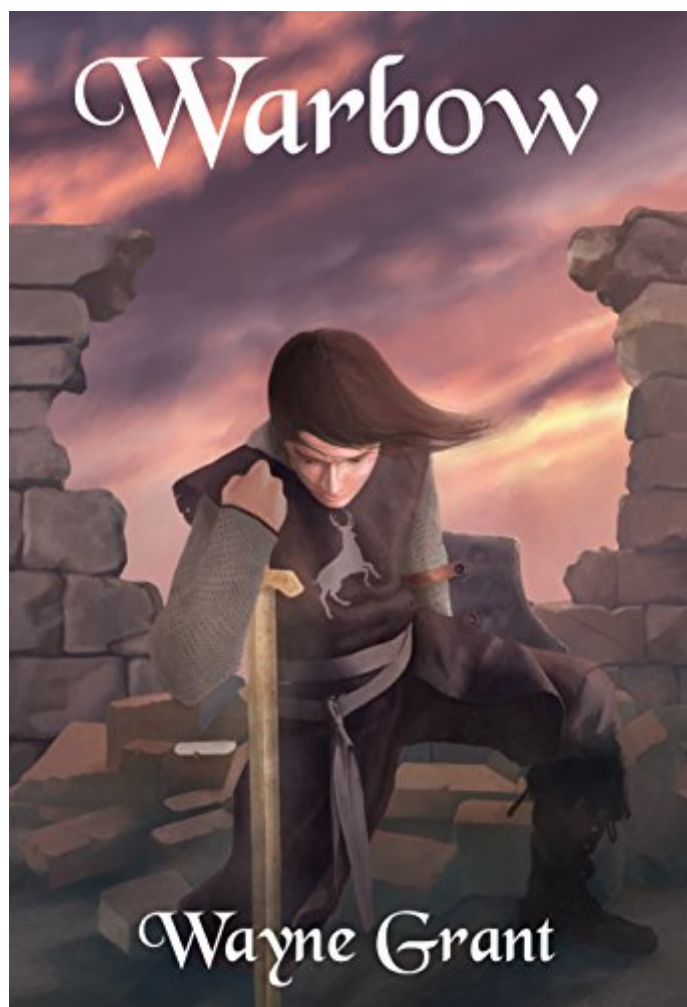


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Warbow (The Saga Of Roland Inness Book 2)



Synopsis

Having found his place as a squire to a Norman knight, Roland Inness sets off with his master, Sir Roger de Laval, and fellow squire on a perilous mission to the Holy Land. King Richard has sworn to take Jerusalem from Saladin and orders Sir Roger to assess the military situation. Joining them is the Templar Knight Tuck as they contend with Moors, Berbers and a Sicilian usurper before reaching the battlefields in the east. There, Roland sees the ugly face of war and tests his mettle. In England, the land is awash in political intrigue, led by Prince John and Sir William de Ferrers, Roland's mortal enemy. Countering them is Queen Eleanor who picks Sir Roger's daughter Millicent for her own missionâ "one that puts her at the centre of a plot to turn England against King Richard. Warbow, the action-filled follow-on to Longbow, is the second book in The Saga of Roland Inness series.

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Customer Reviews

The second book in the Roland Inness saga is as good or better than the first. Our hero, young Master Inness is off to fight in the Crusades in this volume, which has two basic plotlines: Roland at

war as squire to Sir Roger de Laval; while the de Laval family back in England are caught up in the equally dangerous intrigue of royal politics. As in *Longbow*, the characters in *Warbow* are memorable and sharply drawn. The writing is crisp and engaging and the battle scenes are outstanding (what can you expect from a West Point graduate?). Read this book! It's for kids of all ages. But first, you might want to read *Longbow*, the first in the series. Can't wait for the next book.

As much as I loved *Longbow*, I found *Warbow* to be even more of a page turner. *Warbow* necessarily starts a little slowly for those who have read *Longbow*, but picks up speed quickly. I do, however, understand the need to catch new readers up on what got Roland to this point. Once rolling, I couldn't put the book down. Having daughters and granddaughters, I particularly liked how the author included strong decisive women in the tale. This book, as was *Longbow*, is characterized as a young adult novel, but trust me when I say that it is riveting for mature adventure lovers.

The saga is set at the 3rd crusade, by King Richard Lionheart. King Richard was a war crazy warrior, but had no understanding of politics. When he arrived at Acre, the French, Austrians and Germans left the Holy Land, for home. King Richard stood alone against the best general of the crusade period, Saladin. The story covers the politics in England, where John Lackland wanted to win the kingdom for himself, but his mother Eleanor of Aquitaine tried to keep the kingdom for Richard. The book complies well with the actual history of the time.

This is a good adventure yarn for a young boy. I finished the first book in the series and enjoyed it enough to buy this second book, but I didn't finish it and I won't buy book three. I note that I have never written a book so I give great credit to the author for writing and having a number of books published. I am just a bit too old for his target market.

Roland Inness is back and he's getting more skilled all the time! This book is a worthy follow up to *Longbow* and gives a nice little account of the Third Crusade under King Richard, while also documenting the intrigues and treasonous happenings in England under Prince John. As a lover of historical fiction and a good story, I loved this book! Language and a few places of slight innuendo. Still, Roland Inness and his companions are all honorable characters who behave themselves and stay true to their morals. Can't wait to start *Broken Realm*!

This book is billed as a book for young adults but I am fifty years removed from that age group and I loved it and can't wait for the next installment. I've always been a sucker for a good Hero, Mr. Grant's books give us many Heroes. So many books that I have recently read splash out an excess of characters and it seems they want to accomplish an interesting story with an onslaught of storylines and people while avoiding a personal attachment to any of the characters. Mr. Grant did yeoman character development in "Longbow", (Roland Inness Book 1), and has continued that development in the second book "Warbows". Both books have plenty of action and enough emotion to make any reader feel connected to the characters and really care about their lives and futures.

This book kept up the pace and fun of the first book - there was no "sophomore slump" here. While the narrative clearly sets up a 3rd (or perhaps even 4th book), plots were resolved and I was satisfied with the endings. While this is probably considered YA, it's just so much fun to read that you really shouldn't skip it. I recommend this to you (and the first one as well) and I hope this review helps you make a decision.

This is the 3rd installment and the only possible complaint I have is that I have to wait on the 4th. That is a good thing though because it means that I enjoyed the book, I like that the main character in the book is not the only one capable of heroic actions. There are other strong characterizations, both male and female that I believe could have led their own story. If you like historical fiction where the history does not impede the story telling then you will probably like this series.

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