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<u>Defiant Unto Death</u> Orion Using the Homeric epics as a guide, the reader is presented with a cultural history of warriors and warfare in Early Greece: from the chariot-borne soldiers of the Mycenaean palaces to the seaborne raiders of women and cattle of the Dark Age; from the men of bronze who helped assert Egyptian sovereignty, down to the battles of Thermopylae and Salamis. Along the way, a number of detailed issues are

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considered, including the proper place of the Greek hoplite in the history of the Eastern Mediterranean, the possible origins of the Argive shield, developments in naval warfare, and the activities of Greek mercenaries. Written for an audience of serious students and specialists alike,

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everything in the balance, a secret emerges: hidden in the remote mountains is a young man who could change everything: Herakles, the son of Alexander. Whoever aspires to Alexander's mantle his one legitimate heir - or destroy him - and a war being played across set for its final, bloody conclusion. As the rival armies converge on the village of Ipsus, twin monarchs Satyrus and Melitta know that they too must gamble their survival of their

Black Sea kingdom on the outcome... The Dread Wyrm Orion 'Harffy's Dunston is a fantastic creation – old. creaking and misanthropic. The forest is beautifully evoked. A treat of a book' The Times. AD 838. Deep in the forests of Wessex, Dunston's solitary existence is shattered when he stumbles on a mutilated corpse. Accused of the murder, Dunston must clear his name and keep the dead man's daughter alive in the face of savage pursuers desperate to prevent a terrible secret from being revealed. Rushing headlong through Wessex, Dunston will need to use all the skills of survival garnered from a lifetime in the wilderness. And if he has any hope of victory against the implacable enemies on their trail, he must confront his longburied past – becoming the man he once was and embracing traits he had

promised he would never return to. The Wolf of Wessex must hunt again; honour and duty demand it. 'A page-turner ... Matthew Harffy tells a great story' Joanna Hickson. 'A breathtaking novel that sweeps the reader into a dark and dangerous world' Paul Fraser Collard. 'Harffy's writing just gets better and better ... He is really proving himself the rightful heir to Gemmell's crown' Jemahl Evans. 'Harffy has a real winner on his hands ... A genuinely superb novel' Steven McKay. **Funeral Games Orion** The stunning sequel to Christian Cameron's epic TYRANT. Kineas, the Athenian cavalry commander, has come a long way since being dismissed from the army of Alexander and vengefully exiled by his own city. Together, his mercenary force and their Scythian allies have defeated a

mighty Macedonian army at the Ford of the River God. and his adopted city of Olbia is now free once more. But his destiny will not allow him to enjoy the fruits of victory for long. Far to the east, at the farthest edge of the Sea of Grass, Alexander is threatening to crush the Scythian hordes once and for all. The Lady Srayanka of the Cruel Hands, the Scythian warrior-princess who spurned be reborn in the a king's love to be at Kineas's side, is pledged to take her tribe east to help stop 'the monster' - and Kineas knows he has no choice but to follow, even if it means embracing the violent death in princess and an battle that he has seen prefigured in countless dreams. But long before he can confront the might of Alexander's army alongside undertake an epic journey of

breathtaking daring... **Artifact Space Orion** Troy: city of gold, gatekeeper of the east, haven of the god-born and the lucky, a city destined to last a thousand years. But the Fates have other plans-the Fates, and a woman named Helen. In the shadow of Troy's gates, all must greatest war of the ancient world: slaves and queens, heroes and cowards, seers and kings . . . and these are their stories. A young embittered prince join forces to prevent a fatal elopement. A tormented seeress challenges the gods his beloved Srayanka, he must themselves to save her city from the

impending disaster. A tragedy-haunted king battles private demons and envious rivals as the siege grinds on. A captured slave girl seizes the reins of her future as two mighty heroes meet in an epic duel. A grizzled archer and a desperate Amazon risk their lives to avenge their dead. A trickster conceives the greatest trick of all. A goddess' son battles to save the spirit of Troy even as the walls are breached in fire and blood. Seven authors bring to life the epic tale of the Trojan War: its heroes, its villains, its survivors, its dead. Who will lie forgotten in negotiate the political, the embers, and who will rise to shape the bloody dawn of a new

