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The thrilling final instalment of the epic and bestselling Adventures of Odysseus

Odysseus has been to Hell and back. Deserted by the Gods, and now in bitter conflict with his friend Eperitus, times look bleak. He dreams of returning to his home; to Ithaca.

But back on Ithaca things look little better. His son Telemachus and wife Penelope are besieged by a gang of suitors, believing Odysseus to be dead and looking for her hand in marriage.

Odysseus and Eperitus have survived everything. But now they face a last test, perhaps the most difficult of all... Can they reclaim what has been lost?

For readers of David Gemmell, Christian Cameron and Simon Scarrow, *Return to Ithaca* is the stunning conclusion to the Adventures of Odysseus series.

The Adventures of Odysseus King of Ithaca The Gates of Troy The Armour of Achilles The Oracles of Troy The Voyages of Odysseus **Return to Ithaca Praise for Glyn Iliffe**

‘It has **suspense, treachery, and bone-crunching action**... It will leave fans of the genre eagerly awaiting the rest of the series’ *Times Literary Supplement*

This is **a must read** for those who enjoy good old epic battles, chilling death scenes and the extravagance of ancient Greece’ *Lifestyle Magazine*

‘The reader does not need to be classicist to enjoy this epic and stirring tale. It makes **a great novel**’ *Historical Novels Review*

‘I found it utterly fascinating, the historic detail was excellent. This was an easy and enjoyable read, and I am looking forward to the next instalments. As a personal read **I can absolutely recommend it**’ *Book Talk Bournemouth*

‘An exciting story with plenty of action, and the requisite supernatural elements ... **if you are a fan of writers like Bernard Cornwell, Simon Scarrow and Conn Iggulden you will enjoy this.**’ Rachel Hyde, *Myshelf.com*

Return to Ithaca Details

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Martin Rea says

Fantastic finale

I have been reading this series from the very beginning, it has been a long twisting road, like the tales themselves. Every step has been fraught with danger, suspense and drama, this last book took it, if possible, to a whole new level. One of the best series of books I've ever read.

Greg at 2 Book Lovers Reviews says

*4.5 Stars

So here we are, Odysseus' journey is coming to an end. I have followed his and Eperitus' travels, trials and tribulations through the previous five books. Now we have the *Return to Ithaca*.

As someone who is familiar with the works of Homer, one thing has bothered me since the first chapter. If I'm spoiling anything for you, sorry, but the story has been around for three thousand years – Odysseus arrives home alone, everyone he left with for Troy is dead. But Odysseus is not our hero; it's Eperitus. How will Glyn Iliffe reconcile these two things? Does he kill off the protagonist? Or does he completely ignore a key element of the original story? I made this a black or white question in my mind, forgetting all the shades of gray. I'll say this, Iliffe walked this tightrope with impeccable skill.

With five books read, it's difficult to find something new to say about the author's writing. I think that since I am still invested in these characters after all this time it is a testament to the author's abilities. Glyn Iliffe has created a great cast of characters that not only are respectful to the originals, but also breathe new life into such a well-known tale.

With this journey complete I am left with one nagging question. What's next from Iliffe? Does he create new stories around Eperitus and Odysseus? Perhaps an adventure for Telemachus? There are plenty of other Greek myths that could use a modern reboot. Or...there is a certain survivor from Troy. I think his story could offer an equal amount of excitement and could benefit from Glyn Iliffe's knowledge and skill; as a reader, I would be on board.

*I received a copy of the book from the publisher (via NetGalley) in exchange for an honest review.

Paul Bennett says

The only bad thing about this book is that it is the end of the series...

It is with a great sadness that I say goodbye to Odysseus and company (for the time being). This epic series, so brilliantly conceived and written, has come to its conclusion. Throughout my life of reading I have

periodically gone back and reread a book or a series of books. This practice has been decidedly put on hold the last few years as my humble book reviewing blog has garnered the attention of many authors who now ask me to read and review their work. That coupled with my own novel writing has put a crimp in going back to reread any of my favorites. The Adventures of Odysseus series may change that. Whether it is because ancient Greek history was my first love or because the author has written some damned good books, I will be rereading this series.

The story of Odysseus comes to a close as he returns to Ithaca to reclaim his home, his throne and his family. The emotional roller coaster ride the main characters experience is the highlight of this volume. Odysseus, Eperitus, Telemachus and Penelope go through the gamut of doubt and fear; hope and happiness as they battle the scheming suitors for the right to rule. The story is well known and it is a credit to the author for taking it and making it his own, giving the reader a fresh look at this ancient tale. 5 stars

Erin says

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I struggled with Glyn Iliffe's Return to Ithaca, but I want to be very clear in that I believe much of my difficulties stemmed from opting to read the series out of order. The books are six in number, but I picked up the final volume without so much as a glance at the novels that preceded it. I knew The Odyssey well enough to feel comfortable with the material and figured it wouldn't matter, but the reality proved my assumption grossly misplaced.

Iliffe's characterizations are firmly established at this point and while I respect the author's creative choices, the tone and direction of the novel are not easy for readers who haven't followed the retelling chronologically. I felt myself at a great disadvantage with this piece and caution others from following in my footsteps.

The action was well-written and I think the series boasts a unique degree of creativity, but it should be firmly understood the novels are not stand-alones.

Martin Murphy says

A great ending to the series, its on a knife edge all the way through.

An enjoy able series of book's.

Kd says

Nearly unending grief

There's a point where I just wanted to race to the end to get it all done and over with. Humans can take only so much strife, and yet Odysseus, Telemachus, Penelope and Eperitus have a nearly endlessly perpetual measure of grief...

How does it end? Ingloriously, and yet it ends, as vividly as it begun

Nick says

Brilliant, a must read
