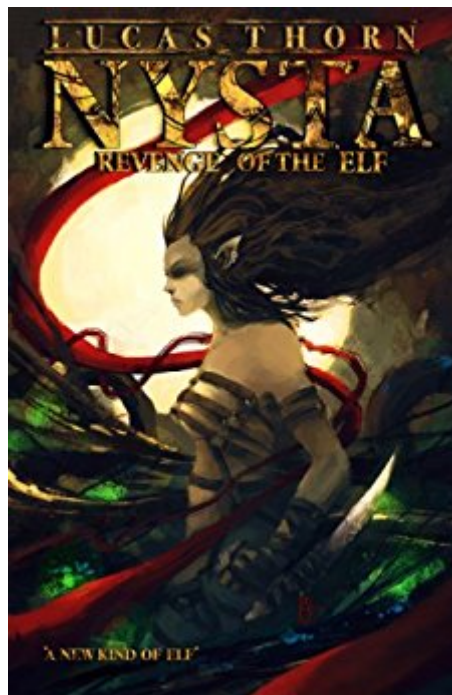


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Revenge Of The Elf (Nysta Book 1)



Synopsis

First in an ongoing Heroic Fantasy series, 'Revenge of the Elf' promises unrelenting action, oddball mages, and a foul-mouthed wisecracking heroine tougher than a hardboiled egg. Following in the footsteps of Conan, Drizzt, the Gray Mouser, Elric, Druss, and many more heroes of Sword and Sorcery, the elf called Nysta will carve her own epic path. And that path will be bloody.---"So, I'd like to make a truce. You don't try opening my veins, and I won't melt your face off. The thing is, I want to sleep easy for one night without having to keep hold of my magic just in case. And I'm sure you don't need any more practice after what you did to those two out there. So, what do you say, Long-ear? Think we can agree to be polite?" "Sure, Chukshene," the elf said, sheathing the blade and plunging the wagon's interior into darkness. "I reckon we can mind our manas for a bit."---Nysta is a new kind of elf. When nine killers rode out of the homestead with blood fresh on their hands, they reckoned that would be the end of it. The lost spellslinger was looking for a way out. He figured Nysta could lead him to the safety of a town called Spikewrist. And then there was the tragic creature born in the darkest shadows of legend. He reckoned she would fight the greatest fight of all. But none of them counted on the violence she would unleash. Because in the Deadlands there is no forgiveness. No mercy. Winter in the Deadlands could be cold. But the revenge of an elf would be colder.

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Customer Reviews

Nysta, is a nasty temperamental foul mouthed female Elf with sharp swords and sharper knives and the sharpest of wits. She seeks vengeance, retribution and a bath in the blood of those that killed her husband. This a one hell of a foul mouthed ride up one side of a dead Gods grave and down the other. I loved it. Oh, the nasty but scared Warlock is a bit of a whiny bastard, but has his uses.

Lucas Thorn quelled my prejudice of indies! There's a lot of cursing, violence, and badassery in this book. It's not the kind of book that you think is 'okay'. Some will hate it, while others will love it. I'm of the latter. Thorn's exclusion of pronouns in some sentences does take a little getting used to, but when I became accustomed to it, I realised how effective it was in creating a visceral and fast-paced style. The interplay between the two main characters, Nysta and Chukshene, is funny and entertaining. Nysta is an elf warrior who doesn't like mages, and Chukshene is an incompetent mage. While this may seem stereotypical, it's part of the appeal. This book doesn't masquerade as groundbreaking or 'high-brow'. It's pulpy goodness that will rot your teeth. But I'm a grownup, so I can choose what I want to eat, and what I want to read, and I'll read pulp!

The book was a good intro into the series. However, I'm caught between two ideas. One idea is that I love when the characters speak like normal folks. The other idea is that I have a hard time getting around the fantasy use of modern curse words. I don't mind them, I just don't know if I like it in this genre. I'm still undecided on that issue. But overall, there is a good bit of setting the scene going on, and a few combat situations. Hopefully, the other books (which I will be reading) will have more. The book is not bad, so go ahead and check it out for yourself.

If Quentin Tarantino ever pulled himself away from making bloody brutal and darkly comedic movies and decided to make a little something within the D&D or Warcraft universe, the end result would be something like Revenge of the Elf (Nysta). Not only is the main hero a foul-mouthed and impossibly efficient killer, but the world which she inhabits is full of no-nonsense characters who drop f-bombs on a regular basis. If you can mind the fact that this four-letter word pops up as regularly as moles

from their holes, then you can enjoy a sharply-written tale of vengeance, tense drama, and unflinchingly bloody action. It first reads like a straight-up revenge story ala "Kill Bill," but the surprising ending is something hardcore fans of fantasy can sink their teeth into.

I do not write well and very rarely leave a review, but i do READ good books. I loved this book from the very first chapter and finished it in one sitting. Then immediately bought the next 2 in series and read those. This is a very different kind of Elf. Think female "Dirty Harry" with pointy ears. I loved it. Can't wait for the next in the series.

Good concept, for how often do you find such a violent and bad assed elf in a fantasy story. Most elves are shrouded in mystery and are enigma's. Not Nysta. She is open and upfront about who she is. An abused woman who finds love. Then it is all taken away from here. Yes, this is a tale of vengeance and woe. It is dark and has swear words in it. It works. But, I do agree with an earlier reviewer that it does kinda fall flat at the end. I do kinda understand the inclusion of the mage as her sidekick, but he is still an enigma to me. There has to be some underlying meaning to why she allows him to live and adventure with her. I do hope that is answered in the next book. For right now, it doesn't make much sense why he is her traveling companion. Other than that, it is a good read, and I will be reading further adventures of Nysta...

Very good. No punches pulled when it came to language. Id curse a lot too if i were in nysta or chucks shoes.

I've read all three books so far. I gave this first one four stars because I didn't love the book or the style of writing at first. But I certainly liked the story line enough to be excited to read the rest and the rest I will give 5 stars because I really love the story and the characters and his style of writing continues to reel me in. There is a LOT of foul language and it bothered me in the first book but now I guess I'm used to it or it just fits the story, not sure but it doesn't bother me. Even the ridiculous "jokes/puns" that the author throws in just make me smile and roll my eyes but don't deter me from enjoying the story :) If you like stories about mythical creatures and worlds that aren't real, you might like this story and I would recommend it. I'm eager to continue reading Nysta's story and can't wait until the next book is released.

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