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Rhinehoth - Centuries ago a great castle was built in the mountains of Germany's Black Forest. Its ancient guardians still thrive in its walls forever protecting its dark secrets, holding captive an enemy that threatens their very existence. Foretold is a story of an ancient warrior that is to return to the castle to free the captive Vampire Prince. Simon Roberts was a petty thief who fled England to escape Scotland Yard after a series of unsuccessful jewelry store heists. He was recruited to do a job in Germany where he was to simply drive the get away car while providing a look out. He thought this was going to be an easy job and a way to break into the German crime scene. But things go terribly wrong and he ended up being the only survivor of the botched heist. Simon is quickly sentenced to a prison called Rhinehoth. This is where Germany sent the worst of the worst, surely not a place for a petty thief such as himself. Rhinehoth is a great German castle that was converted in the late 1930's to a Stalag for war criminals of World War II. The converted prison's modern day inhabitants are relentlessly tortured, starved and sleep deprived. This contributes to the prisoners' delusional visions that help hide the truth and keeps Rhinehoth's secrets. Their captors are the army of Werewolves who have survived the centuries off the very flesh and blood of Germany's worst forgotten criminals. Simon, imprisoned becomes plagued with visions from his subconscious ancient past with confusion of his modern day consciousness. He discovers through his visions that he is the ancient warrior, Guthrie who has come to free the Vampire Prince and all the captives while saving the world from a dark plan of biblical proportions that has been orchestrated over the centuries!

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Maria says

what I read of the book was good, but I couldn't find the whole thing anywhere.

Ben says

This was much better than expected. there are some great plot twists and very intriguing characters. It is a believable scenario and very well written and complete for a standalone novel. Definitely a page turner I would recommend.

JoAnn Jordan says

This book is very poorly written. It is as if the writer has no conception of the English language. Every page is riddled with errors and it greatly detracts from the story. The story is not very good either. I wanted to like this book because the author enticed me to buy it, but it failed miserably.

The author says I am the first to complain, but I believe that must be because others do not know how to reach him.

Perhaps I am aware of the many editing mistakes because I am accustomed to reading some of the very best literature.

I do not recommend this book at all.

AudioBookReviewer says

My original Rhinehoh audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

Rhinehoh is a prison converted from a castle to house war criminals; now it houses everyone from petty criminals to murderers. Located in Germany's Black Forest there is no escape from this prison for anyone. Kept in constant confusion from sleep deprivation, starvation and brutality of the guards, prisoners struggle with what is real and what is not. This is how the castle keeps its secrets!

Simon, Mouse and Siegfried are imprisoned together. Maxine, the adopted daughter of the warden has her secrets as well. Together they try to rescue one another, learn the secrets of the castle and save the world.

They discover that the castle is the feeding ground for hybrid werewolves and a prison for the vampires which makes escape for humans impossible.

It is through his visions and Maxine that Simon learns he is an ancient warrior who can free the Vampire Prince and Maxine from their captivity and defeat the army of werewolves. Simon makes an ultimate sacrifice in a last-ditch effort to save everyone – but is it enough?

Rhineholt was a new take on the vampire/werewolf stories. I liked how the castle played an integral part of the story bringing the ancient into the modern-day. Brian Niskala did an excellent job of building the story, connecting the characters and using old myths and tales to bring his solidly written story. Niskala is an excellent wordsmith using detailed imagery to allow the listener to see his story vividly. The dialog was smooth. The viciousness of the guards was vivid; the story was engaging and captured the listener's attention. A long story but one that is well worth the listen – twists and action mixed with horror.

John Pennington did a great job of narrating – the accent and his flow of words were steady and engaging. His rhythm was slow and well-paced; his voice was soothing and calm. He did not become lost in the action – rather he controlled his voice projecting the essence of the book – horror! I think Pennington was perfect for this book!

The production was fine; it was theatrical. I, personally, do not enjoy theatrical readings with music and sound effects but this was well done.

I recommend this book to anyone who loves vampires and werewolves.
Audiobook was provided for review by the author.

Stacey says

I gave this two stars because the plot was SO promising and fun, but the execution was just not good. I stopped reading at page 50.

Karina Garcia says

Rhineholt was a great read! Author has a unique style, but once you get use to it, it flows well. Character development is awesome and the book is filled with action and excitement with every turn of the page!

Chris Topher says

Overall it was a pretty good story. It got a little wordy at times, but it was entertaining. I'm a fan of the Underworld movie series, and this fits right in there with it.

The hardest part about reading this book was the editing. The formating for the e-book (what I read on my Nook Color) seemed to be all over the place. Sometimes, there would be a paragraph at the top of the page, then a break in the middle, and the next chapter would start at the bottom of the page with one or two sentences.

There was also a grammar issue. Now, I will admit that I don't always have the best grammar (thankfully my wife was good at proofing my English papers in college), but there were quite a bit of places where there was

the wrong word in a sentence. There were sentences that seemed awkward as well. Perfect example was towards the end (spoiler here) where Simon is going back into the castle. On top of the wall he kills a guard and the line goes, "He sheathed his sword and wiped it on the guard." Simon is pretty talented if he can wipe off his sword while it is in the sheath.

