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Book Of Souls: A Prof Croft Prequel



Synopsis

How did Everson Croft discover his powers? Let's go back to the night I turned thirteen, the night Grandpa filleted my finger with his cane sword. I can't say what terrified me more, the cold anger in his eyes or the crazy things in his locked study. A talking trunk. Squirming coats. A bookshelf whose titles shifted before my eyes. And one chilling title in particular: Book of Souls. Ten years later and I'm en route to a Romanian monastery, in search of that lost book. But I'm not the only one. Three others have beaten me to the local village: two researchers and... Well, I'm not sure who Flor is, other than Spanish, secretive, and sexier than a summer dress. Can I trust her or any of them? I don't know, but we've got werewolves on our scent, not to mention an ancient curse hanging over the remote ruins. Getting there and back is going to require serious cooperation. Or serious magic. Book of Souls is a short prequel that can be read before or after Demon Moon (Prof Croft, Book 1)

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Customer Reviews

To begin with, I received this as a free advanced copy in exchange for an honest review. And now for my spoiler-free, ¢ review! This short story gives a quick glimpse into the past of the main character

in Brad Magnarella's new series, Professor Croft. It's an interesting book that develops more fully the details surrounding Professor Crofts history that were touched upon in the first book. As always, the characters were interesting, well fleshed out for a short story, and you can't be sure who's doing what and who's on who's side until you finish the story. The only downside to this one is that it *is* a short story, and only makes you want to read more in the professor croft universe, and ends in a spot where you have some new backstory you want filled! Personally, I would definitely read it as 1.5 and not 0.5 though, although it's written such that it doesn't require you to have read the first book before you read it.

Don't make any plans once you start this Prof Croft adventure. You will want to finish what you started. I received an advance reader copy in return for an honest review. So the first question is, "would you be willing to pay money for it?" Heck yeah! This is a short adventure but it provides some great back story into Everson Croft. If Demon Moon is book one of the professor then I would call this Book .5. Exciting from the very start, it left me eagerly anticipating the next installment. Oh, and trust no one!!

"Book of Souls" is a novella providing background on Everson Croft, the main character of the Prof Croft series. Being shorter, there is less...plot "depth", I suppose, since there is less time to weave in lots of different threads to increase the tension and suspense like in "Demon Moon". That being said, there is still intrigue as well as plot twists, and the book is as well written as Brad Magnarella's works always are, so it is still a very enjoyable read and a good adventure - it just didn't suck me into "Oh my gosh, I can't stop reading this and go to bed" mode quite like the first book did. :-)

Twenty-three-year-old Everson doesn't know how to fight yet and is a bit naive as to the ways of the world, but as he sets out on a quest to find a book once belonging to his grandfather...the learned book-nerd gains a bit more knowledge from the School of Hard Knocks. Not everything (or everyone...) is what it seems, and Everson discovers that the "something not quite seen" that mythology speaks to really does exist. I look forward to Book 2! :-)

I received a free advanced copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I usually don't buy short ebooks. I enjoy longer fiction (Think Malazan Book of the Dead), but this was an action packed, well paced, tension building little piece. So fun to read backstory once you have something invested in the character.

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