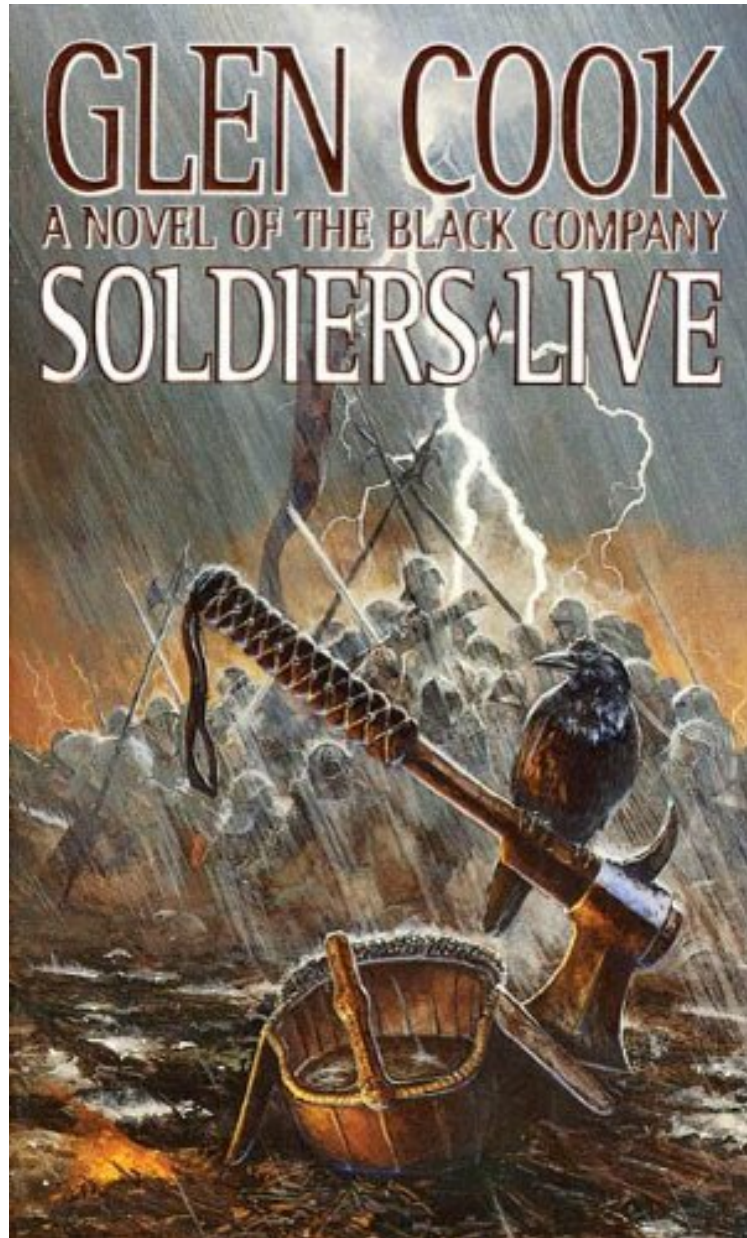


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**Von Glen Cook : Soldiers Live (The Chronicles of The Black Company)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Soldiers Live (The Chronicles of The Black Company):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Fitting End(?)Von DapeckAbout 12 years and countless engaging hours since I first picked up the original Black Company

