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A legend is born in this short-story prequel to Angus Donald's masterly series The Outlaw Chronicles, perfect for devoted fans and newcomers alike.

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Rebecca says

I hate to say it but I actually enjoyed this short preview ebook more than book 1!

This book is the story of how Robert became Robin Hood with the help of Little John and it was amazing.

I think the reason I liked it more was that it was all Robin! Unlike the main book which was done from the perspective of Alan Dale.

This was totally what I wanted and I loved it!

S.J.A. Turney says

This is the first in a trilogy of short stories from Angus Donald that tell tales of the early life of the heroes of his *Outlaw* series.

This first one, as the title might rather suggest, takes us back to the beginning and the first foray of Robin in his outlaw days, when he was green in more ways than one. There are a few characters you will recognise if you're an aficionado.

I suspect this story is best read by those who are already familiar with Angus' books, although it would also work pretty well as an introduction to the series if you're new and unsure. It mixes nicely the brutality and darkness of Robin's world as we've come to see it with a more traditional 'adventurous outlaw' side that was unusual from Angus, but worked very well for me.

It's short, it's snappy and it's a nice beginning. Nothing to complain about and it helped fill that aching gap while I wait for the release of book 5: *Grail Knight*.

If you're new, give it a try and you'll probably go straight on to *Outlaw*. I would.

David says

Short prequel to the first of Angus Donald's *Outlaw* series about Robin Hood.

Whereas the books proper are all presented as an ageing Alan-a -Dale remembering his time with Robin and were told in the first person, this is told in third person and is not 'book-ended' in such a manner. While there are a few other characters than the already-living-in-the-woods Robin and John, it also does not have such a wide range of characters as in the novels proper, and feels maybe a little bit rushed.

In short: an OK entry for anyone who hasn't read any of the novels proper, but I would still advise the reader to start with the first book rather than this novella.

Patrick Raftery says

Great short story makes you won't to stat Outlaw all over again

Darren Russell says

Good short story if you need your Robin Hood fix.

As a fan of Angus Donald's Robin Hood series I found this short story hard to resist and although it is only 100 pages long it is still filled with the same gritty atmosphere as the novels. Well worth a read whether you are a fan of the series or a curious reader looking for an example of what is in store should you decide to read the whole series.

Alyson says

Short but sweet

Thoroughly enjoyed this short story. Fast paced and full of action. Nice way to begin the Outlaw Chronicles. Can't wait to start on the first novel.

Donna says

I've always been a Robin Hood fan since I can remember, and always loved finding new adaptations to his legend. And while I never really enjoy short stories I couldn't resist giving this one a shot. I'm so glad I did! A prequel to the Outlaw Chronicles series, I was immediately hooked by the interaction of characters and the explanation of how Robin Hood came to lead in Sherwood. I will definitely be checking out the rest of this series!

Michele says

I am a huge, huge fan of the Outlaw Chronicles by Angus Donald so it pains me to give this short novelette (more like a short story) only three stars. The Rise of Robin Hood is supposed to be a prequel to the very successful first book of the Outlaw Chronicles titled, appropriately enough, Outlaw. In fact, the first chapter of Outlaw is even included in this small snippet. For those of us who have been enjoying the Outlaw Chronicles, this might be very unsatisfying. Extremely short (36 pages and that includes the Outlaw chapter), it is the simply story of a young Robin and Little John and how they came to rule Sherwood Forest. Paradoxically, the only people who might enjoy it are those who have read the Chronicles....if this were the first glimpse into Donald's fantastic world, I'm afraid many readers wouldn't find it compelling enough to read the series.

So....my recommendation: if you haven't read the series, do NOT start with this prequel! Start with the first novel, Outlaw, and I can guarantee you that you will be unable to stop reading this fabulous series. At that point, you'll probably be compelled to pay the few dollars to download this prequel (it's only available digitally) and be able to take it for what it is....just a little snippet.

If you're a fan of the series, you're probably like me and can't resist another little foray into Robin's world. While it is always fun to delve into his world, don't expect much here. It was simply too short to 'create' the world we fans are so familiar with.

So....for readers who haven't read the series: 3 stars. For those of us who are fans of the series: 4 stars.

Bart says

Actual rating: 3,50

Set before the events of the first book in the Outlaw Chronicles, but I liked it more after reading the first book.

Rebecca says

A very charming and charismatic and clever introduction to the handsome and deadly character of Robin Hood and of course not forgetting the lovable gentle giant that is Little John. A beautifully crafted piece.

Kathy says

I'm afraid I could only give this short story (it doesn't even deserve to be called a novella) three out of five stars because honestly, I found nothing in it that would encourage me to read this series. I read reviews by other readers who are familiar with the Outlaw series, and who have said that this is not the place to start even though the author calls it a prequel.

It's not that it is a bad story, only that it is too short and left me feeling that I still know nothing about the characters. It reminds me more of a vignette, and one that requires the reader to be familiar with the other works in this series. Maybe at a later date, I'll try the first book in the series and may end up changing my mind...but for now? I've got too many other books waiting in the wings for me.

Michael Welter says

A good introduction to his series, although it might have made a better prologue instead.

Shneapfla says

A neat little short story, probably a bit overpriced (0,99 GBP in the UK, 1,49EUR in Germany) for 32 pages.

Laure Estep says

Not nearly as good as the full length Outlaw Chronicles novels, gives us a quick glance at Robin Hood's rise to power.
