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Blade, be true this day
When you finish a journey, your heart is usually torn. You are content for the experience, the memories you stored that you may recall whenever you feel nostalgic, for everything you gained and the ways it changed you, but you are also overcome with sadness, a bittersweet melancholy that soaks your pores and settles in your bones. That's exactly how I felt after finishing Warheart. Time to dance with death. Warheart is the conclusion of the Sword of Truth series, and the adventures of Lord Rahl and Mother Confessor. After the tragic events of Severed Souls, the world is hanging by a thread. Emperor Sulachan and his ally, Hannis Arc, march towards the People's Palace with their army of the walking dead, the horrible half-people that devour flesh seeking a soul for themselves, intending and thus far succeeding to break the Grace, the division between the world of the living and the world of the dead, resulting to the unraveling of existence. The only person that can stop them, the person whose arrival was in the making for 3000 years, is the bringer of death. The pebble in the pond. The Seeker of Truth. Richard Rahl. Only he can end prophecy, and save what is left of mankind. But Richard is trapped in the Underworld, held captive by the darkest of demons, and Kahlan and Nicci set on a desperate race to bring him back, before it is too late. But maybe it is. Master Rahl guide us. One thing that I rarely confess, is that Sword of Truth is my ultimate favorite series. The series I devoured six years ago, after I accidentally stumbled on the TV series based thereon, and instantly enthralled me with its noble heroes in their quest to save the world from aspirant

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oppressors But while Warheart was published on 2015, I only started it three days ago The main reason was that I was afraid that the finale wouldn't live up to the hype I had built inside my head, to the shrine dedicated to Terry Goodkind and his otherworldly ability to make me feel at home amongst his heroes And, in all honesty, Warheart had its flaws Unnecessary repetitions of the same phrases and notions, strained dialogues and occasional confusion over the basic concepts of the book, they disheartened me and made me see the points of the numerous haters of this series But it is Sword of Truth Loving it is now a part of who I am, you can dig inside me all you want, but the fact that Mr Goodkind's words flow in my blood still rings true Master Rahl protect us Warheart is heavily focused on the battle between prophecy and free will, on the balance between life and death that allows the existence of the world It overturned beliefs we took for granted throughout the series, and managed to astonish me and give me gooseflesh when the solution to every problem was presented I keep saying that Terry Goodkind has a brilliant mind, a conviction I will never shake off His worldbuilding, and the concept of the Underworld, the Grace and the rules of life, they are intricate, complex and surprisingly fitting His magic is founded on strict rules, his universe surpasses the average fantasy elements and he infuses his stories, his quests and the knowledge acquired with a philosophical aspect In your light we thrive The previous book of the series, Severed Souls, butchered my heart until there was nothing left but a bleeding mess lying on the floor Warheart, while it mended some wounds, inflicted new ones, raw and painful and devastating The absence and the loss of characters I cherished for years felt like a punch in the gut Choked on tears, jaw quivering, hands trembling, I turned the pages and begged him to spare them, to give them the happily ever afters they deserve, but that's not Mr Goodkind's style In your mercy we are sheltered His characters are three dimensional, fictional yet tangible, real Richard, with his seemingly crazy ideas, is my soul companion, my guide and my friend, Kahlan my inspiration, the Mord Sith with their sass and overprotective instincts the proof that you can find joy in simple things, even after the horrors of your past, and Nicci the example that anyone can change It's up to you, is the message Terry

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God Bless You, Mr.
Rosewater

Bluebeard

Welcome to the Monkey
House

Timequake

Slapstick, or Lonesome
No More!

