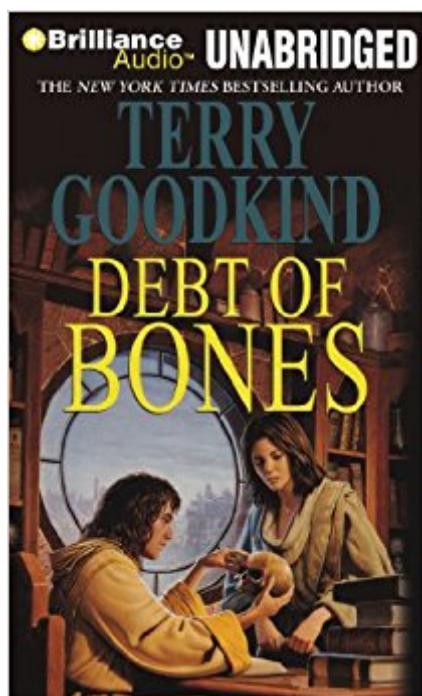


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Synopsis

A milestone of storytelling set in the world of The Sword of Truth, Debt of Bones is the story of young Abby's struggle to win the aid of the wizard Zedd Zorander, the most important man alive. Abby is trapped, not only between both sides of the war, but in a mortal conflict between two powerful men. For Zedd, who commands power most men can only imagine, granting Abby's request would mean forsaking his sacred duty. With the storm of the final battle about to break, both Abby and Zedd are caught in a desperate fight to save the life of a child...but neither can escape the shadow of an ancient betrayal. With time running out, their only choice may be a debt of bones. The world - for Zedd, for Abby, for everyone - will never again be the same.

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Customer Reviews

Terry Goodkind (Faith of the Fallen) presents Debt of Bones, a prequel to his Sword of Truth series that involves series character First Wizard Zedd in the time before the Boundaries were drawn. Abby, a poor peasant who has an ancient claim on Zedd, asks the impossible of him to save her community, including her husband, child and father at the possible price of countless other lives. Illus. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As the armies of Panis Rahl spread across the land, a young woman from a beleaguered town begs

a boon from First Wizard Zedd, ignorant of the consequences of her request. This revised version of a novella that first appeared in the fantasy anthology *Legends* illuminates the period in history before the events of Goodkind's "Sword of Truth" series. The conflict between love and duty forms a central theme in this brief and touching tale of people caught up in events they cannot fully control. Keith Parkinson's pencil illustrations add a delicate touch to the story, highlighting key events in the narrative. Libraries wishing to complete their Goodkind collection will want this gracefully written story. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Surprisingly, this is one of the few books of Goodkind that I don't have something horrible to say about. The story is interesting in this book though I would definitely wait to read it until you've read significantly in the series to be familiar with the things that are alluded to. If you read it at the beginning, I think the later books would have lost the few redeeming things that they have going for them, namely the surprises. Particularly the first book of the series. The story was interesting enough to hold my attention long enough for me to read it all at once but as it's quite short, that's not all that astounding. Also, there are no chapter breaks which encourages you to keep reading. I found that this story is better written than the others in the sense that it isn't trying too hard as I feel is the case in many of Goodkind's other books. There are few grandiose speeches that are thinly veiled examples of the author championing his beliefs through the mouth of his characters.

"Enemies, are the price of honour." I loved this book. It was a two cup of coffee read, translation, a very quick read. It's a great prequel to the *Sword of Truth* books. I have come to find out more about Zedd and his past, and how the lands got split into thirds. If you have read the other books I'm sure you will like this one.

I ordered the Terry Goodkind "Sword of Truth" series, including this prequel, via the Kindle version; there are many misspellings, missing words, double words and other annoying editorial errors that make reading the series frustrating; also, they are very similar to the Robert Jordan "Wheel of Time" series, even using similar titles for the main characters; sometimes, I feel I am reading the same books; I hope the editorial issues will not be an issue with my other Kindle purchases

Debt of Bones is notable for a few reasons: First, it's short. While the other *Sword of Truth* novels are long, often much longer than they need to be, this slim novella cuts out most of the padding and

tells a simple story. I read it in a single sitting on a cross-country plane ride. Second, it explicitly asks the reader in the author's introduction to consider what he or she would do under similar circumstances. Goodkind is well-known for his objectivist philosophy, but this book does not present it as heavy-handedly as his full-length novels have. And third, the editing is noticeably better this time out. The spelling and grammar errors that plague his novels are mostly not present here, which was nice. Overall, the story isn't particularly gripping, but it adds a little extra flavor to the SoT series. It's a welcome, brief sidetrack into Zedd's life, even though the focus is more on Abby, the story being told from her perspective. I'm glad I read it. For those who have stuck with the Sword of Truth series this far, it's a necessary detour before proceeding with the final three novels.

Although the book was relatively short, it was still a good story. It was hard to put down and the story itself was very interesting. My only comment is that I wish the story was told or at least showed more details about younger Zedd. Instead the story was told from the point of view of a woman named Abby.

As usual a Great read.

just as described

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