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A great war. A changed world. A soldier through it all.

The Turine army is on the brink of victory against the Geneshans. Sergeant Tyrus and his unit are tasked to steal an artifact from the enemy that some believe has the power to destroy the world. Taking such power from the Geneshans would end the decade long war.

Upon their success, Tyrus's unit is among the first wave of soldiers discharged from the army. War has robbed him of time with his wife and children, but now the life he has dreamed of every day for the last ten years is just a long journey away.

Traveling home, Tyrus finds the world he left behind changed in ways he never expected. His own countrymen view returning soldiers as a threat. His own townsmen want to forget he even existed. Danger is everywhere. His dream is in jeopardy.

Forgotten Soldiers is the first book in The Tyrus Chronicle.

## **Forgotten Soldiers Details**

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## From Reader Review Forgotten Soldiers for online ebook

### David Miles says

A very good read. I enjoyed it immensely... So much so that I'm now going to hunt down more books written by this author. I've spent some time in the Army, and he's managed to capture the troops' outlook on life (albeit in a fantasy milieu). Well written sir.

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### Connie M says

#### Intriguing

I was unsure about a book with war as one of the themes, but was surprised by how drawn into the story I became. I truly enjoyed the characters interactions between themselves and their fellow citizens. It brought home the difficult situations that veterans face when returning home. I truly felt the pain and fears of the characters. I gained a deeper understanding of their perspective . The flow of the story was exciting. Recommend read

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### Kim A. Mann says

#### Very good

I enjoyed this story immensely. Tyrus and his friends not only tell an action/adventure tale but also give some insight into the thoughts and psyche of soldiers returning from war.

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### Andrusch says

Considering that mine seems to be the first review I'll round up and give this book the full five stars. The pacing is excellent, the characters just flawed and human enough to be truly likeable, and the story and setting are refreshingly original. This is adult fantasy as it should be written, not in the x-rated sense, but as in fantasy for readers who are looking for dramatic tension beyond a teenage crush and bully revenge fantasies.

Highly recommend it, I'll be waiting for the sequel ;)

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### M Hamed says

the comical exaggerations ,the forgiving ex-soldier with a heart full of goodness but a bad ass to there are worser fantasy out there ,but this have a special place among them

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## Jonathan Maichin says

### **An excellent novel; war, soldiers, life, magic, and the end of the world, what's not to love?**

Greetings. If you are anything like me you too a look at the cover art (which is pretty badass) got interested, read the synopsis, thought the book sounded pretty good and thought you'd see what others had to say. Well I'm here to do that.

Joshua P. Simon did an excellent job with this book, so much so it spurred me into actually writing one of the reviews I told myself I'd always write. So here it is, without spoiling the storyline as much as possible.

First - the cover art is awesome. And yes that does matter, after all, it's the first thing people see and most do judge a book by it's cover.

I also found myself enjoying Mr. Simon's writing tremendously. He writes well, without unnecessary fluff but also adds in the correct amount of detail that spurs your imagination into creating the imagery for the world nearly all on its own. Unlike many other 'indie' authors, I did not find any grammar errors or omissions in the text and neither did I find that parts of this novel did not make sense.

As far the story goes, the synopsis tells you enough to get started and it is most certainly worth reading. The character's are believable and are not flat or one dimensional. Simon's account of how war affects the soldiers and how the views of those who were left behind are perhaps the best point of the whole book. It's compelling and forces the reader to actually consider what is going on in the lives of those experiencing the events portrayed. It does not take the approach that some books do by either having a MC (main character) whom takes killing as 'woe is me' but continues to do so or trivialize the fact but does give death and killing its due without overstepping. Beyond that, the novel was well paced and I read the whole thing in one night, with this review being written right afterwards. The storyline is packed with potential and I am eagerly awaiting the next installment. After all, we were left with a terrible (or great depending on your view) cliffhanger after all.

Beyond this, if you are part of the Kindle Unlimited thing with books you will, as of this review, find this book free to read and is well worth your time spent doing so. After reading the sample I was going to buy the novel despite being a poor college student but thankfully this option was available (not that I'm say don't but, in fact if you can afford to I give you an emphatic headnod while saying yes, it's worth adding to your collection and supporting this author is a great thing to do. After all, it looks like he we keep writing for us. ;])

So now that you've spent the time reading this long review, go and check out the book. It is worth your time and your dime.

Enjoy discovering a new world and life.

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- review written by theShyForest -

## **Norman R Seymore says**

### **Veteran**

Engaging. The mix of characters and their relationships drew me in... both those that lived and those that died. I recommend this as a good read for those worn out by the run of the mill canned stories that are so prevalent. Another reason I like this book is that it is for. A veteran soldier Point of view. Did you know that the phrase bought the farm are from soldiers dreaming going home?

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## **Patrick Barnes says**

### **Bad**

General taking campaign direction from sergeant. General tries to force newly released soldiers to stay in the ranks. Same general rampages through his own kingdom because released soldiers are treated poorly. King doesn't notice the buildup to any of this. He uses a captured artifact, that his enemies were afraid to use (it has a warning label - use will end the world) in order to stop the rampaging general. Really?

Moving a force from frontier back to home is a big undertaking, even if it's not an entire army or army group. It requires planning and time. A lot of time. It requires travel routes, supply, etc. Suffice it to say that most kings would notice. An army's personnel needlessly cut off from all communications with home (for five years), doesn't fight well or win battles that become nothing more than exercises in survival.

