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Von Ian Graham : Monument (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Monument (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not really my thingVon JoliA fantasy novel about a guy who steals a mysterious artefact and has the whole church coming after him because of that. They suddenly want him dead for a reason he does not understand.This could have been a

somewhat interesting read, if the main character hadn't been so utterly despicable. He is a drunkard and thief and vagrant and fat and ugly and egocentric and totally lacks any kind of compassion, takes what he wants and kills anyone who stands in his way. Very little is revealed about his backstory, and what we are told makes it sound like he has always been this way. During the story, he is attacked and almost killed numerous times, and each time I did not find myself feeling for him at all. I felt like he deserved everything he got and even caught myself hoping he'd really die this time, so that the story could go on with some more interesting characters, but no such luck. I know you aren't supposed to write characters who only have a good side. But doesn't it go the other way, too? That a character shouldn't consist of only bad sides? A character needs a little of both, or he is simply a flat character. And a protagonist who isn't at least somewhat likeable won't get you happy readers. At least not me. I think he was supposed to be some kind of anti-hero. But if the definition of an anti-hero is that there cannot be a single likeable thing about a character, then I don't think I want to read about anti-heroes again, ever. I kept reading until the end, because the reviews on the backside promised a spectacular plot twist and such. Turns out it wasn't that great, after all. But I'm glad it's over. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. good stuff Von AndreasThe blurb on the back sounded good so I picked up a copy of this book. I didn't regret my decision. I like the idea of an anti-hero, and I don't mind if such people are disagreeable. That's exactly how I perceived Ballas. He's pretty selfish and more than ready to do whatever needs to be done to achieve his goals. He's a nasty drunkard and a thieving, whoring pig - exactly what I thought an anti-hero should be. The book was well written, though kinda rough at times. In a weird way the author's style fits the plot so I won't complain about that. Now and then, some situations are solved too easily and hastily while on other occasions the story's drawn out. There are some interesting ideas in it. I especially liked the Visionary's Root and the medieval setting. Graham did a masterful job keeping the mystery ratcheted up to the end. The ending itself is well done as you can't really expect a happy ending with this story. That's the sort of realism that's maintained throughout the whole plot and serves well in making this one of the most memorable and distinctive debut fantasy novels I have ever read.

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