Player Piano

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Retrospect: And Other
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Goodkind tries so desperately to instill In this world, everyone must die None of us has any choice in that Our choice is how we wish to live. In your wisdom we are humbled Whenever Richard drew the Sword of Truth, and was consumed by its righteous rage, I always heard its metallic ring, and felt its fury boiling beneath my skin And now, now that I know I will never hear it again, I will never listen to Nicci admonishing Richard, and Zedd swearing on the toasted toad s truth, now that I will never see Kahlan wearing her Confessor face, or smiling her rare smile, and I will never bear witness to Richard s dance with death, I feel hollow inside Hollow but incredibly full, because they will keep living, in the corners of my mind and the edges of my soul. Goodbye, my dear friends It was truly an honour We live only to serve. Our lives are yours I ll be honest, I only downloaded and read the sample to see if I would get this book So, I don t know how the story may end, which is why I rate this 2 stars instead of one Let me just say that it was incredibly difficult to get through the 4 chapters that were provided in the sample from Kindle How many times can you say that it s raining Let me count the ways on just the first page 1 fitful rain 2 irregular pools of standing water 3 tears of rain 4 bouts of rain 5 drizzle That doesn t include the copious amounts of mist that apparently pools on faces and looks like tears. Now, on to page 2 It was a struggle and I truly feel like I was reading something written by someone who is just learning to use a thesaurus Kahlan looks off and peers off and glances with her gaze while starting across the citadel with Nicci beside her and three mord sith in tow For two entire chapters Seriously I m not even sure if it is still raining any Prior to their journey across the citadel that they start to cross, Kahlan is also looking at, randomly touching but then dropping to her knees in order to touch, Richard s worldly remains and worldly body and worldly form that was preserved by occult magic because occult magic and then some occult magic All the while, she is pondering about his spark of life that is being dragged into eternal night for eternity in the darkness for all time where time is timeless. If you re a fan of the series, I do hope that it gets better for you The writing can t really get any worse And I just can t even any. Dear Terry Goodkind And His Novels, It s time to end our relationship I wont lie we had some good times But I just can t do it any As much as it hurts, I need

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to do this You've taken me on such a baffling journey From beginning to end on this 17 book trek, I've experienced so many emotions and not all of them were positive Your continual push for one story has ended this relationship Goodkind, you were my first love Your novels and characters were what inspired me to read I'll always have those memories I'll always remember what you did for me But now it's time. Goodbye. Not only is this a great book, it's a satisfying ending for the series too The action will keep your eyes glued to the pages and the plot intricacies are so well written that it will leave you wondering how he managed to tie everything together so completely, through so many books In this book, you will laugh, you will cry, and you will be riveted You really have to read it All Is Lost Evil Will Soon Consume The D Haran Empire Richard Rahl Lies On His Funeral Bier It Is The End Of Everything Except What Isn't Lost Is Kahlan Amnell Following An Inner Prompting Beyond All Reason, The Last Confessor Will Wager Everything On A Final Desperate Gambit, And In So Doing, She Will Change The World Forever Terry Goodkind's Warheart Is The Direct Sequel To, And The Conclusion Of, The Story Begun In The Omen Machine, The Third Kingdom, And Severed Souls This book reads as if Goodkind was a high school student struggling to meet a word count for an essay The constant repetition and overexplanation is especially painful when the reader can guess each event pages, or chapters, before it occurs All of the best characters either died unceremoniously for no reason, or were left alive as empty shells of their former glory so there is someone there to look puzzled and ask Richard to explain very simple concepts 13 times Remember the really strong and intelligent Kahlan we all love Yeah, she's gone All we have is Richard's nagging wife that is either crying or failing to comprehend even the most basic elements of this magic system I'm glad we're done The end of the Sword of Truth series probably should have stayed the end. This was one of the worst books I've ever read Conclusion Bullshit Terry Goodkind is now in the realm of Nora Roberts and Danielle Steel. Forgot I quit book three in this new series, Severed Souls, because reading should be fun, not a pain, and I just didn't want to have to keep reading it But since I did forget, I reserved this when I saw it on the new releases list And coincidentally I also saw The First