Medieval societies really abhor violence against enemy civilians or soldiers, said no historian ever. The novel is one disjointed cliche stumbling into the next. I was particularly appalled by the shameful use of the U.S. media myth of the veteran abused not by his military or his government but by the uncaring civilians he encounters. I never heard of any instance of people protesting the government and its policy, attacking the soldiers forced to fight the war. The title of the book made me suspicious, but I was stunned that the author actually trotted out a fake, hollywood Vietnam War vet tale.

To not know enough about the military, war, politics or history to write about them is OK. To write about them without rectifying that lack is disturbing. I doubt that you'll enjoy this book or this series. I certainly won't read the rest of the series.

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## **Derek says**

### **WHAT I ENJOYED:**

- This is unique among the other fantasy novels I've read in that it focuses on the story after the "perceived" war ends and soldiers begin to trek home to their families. Had I read that last sentence before purchasing I might be inclined to stop and move along; however, the story is well worth the journey!
- The worldbuilding is interesting and the magic system curious
- The human component of the novel is my favorite element. Central themes of family and friendship are well done
- I'm a fan of Steven Brand and his narration here was strong, as usual. I fell in love with his work on Anthony Ryan's Blood Song series

-Lastly, the plot pacing was well designed and had a nice balance

#### **WHAT I DISLIKED**

-More detail of the environment, magic systems, etc. would have made the world come alive a bit more

-Some plot points were predictable and/or cliché but the overall story was not much affected

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#### **L.Logan Boswell says**

##### **Very imaginative world.**

Very imaginative world that is kind of a cross between Robert Jordan, the perils of Pauline, and the reception our Vietnam Veterans received when they came home. Will definitely read the next one.

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#### **Kian says**

I like Tyrus, he is intelligent and thoughtful. I like the narrator and how he is perfect blend for Tyrus. I think I will live this series but I am disappointed that his wife is dead and why he didn't kill anyone who tormented her and their children.

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#### **Anthony says**

##### **Characters are horrid**

Personalities of characters didn't fit the circumstances they lived with such as SPOILER ALERT! Your whore mother being beaten to death in front of you(son)....having a whore for a mother and knowing it(daughter).....returning from war to learn the major reason for living was beaten to death and not doing anything about it/learning they were also a whore and not being even briefly furious about it even if it was necessary/having an old enemy flaunt in your face in front of your children that they banged your whore wife and planned to do the same to your daughter who was currently their slave I mean the MC did seem to have an anger problem at the beginning of the story so that one is more of a personality switch

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#### **Martinique Curti says**

##### **Good read**

Entertaining. I liked it. The book moved and the characters developed. I'm looking forward to reading more of this author

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#### **Christopher Patterson says**

## Review of Forgotten Soldiers by Christopher Patterson

*Forgotten Soldiers*, by Joshua P. Simon, falls under the fantasy genre, with a very Medieval-type setting, supernatural creatures, and the use of sorcery and magic. It is written in the first person, which I tend to find refreshing, and I feel the author does a very good job in keeping to the limited first person point of view. One of my gripes about fantasy authors is regular breaks in POV.

*Forgotten Soldiers* begins with Tyrus, a military Sargent for Turine who has been away from home, enlisted in the army through forced conscription, and fighting the Geneshans for ten years. The very beginning of the story takes place at the tale end of this war and we quickly transition into Tyrus' journey home and his apprehensions with rejoining his wife and children, who he hasn't seen in ten years and hasn't heard from in four years. The story is enjoyable, the characters are likable and relatable, and, for a fantasy book, it seems believable.

One of the things that Simon does throughout the book (and this could be perhaps because it is written in the first person) is he uses a lot of colloquial language that a 21st century reader would be familiar with. Many fantasy authors, including myself, tend to use an elevated form of language, especially language that would have been used in Medieval Europe – or whatever setting their story takes place. And, even though this use of language took me surprise and I didn't know if I liked it at first, again, like the use of the first person, I found it refreshing and very personable.

Simon also does a good job of moving the story along at a decent pace and presenting mystery and intrigue along with real conflict. His use of language is good and he does a good job of staying true to characterization.

I had a couple complaints about Simon's writing. Firstly, the story does feel slow in some places. It is a part of a four book series, and so I know that the tale of Tyrus will continue in the next book, but the ending to *Forgotten Soldiers* just seemed out of place. The story arc seemed off as well. I did like the conflict but I feel like the conflict came at the wrong places, leaving for too much internal dialogue and reflection—basically dead space that left me wanting more action. It wasn't enough to make me want to put down the book, but it was enough to make me say, "Oh, come on. More self-reflection?" With that being said, there were also many places where I felt there was just too much meaningless dialogue and I feel that Simon could use a little dose of Orwell in sticking to pertinent information within the prose and dialogue of his story.

I give *Forgotten Soldiers* 4 out of 5 stars and am currently reading book two in the series, *Wayward Soldiers*. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a good fantasy.

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## **Victor Salinas says**

### **Beautifully done !!**

This story is like a breathe of fresh air as the sun comes up.I could not put this book down till it was finished.I cried and got angry to laughing m.a.o.I can't wait to read the next one of this beautifully written series.The pace and the situations the author puts the main characters in are realistic and well thought out and that's what makes this story line a great read.This author does a masterful job at weaving everything together and that's why I was so drawn to the story line .This book is worth every penny and the time I spent reading it.

