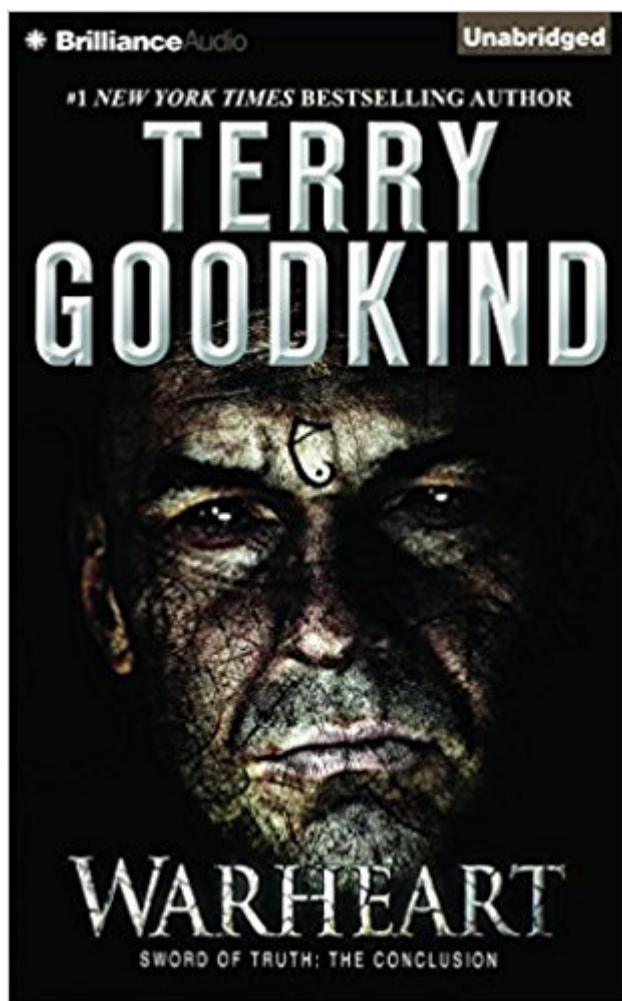


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Synopsis

The finale to the story begun in *The Omen Machine*, *The Third Kingdom*, and *Severed Souls* All is lost. Evil will soon consume the D'Haran Empire. Richard Rahl lies on his funeral bier. It is the end of everything. Except what isn't lost is Kahlan Amnell. Following an inner prompting beyond all reason, the last Confessor will wager everything on a final desperate gambit, and in so doing, she will change the world forever.

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Customer Reviews

Terry Goodkind is the author of the worldwide bestsellers making up the *Sword of Truth*, and the #1 New York Times bestseller *The Omen Machine*. He lives in Henderson, Nevada.

The early parts of the book were stunning. There were parts (first third of the book) that had me in tears, that were so intense and focused that I was completely immersed in what was happening. There were also parts that read like they were either ghost written or like the author took a long break from writing, and when he returned to the book he was not focused on what he was writing. The last third of the book was not what I expected, and I felt that it was a poor summation of a truly world class series of books. I do not recommend this book for any other than dedicated fans of the series. It does not stand alone well, but for fans it is a necessary book to provide at least some closure or wrap up. I do thank Mr. Terry Goodkind for the many days of enjoyment and complete immersion within the Richard and Kahlan storyline. The series itself is highly, strongly and enthusiastically

recommended for any reader. I do have one request of the author. Though... if he could write just a tad 'grittier' or more realistic, it would have more impact. The books seemed to be intentionally written as though the target audience was a teenager; like the dialogue and plot was 'cleaned up' before being published. I feel that this somewhat limited the storyline, and in retrospect, lessened the overall punch of the books, this one especially. This book is OK, but not what a dedicated reader would expect.

Just finished reading "Warheart" by Terry Goodkind, released by TOR Books. Spoilers Ahead!: Concluding the adventures beloved fantasy heroes and heroines is never an easy task for any writer; and from the beginning dedication to all the faithful readers and devoted fans of "The Sword Of Truth" series, Terry Goodkind clearly let's us know that this is the final adventure for Richard and Kahlan. Goodkind set some high bars for himself to jump over at the concluding pages of "Severed Souls." Richard was able to save Kahlan; but only at the cost of his own life. Now as Kahlan readies to consign Richard's body over to the funeral pyre, she sees in the unexpected arrival of an harbinger of the Witch Red, that Richard can be returned to life - if they are willing to set aside their fears of the witch. Without giving too much away, Richard comes back from the veil and returns to the land of the living, but a price is paid for his return and the clock is winding down for everyone in the world unless Richard can defeat Hannis Arc and Sulachan and find a way to end prophecy. No easy tasks. "Warheart" does not have the epic feel of the earlier books in "The Sword Of Truth" series. And I have a feeling I'm going to get in trouble for this observation - "Warheart" reminded me of some of the later books I read in the Shanara series by Terry Brooks - good, but not as good as the originals. "Warheart" does bring "The Sword Of Truth" series to grande, but not especially grande conclusion - Goodkind did leave himself some wiggle room in case the lure to tell more stories set in "The Sword Of Truth" universe prevails upon him. Recommended. Four Stars.

A satisfying end to the series. Again. Severed Souls left me with my jaw on the floor. I couldn't believe what happened. This one finally gave me the resolution I was dying for. It wrapped up nicely, taking into account everything from the very beginning of Wizard's First Rule. It was very similar to Confessor - a total wrap up which left me with tears in my eyes and warmth in my heart. Though nothing could beat the original series, I didn't mind repeating the experience. If you enjoy Terry's books and have been following Richard and Kahlan's story you won't be disappointed.

This is a very good way to end a long and most excellent set of books! I have enjoyed the story,

journey and characters immensely. My favorite characters have been the females; Kahlan and Nicci foremost amongst them (nothing will ever compare with the imagery of Kahlan naked, painted in white, on horseback riding down her target the evil wizard of the Imperial Order - what a vision, simply magnificent!). I am truly happy all of the series' characters have found their measure of peace and justice, thank you very much! Goodkind is an excellent writer and I look forward to more work from him. Don't make us wait too long!

I won't give a detailed review because I feel that you should read these books and form your own opinion. Having said that, I think the entire series is a great adventure. The only disappointment I have is that I wish there was more to read. I enjoyed the roller coaster ride, but I wanted to see Richard and Kahlan during peaceful times as well. We get to see a lot of nonstop thrilling events but we rarely get to see them having normal days with the other supporting characters. Some of the best story telling in my opinion is when characters in the books are shown other options instead of the path they are currently on. Aside from that, I really liked seeing how the Mord-Sith acted and reacted to Richard I, wish I could see more of that.

He was kind of lazy on his final books. Omen Machine was garbage. The rest were better, but Last Confessor and all the ones prior to Confessor were on a different level in ways Goodkind and his often over bloated descriptions can't describe. As for Warheart, he really kind of glossed over areas that really had the potential to be great. Then, he spent entire chapters, describing how a tree might have looked when walking through the woods. I really wanted more, but my life is better having known Richard and Kahlan, so I'll stick with a 4.

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