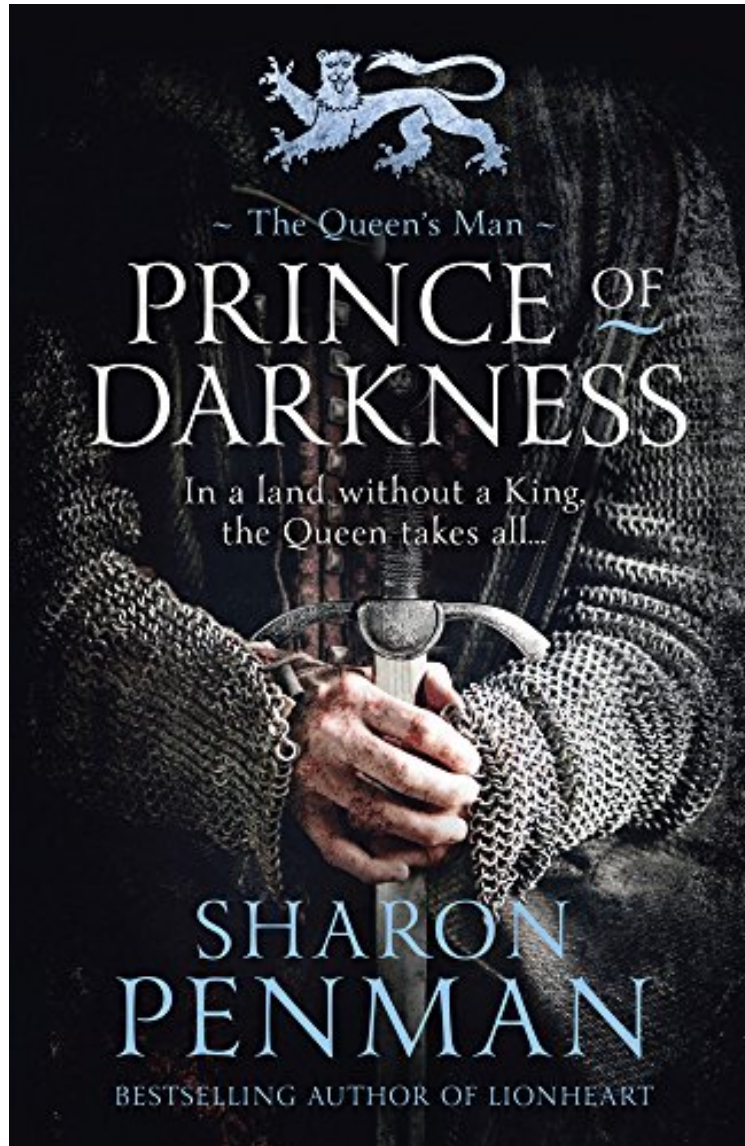


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Von Sharon Penman : Prince of Darkness (The Queen's Man) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Prince of Darkness (The Queen's Man):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. She did it again - a page turner by the author of splendourVon AmelrodeBe patient if- the phone rings- your kids want to play with you- dinner is served or- your dogs wants to go for a walkand will stop you from reading this marvellous book! All this will be a nuisance as these activities will force one to drop for the time being the new book by Sharon K

Penman which is a real page turner! It is Penman's tenth book and I have read them all - from the Sun in Splendour to the Dragon's Lair. The Prince of Darkness is the fourth mystery by Sharon K. Penman featuring Justin de Quincy as The Queen's Man solving the mysteries laying in the path of his Queen - the legendary Eleanor, Duchess of Aquitaine, Queen Dowager of England and once Queen of France. As in the previous novels the background is the power struggle between King Richard Lionheart and his younger brother John, the future King John Lackland. Justin finds himself serving suddenly Prince John as any unjust harm falling upon him would be against the wishes of his Queen. By page 3 you will be in the plot, by page 15 you are hooked and latest by pages 50 you will absolutely be absorbed in the story. I do not know how Penman does it but it is just fantastic. The story takes quite unexpected, but never unlogical turns and this is really good and interesting. The story continues the Dragon's Lair story as the personalities of the main characters (Justin, Durand, Claudine, John and Emma) develop. But for those who have read the Dragon Liar some time ago or even never have read it will no problem to understand the plot or the personalities and their story. Even in this respect very well done. I finished my review on the Dragon's Lair with the line: "I am already looking forward to the 4th mystery with Justin de Quincy" - well I just have to say now: I am already looking forward to the 5th mystery with Justin de Quincy!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. BORING! Von Brent Duncan I have to say that I never have a problem to finish a book, but this one dragged on and on! Totally boring and dragging! Sorry I would never recommend this book to anyone!!

Kurzbeschreibung DECEMBER, AD 1193. England lies uneasy, a land without a king. Richard the Lionheart languishes in an Austrian dungeon and his brother John hungers for the crown. In the Lionheart's stead, Eleanor of Aquitaine rules. She is determined to prevent the outbreak of civil war, but the land is riven by treachery and there are few men she can trust. Justin de Quincy is one of the few. Sharp-witted, bastard-born, he is the Queen's most trusted agent, a foil to John's machinations. But now John himself has asked for de Quincy's aid. A powerful conspiracy threatens the course of history and de Quincy will have to prove his mettle or find an early grave as he searches for its dark heart. From Publishers Weekly Convincing 12th-century European intrigue lifts Penman's engrossing fourth medieval mystery (after 2003's *Dragon's Lair*). In 1193, King Richard the Lion-Hearted is still imprisoned, while his devious and unscrupulous brother, Prince John, schemes to position himself to claim the English throne. When an obscure conspiracy seeks to implicate the prince in a plot to kill the king, John turns to young Justin de Quincy, Eleanor of Aquitaine's devoted aide, for help in clearing himself of the treason charge. In his pursuit of clues pointing to a number of suspects, De Quincy stumbles across several murders. Penman deftly weaves actual historical events into the narrative with nary a false note. While the murderer's identity may not come as much of a surprise, the author's thorough familiarity with her chosen period more than compensates. Agent, Molly Friedrich at Aaron Priest. (Mar. 31) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Penman continues her sharply honed medieval mystery series with another tautly constructed whodunit featuring Justin de Quincy, the unacknowledged bastard son of a bishop who has sworn his allegiance to the politically powerful dowager queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Lured to Paris under false pretenses by his seductive ex-lover and mother of his child, Justin is furious to learn that Claudine has acted at the behest of the insidiously devious Prince John. Though admittedly eager to acquire his absent brother Richard's throne, it appears that John is being unjustly framed for plotting to commit regicide. Reluctantly drawn into a web of intrigue and deceit, Justin joins forces with his longtime nemesis, Durand de Curzon. Nothing, however, is as it seems, and Justin must keep his ample wits about him to avoid becoming the next victim of a treacherous killer. Another delightful blend of mayhem, murder, and history. Margaret Flanagan Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved