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The Dark Tower: The Dark Tower VII



Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. The final installment in the epic series that began 33 years ago with *The Gunslinger*, completes the quest of Roland Deschain, who works to outmaneuver the increasingly desperate acts of his adversaries. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

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Customer Reviews

Marvel put this hardcover together Great! It's a nicely done dust cover that slips off to reveal a beautiful brown leather looking (not leather tho as far as I know) hard cover.5 out of 5 stars for that.The art work is great, although most sections are backgroundless, so you get a different feel for the environments that the story should be depicting, most of the backgrounds are just smokey looking and changes the whole feel for the story (as compared to Stephen Kings written story, which this volume covers Rolands Story of his past that he told his companions/ka-tet in the book *Wizzard and Glass* book 4 of the *Dark Tower* series.) so for art I would give it 4 out of 5 stars,it's amazingly done but I just don't like how it changes the environments by not having backgrounds.Now, the biggest problem with this that I found, which is the only reason I gave it 3 stars, was Robin Furth RUINS the whole story line. A lot of people say she knows more about *Dark Tower* than Stephen King himself, she wrote a great commentary for the novel series, but I wish she would of been kept off of this project for *Gunslinger Born*. She changes key parts of the story, she changes character personalities for the worst, she just over all ruins the story (which was drawn

out, and slow to start in the novel, but over all a great story in the Novel Wizzard and Glass by Stephen King) And aside from what ruinous changes Robbins Furth made to the story, Marvel cut it too short, they gave this story basically the same length as they gave the extremely short story of the battle of tull, found in the first book the Gunslinger by Stephen King. This story arc of gunslinger born deserved at least 5 volumes preferably 6 with 30-32 issues in order to fully tell the story with all its aspects of mystery suspense and it's large catalog of characters, as well as the love story aspect involved in this. Everything is rushed and massive parts of the story are skipped over. For the story I give it 2 out of 5 stars. (almost went with 1 star :-/) . But over all, I am glad I bought it, and also glad I bought the omnibus set as well as the next volume The Long Road Home, and I still plan on collecting the rest of this series. I plan to buy the rest of the volumes as well as the second Omnibus and also hope they turn the 3rd set in this series, drawing of the 3, into another omnibus. If your a collector of Stephen King, or just Dark Tower it's nice to have. So far I've only read this volume and should be getting my Omnibus and the next volume tomorrow in the mail, I'm excited for that as well as the rest of the story in the Second Omnibus and it's volumes. I hope the story's following Gunslinger Born is better than this one, and I expect they will be, because their telling smaller stories in the volumes after this one. I know Marvel did an excellent series when they did the Stand (but Robin Furth wasn't a part of that lol).

Stephen King is a favorite author of mine and this entire series showed him exploring and stretching his writing abilities as the narrative progressed. Usually I tend to think of author's in niche genres and to read these as King went about working layers into his story was an absolute pleasure. A few times I balked at choices he made to progress the story and I believe it was because his choices were original. He blended genres. His references were blatant and subtle. He wrote in a late 1900's timeline through it all. He wrote the story hand over fist and it was interesting to read his almost weary accounting in the afterwords of fans hounding him about the plot book after book. I was sucked in by King's efforts to bring us a multi-verse filled with all the adventures and all the characters he cast. Sucked in enough to buy books two at a time because I didn't want to stop reading. What he accomplished was amazing and this is a series I will definitely re-read after my siblings finish them. If you are on the fence about dropping a few bucks for these books, know that they are worth every penny.

I'm not a Stephen King fan, only because I don't like the genre. But, these books are completely different. The Dark Tower series is incredible and addictive. It is our generation's Lord of the Rings.

Book One is slow going. But, after that, the books just keep getting better. The story takes so many amazing turns. It draws the reader in and holds them. I read the entire series back-to-back. And, now that I'm done, all I can say is...Wow! I will be reading these again in a couple of years.

I really liked the story/ journey an awful lot. The characters, plot, plot twists, and even the way it melded real life, other Stephen King books/ stories and Stephen King himself. What I didn't like was the cruel ending. I didn't need a happy ending, but this ending is even worse than Roland not ever reaching the Tower. By retuning him to the point in his life that the author has with no memory of the journey, he's destined to repeat the decisions, mistakes both good and bad and so will each character he encounters/encountered. Truly cruel and without mercy. The writer could have at least retuned him to. Baby, boy, or adolescent. I don't plan on recommending the Dark Tower series. If asked, I'll say I enjoyed the journey. If asked to recommend reading it, I'll tell them you choose, and " reader" beware".

After, a year of almost non-stop reading the 7 Dark Tower books, I finished #7 yesterday. What a journey! There were tears, there was laughter, there was adventure, there was tenderness, love, heroism and villiany, and, of course, no surprise in Stephen King yarns, there were many surprises. I lived with the ka-tet. It will be hard to no longer be a part of it. Life without the pursuit of the Dark Tower? I suppose I have no choice. If you haven't read them, I envy you the adventure that awaits you. Make the commitment, dive in. You will not regret it.

A decent book to end the story arc. Better than Song of Susannah, but not as good as Wolves (or the first four books for that matter). Most likely, you will not be happy/satisfied with the original ending Sai King provided for this book. His publisher required he add a 'second ending', which King dares you to ignore. To honor the authors wishes, I have done just that, but I will go back and read that second ending the day King leaves the path and steps into the clearing.

I have just finished the entire Dark Tower series, and this last book was the best! I am already missing Roland, Eddie, Jake, Suzannah and of course, Oy. It was a great adventure and let's hope Stephen King will someday write a continuation of this great adventure!

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