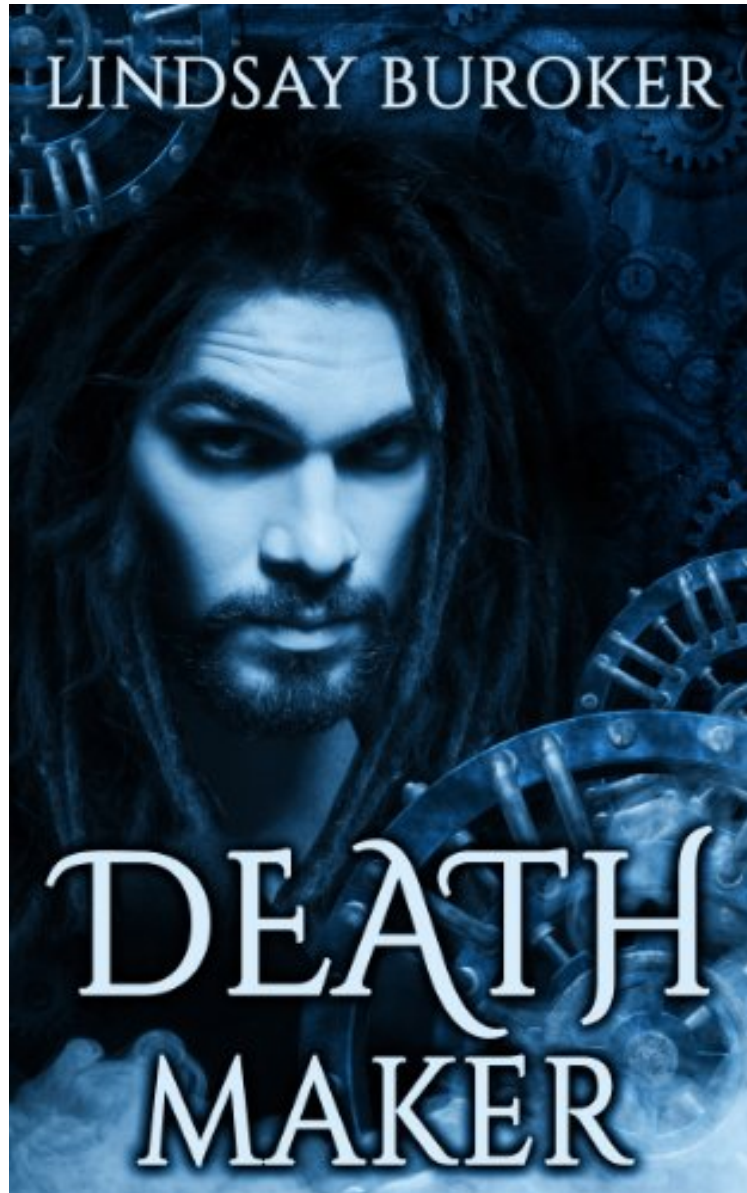


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Von Lindsay Buroker : Deathmaker (Dragon Blood Book 2) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Deathmaker (Dragon Blood Book 2) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another gripping adventure in the steampunkish fantasy worldVon MinaSynopsisAfter having been captured by her people's mortal enemy, Lieutenant Caslin Ahn is prepared to experience the worst in the Cofah empire's dungeons. But she did

not anticipate that they'd imprison her in one cell with the infamous crazy scientist/pirate "Deathmaker", who isn't only her colonel's sworn enemy, but who is responsible for the incredible suffering and killing of so many of her people. So she is prepared for the worst to happen now - but not for a pirate bent on escaping the dungeons and taking her with him. But the Deathmaker is not all the legends made him be and on their flight from their Cofah captors, they both have to rethink what they allegedly knew about the other. But when the pirates Deathmaker belongs to, plan to attack the capital of Cas' homecountry of Iskandia, she has to decide how far their newfound partnership can go and what to sacrifice for the survival of her people.

