belleza and tricks his way into the company of actors. An archaic law provides temporary respite from his troubles--until one night a ghostly voice in his head causes Damelas to fumble his lines, inadvertently blurting out the dreadful truth: the city's most legendary hero may actually be a traitor and a brutal murderer. With only the help of his boisterous and lusty friend Bereto, a beautiful assassin whose target may well be Damelas himself, and a company of misfit actor who'd just as soon see him dead, this failed son of two Greatcoats must somehow find the courage within himself to dig up long-buried truths before a ruthless band of bravos known as the Iron Orchids comes for his head. Oh, and there's the that matter of the Vixen waiting to duel him...

Captain Vloria is one of Adro's finest powder mages - disciplined sharpshooters who can control bullets and explode gunpowder with a mere gesture. Yet an illicit affair has lost her the favour of Field Marshal Tamas, her commander and the closest thing she has to a father. As the invading army of Kez pushes deeper into Adro's territory, Vloria finds herself on the sidelines. Yet when news emerges of an escaped traitor who is planning on selling military secrets to the enemy, Vloria is tasked with hunting the man down. Failure will not only put her beloved country at risk, but may lose her the goodwill of Field Marshal Tamas for ever . . .

A would-be mage with no magic of his own has to defeat powerful enemies with only cunning and deception in the first book of an exciting adventure fantasy series from Sebastien de Castell. Kellen is moments away from facing his first duel and proving his worth as a spellcaster. There's just one problem: his magic is fading. Facing exile unless he can pass the mage trials, Kellen is willing to risk everything -- even his own life -- in search of a way to restore his magic. But when the enigmatic Ferius Parfax arrives in town, she challenges him to take a different path. One of the elusive Argosi, Ferius is a traveller who lives by her wits and the cards she carries. Daring, unpredictable, and wielding magic Kellen has never seen before, she may be his only hope. The first novel in a compelling six-book series, bursting with tricks, humor, and a whole new way to look at magic. Spellslinger Series Spellslinger Shadowblack Charmcaster For more from Sebastien de Castell, check out: The Greatcoats Quartet Traitor's Blade Saint's Blood Knight's Shadow Tyrant's Throne

With swashbuckling action that recall Dumas' Three Musketeers Sebastien de Castell has created a dynamic new fantasy series. In Traitor's Blade a disgraced swordsman struggles to redeem himself by protecting a young girl caught in the web of a royal conspiracy. The King is dead, the Greatcoats have been disbanded, and Falcio Val Mond and his fellow magistrates Kest and Brasti have been reduced to working as bodyguards for a nobleman who refuses to pay them. Things could be worse, of course. Their employer could be lying dead on the floor while they are forced to watch the killer plant evidence framing them for the murder. Oh wait, that's exactly what's happening. Now a royal conspiracy is about to unfold in the most corrupt city in the world. A carefully orchestrated series of murders that began with the overthrow of an idealistic young king will end with the death of an orphaned girl and the ruin of everything that Falcio, Kest, and Brasti have fought for. But if the trio want to foil the conspiracy, save the girl, and reunite the Greatcoats, they'll have to do it with nothing but the tattered coats on their backs and the swords in their hands, because these days every noble is a tyrant, every knight is a thug, and the only thing you can really trust is a traitor's blade. Fantasy. How do you kill a Saint? Falcio, Brasti and Kest are about to find out. The Dukes were already looking for ways to weasel out of their promise to put Aline on her father's throne. - But with Saints turning up dead, rumors are spreading that the Gods themselves oppose her ascension. To make matters worse, the churches are also pushing for control and have brought back their own military orders - including church knights and, worst of all, the Inquisitors, who have their own, much harsher form of justice. The only way Falcio can stop the country turning into a vicious theocracy is to find the Saint-killer

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Tristia is a nation riven by intrigue and corruption - its idealistic young king is dead and its heroes, the Greatcoats, have been disbanded and branded traitors - but that doesn't mean Falcio, Kest and Brasti no longer have a mission. Falcio Val Mond has completed the final task given to him by King Paelis: he has found the King's Charoites (well, one at least), and now he, Kest and Brasti must protect the girl from those who want her dead. That would be simple enough, if it weren't for the Dashini, the legendary assassins, getting in their way, not to mention the Dukes, who are desperate to hold on to their power at any cost, or Trin, the daughter of the ruthless Duke of Rijou and the cruel Duchess of Hervor, who is determined to be Queen of Tristia. Of course, the fact that the heir to the throne is thirteen years old doesn't help, nor the fact that Falcio is slowly dying of poison. And then there is the Greatcoats Lament...

