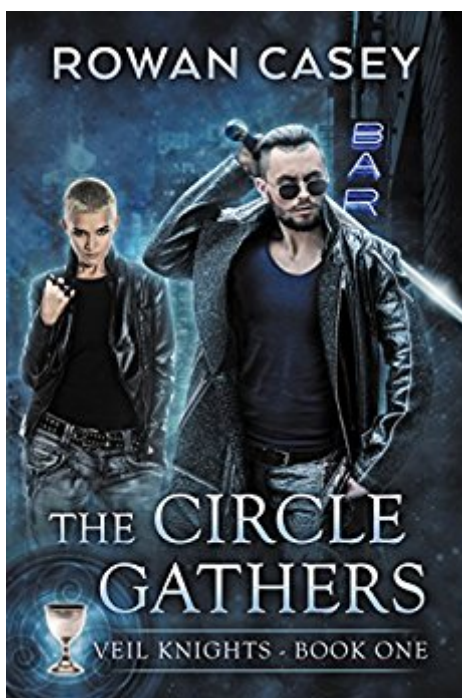


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The Circle Gathers (Veil Knights Book 1)



Synopsis

Not all legends are make-believe. Three years ago, Jessie “the Berserker” Noble was at the top of the MMA fight game, a world-title contender with a brilliant future ahead of her. Then the visions started and her world came crashing down. Hard. Now Jessie is a shadow of her former self, taking no-holds barred fights in the underground circuit to earn just enough to buy the drugs she needs to keep the horrible things she sees at bay. When a man named Dante Grimm tells her she is the modern incarnation of a champion of old and that she and her soon-to-be companions are desperately needed to hold back the darkness to come, Jessie thinks he is as insane as she is. But Grimm is far from crazy. There is a battle coming the likes of which the world hasn’t seen in centuries, a battle against a foe straight out of their worst nightmares. And for them to succeed, Jessie going to have to dive deep into the heart of the very thing she’s been running from all this time - her visions. Arthurian myth meets urban fantasy in this new series from Rowan Casey!

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Customer Reviews

The this book was announced I thought I'd read a chapter or two before work. This was so exciting and intriguing that before I knew it I was nearly late to work! The characters were developed so fast that I had to keep reading to see how things turned out. So excited for the next book!

an unlikely hero is found in this book, Jessie was almost at the top of the mma, until she started to get "visions" now at rock bottom she claws her way again. this is an interesting take on good/evil fight or monsters and demons. I liked that Jessie was down to earth and has problems (dont we all) interesting read read it in a morning

There is a lot to like in this book. First off, the concept of "the old Arthurian guard returns", while not entirely new, seems fresh. Also, the story does not start out trying to force the reader to buy into that concept. It chooses, instead, to start off focused on a good, strong character, Jessie Noble, and to bring the reader into the fold along with her as she develops throughout that story. The story that The Circle Gathers tells is VERY engaging and very cinematic, one that will have you eager to read the next chapter.... which brings me to my only real complaint. At only 145 pages long I was certainly not read for this story to be over but since the second part is already available (The Hound of Night) and since the authors plan on a monthly release, I am definitely on board for the ride. As a fan of many of the authors who are a part of this project as well as a long time fan of fantasy, both urban and high, as well as the Arthurian mythos in particular, this book almost seemed like a no-brainer to me and I am sure glad that I went with that instinct. This is an incredibly fun read.

This is a didn't want to put down story. Action packed with shady characters and likeable characters. A female kickboxer with a 9 to 0 record and a mage that may have ties to merlin. I am looking forward to their next adventure.

In the second book of the Veil Knights series we are introduced to John Seton, Scottish ex-pat and small time grifter. John is in L.A. escaping from his life in Scotland when he learns that he may, in fact, be a veil knight. Coming from a long slightly magical family line and in possession of a decidedly magical family heirloom, it doesn't take John long to get on board with the idea that he may be the modern day incarnation of a knight and get on with his quest to find his piece of the magical talisman that will keep the denizens behind the veil from invading the earth. John's piece of the talisman is a leather leash or harness which, conveniently, is somewhere in the greater L.A.

area. John's mysterious magical heirloom, a mirror containing an entity he calls Face, soon leads him to discover a long lost cousin with his own magic mirror, who is summarily executed by an invisible hound and his mirror taken. John tracks the hound and the leash to a man called The Collector far out in the Los Angeles hills. John unexpectedly finds information relating directly to his family history when he infiltrates the Collector's house in search of information regarding his quest. He also discovers that his piece of the talisman is what is controlling the spectral hound which killed his cousin. However, John and his comrades at the Scottish ex-pat bar he calls home are almost no match for the hound who chases John from the Collector's property. After a bloody struggle John obtains the leash only to immediately lose it to the mysterious Face in the mirror. In order to avenge his cousin and obtain his piece of the talisman John has to traverse across the veil and face what his ancestors helped to imprison many centuries before. The series continues to be intriguing. I thought it was odd, however, after all of the knights are introduced to each other in book one that they do not interact at all in book two. I'll have to wait around to see what happens in the later editions.

I wasn't sure what to expect from this book, having read about it in an author's newsletter. It was only \$0.99 when initially released, so I figured what did I have to lose? Had I known the fun that awaited me, I would have begun reading the book straightaway. It's got a breakneck pace, nail-biting action, compelling characters, and left me making delighted noises of frustration when I realized I'd finished it. Thankfully, I already own the second book in this series, which I've happily pushed to the #1 spot on my next-to-read list. If you're looking for deep literature, this probably isn't going to satisfy you. That's no criticism; I'm pretty sure that wasn't the intent. But if you want a quickie that will leave you breathless and wanting more, I wholeheartedly recommend this book. Download, and enjoy!

I think this author did a great job with this book. I enjoyed the storyline and the characters. Looking forward to the next book.

A fast and gripping read! Let's face it, Arthurian remakes abound so I admit to being sceptical as I picked this up. I was pleasantly surprised with the character development, and the fact that whilst the original Knight was a male, in this incarnation she was a woman with flaws and troubles of her own fascinated me. The end came too soon, and I can't wait for the next instalment of this tale!

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