Review This being the second book of the "Dragon Blood" series, my problems with the not so complete world-building in "Balanced on the Blade's Edge" have evaporated: with Cas' captivity, the reader gets a better look at the people of Cofah and with the pirates Cas inadvertently encounters, another layer is added to the world in which the Cofah empire seeks to get back the continent of Iskandia, which they once invaded and ruled, but lost to its natives some hundreds of years ago. I like the concept of "the empire" fighting against the so-called rebels who only want to govern themselves. It's a bit "Star Wars" like. Although here, the smaller country of Iskandia has the technological advantage, using machines of the magical, yet steampunk-tech variety. If you have read "Blade's Edge", you know that the secret in the ultimate victory probably lies in the return of magic and its users, but sadly out of prejudice and fear, Iskandia got as rid of them, as did the Cofah empire and Sardelle and her soulblade are the last ones able to wield magic in a significant way.

I liked that although most part of the story revolves around Cas and Deathmaker and is told from their respective POVs, we meet Sardelle, Jaxi and Ridge again and all of them converging in some huge showdown, that had a lot of "Die hard" suspense and action elements. Cas and Tolemek, the Deathmaker, are pretty awesome characters as well, so I was totally pulled in their part of the story. Especially Cas who reminded me a bit of Kate Daniels without the magical blood, but with the awkward upbringing in preparation of being a killer. But this is where the resemblance ends, because Cas is just too "normal" in her behavior for someone with her upbringing. She has her abilities and uses them just fine, but other than Kate, who knows she is a killer with psychopathic tendencies [and I like her for it, what does that say about me?], Cas is... undisturbed. That just didn't fit. The uncovering of the "real" Deathmaker, or the man under the pirate's mask, was more genuine: he felt more consistent and I believed his character more. And as with book one, I'm just not buying the building of relationships in that short a time. No matter how much they experience together, I don't buy the "bonding". But again, all very minor complaints aside, I like the "Dragon Blood" series very much, it's pretty cool steampunk/high-fantasy and maybe, I have just raised the bar for Lindsay Buroker, because she became one of my all-time-hero-authors with the "Emperor's Edge" series and set an incredible example. So to conclude this: the book is even better than the first installment and I'm happily on board when the now-assembled character cast continues its adventures.

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fun romp with pirates, airships and adventure Von Andy W Couch This is a follow-on book to Balanced on the Blade's Edge ,but not necessarily a sequel. This is a new set of main characters, although the mains from Blade's Edge do show up. This book shows a much wider vision fo the world that Buroker has created and a better look at the tensions in that world. The book is a great adventure. There is plenty of action, fun gadgets flung about and a fair amount of intrigue and twists. It really is a fun read. The bulk of the book takes place amongst airship pirates with the main character being a sharpshooting female fighter pilot and a softhearted mad scientist. The technology level of the world is more toward the early 1900's with biplane like fliers as well as the airship. It has more of that feel than a more classic Victorian era Steampunk, almost reaching into pulp action tales. Looking forward to more from this world and more of this type of story overall from the writing community at large. I received a copy for an honest review.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 4,5 stars for another great book in this steampunk series Von Claudia Lindsay Buroker delivers again an engaging story in an interesting world. the characters were perfectly done as always and the storyline was more than fascinating. the saying, the enemy of my enemy is my friend is very true for this book and it takes it a little further. Cas Ahn is a warrior through and through but also smart, witty, loyal She also makes her mistakes along the way but never gives up no matter the odds against her, which makes her even more amazing as a character. Tolemek is a genius and most definitely a survivor - he is used to treachery all around him, and he is an enigma. we learn a lot about him along the way, but I am sure there are even more secrets to learn Lindsay Buroker gives us with these two characters not only fabulous leads but also a sizzling romantic tension, a lot of action and great storyline. I absolutely loved Cas and Tolemek and was really glad to see Ridge and Sardelle again! Can't wait to read the next book

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Iskandian pilots. It was Ahn's commander, Colonel Zirkander, who ruined his military career, forcing him to leave his country in shame and join a pirate organization. Years later, he uses his dreadful reputation like a shield to keep people away; all he wants is to be left alone to work in his laboratory. But when fate lands him in a cell with Zirkander's protg, he sees a chance for revenge. Why kill the lieutenant when he can use her to get to his old nemesis? There's just one problem: it's hard to plot against your enemies when you're in prison with them. Cas and Tolemek will have to work together if they hope to escape the Cofah dungeon. In the process, they may find that neither is what the other expects, and that they have far greater problems to worry about than ensnaring each other...Deathmaker is a full-length 85,000-word novel. It is set after the events in *Balanced on the Blades Edge*, but it can be enjoyed even if you haven't read the first book.

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