A failed mage learns that just because he's not the chosen one it doesn't mean he can't be a hero in the fourth book of a new adventure fantasy series from Sebastien de Castell. Spellslinger Series Spellslinger Shadowblack Charmcaster Soulbinder For more from Sebastien de Castell, check out: The Greatcoats Quartet Traitor's Blade Saint's Blood Knight's Shadow Tyrant's Throne Falcio val Mond is the first Cantor of the Greatcoats. Trained in the fighting arts and the laws of Tristia, the Greatcoats are travelling Magisters upholding King's Law. They are heroes. Or at least they were, until they stood aside while the Dukes took the kingdom and then began fighting among themselves. lang="EN-US" The horrifying murder of a duke and his family sends Falcio in a deadly pursuit to capture the killer. But Falcio soon discovers his own life is in mortal danger from a poison administered as a final act of revenge by one of his deadliest enemies. As chaos and civil war begin to overtake the country, Falcio has precious little

time left to stop those determined to destroy his homeland. lang="EN-US"Greatcoat's Lament lang="EN-US" is a dark swashbuckling tale of idealism and betrayal in a country crushed under the weight of its rulers' corruption. It is the second book in the Greatcoat's series that began with Traitor's Blade.

A failed mage turned outlaw must use guile and a handful of spells to challenge a dangerous rival in the second book of an exciting adventure fantasy series from Sebastien de Castell. With a death sentence hanging over his head, Kellen is forced to abandon his clan and his home. Living as an outlaw, he relies on his wits and allies, the mysterious wanderer Ferius and thieving squirrel cat Reiches, to survive the unforgiving borderlands. Then he meets Seneira, a young woman cursed with a deadly plague by a ruthless mage. Similarly afflicted Kellen is compelled to help, and it's not long before he's entangled in a conspiracy of magic, blackmail and murder. Loyalties are tested as Kellen races to find the mage responsible before he can claim any more victims The second novel in a compelling six-book series, bursting with tricks, humor, and a whole new way to look at magic. Spellslinger SeriesSpellslingerShadowblackCharmcaster For more from Sebastien de Castell, check out: The Greatcoats QuartetTraitor's BladeSaint's BloodKnight's ShadowTyrant's Throne

A failed mage learns that just because he's not the chosen one it doesn't mean he can't be a hero in final book of the Spellslinger series. Once an outlaw spellslinger, Kellen Argos has made a life for himself as the Daroman Queen's protector. A little magic and a handful of tricks are all it takes to deal with the constant threats to her reign. But when rumors of an empire-shattering war begin to stir, Kellen is asked to commit an unimaginable act to protect his queen. Inside enemy territory, he quickly realizes something is amiss. Someone is playing a dangerous game. And to discover their secrets, Kellen will have to challenge the greatest spellcaster who's ever lived. Kellen's misadventures concludes in Crownbreaker, the riveting finale to the adventure fantasy series that began with Spellslinger. Spellslinger SeriesSpellslingerShadowblackCharmcasterSoulbinderQueenslayerCrownbreaker For more from Sebastien de Castell, check out: The Greatcoats QuartetTraitor's BladeSaint's BloodKnight's ShadowTyrant's Throne

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'A brilliant epic fantasy debut from a master storyteller' Sebastien de Castell, author of the Greatcoat series including The Traitor's Blade 'Wonderful characters and great world-building, in Humphreys' special brand of addictive storytelling' Diana Gabaldon, author of the Outlander series 'An intriguing premise... an intricate, fast-paced story... Humphreys packs gods, deicide, warring tribes and some impressive world-building into just over 300 pages' Guardian Three lands, peopled by humans and immortals. In Corinthium a decadent endlessly-lived elite run the world for profit and power. But when a poor, honest soldier dies, and is reborn, everything changes. In wintry Midgarth, where immortals are revered as deities, one of them has realized that something - or someone - is killing the gods. And in Ometepe there is only one immortal, for he has murdered every other. Until one woman gives birth to a very special baby. Yet there is a fourth, hidden land, where savage tribes have united under the prophecy of 'the One': a child who is neither boy nor girl. Now they plan to conquer the world. Unless a broken soldier, a desperate mother and a crippled god can stop them . . .

Would you - could you? - uphold the law at the cost of those you love? Falcio val Mond, First Cantor of the Greatcoats, is on the brink of fulfilling his dead King's dream: Aline is about to take the throne and restore the rule of law once and for all. But for the Greatcoats, nothing is ever that simple. In neighbouring Avars, an enigmatic new warlord is uniting the barbarian armies and even worse, he is rumoured to have a new ally: Falcio's old nemesis Trin. With the armies of Avars at her back, she'll be unstoppable. Falcio, Kest and Brasti go racing north to stop her, but in those cold, treacherous climes they discover something altogether different - and far more dangerous: a new player plans to take the throne of Tristia, and the Greatcoats, for all their determination and skill, may not be able to stop him.

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