

For Lord and Land

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Synopsis

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Greed and ambition threaten to tear the north apart. War rages between the two kingdoms of Northumbria. Kin is pitted against kin, and friend becomes foe as ambitious kings vie for supremacy. When Beobrand travels south into East Angeln to rescue a friend, he unwittingly tilts the balance of power in the north, setting in motion events that will lead to a climactic confrontation between Oswiu of Bernicia and Oswine of Deira. While the lord of Ubbanford is entangled in the clash of kings, his most trusted warrior, Cynan, finds himself on his own quest, called to the aid of someone he thought never to see again. Riding into the mountainous region of Rheged, Cynan faces implacable enemies who would do anything to further their own ends. Forced to confront their pasts, and with death and betrayal at every turn, both Beobrand and Cynan have their loyalties tested to breaking point. Who will survive the battle for a united Northumbria, and who will pay the ultimate price for lord and land?

Reader's comments

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Matthew Harffy's 'For Lord and Land' transports readers to a vividly depicted 7th-century Britain, a time of turbulent battles and shifting allegiances. Harffy's meticulous attention to historical detail shines through each page, immersing readers in the harsh realities and vibrant cultures of early medieval life. The protagonist, Beobrand, is a richly crafted character whose personal journey is as compelling as the larger political and military machinations surrounding him. Harffy excels at interweaving personal struggles with epic historical events, creating a narrative that is both intimate and grand in scale. The author's writing style is both gripping and evocative, capturing the raw energy of battle scenes and the quiet moments of introspection with equal skill. Each character is well-developed, enhancing the emotional depth of the story. 'For Lord and Land' is a masterful blend of historical fiction and adventure, appealing to both fans of the genre and newcomers alike. Harffy's ability to breathe life into the past while maintaining a strong narrative drive makes this book a standout addition to his growing body of work. It's a must-read for anyone seeking an engaging and historically rich tale.

â€” Eleanor Finch (2026-05-30 16:29:49)