Confessor on the New Releases shelf at my library, which I did never read because it was self published and never available from the library in the past I'm glad I read The First Confessor first, even though it was pretty badly written, it did answer a lot of questions about the series, and was also very relevant to this second Richard and Kahlan series, I recommend reading it if you can before this I had remembered about half of the stuff that overlaps from The First Confessor to this series half men, dead men, Sulachan, etc so I was interested to see how it all played out now that I did read the other book, and of course I did want to at least see how the entire thing ended, Wizard's First Rule all the way to the end, even if I had to skim a lot to get there What very quickly became clear, to my surprise, was that Goodkind very clearly had editorial help on this one that he did not have on his self published The First Confessor The difference in the writing was so clear, even just in the first five chapters By that point in the other book I was already writing notes about how choppy and abrupt it was, how abrupt the short chapters were, and how much he was already repeating himself This had a bit too much recap but it felt like a professional book, there wasn't anything that was leaping out at me as being a problem, it was just night and day So even though it was interesting to have all of the books come together in the end, it was also overdone too The stuff with Isadore and Naja from The First Confessor was a little much There didn't seem to be any point in Isadore's role except making it overly complicated If I hadn't read the other book it would just have been confusing Or even confusing It's one thing to build on books directly in a series but that was a prequel and independently published only as an ebook until July of this year 2015, the author shouldn't assume readers have knowledge of it Plus having Nicci meet Naja, Magda and Merritt in the underworld just underlined how much they were like Nicci, Kahlan and Richard, it was a bad strategic move It seems clear that Goodkind thinks the parallels are cool somehow but they seem so incredibly uncreative They could have had similar roles without practically being clones Or he could have managed to write something different even, wouldn't that have been interesting Naja was especially irritating as the Nicci clone And all of the suicide stuff because the person you love died was too much Richard and Kahlan should have been

stronger than that seriously, spoiler, don't click if you don't want to be spoiled view spoiler and so should Cara hide spoiler After almost 20 years of weaving the masterful tapestry that is Richard and Kahlan, Goodkind once again delivers on his promises to speak to his readers through the art of prose. Skillfully written and conceived, WARHEART is a fulfilling ending to the story and smashes all previous notions of expectations As we say goodbye to the characters we have known for so long, in this last installment of the series we begin to see the world in a different way and feel as though we are parting with old friends one last time. The evolution of the characters is wonderfully written and the spirit of the Wizard's Rules lives on in WARHEART, as we travel down a path laid by Wizard's First Rule almost twenty years ago Millions of fans and millions of copies later, Goodkind dedicates this book to his readers on the first page and honors them right through to the last. Told through the eyes of people who have no choice but to be who they are, they break all of the traditional boundaries and set a path for themselves that will leave you breathless with a new perspective on the series you have grown with throughout the years. Goodkind has done it once again Bravo Finally finished All 11 novels in the main Sword of Truth series, the 4 Richard and Kahlan novels of which this is the last, the First Confessor, Debt of Bones and The Law of Nines. Warheart concludes the Richard and Kahlan series, which are themselves an extension of the Sword of Truth I didn't like the previous novel Severed Souls but Goodkind redeems himself a bit here I did guess some of the main plot points, but that didn't detract from my enjoyment since there was always a slight twist on what I thought would happen There was one incident I defiantly DID NOT LIKE but I'm not going to say any because that would be a major spoiler Anyone who has read the book will know what I am referring to Even though there were a few rough patches along the way this was one of the most enjoyable series I have read It's certainly the longest The main reason, the excellent characters Richard and Kahlan are just wonderful characters and once you become full invested in them it's hard to not continue with the series But other than the main two protagonists, the world building, interesting locations and large cast of supporting characters were also very memorable Zedd, Nicci, Nathan and of course Cara There

were some diabolical villains in there too The only real negative point on completing the series is just that I completed it and have nothing else to read in the Sword of Truth Goodkind has announced a new book, but this will a story about some of the supporting characters Nicci and Nathan , not Richard and Kahlan After spending so much time with these characters they are as detailed, if not so, than most main characters in an single novel They will be old friends so I will be continuing their story when the next book comes out.Now, I m off to rewatch Legend of the Seeker on DVD I also have the first volume, Wizards First Rule , on audio book so next time round I will try that.