novel, it seems this great series has come to a close (of sorts). Though Cook may write other books about one or more of the (incredibly few) remaining characters, the Black Company as we know it has made its last march. This installment of the series was largely a very satisfying, albeit bittersweet read. Unlike many other authors in this genre, Mr Cook has never been afraid to kill off his characters in sudden and unexpected ways. "Soldier's Live" is no exception. As the Company makes its way back to Taglios to thwart the plans of the Death Goddess (and not to mention rid themselves of a few extremely pesky recurring adversaries), Cook pares his cast down almost obsessively. The end result is that no one is safe. The danger the Company faces in every circumstance is real and immediate, regardless of which characters are involved. This approach would be lethal to a less imaginative author, but Cook's strength is a seemingly endless supply of colorful, entertaining, and well-developed characters. As this is the last book in the series (or at least in this incarnation of the series), Cook does more paring than planting. Loose ends stretching back almost to the beginning of the original series are tied off with mostly satisfying results. Like a previous reviewer speculated, Cook has left the door open for possibly one or more prequels (oh please oh please) involving the Company in the early years...until then, *Soldiers Live* is a fitting epilogue to a superb series. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Disturbing to say the least! Von Diego Mandian Wow! What else can really be said, it is about durned time that Croaker wrote the book again. This book is most probably the last of the Black Company series I would suppose. It ties up all those loose ends you have been worrying about, though the end is very very very disturbing. Insanity rules the day, as it usually does. This book also contained the sarcasm and wit that endeared the original to most of us, and it is supported by strong characters and heavy duty sorcery. I am still amazed by this book. It took me two days to read it, and that being only at night, engrossing is the word. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Simply Amazing Von Ein Kunde Glen Cook at his best. 4 years later, things bound to change. Goblin, is he really dead? Tobo, strong enough to take One-Eyes place? I think this book offers closure to the whole glittering stone saga. Familiar faces still around, i.e. Croaker (the narrator again THANK YOU), Tobo has grown into a fine young man. Murgen, the standard-bearer, as well as others, such as willow Swan and the traitor Mogaba. Many questions were answered and all in all Cook did another great job. Highly Recommended!

Kurzbeschreibung When sorcerers and demigods go to war, those wars are fought by mercenaries, "dog soldiers," grunts in the trenches. And the stories of those soldiers are the stories of Glen Cook's hugely popular "Black Company" novels. If the Joseph Heller of *Catch-22* were to tell the story of *The Lord of the Rings*, it might read like the Black Company books. There is nothing else in fantasy like them. Now, at last, Cook brings the "Glittering Stone" cycle within the Black Company series to an end . . . but an end with many other tales left to tell. As *Soldiers Live* opens, Croaker is military dictator of all the Taglias, and no Black Company member has died in battle for four years. Croaker figures it can't last. He's right. For, of course, many of the Company's old adversaries are still around. Narayan Singh and his adopted daughter--actually the offspring of Croaker and the Lady--hope to bring about the apocalyptic Year of the Skulls. Other old enemies like Shadowcatcher, Longshadow, and Howler are also ready to do the Company harm. And much of the Company is still recovering from the fifteen years many of them spent in a stasis field. Then a report arrives of an evil spirit, a forvalaka, that has taken over one of their old enemies. It attacks them at a shadowgate--setting off a chain of events that will bring the Company to the edge of apocalypse and, as usual, several steps beyond. Glen Cook is the leading modern writer of epic fantasy noir, and *Soldiers Live* is Cook at his best. None of his legion of fans will want to miss it. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. From *Library Journal* After a long stay in the land of the Hsien warlords, the mercenaries of the Black Company prepare to return to their former home, a journey that takes them once more through the shadowgates and across the Glittering Stone, where old and new enemies await them. The ninth installment of the author's popular Black Company novels brings to a conclusion several plot threads while leaving room for new variations on a tried-and-true theme "the trials and tribulations of men and women at war against impossible odds. The author's wry wit and flair for understatement add a level of realism uncommon to the fantasy genre. Recommended for most fantasy collections. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen "Cook deserves high marks for much in this novel, including the gritty realism of the soldiers' dialogue and of the attitude of the civilians (who seem to suffer much as the Vietnamese did during the Vietnam War). The distinctively non-Western flavor of much of the mythology is also welcome. Large parts of the book read like a collaboration between Michael Moorcock and the late John Masters, dean of historical novelists of the British Raj. Indeed, the book offers virtually everything a fantasy reader could ask for..." -- Publishers Weekly on *She Is the Darkness*