I wouldn't mind recommending it to others, and I'm curious to read what else is available from the author.

Kim says

What a great story! The only reason this has 4 stars instead of 5 is because of the spelling and grammatical mistakes. It reads like something that has been translated into English. Keeping that in mind made it much easier for me to overlook all the inconsistencies and spelling errors. Well, that and the fact that the story was so engaging, that I just had to keep reading! I loved the plot line, the twists and turns in the story, and the history "flashback"..... Overall a great read.

If you love werewolves and vampires set in a spooky old castle, give this one a shot.

Mehedi Hasan says

Excellent read, it was a awesome thrill ride as described'

Megan Suchodolski says

This book seems so good! I want to read it sooooo bad

Deneale Williams says

This was my first time to ever review an audio book. I mean don't get me wrong, but I rarely get read to. Reason being, is because I read at a pretty fast pace. But let me tell you something, when the book is read to you, it makes it a lot easier to take notes. However, it also makes it a lot easier to get scared. It is relaxing, and a lot like a movie, I mean if you have an active imagination like I do.

I stopped taking notes at one part. I closed my eyes, I was there. And then I was grabbing my cat and dropped my phone, clicked something, scared the cat and the dogs, and just messed up my train of thought and had the dogs barking at what- they didn't even know. I looked around, because Brian, the author is a jerk and told me to turn the lights off. He said I honestly needed a storm too. There wasn't one here, but I swear the temperature dropped in the room, and it was like someone was there with me.

And the thing is, I wasn't even sure I was actually going to ever get to review this book. Brian is a man of little words. He sends emails like this: "Hi." From the email address "Rhinehoth." I think he thought I would know or recognize the name. So with his very informative email, I decided to do some research. I seen he was an author. I mean, don't get me wrong, eventually he did inform me he wanted to know how my review

process works, or something, but again, it was one sentence. I'm not kidding. I'm guessing he only has a lot to say when he scares the heck out of people and gives them nightmares. Then, he makes sure you remember his name.

This book was published on October 12, 2009. I think he purposely gave birth to this book around Halloween. The timing was impeccable. It's only 196 pages or 760 KB. Then reading Brian's bio where he attended both public and private school, whereas sometimes it was Catholic I know why the 'scary' decided to make an appearance. (Joking!!!)

We all know Germany has a bad rap, do we not? Thank you Hitler. Well you see, centuries ago in Germany's black forest back in the mountains there is a castle. It holds many ancient secrets, and within its dark creepy walls, are ancient guardians who attempt to guard and keep those secrets. Within this castle is being held an enemy that can ruin their very existence. Within this very book, holds the story of a warrior willing to step up and free the captive Vampire Prince.

The way this story comes to pass will amaze you, or "trip you out", if you will, speaking in modern slang. But the way it is foretold, will amaze you even more.

"Rhinehoh" is prison in Germany where the worst criminals were sent. Simon Roberts is a petty thief, who escaped the Scotland Yard, where he was being chased for many crimes.

Afterwards, Simon gets recruited to drive the getaway car in Germany, and provide look out. This he is sure he can handle without getting caught, and making mistakes. The heist ended up getting screwed up, and Simon ended up being the only sole survivor, and getting caught. So guess who gets sentenced to "Rhinehoh"? You got it!

Now "Rhinehoh" is great German castle, unfortunately, today the criminals are tortured, sleep deprived and starved. As we all know, things like this can cause delusions. And when the delusions get the best of you, this is when you let them take control, and the guards become werewolves, and you become a warrior, and you can help someone, or so you think.

You will see through Simon's own eyes what he see's and feel what he feels, like you are Simon. And you will actually think that maybe, just maybe....he isn't delusional after all. He just might be telling the truth. I mean, you never know.

I mean, maybe it's just a dream. Maybe it's real. Is it, or isn't it? Maybe you should read and find out. In the dark, during a thunderstorm, like the author suggests.

Brian is an amazing story teller, honestly. This book is five stars. I will listen to it many times over. I loved being read to, and I loved being scared to death. I loved every minute of this. "Rhinehoh" is an amazing read, I wanted to own the hard back, until I seen the price. Then I almost died. Brian, I am so glad you sought me out, please write another book, I want to read more! And get someone to make this into a movie! Five stars! Go buy a copy! You will be extremely satisfied, I promise!

Roxie Valeriano says

Fantastic! I always loved vampires and werewolves!

Randy says

I tried... I really did. Just couldn't get into it.

Brian Niskala says

Excellent Read!

Vampires, werewolves, paranormal romance even witches! All set in a dark Gothic setting! All taking in the historical accuracy of the period past and present while being so descriptive it reads more like a movie than a book! What more could you want in a horror novel! A Fun Scary Thrill Ride!

Lesly Hodo says

This is a fun, quick paced good time! If you like a little violence with your vampires and werewolves, you'll like this book.

There is a need for better editing and you'll notice errors here and there. (This may have been corrected with later editions.) The writing seemed to be slightly amateur, I'm not sure of the author's experience, but I was entertained and liked the story.
