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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Pity There Aren't More Like This...Von Andrew CareyOne of the more irritating tendencies of fantasy literature is the constant depiction of extremes of class. In many novels, every major character is either a member of at least the lower ranks of nobility or else some kind of petty criminal. Point of Hopes is refreshing in that most of its characters are

somewhere in the middle; ordinary people with honest trades trying to get by. The main characters are a temporarily out of work mercenary (he's worked his way up from the ranks to a minor officer's position, but it's difficult to find an employer who's willing to hire a commoner for a commissioned rank) and a constable (the local title is Pointsman), and the most of their associates are tavern keepers, shop owners, and the odd underpaid scholar. Add to this an environment based roughly on sixteenth century France (with a few changes such as a pagan state religion, women's equality with men, and unquestioned toleration of homosexuality), a renegade alchemist plotting against the reigning monarch, and a mysterious series of kidnappings, and one has a novel worth reading and re-reading. I hope Scott and Barnett are planning a sequel, and in any event I look forward to their next work. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great book Von Mag. Gerda Weichselbaum A wonderful and gripping story I had to read in one go. The characters are adorable and the alternating viewpoints make the decisions and the plot believable. A thoroughly enjoyable experience.

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