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Los Caballeros de Solamnia constituyeron la Orden de Caballería más grande de la historia de Krynn. Todos los que deseaban convertirse en caballeros solámnicos debían ingresar primero como escuderos de los Caballeros de la Corona, con quienes iniciaban su formación en las bondades de la lealtad.

Ésta es la historia de sir Pirvan Wayward, cuyos inicios poco auspiciosos como Pirvan el Ladrón del Conjuro ofrecían pocas pistas sobre su potencial como Caballero de la Corona..

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Irm says

DNF.

It was okay, it wasn't necessarily bad.

Robert Kuszpa says

This is my second time reading this book as I just recently found it packed away. The first time I read it was easily 10-15 years ago, but I still found it an engaging and enjoyable read. The writing is surprisingly sophisticated for a book in this genre, but I found that it added to the experience rather than slowing down my enjoyment. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who enjoys fantasy stories.

Sunknight says

Might have been entertaining if not for the author's very annoying habit of not only turning a phrase but twisting it to the point of having to read it 2-3 times to make sure one understood what was trying to be conveyed. Also there are several instances where major plot points are explained to another character but not to the reader, including the major point of why the quest is undertaken! This author's writing style is too distracting to be enjoyable.

Gabriel Vidrine says

Either this book was badly written or badly edited. Some of the sentences made no sense whatsoever. In one instance, the author stated that a ship had no neighbors, and none of them were lit up. What? Many sentences had to be read two or three times before I gave up trying to figure out what he was saying. Other times, the way the author put things was just purely bizarre. In some cases, I guess it would be considered artistic, or poetic, but it was so out of place, it was distracting.

I didn't finish the book. A book that is titled Knights of the Crown, I expect to be about the Knights of Solamnia. They are mentioned in the book. In the first three pages, and the last three pages. Otherwise, it's a rather dull and derivative pirate and thief story. Yawn. And it seemed as though the author knew next to nothing about the world of Dragonlance.

It's unfortunate that there are three more books about this character. However, it does look as though they might actually be about the Knights, so I'll hopefully have more luck reading them than I did with this one.

Dantegideon says

Slow start but worth persevering.

Kyle K says

This is the tale of a thief named Pirvan and the deeds he accomplishes which have him elevated into the Knights of Solamnia. (Just to be clear, it doesn't seem Pirvan is the rank of the book title throughout the story, but attains it by the next book). This adventure takes place after Huma had expelled dragons from the world of Krynn, but the authors have allowed a situation in which they can still be present (this has happened in at least one other story) if there is a metallic good dragon still on Ansalon, then for balance an evil chromatic dragon will also be allowed to remain.)

So Pirvan and his compatriots undergo many tasks in order to remove a black dragon and the evil wizard that houses it.

I read for an audience and there was lots of parenthetical inner monologue by Pirvan which was very difficult for the audience to differentiate from speech, this is the first Dragonlance book where I had to stop and explain that "he was just thinking that." It really harmed the flow of the narrative and understanding of the story and have decided not to read Dragonlance to my audience until I am through with "the Pirvan Books" of which there are three more.

My last quibble with the story is the name of the hero. This book has many good, solid fantasy names, (Jemar the Fair, Eskaia and so on) but Pirvan just isn't a nice name to say. The first couple times you say it, pervert comes to mind, and that just makes it sometimes hard to cheer for him.

Philana Walker says

The Knights of Solamnia- greatest order of knights ever. This story follows the trials of one unlikely soul who might just be worthy enough to bear the honor of the order.

Kereesa says

Knights of the Crown is the story of very noble thief by the name of Pirvan who robs part of the dowry of Eskaia of House Encuintras, a path that puts him on the path to knighthood. Little does he know, however, that the dowry he believes Lady Eskaia doesn't need is actually part of the ransom money for the betrothed of her bodyguard and friend Haimya. When he tries to amend things, he finds himself hired instead to save the betrothed of the woman he is rapidly falling in love with.

When I first started to read Knights of the Crown, I wasn't very interested. The plot was a bit overdone: noble thief rising to greatness. The romance a tad obvious, not to mention the multitude of sex/sexual jokes throughout that turned me off greatly. And Pirvan's character? A 'noble' thief was not only stereotypical, but was talked about throughout the novel as absolutely amazing and a wondrous thing.

Gag

Yeah, so after suffering through that, I picked up like 3 other books and read them instead. But I still gave this book a chance, and I'm pretty glad I did.