age? The Fall of Dragons Orion Publishing Company Miles Cameron weaves a tale of magic and depravity in the sequel to The Red Knight. Loyalty costs money. Betrayal, on the other hand, is free. When the Emperor is taken hostage, the Red Knight and his men find their services in high demand -- and themselves surrounded by enemies. The country is in revolt, the capital city is besieged and any victory will be hard won. But the Red Knight has a plan. The question is, can he magical, real and romantic battlefields at the same time --

especially when he intends to be victorious on them all? The King's Blood **Bantam** Two and a half thousand years ago, the Greeks and the Persians fought an epic battle to decide the future of the world Arimnestos of Plataea grew up wanting to be a bronzesmith, like his father. Then, in the chaos of war, he was taken to a city in the Persian empire and sold as a slave. To win his freedom he had to show that he could fight and kill. Now, to preserve that freedom, he must kill again. For the Persians are coming. A vast army sent by King Darius to put down the rebellious of freedom.

Greeks and burn the city of Athens to the ground. Standing against them on the plain of Marathon is a much smaller force of Athenians, alongside their Plataean allies. To defeat such overwhelming force seems impossible. And yet to yield would mean the destruction of everything the Greeks have dreamed of. In the dust and heat of Marathon, in the clash of shields and the rush of spears, amid the thunder of hooves and the screams of the dying, those dreams will undergo their fiercest test - and Arimnestos and his Greek comrades will discover the true price

Tyrant: King of the **Bosporus Orbit** A Viking adventure, packed with battles. blood and gore, Raven is historical fiction at its very best, and marks the debut of an outstanding new talent. For two years Osric has lived a simple life, apprenticed to the mute old carpenter who took him in when others spurned him. But when Norsemen from across the sea burn his village, Osric is taken prisoner by these warriors. Their chief, Sigurd the Lucky, believes the Norns have woven this strange boy 's fate together with his own, and Osric begins to sense glorious purpose among this fellowship

of warriors. Immersed in the Norsemen's world and driven by their lust for adventure, Osric proves a natural warrior and forges a blood bond with Sigurd, who renames him Raven. But the Norsemen's world is a savage one, where loyalty is often repaid in blood and where a young man must become a killer in order to survive. When the Fellowship faces annihilation from ealdorman Ealdred of Wessex, Raven chooses a bloody and dangerous path, accepting the mission of raiding deep into hostile lands to steal a holy book from Coenwolf, King of Mercia. There he will

find much more than the Spartan Philokles, they Holy Gospels of St Jerome. He will find Cynethryth, an English girl with a soul to match his own. And he will find betrayal at the hands of cruel men. some of whom he regards as friends. Wolf of Wessex Orion An action-packed tale of betrayal and revenge set amid the war between Alexander the Great's generals and climaxing in the most spectacular battle of the ancient world. Satyrus and Melitta, twin heirs to a rich kingdom on the Black Sea. become desperate fugitives when their mother, the Scythian warriorprincess Srayanka, is cut down in a savage act of betrayal. Accompanied by their tutor, the

must make a perilous journey west, pursued by ruthless assassins, to find sanctuary with the army of their father's closest friend, Diodorus. But Diodorus is caught up in the tangled web of alliances, betrayals and intrique that followed Alexander the Great's death, as his generals fought over the huge empire he had created and soon the twins will have their first taste of real battle as two Macedonian warlords clash. In this violent and unstable world, they must choose sides carefully, as Antigonus One-Eye, and his brilliant son Demetrius, prepare to take on the might of Ptolemy's Egypt, and the forces gather for the biggest and most spectacular battle the

world had ever seen -Gaza. Killer of Men Atlantic **Books** With all the fire and passion of the ancient Romans. The Sword of Revenge follows in the epic footsteps of top ten bestseller The Pillars of Rome, Rome has lost its greatest warrior - for Aulus, the doom-laden prophecy of forty years earlier has come to pass. It is now left to Lucius to defy the oracle's curse alone, and the corrupt and powerful senator leaves nothing to chance in his bid to survive. But one boy, alone in the world, holds the key to his fate, and the future of the Roman Republic. Tyrant Hachette UK This exhilarating tale of modern espionage and breathtaking flying action introduces a

