

Troy: Shield of Thunder

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Prolific historical novelist Gemmell continues his imaginative and addictive Trojan War trilogy with this second installment (after *Troy: Lord of the Silver Bow*). While King Agamemnon schemes and "dreams of a war with Troy," rival monarch Priam of Troy maneuvers to secure his city's future through the marriage of his son Hektor to Princess Andromache of Thebe Under Plakos. Born with a birthmark resembling the shield of Athene—"the Shield of Thunder"—Andromache will, according to prophesy, bear the Eagle Child: a king who will never be defeated and whose city "will be eternal." Faithful to Homeric legend, there is enough intrigue, treachery and sanguinary violence to keep readers riveted as Priam publicly humiliates King Odysseus of Ithaka, who had hoped to remain neutral in the coming conflict. With Odysseus and the demigod warrior Achilles among his allies, Agamemnon attacks Troy in a war for hegemony. Seamlessly blending legend, mythology and history, Gemmell vividly recreates the world of the Greek city-states in all of their nobility and pettiness. Lively and seductive, this is historical fiction at its page-turning best. (Mar.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Gemmell's Trojan War continues, with Troy now fully under siege. The Greeks have their champion in Achilles, a young warrior possessed of godlike prowess and self-esteem. In Troy, thanks to Athena, Andromache continues to play a larger role than that of merely Hector's consort. Greek leader Agamemnon has more rank than ability or diplomacy, putting wise Odysseus in the awkward position of being sworn to support him while foreseeing disaster in his leadership. Characterizations and action measure up to Gemmell's usual standards, and since highly readable historical action tales are his metier, fans of such fare will be pleased. *Roland Green*

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Review

"This is how the oldest tales should be read and known. Gemmell is a master of plot, but his triumph is creating men and women so real that their trials are agony and their triumph is glorious."

—Conn Iggulden

“David Gemmell carries us away to a four-cornered, wholly convincing cosmos, so masterfully done that the reader thinks ‘Ah, this is what it was really like.’”

—Stephen Pressfield

“To anyone who enjoys an action-packed historical epic.”

—Joanne Harris

“The loyalties and betrayals, the love and the hate, the endless, everlasting courage of the men — and the women — of both sides are brought to life in this vivid, inspirational recreation of the Troy myth.”

—Manda Scott

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