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**Von Erin Lindsey : The Bloodbound: A Bloodbound Novel** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bloodbound: A Bloodbound Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Romantic fantasy with a fierce heroine and the dreaded love triangle...Von MinaA lot about Alix Black, the heroine of

The Bloodbound, reminded me at times of E. Moon's Paksenarrion or one of T. Pierce's heroines. But then there were moments, she so did not. The setting is classical fantasy, but with interesting twists, for example a form of gender equality not common in a romantic high-fantasy: women are fighters alongside the men and are put to work where they are best and not where they are safest. And although marriage is fraught with politics insofar that high ranking houses in the rather feudal realm mostly inter-marry and lower houses try to gain an advantage at court by marrying up and so on, there is a freeing view on s\*\* before marriage. And that goes for men and women. So, that was pretty refreshing. And Alix Black is a noble woman from a high ranking house, getting into the king's service kind of by accident: she saves his life in a battle where the king is betrayed by his own brother and ends up being his bodyguard. She fills that role wonderfully: starting out awkward in the beginning, because of her age and her self-doubts, she rapidly grows into the job and I liked watching her do what is needed. Those were the moments, she reminded me of the heroine Paksenarrion. And it could have gone on like that, but if you've read The Deed of Paksenarrion, you know it's not a romance, no, none to be found at all. Only the epic journey of a young woman becoming a genuine heroine. Alix is on that journey a lot of times, and those were good moments in the book, were it battles, personal growth or Alix and the king strategizing. But then there was the romance part and don't get me wrong, I like romance and believable love and stuff. And I detest love-triangles and sadly, this took a lot of page time here. And although it was sufferable because of its final solution, there were a lot of things [besides the fact that I really can't read any more love triangle stuff] that bothered me. Firstly, Alix falls for her fellow army scout Liam and this felt real. They both act on it, but she does so knowing that it will bring them only a world of hurt, because Alix is very high born and Liam a bastard. And there are no marriage prospects for them. Ever. And Alix goes for it the moment she is told so. So if she weren't the great heroine character that would be believable. But she is and so it's totally out of character that she would forget duty and how hard it would be for Liam in the end. But, yeah. It happens. They have a kind of relationship, however doomed. But then the king falls for Alix and virtually overnight and that I was told, but did not feel at all. The way it all progresses is well done, but then it was resolved by pieces falling rather conveniently into place. That had a deus ex machina feel to it that I did not care for. The plot as such is pretty awesome, especially if you like the classical fantasy plot as I do: epic battles, heroism, heroes and cowards... everything is found here. The pacing is all right, the book covers many months, so progress in the realm's war against the attacking empire and the king working to save his throne from his treacherous brother is visible and it brings colour to the story. And although I guess there will be more Bloodbound-books, the story is fully wrapped up so it could be read as a satisfying standalone novel as well. So to sum it up: Alix is not Paksenarrion or any of Tamora Pierce's heroines. But she comes close at times and that is a quality commendation. The world building is scarce, but I prefer that to info-dump, even if it's harder to orient oneself in it. And if you can live with a bit of angsty love-triangle addition to your feisty heroine, this book is for you. It surely was an enjoyable read and I will read any sequels as well.

Kurzbeschreibung Of all those in the King of Aldens retinue, the bloodbinders are the most prized. The magic they wield can forge invaluable weapons, ones that make soldiers like Lady Alix Black unerringly lethal. However, the bloodbinders powers can do so much more and so much worse. A cunning and impetuous scout, Alix only wishes to serve quietly on the edges of the action. But when the king is betrayed by his own brother and left to die at the hands of attacking Oridian forces, she winds up single-handedly saving her sovereign. Suddenly, she is head of the king's personal guard, an honor made all the more dubious by the king's exile from his own court. Surrounded by enemies, Alix must help him reclaim his crown, all the while attempting to repel the relentless tide of invaders led by the Priest, most feared of Oridias lords. But while Alix's king commands her duty, both he and a fellow scout lay claim to her heart. And when the time comes, she may need to choose between the two men who need her most. **Pressestimmen** Praise for The Bloodbound "Lindsey puts the hero back into heroic fantasy with action and intrigue and flawed but likable characters who, in complex political/personal situations, make hard decisions and stand by them." Tanya Huff **Strong** romantic elements and a dash of humor enliven Erin Lindsey's fantasy debut set in a kingdom besieged by dark forces and torn apart by betrayal. **Jacqueline Carey** "Sturdy characterizations and intriguing magic anchor this solid series launch... By the time the relevance of the novel's title to the bonds of family, as well as to battle and enchantment, becomes clear, Lindsey's mostly balanced mix of romance and heroic fantasy will have captured readers' hearts." **Publishers Weekly** "Palace intrigue, military strategy, and plenty of sword-fighting keep the story line interesting and exciting." **Bitten by Books** Kurzbeschreibung Of all those in the King of Aldens retinue, the bloodbinders are the most prized. The magic they wield can forge invaluable weapons, ones that make soldiers like Lady Alix Black unerringly lethal. However, the bloodbinders powers can do so much more and so much worse. A cunning and impetuous scout, Alix only wishes to serve quietly on the edges of the action. But when the king is betrayed by his own brother and left to die at the hands of attacking Oridian forces, she winds up single-handedly saving her sovereign. Suddenly, she is head of the king's personal guard, an honor made all the more dubious by the king's exile from his own court. Surrounded by enemies, Alix must help him reclaim his crown, all the while

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