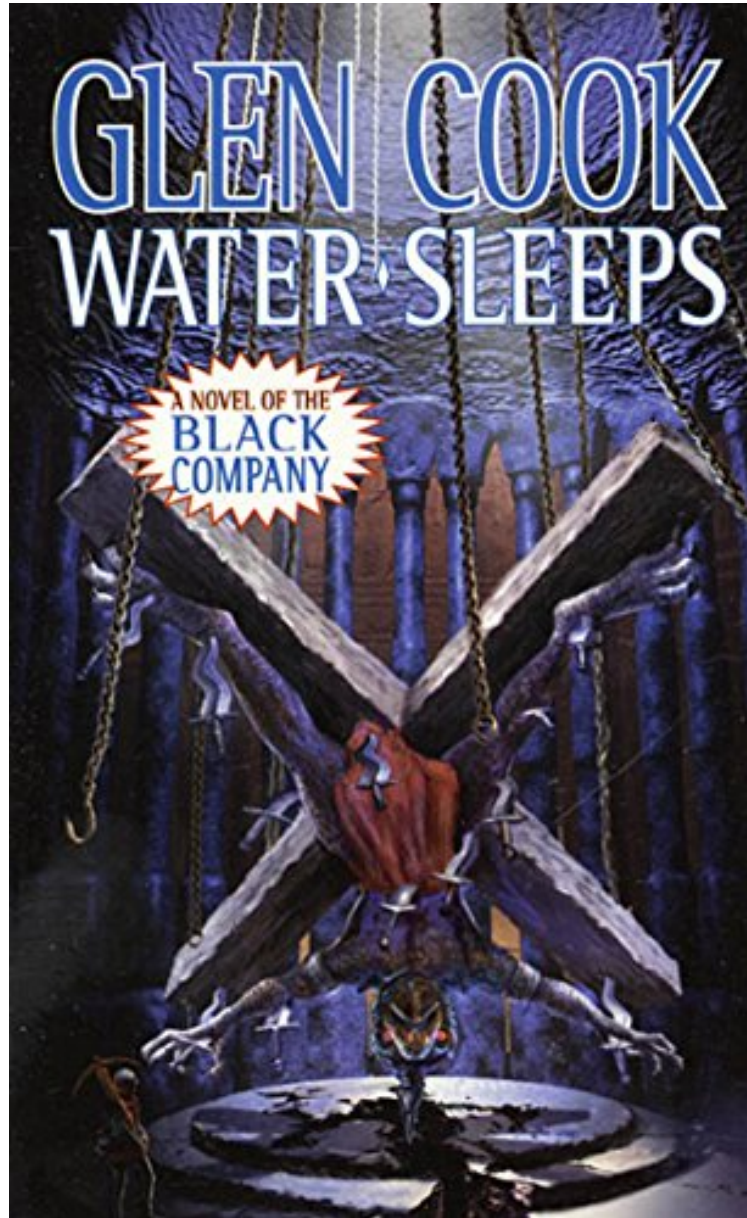


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Von Glen Cook : Water Sleeps: A Novel of the Black Company (The Chronicles of The Black Company) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Water Sleeps: A Novel of the Black Company (The Chronicles of The Black Company):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Boy does he love to leave us hanging these days ... Von ESPowerGreat book. Love 'em all really, but all the earlier ones seemed more self contained. You know ... end of the book ties up most loose ends. Now he seems to be getting into the Saga mode -- ever since the "glittering stone" ones started. But I really love how he puts a sense of quasi-realism back into sci-fi, killing off even heros sometimes.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Is there a better series of novels with heroes this nasty? Von Ein KundeI am always surprised when a new Glen Cook novel hits the stands. Outside of the success of his "Garrett" novels (which are a lovely blend of Raymond Chandler meets J.R.R.), he has to be the most overlooked writer in the fantasy genre. His "Dread Empire" series of novels (of which there were seven (7) published) combined political machinations with big-time wizardry, meddling immortals and believable ordinary characters (with ordinary flaws) into a grand mesh set on a world scale. He had planned at least two more novels in the series but poor sales forced its "retirement". Let us all hope that this does not happen with The Black Company. My greatest fear is that the latest book will be the last and the story will not yet be finished. Water Sleeps is another example of Glen's gritty storytelling at his best! Best of all, there is room for more novels with the hooks and unanswered questions that he leaves us with! The presence of Croaker and Lady (or lack of presence would better describe it) is the one thread that has bound the entire series together. Having them restored will allow Mr. Cook to tantalize us with further tales - should enough people purchase the novels - and also allow for the development of the newest wizard in the group - Murgan's son. Write on.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Water Sleeps - But Time Marches On Von Robert Trifts (rtrifts@home.com)"Water Sleeps" is the Eighth Chronicle of the Black Company (the ninth book in the series if you count the Silver Spike). A Series known for its writing style as much as for its gritty "anti-hero" perspective on High Fantasy, Cook returns the reader to the characters and events following the treachery at the end of the Seventh Chronicle, "She is the Darkness".The novel introduces us to the new Annalist, Sleepy, who took over the position in the Black Company when the three former Annalists were entombed in magical stasis beneath the plain of Glittering Stone. Fifteen years has passed since the "core" of the Black Company was Captured by Soulcatcher. The remnants of the Company remain in Taglios, in hiding, plotting their revenge against their enemies and planning the rescue of their comrades.A few things are different in the novel. A new Annalist, once again, is introduced to the reader. Sleepy is revealed to us as a woman who prefers to keep her female gender unknown to most outsiders. But, despite her change in gender, she writes in the first person sarcastic style of all of Cook's Annalists.There are a few differences, however. Sleepy is easily the smartest Annalist so far and free of self doubt. Sleepy also manages to avoid hubris. The reader soon recognizes that while Sleepy is "only" an Annalist, it becomes increasingly clear that she is the de facto Captain and the mastermind of all the machinations of the Company.One of the elements of the novel which make it different from earlier Black Company exploits is that under Sleepy's command - everything more or less goes as planned. Sleepy makes no mistakes. She is patient, balanced, quick-thinking and humble. Perhaps Sleepy is less honest than Croaker or Murgan and recounts to the reader only her successes and not her mistakes - but never has the Black Company had such an easy time of it. The plans of the Company go so well that we are left wondering why it took the Company fifteen years to execute its plans for revenge and rescue.The novel answers far more questions than it poses and manages to set up the next novel quite well at the end, if perhaps a little too neatly.If I have a complaint with the direction of the series, it is that it is more or less clear that Cook himself does not really know where he is going with any of this. Most writers have a \*clue\* as to what is going to happen and where the plot of the series is headed. I don't think that Cook does. It was clear that after Dreams of Steel the series lost direction and Cook has lost patience with most of his characters. In Water Sleeps, time has marched on and claims two of our most beloved members of the Black Company. They aren't killed off with quite the same disrespect as Mocker in the Dread Empire series was, but it comes closer than we would like with one of them.Fans should take note: this series is winding down and either the ninth or perhaps the tenth Chronicle of the Black Company is likely to be the last.

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