See the book picks up once the set-up's gone, and things actually start to get really going. There's fighting, action, and lots of surprisingly decent character interaction. A few more characters also get introduced who are pretty interesting, and the author thankfully turns down the knob on the sexual jokes and focuses more on the developing romance between Pirvan and his lucky lady. The romance for the most part is pretty well done and enjoyable, except maybe for the end, and I really liked the development between the two characters.

The writing is decent enough, it's Dragonlance so I don't expect stellar results, but it gets the job done, and the story flows along nicely.

The one thing that really bugged me about this book, though, was the absence of any mention of the Knights of Solamnia. At the beginning we are told in advance that Pirvan ends up rising up from his noble thief background *more gagging* to become a great Knight of Solamnia, but throughout the book there is no mention of the order except near the very end. In all honesty, the author could've cut those parts out and the book would've made perfect sense. Probably better sense than Pirvan suddenly becoming a Knight. But the series must continue somehow I suppose.

3.5-4/5

Dirk Grobbelaar says

Before we commence, I have one question: *Why is the knight on the cover wielding a lightsaber?*

Well, of course it isn't a lightsaber. There is nary a Jedi in sight in this book. The only knights you'll find here are Solamnic knights, and not a great many of them either. I must admit, if there is one reading weakness I do possess, it is a lingering affinity for shared universe fiction. It's a guilty pleasure, but sometimes these novels are pretty entertaining. They also serve as a neat distraction between more, um, "intellectual" books.

So, this is a *Dragonlance* novel, and it is a pretty contained story; nothing as grandiose as saving the world from the marching hordes of evil or any such. It's really just the story of how one man becomes recruited into the Knights of Solamnia. That's all. Oh, and there are Sea Barbarians and Minotaurs, which is always nice. Of course there are dragons too. And an evil mage. Oh bosh, we all know what these stories are like. What I will say is this: *Knights of the Crown* is written quite well and is really not too bad at all. Except, perhaps, for one thing: the author takes the alignment rule (good / neutral / evil) very, *very* literally. The story of Sir Pirvan the Wayward is continued in *Knights of the Sword*.

The book is part of the *Dragonlance Warriors* sequence.

Steven says

I'm not a big fan of fantasy-themed stories, but I found many things to enjoy about this book. I enjoyed picking up on some literature that is a bit more advanced than I'm used to dealing with, even so I didn't have to use the dictionary often at all (unlike many recent books I've read). The characters all seemed to be very interesting and somewhat larger than life in their composure, which is something I like to see.

Although I thought the story took a while to build-up, the pay-off later on in the book was awesome and made going through some of the more drab parts worth reading through.

Brannigan says

A great story about a thief with honor getting caught up in a quest that changes his profession from a thief to

a knight.

Dave says

All in all, this is a pretty forgettable book in the Dragonlance universe. The title, Knights of the Crown, also implies to me that the book would have at least some focus on the Knights of Solamnia, of which the title refers to their lowest order. However, the book has virtually nothing to do with the knights. The ending implies that subsequent books in this series will center more around the Knights of Solamnia, but I felt that this title really set the wrong expectations.

The story itself was about Pirvan, the "honorable thief", which begins with an interesting premise, but then turns into the usual "band of unlikely adventurers" with a common goal type of story. It feels a bit too dragged out as well, which is a shame for a book that is only 300 pages. Later on in the book we have a long sequence where the party is split up into two different groups doing different things simultaneously, and Green jumps back and forth between the two literally every page. That just got to be annoying. Cutting back and forth so frequently really only works on the screen, and then only sparingly to establish dramatic effect or irony, such as that baptism scene toward the end of The Godfather. And a Godfather caliber story, this is not.

Joel Norden says

A solid read overall. Unique characters and a rather interesting plot. The only problem I honestly had with the book was the Cover which had nothing to do with the book and the name of the book which didn't make sense really since the main character was a knight until the next book. A good story about a man's journey to knighthood though.

Jim C says

This is a novel that takes place in the realm of Dragonlance. It is about a story about a honorable thief who assists on a rescue mission. I enjoyed this story and I liked the characters. I enjoyed the ending to this story alot. The problem with this book and the reason I gave it a three star rating is the author's writing style. The book is done in a style of old English. One would expect this is how actual knights talked back in the day. This way of writing was distracting and took away from my enjoyment of the book. That being said, it was a good story and I will continue with this series.

Bradley says

TSR fantasy is or was always a cut over usual fantasy fare. I enjoyed this tale and cannot wait to dig up the rest of this series.
