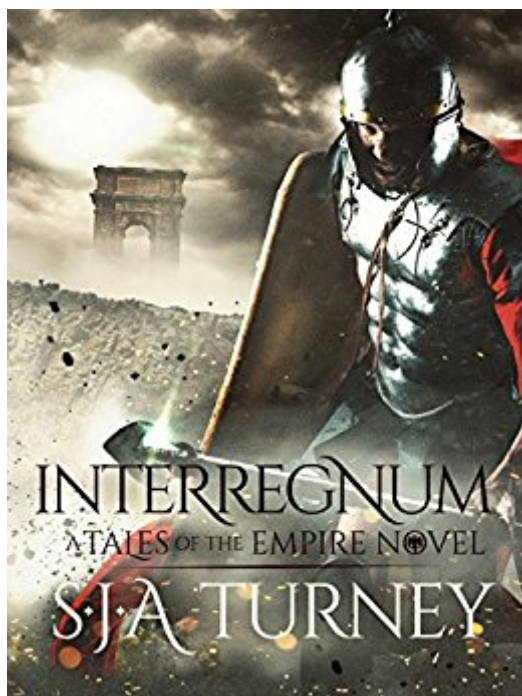


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Customer Reviews

Interregnum by SJA Turney Mr. Turney enters tentatively into the realm of Fantasy Genre with this novel and series. It is not History but a created world of fiction, Fantasy without wizards, demonic beasts or elves. Thank Goodness, I am tired of Fantastic creatures floating in and out of imaginary world toying with the machinations of man. What we get is intrigue the struggle of Good, Evil and Sanity and Madness. Great honor and deceit battle for control of the world. It is a stronger story line in many ways because it is based on truths in the hearts of man. The characters are solid and well constructed. They are the kind that would stand in a historic novel but this is not a historic world. It is a series I wish to explore more and look forward to "Ironroot" the second novel in this series. Turney shows us the real monsters are deep within us.

The author says that this is not an historical Roman legion novel but pure fiction. Indeed, that is correct but it reads much like his true historical novels such as "Marius Mules" of that time period. Pure fiction just gives him the license to allow what would be anachronisms to appear - spyglasses, stirrups on saddles, crossbows, etc. and to make up characters and cities out of whole cloth. Nevertheless, one certainly gets the feeling that one is reading about the Roman Empire and the legions. As for the story, the Empire is in ruins following the death of the last Emperor twenty years previously, leaving no heirs. The last great general of the Imperial army, Kiva, is reduced to leading a mercenary band of twelve of his finest soldiers. They will fight for any lord who wishes to expand on his lands and various vassal states in the former empire. After one battle they find a remarkable young man who is a direct bloodline to the throne. The astute reader can now assume to know how the plot will develop, but may very well be wrong. To say that the author introduces various twists in the plot would be an understatement. Rather, the reader occasionally gets a dash of cold water in the face, metaphorically speaking. This all makes for a very engrossing book.

Excellent, as I am finding all the Turney books. Thanks so much for the amazing output of inexpensive excellent stories of amazing depth and skill. I have no idea why this author is not selling these for big books and movie rights. Hard to find any better, especially if you are a fan of history. Although this one is not "real" history, it is certainly informed with an intimate knowledge of Rome and other ancient empires.

S.J.A. Turney, is a genius of a writer. My husband picked this book and read it within a few days. Me, I take longer but although I thought this book started out a bit slow, as I read along it become a book that I couldn't stop reading. Great book.

This is a historical fiction with enough research about the fall of the empire and the Roman army during those times to make this an excellent read. If you like plots, twists and turns you'll appreciate what each character brings to the table. The characters themselves are likeable and interesting and you become involved with them. Except for the one person so many people have to overcome. There is intrigue, tactical battle planning and scheming. I very much enjoyed this book as it was hard to put down. If it was true life you'd want these people for friends and that kept me reading into the wee hours of the morning. Suspenseful.

I must have read this some time ago enjoyed it. But when I read Iron Root I just had to go back now I have bought the third book and look forward to another really great read. Again you can't beat a live proof reader. The words may be spelled correctly but it's the wrong word, if it is not it and there is not their

War isn't pretty and this story is about battles and struggle but it has characters you care about. The story marches. It does not lag. There is only one female character of note. It's not really a love story. Good satisfactory plot delivers.

I enjoy reading this type of book. I also like to read not on my kindle. The price was good. I plan to read some more in the series over the summer.

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