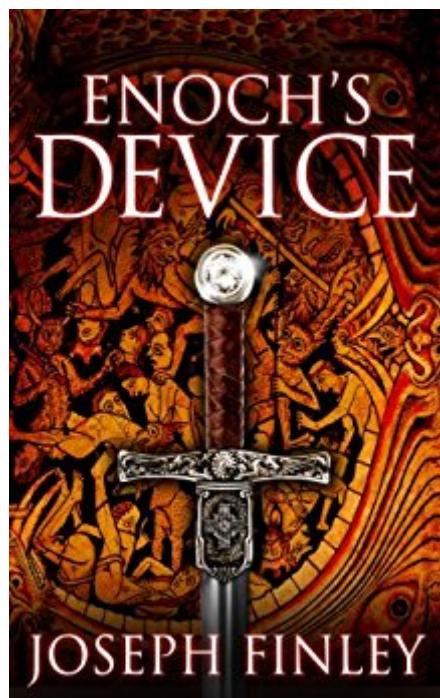


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Synopsis

A gripping historical fantasy steeped in mysteries from a dark and magical past . . . AD 998. When Brother Ciarán, a resourceful Irish monk, discovers a forbidden tome and a mystery about a lost book of scripture, he finds himself plunged into a secret war as old as the origin of evil itself. Pursued by a heretic-hunting bishop, Ciarán and his freethinking mentor flee to France in search of the scripture. The lost book of the Bible warns of the Nephilim, the descendants of fallen angels who seek to bring about the events foretold in the book of Revelation. Yet the book also speaks of Enoch's device, a cryptic weapon with the power to defeat them. Along with a beautiful noblewoman who holds a key to the mystery, Ciarán and his mentor must race across Europe to find the device, which has left clues of its passage through history: from the time of Solomon to the reign of King Arthur and the paladins of Charlemagne. But time is running out, and if they don't find the device soon, all that they love could perish with the End of Days.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed this work with its historical facts mixed with fantasy. Some parts sounded familiar, however I enjoyed it more as a fantasy. My attention was caught I didn't want to put it down.

Good writing, excellent fusion of history and fantasy. Good pacing and action. Really enjoyed this book! Looking forward to the next one.

This book has one of the most original and refreshing plots I have experienced in some time. I rarely write book reviews on - not a lot of time. This called for it. I want to read more from this author who clearly has a love for history, myths and legends and a genius for creating connections with all of the latter to formulate an interesting and suspenseful story. I loved the characters and I had no problems picturing them and at many points felt that this work if translated to a script would make a fabulous, wildly successful film. Yes there is a fantasy element in it and that combined with historical facts, the writer's gift for imagination, makes this a book that ought to be winning some awards.

Joseph Finley is a talented author, capable of blending history and fantasy with a deftness that few possess. Enoch's Device takes place during one of Ireland's darkest times. The story follows a young monk whose curiosity catapults him into a wild adventure that is absolutely riveting . Finley weaves mystery, adventure, soul-withering violence and laugh-out-loud humor into a fine historical tapestry. If you love good storytelling, you should read this. If you love historical fantasy, you should read this. And if you love dinosaur erotica...well....you might want to give this one a miss.

For his first novel, Finley certainly delivered a fun one! Enoch's Device is loaded with non-stop action dipped in a dazzling blend of history, magic, and mythology. And Finley no doubt did his homework, as readers are rewarded with an impressive and rich display of symbolism and mythology. Finley's characters are compelling and real, and the intense action comes raging to life with stunning detail that keeps the reader begging for more. Just look at the book's cover! It captures the spectacular level of description and detail that the reader will find inside. Well done!

Looking forward to the next segment of this story. While this is not my preferred genre of literature, it held up well and I found myself putting off other activities to spend more time in this book. I can't really recall the presence of technical or grammatical errors either. Nice to find that.

I was apprehensive when I purchased this, I am not interested in a religious indoctrination. Enoch's Device was fast paced with historical and fictional, often times mythical, elements. I was pleased that the story incorporated more than a narrow doctrinal view, instead encompassing myths, legends, and records from faiths other than Christianity. As the story developed, I found myself drawn to the descriptions of historical places and events, Finley really brought them alive for me and I felt like I was there watching history. A good book, strongly recommend.

Finley's debut novel is simply incredible. I'm not a typical reader of historical fantasy, but this story was fantastic. I've never read a novel that paid attention to detail like Enoch's Device. Finley obviously researched the 10th century thoroughly, and his research paid off. The combination of detail with wonderfully developed characters gave Enoch's Device credibility. The reader believes the characters. The reader understands the characters. And there was action. Lots of action. From bloody sword fights to supernatural acts, Enoch's Device kept me riveted. The subtle romantic storyline made the characters real. Finley has a bright future. This is a must read.

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