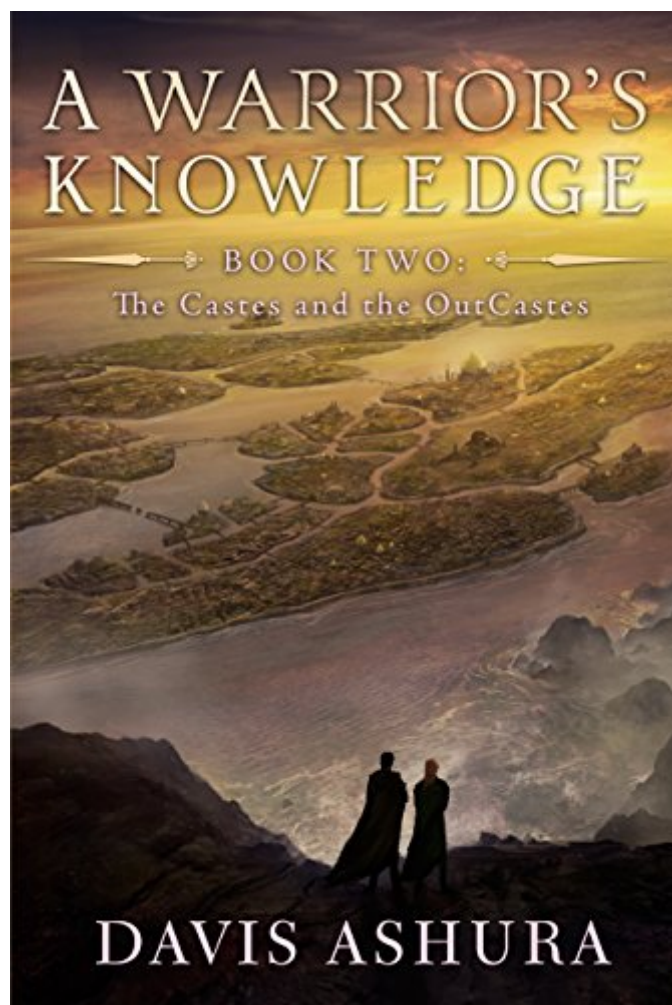


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A Warrior's Knowledge (The Castes And The OutCastes Book 2)



Synopsis

The riveting epic fantasy that readers are comparing to Brandon Sanderson's *The Stormlight Archive* and Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time* continues with *A Warrior's Knowledge*. Rukh Shektan has lost everything: his home, his standing, and his future. He must journey with Jessira to reach her mountain home, the OutCaste city of Stronghold, before winter's icy snow and winds bar all passages. Their travels test Rukh's will and hope as Chimeras hound their footsteps, but the most difficult test proves to be Stronghold itself. The city is not as Jessira described. Rector Bryce and Mira Terrell form a reluctant alliance. A secret from his family's past threatens Rector, forcing him to do the bidding of Dar-el Shektan, the ruling el whom Rector had betrayed. Rector and Mira must seek the means to bring down House Shektan's most bitter rival, Hal-el Wrestiva, the man responsible for Rukh's banishment. Meanwhile, Bree and Jaresh continue their search for the Sil Lor Kum. Their hunt brings them closer to the truth. Danger lurks, and the Withering Knife murders continue. And unbeknownst to them, Hal-el Wrestiva, the SuDin of the Sil Lor Kum, furthers his own intentions. Above the clouds, watching the world is Suwraith. Her clouded mind is clear for the first time in millennia, and She makes Her own plans. The Sorrow Bringer has learned of Stronghold's existence. The Castes and the OutCastes (also available in an omnibus edition): *A Warrior's Path*, *A Warrior's Knowledge*, *A Warrior's Penance*

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Customer Reviews

A Warrior's Knowledge, the second book of The Castes & the OutCastes by Davis Ashura, is a worthy follow-up to that unique original. It has all of the things I enjoyed most about A Warrior's Path: well-developed characters with depth and consistency, lavish descriptions of a truly unique new fantasy world (Arisa), action, discovery, and a well-developed magic system that doesn't overwhelm the story. This is not a stand-alone novel; it picks up where the first left off, and sets the stage for the third and final book; it even has references to the short-story collection Tales of Arisa as Easter eggs for fans of this author. This book didn't have as many plot twists as the first book, but there were some satisfying and some tantalizing revelations, and the story advanced at a good pace. I eagerly await the final volume, and I highly recommend this book along with the first in the series.

I really liked that at the start of the book we had a nice recap of everything that has happened previously. It was a great refresher, (and covered things I'd forgotten!) which meant I could jump right in without rereading A Warrior's Path. If you haven't read it at all I would really recommend that you do. I would say this book is slower paced than the previous one, however the only place that it really bothered me was with Jessira and Rukh's relationship. The development with the Chimeras and all the politics in Ashoka were great. I would have liked some fanfare when Jaresh left for his Trial and for the end of the book to be a little more detailed and -just- that much longer. Although the shortness/lack of details there kind of add to the idea of danger and required hast, so... This book is really easy to read and get immersed into, I tried to stay up all night. I definitely enjoyed this book, but I don't have the same feeling of "OMG I NEED the next one" that I had from the first book, despite the ending. However I do think the next book has an excellent place to start and will have all the action I could ever want. (PS. Give me more Shylows.)

Rukh's story continues with heart stopping drama, action and a bit of romance. The evil goddess, The Bringer of Sorrows, becomes a more treacherous adversary and the valiant friends must come

together to survive. An epic story that covers a wide spectrum of emotional ups and downs.

Fascinating!

Keep reading this series! This second book is layered with plot complications, mysteries to solve, and tangled relationships. Book three promises to be full of confrontations, battles, and heroics as book two has set up everything for a grand finale.

I would rate this a five but there was a lot of grammatical errors in the story and I found a bit of the interaction between Rukh and Jessira to be kind of stale and seem a bit forced other than that the story was phenomenal and thought that there was some good reations that Rukh had rather than being forgiving of every slight he had some more realistic reactions. So, it is rather hard to say what I want without giving spoilers but I say this was an excellent book that had me reading it with every waking moment till I finished and had me wanting more at the end.

A wonderful continuation of A Warrior's Path. A bit sad also, to see the loss of some of those characters we love. I am moving into book three now!

I bought book two, because I enjoyed book one. The book two synopsis does not do the book justice. This book is more than about a characters loss, but his making a new world for himself. He sets goals and overcomes obstacles, including his own pride. If you like stories of character development and achievement this is a wonderful read. The only slow parts for me were the wicked queen interludes. Maybe the author describes madness so well that I should be happy I can't relate to the character.

Even better than the first book. Most of the characters show a believable development. Stronghold isn't as nice as it was initially described. Scenes with Kesarins were fun! And it was interesting to see their point of view. And chimeras show there is hope for them. Looking forward to read the next book.

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