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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

The Battle of Bulikov is five years over (*City of Stairs*), and Gen. Turyin Mulaghesh has retired on the island nation of Javrat. A messenger arrives from Shara Kamayd, former junior diplomat, actual spy, and now prime minister of Saypur. Turyin and Shara fought the Battle of Bulikov together, and it changed them and their world. Since then, Shara has been responsible for a complete transformation of Saypuri dominance over the Continent. Now she needs Turyin's experience with renegade gods and miraculous artifacts, because something is not quite right in the remote country of Voortyashtan. A new metal has been discovered with incredible properties, and the continued existence of miraculous materials means that perhaps the vanquished God of Voortyashtan is still alive. Turyin knows exactly how dangerous that is, and soon finds herself in the inhospitable land of Voortyashtan, reliving some of her worst battle experiences and trying to cope with gods, miracles, the perfidy of the greedy, and the heroism of loyal citizens. This complex tale of conquest and war, politics and magic, and battle fatigue and heroism will draw new and old readers. The regret Turyin and others have about their past deeds, while striving to do better will resonate with readers who enjoy fantasy lands as nuanced and complex as the real world. VERDICT A great option for lovers of intrigue, politics, and ancient meddlesome gods walking through the world.—Gretchen Crowley, Alexandria City Public Libraries, VA

Review

“Astonishingly good... a deep, powerful novel that’s worth reading and rereading.”—*Publishers Weekly* (starred)

“Building beautifully upon the richly detailed world introduced in the first book of the series, Bennett serves a stew of fantasy and adventure with a healthy dose of humor and a ladle full of violence.”--*Library Journal* (starred)

“Richly detailed and expertly plotted. A grand entertainment.”—*Kirkus*

“Like the very best speculative fiction, *City of Blades* immerses readers in a made-up world, only to force us to take a harder look at the real one.”--*Booklist*

Praise for *City of Stairs*:

"Readers seeking a truly refreshing fantasy milieu should travel to Bulikov, and welcome its conquest."--*New York Times Book Review*

"A delightful urban fantasy that travels through a city full of Escher-like staircases and alternate realities." --*Washington Post*

"[An] incredible journey through a wondrously weird and surprising world... Awesome." --*Tor.com*

“Bennett has built a great world, original and unique, with a scent and a texture, a sense of deep, bloody history, and a naturally blended magic living in the stones." --*NPR.org*

Finalist for the 2015 World Fantasy, Locus, and British Fantasy Awards

About the Author

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