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The legend, they say, is whispered within the winds along the magnificent Preda Mountain Range, the words and deeds never to be forgotten of the Time of the Nuxvenom, a time when the Sordarins crushed the impending threat, the dreaded Asmeodai, and once more Scarladin was safe. The mighty Sordarins, rulers of the sky! No, the Sordarins have slept well over the years secure in their knowledge the Great One watches over them, knowing the legends holds a mighty warrior will emerge if threatened again, born with a destiny only to defend their world. But subtle changes have emerged. Little by little fear beings to resurface that their world, their very existence is once again threaten. They look to the skies anxiously awaiting their warrior; questioning perchance if the Great One has forgotten them. I know this how? For I am the one born to defend their world. I, Kela Calledwdele, was born a Euchoun. I am their warrior.

So starts this epic fantasy...Whispers of a Legend saga. Kela Calledwdele was born with a destiny, a Euchoun with only one purpose in life...to protect. Torn between two worlds, Kela soon discovers she is the hope of both. Now she must find the courage to face the destiny fate has dictated to her.

Kela has always known what path in life she would follow. She was born a Euchoun. Half Witheleghean, a passive peaceful race where magic runs freely and the other half, Sordarin, a valiant warrior race of hawkmen who rule the sky, she knows well her parents gave the ultimate sacrifice to give her a chance to live. Yet, in so doing, they have left Kela unprepared to face the dangers that await her. Her instincts are to protect and in this she does, but in so doing it leads her into a world where she knows not whom to trust. In time her power matures and grows stronger when she bonds with a Sordarin warrior, Cono. She learns well why she holds the power. An evil as no other before, Asmeodai, has emerged but all is not what it seems as a dark cloak encompasses her family. Betrayal, distrust, treachery leaves Kela alone. She is torn by her desire for Cono and the purpose, the path, she has been given to follow. And when another emerges within her world, one who seemly wants only to help her along her path, she is pulled further away from her Sordarin.

Shadows of the Past, Book One of the Whispers of a Legend is the first in nine installments of the saga. It is a journey of a young woman's battle to embrace her destiny. Whispers of a Legend follows Kela along this conflicting path, where as a young woman unsure of her ability and her confidence in facing the challenges before her to where she emerges as a strong leader who learns to lean upon her own strength, to stand not behind, but side by side with her warrior.

Shadows of the Past Details

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NVTony says

Liked the premise & enjoyed following along as author led me with delightful prose. Found I could envision world & experiences of characters. Just type of story to escape for a few hours.

Ebony says

A very very short story where the plot is rushed. I felt that half the story was unwritten so that a sequel could be written.

AshleyNicole Shelton says

This is a story of a young woman banished to a forbidden forest. Over the years she spends her learning to control her power so that one day she can find her rightful place as a royal, beside her brother and sister, an Euchoun bonded to her love, and the Chosen. There is romance and magical beings. All in all, a good read

Irene says

It was an interesting read, mostly because it kept me wondering for what age group it was supposed to be written. For the first 30-40 pages on my e-reader I thought it was something for early teens. By the page 60 (I think) I was more like saying it was for middle teens. And on the last 6 pages there happened to be a sex scene!

And when I'm saying that I thought it was meant for early teens I don't actually mean whether it was clean or not, I mean the language and the structure of the sentences (and people it really drives me nuts when "native speakers" make such obvious mistakes in their writing!!!).

So now getting back to the contents of the book itself. I liked it, though sometimes there was no logic in the people's behaviour and the main heroine sounded like a child (who she really was, one more point why I said it was for early teens) and it was probably a bit boring part. So it kicked off with a father (King or something like that) of three children betrayed and murdered by his men, mother baing forced to send away her kids and those kids trying to survive for several years in isolation so noone knows they survived.

When they finally have been found they were treated differently. And here begins the story of main heroine, who was undeservedly torn from her family but she managed to find her "love" in the end. Which calls for the next book, which I belive either exists already or will be published soon.

Brenda Whiteside says

Carrie creates a world full of mystery and magic. Her characters are endearing and complicated. I find Kela, the heroine, most intriguing because she is at once a lovely feminine woman but born to be a warrior. And she has to fight for recognition of her destiny in a world where women aren't allowed to be that strong. All women will cheer for her. Cono, the winged warrior is a luscious hero. Part One was a satisfying read and at the same time left me anxious to read Part Two.

Caroline says

I really loved this book and finished it in a day or so. The only problem with it is that it is far too short and I cannot wait to read the next instalment.

Selina says

This book was okay. Although it was an interesting concept, it was a bit confusing and I hated that the main character seemed weak(at least to me so it may not be like that to others). But overall this book was pretty good.

Kimberly says

After posting in a Goodreads group asking authors to review their books I was approached by Carrie James Haynes to review her book. I was so excited to read it and I would like to thank Carrie for allowing me the opportunity to review her book.

I have to say that the author did a nice job with the world building in this book. She did an amazing job with Kela (my favourite character and the protagonist). I love how strong she was and how much she cared for her family. I enjoyed seeing her grow as a character and I was rooting for her the whole way through all her trials and tribulations.

This was not a long book by any means but it was packed with my 2 must haves: Adventure and Fantasy. This book did not fail to deliver and I would recommend it to those who enjoy reading books set in different worlds.

give this book ★★★★★ My only three complaints were that there were a couple of minor spelling errors, and the fact that I think it should have been a wee bit longer and the fact that I have to wait for the next installment

Jakenv says

This is one not to be missed. Characters you will find interesting a plot to admire.

Maeve Greyson says

Yes. I gave this five stars before reading it through but I don't have to read a story in it's entirety to know it's my kind of read. When you know it's right - it's right from the very beginning. I look forward to finishing this book and then moving on to read Part Two.

Mimi Barbour says

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I loved the characters in this story and the conflicts kept me intrigued enough to keep turning the pages. Kela, Euchoun, a protector of warriors, is a fearless young miss – a Sordarin – who grabs your heart right from the start. As a small child, her family- betrayed by their own - send the children - baby Sareta, young Falco and Kela - to safety in the protection of an old warrior Turstan and a nanny Gunilda. Years pass until one day, after a short battle where Kela defends her family against warriors sent by her own people; Kela finds that her special powers have increased. The children return home to their family's castle in the land of Scarladin to meet their grandfather who is king. He orders a ceremony to be held where he acknowledges Kela's brother as heir and her sister as the court's beloved, but in Kela's case he imprisons her instead. Years spent in the forbidden forest befriended only by her teacher and another who has similar powers, she waits to be recalled. It takes a war for that to happen. Finally she has the chance to show courage and try to win the affection of her grandfather. While on the mission, she not only bonds with a wonderful man and falls in love, but she excels in bravery, saving the land. Unfortunately, her grandfather holding an unknown transgression against her banishes her once again.

This is the debut book for Ms. Haynes, and because of this reason, I felt justified to give her 5 stars in spite of the obvious lack of editing that would have made this book perfect.