major new thrillerwriting talent. With its striking authenticity and remarkable psychological depth, NIGHT TRAP is sure to appeal to fans of Tom Clancy, Stephen Coonts and Dale Brown. Henchmen of Ares Hachette UK 1260 AD: Josseran Sarrazini is a Templar Knight, trained for war. But as the Christian garrisons in the Holy Land begin to fall to the Saracen, he must embark upon a mission of peace: to the golden palaces at Xanadu, to seek an alliance with Kubilai Khan, ruler of the greatest empire in history and commander of the invincible Mongol horde. Josseran's task is

formidable. To ride the treacherous Silk Road to the edge of the known world. To cheat hunger, thirst, and death. And to forge a crucial allegiance with a now there is a new Great people who do not honor his cause, or his God. Blazing with adventure, epic in scope, and utterly compulsive, Silk Road weaves a spellbinding story of war, honor, and desire onto the vast tapestry of the medieval East. The Great King Orbit The heroic story of Arimnestos of Plataea continues - a thrilling historical adventure set amid the epic struggle between Greece and Persia - perfect for fans of the blockbusting film 300. Slave, pirate, husband and lover: Arimnestos of Plataea has been many

things in the course of his life. But men remember him best as one of the heroes of the Battle of Marathon, the epic victory that prevented all of Greece from falling under the Persian yoke. But King on the throne. determined to succeed where his father failed. As rumours abound of a vast Persian invasion, an embassy is sent to forestall the threat. Arimnestos is chosen to escort them - an honour he can hardly refuse. But as the storm clouds of war gather and factions on both sides begin to weave their treacherous plots, Arimnestos' journey begins to look more and more like a suicide mission. The Green Count Harper Collins Out in the darkness of space, something is targeting the Greatships. With their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city, the

Greatships are the lifeblood of human occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume -City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradepoint at the other. to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. It has always been Marca Nbaro's dream to achieve the near-impossible: escape her upbringing and venture into space. All it took, to make her way onto the crew of the Greatship Athens was thousands of hours in simulators, dedication, and pawning or selling every scrap of her old life in order to forge a new one. But though she's made her way onboard with faked papers, leaving her old life - and scandals -

behind isn't so easy. She may have just combined all the dangers of her former life, with all the perils of the new . . . and value - of goods from Poseidon's Spear Orbit Work. Family. Church. Exercise. Sleep. The list of demands on our time seems to be never ending. It can leave you feeling a little guilty--like you should always be doing one more thing. Rather than sharing better timemanagement tips to squeeze more hours out of the day, Kelly Kapic takes a different approach in You're Only Human. He offers a better way to make peace with the fact that God didn't create us to do it all. Kapic explores the theology behind seeing our

human limitations as a gift rather than a deficiency. He lays out a path to holistic living with healthy selfunderstanding, lifegiving relationships, and meaningful contributions to the world. He frees us from confusing our limitations with sin and instead invites us to rest in the joy and relief of knowing that God can use our limitations to foster freedom, joy, growth, and community. Readers will emerge better equipped to cultivate a life that fosters gratitude, rest, and faithful service to God. Tyrant: Funeral Games

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WAR AND MADNESS

CAST SHADOWS OVER THE LANDS DRAGONS ONCE RULED. Geder Palliako's star is rising. He is a hero of Antea. protector to the crown prince, and darling of the court. But storms from his past are gathering. and with them, a war that will change everything. Cithrin bel Sarcour founded a powerful bank on stolen wealth, forged papers, and ready blades. Now every move she makes is observed. recorded, and controlled. Unless Cithrin can free herself from her gilded cage, the life she made will be for naught; war may provide just the opportunity she needs. An apostate priest sees the hidden hand behind all: a long-buried secret of the dragon empire threatens everything humanity has built. An

