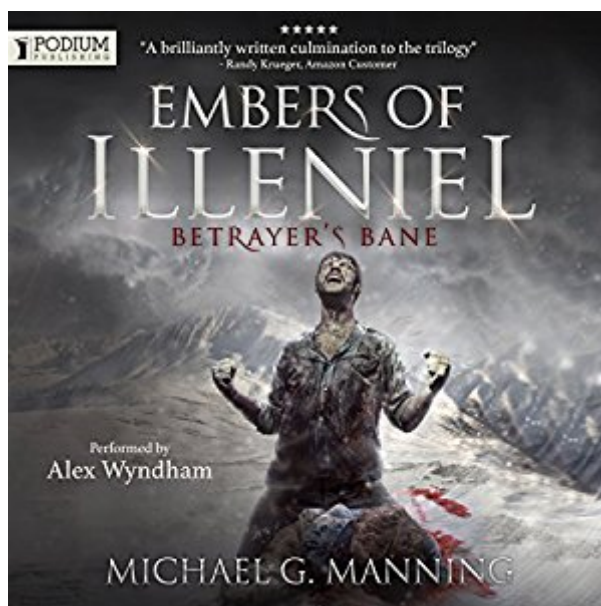


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Synopsis

Tyrion was a good person who had been born to a simple family and raised with love, but the world has shaped him for a different fate. Twisted by violence and torture, he is obsessed with a relentless desire for vengeance, and he has sown the seeds of wrath in his children. The She'Har have offered him the opportunity to be a great leader and usher in a new era of prosperity and peace, but, despite his gentle beginnings, Tyrion is no hero. Heroes are born to build, and while many laud the efforts of such leaders, others will work to bring them down, for all good things must come to an end. Every forest must inevitably face the flame. Destiny has chosen Tyrion for a different path and has given him the spark that will burn the world to ashes. Embracing the evil within, he will reap a harvest of hatred, and no one will find safety in the purge of fire that he brings; even the betrayer has his bane. Will anything be left to rise from the ash?

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Customer Reviews

"Betrayer's Bane" is brilliant. It became a routine experience to put the book down so I could alternatively laugh, cry, yell, curse the day the author was born, or at times merge two or three of those reactions into one explosive emotional outburst. Let me warn you that there was significantly more yelling, crying, and cursing than laughter in this one. The author's ability to world build, and to show me the depth and inner turmoil of his characters has captivated me since my first exposure to his work in "The Blacksmith's Son". I would not know the difference between a dangling participle and a past-possessive pronoun if they bit me in the arse. But I know what I like, and Michael G.

Manning creates stories that allow me to escape from reality for a while and plunge myself into another place every time I open one of his works. This book is the culmination of a trilogy exploring events that other books in the author's universe refer to as ancient history. That in itself is a challenge because every reader of Michael's other books KNOWS how this story ends. Or at least we thought we did. We were wrong. Horribly, tragically wrong. Everyone loves sausage, but you really do not want to know how it is made. This trilogy is the epitome of that sentiment. What depths of sorrow, anger, commitment, or/and depravity would each of us reach as human beings if we were plucked from our comfortable kindle-using existence and plunged into an extinction scenario? You will find yourself doing some pretty uncomfortable self-analysis during the short breaks you take from reading this one. The author's writing style has kept me entertained and craving more ever since I came across his first book "The Blacksmith's Son". This book, "Betrayal's Bane", makes me want to gift Mr. Manning with a case of the bottled craft beer that he loves the most. I want to look him in the eye and see the joy he has in emptying that first bottle to the last drop. Then I want to dash the empty bottle across his skull and "wash, rinse and repeat" until the case of beer is gone. I wish Michael G. Manning no permanent harm, but that sick twisted craft beer scenario is essentially what he did to my psyche with this book. I can give to you review readers no higher praise, or more grave a warning than that. Thank you Sir, for another 5 star gem of a novel.

Thank you Michael for another fantastic novel. Congrats on completing another series! I can't commend you enough on your ability to connect your characters to the hearts of your readers. I love the genuity of your world, the brutal truths, the unexpected subterfuge, the irrevocable love, the powerful hatred, the ever-intriguing fantasy-science, and best of all, the sarcastic quips and the tiniest interactions that are just so human. If I had to use one word to describe it all, it'd be just that, human. Your relationships are imperfect and raw, yet honest and strong. Your characters are flawed, emotional and vulnerable. You've captured the violent, sexual and sadistic sides of humanity and in a genre fuelled by the surreal; it just couldn't feel more real. To be capable of redeeming characters like Thillmarius and ultimately Tyrion to the point where one can feel true empathy for their dispositions is nothing short of miracle work. And yet you managed it so perfectly. As an added bonus you rekindled my love for bread and butter (Then simultaneously destroyed it again -_-) I've never been left with so many 'What if?'s after reading a book, you've truly broken my heart. But I'll just have to take Tyrion's advice on that regard and focus on what happens from here on; the next book! We want more! 5 Stars for your efforts sir!

This author has never let me down, but this series, telling the tale of Tyrian, the beginning of everything, his children, his struggle to stay and, to keep madness at bay and then his fight back from madness, hatred, fear. The story is told beautifully, allowing the reader the full, complex, emotionally charged view points off all the children, Tyrian, Kate, Lyra, Layla. A little hope shines as if there may be a way forward, in peace. Then we see that the She'har are indeed playing a long game, and Tyrian expected no less! Take the time to enjoy this series, soak it up into your very bones! Then begin the next series and watch, breathless, as things begin to unfold in ways you wouldn't never have expected. Watch as Tyrian's descendents inherit his gifts... and more, and they bring honor to their names and in so doing, they bring honor to Tyrian.

But then, it wasn't supposed to be a happy story. It's upsetting and rough and it makes you feel, but it also completes the history of the world that, by now, you may have learned about through the Mageborn series. Tyrian Illeniel's life was not easy, and it definitely wasn't pleasant, but it is beautifully written and captivating. Definitely a wonderful conclusion to the Embers of Illeniel series.

Damn you, Michael G. Manning!!!! I'm a lifelong bookworm, and a huge fan of MGM's books, but though I've tried to make it a point to never post any comments/reviews on any books (I always hated writing book reports in grade school; seems that hasn't changed, lol), with this one I simply HAD TO, but I'm not gonna say much more than the title of this little speck of opinion, or else my head might implode. Just make sure before you start this book that you have the next day off because you won't be able to put it down. Plus you'll be drained. It'll mess you up. This. Story. Is. INTENSE. And it's messed up. And brilliant. And messed up...did I mention it's messed up? It gave me nightmares during the 2 hours of sleep I got this morning, I kid not. I'm definitely not a masochist, but I loved this story for dragging me with it even though I begged for mercy. It's gonna haunt me for quite a while. Damn you, Michael G. Manning! 6 out of 5 stars Ps - my only real complaint is the cover art. Meh. ã Â Â^Âœ

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