age of madness and death superpowers of Rome, approaches, with only a few doomed heroes to stand in its way. The Dagger and the CoinThe Dragon's PathThe King's Blood The Tyrant's LawThe Widow's HouseThe Spider's War Writing as James S. A. Corey (with Ty Franck) The Expanse (soon to be a major SyFy Channel television series) Leviathan WakesCaliban's War Abaddon's GateCibola BurnNemesis Games Force of Kings Gollancz Alexanor is a man who has seen too much blood. He has left the sword behind him to become a healer in the greatest sanctuary in Greece, turning his back on war. But war has followed him to his refuge at Epidauros, and now a battle to end the freedom of Greece is all around him. The Mediterranean

Egypt and Macedon are waging their proxy wars on Hellenic soil, turning Greek farmers into slaves and mercenaries. When wounded soldier Philopoemen is carried into his temple, Alexanor believes the man's wounds are mortal but that he is not destined to die. Because he knows Philopoemen will become Greece's champion. Its last hero. The new Achilles.

The Long Sword Orion Miles Cameron weaves an epic tale of magic and mercenaries, war and depravity, politics and intrigue in this actionpacked debut fantasy The Red Knight. Twenty eight florins a month is a huge price to pay, for a man to stand between you and the Wild. Twenty eight florins a month is nowhere near enough when a wyvern's jaws snap shut on your helmet in the hot stink of battle, and the beast starts

to rip the head from your shoulders. But if standing and fighting is hard, leading a company of men -- or worse, a company of mercenaries -- against the smart, deadly creatures of the Wild is even harder. It takes all the advantages of birth, training, and the luck of the devil to do it. The Red Knight has all three, he Athenians at the Battle of has youth on his side, and he's determined to turn a profit. So when he hires his Persians, Sometimes. company out to protect an Abbess and her nunnery, it's just another job. The abby is rich, the nuns are pretty and the monster preying on them is nothing he can't deal with. Only it's not just a job. It's going to be a war. . . If you're a fan of Mark Lawrence, John Gwynne, or Brian McClellan nothing left to live for, he vou won't want to miss out on this intricate, epic debut fantasy.

Tyrant: Storm of Arrows Orion An epic novel from the master of historical fiction.

author of ALEXANDER: GOD OF WAR 'Brilliantly evoked' Sunday Times Arimnestos of Plataea is a man who has seen and done things that most men only dream about. Sold into slavery as a boy, he fought his way to freedom - and then to everlasting fame: standing alongside the Marathon where the Greeks crushed the invading however, a man's greatest triumph is followed by his greatest sorrow. Returning to his farm. Arimnestos finds that his wife Euphoria has died in childbirth, and in an instant his laurels turn to dust. But the gods are not finished with Arimnestos yet. With throws himself from a cliff into the sea, only to be pulled by strong arms from death's embrace. When he awakes, he finds himself chained to an oar in a Phoenician trireme. And so

will take Arimnestos and a motley crew of fellow galley slaves to the limits of their courage, and beyond the edge of the known world, in a quest for freedom, revenge - and a cargo so precious it's worth height of his powers' dying for. Procopius and the Sixth Century Allison & Busby THE BRAND NEW ADVENTURE FROM 'THE MASTER OF HISTORICAL FICTION' (SUNDAY TIMES) TOM SWAN -SOLDIER, SCHOLAR, BASTARD, SPY, Tom Swan and his friends are trying to save Europe from the Turks, but most of his adversaries seem to be other Europeans. This time, an unnamed cabal is trying to kill him and, incidentally, ruin the banks and trade of England, France, and Italy. . . Join Tom Swan on his latest adventure as the likes of Cosimo di Medici. Warwick the Kingmaker, Bessarion

begins an epic journey that the cardinal and Aneas Picclomini the Pope show Tom the Renaissance in all its deadly glory! * * * PRAISE FOR CHRISTIAN CAMERON 'The master of historical fiction' SUNDAY TIMES 'A storyteller at the HISTORICAL NOVEL SOCIETY 'Superb' THE TIMES 'A sword-slash above the rest' IRISH **EXAMINER**