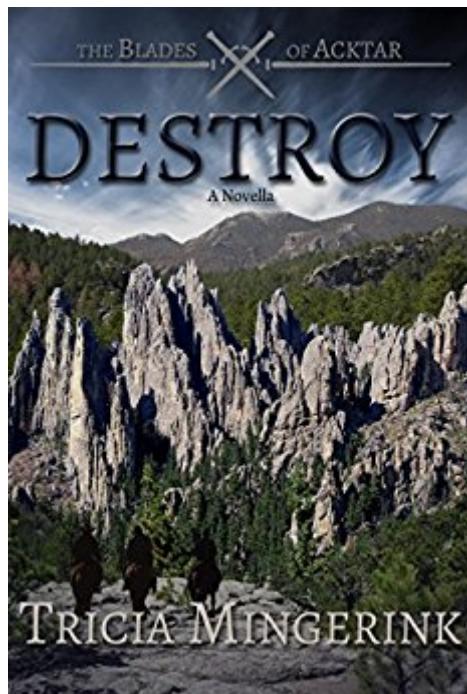


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Destroy: (The Blades Of Acktar 3.5)



Synopsis

Before the war, before the Blades, before the Leader. There was a boy and a scullery maid and a secret shame. One moonlit night of blood and knives destroyed their country and their lives forever. The Leader failed to die, but will he also fail to lead?

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Customer Reviews

I am so glad I decided to purchase Destroy by Tricia Mingerink! After reading the final book in THE BLADES OF ACKTAR series, I was kind of sad and wondering how to say goodbye to this fantastic Christian fantasy series ... Well, turns out, I didn't have to! Not quite yet! *winks* In this novella (which should be read after the third book, Defy), we meet Keevn and Addie as POV characters and see the whole story from their eyes ... starting when Keevn was almost killed in the dead of night by a Blade. I wasn't sure how I'd feel about reading Keevn's story. But I loved it! I think, partly, because Tricia Mingerink just has a way of writing that draws me in! And now I so love Acktar and its people that I want to read every story about them that I can! *grins* But yes, Keevn. I actually did feel for him. My heart ached for him. I came to like him. And, of course, sweet and talkative and strong

Addie. I loved seeing how she came into the whole story! Wow! *hugs them both* Keevn definitely wasn't a perfect character, but that's good. Tricia Mingerink showed his pain and understandable reasons for his actions, while still staying true to his character that we saw in Defy and Deliver. I was impressed by this tale, and touched. As I mentioned above, Destroy starts, chronologically, before Dare and continues to Defy's end ... and a little beyond that. And it's all seen through Keevn and Addie's eyes. I loved getting this new perspective on the war and all that! The coronation. The arrival of a certain prince. ^_^ (I only wish it would have showed a certain wedding!) Anyway, it was well-written, interesting, and thought-provoking. I really liked the faith theme; how forgiveness and mercy were woven into the story. It was challenging but heart-touching. I loved seeing more of characters we didn't get a chance to truly meet before. All the backstory ...

As any good fan of a series, I love getting to read backstory. Even if it's on a character that wasn't exactly my favorite in the series. :) So when I got the chance to be an early reader for this novella, I jumped at the chance. Keevan was not universally liked in Defy, but you got enough of a feel for him in that book that you could understand where he was coming from. But still. So this novella was a great way to see what made the Leader what he is. We start with a look at a young Keevan doing something he'll regret for years, but he already starts changing as a character. Then we get an up close and personal look at the night that Respen takes over Acktar, and a not so nice glimpse of a favorite character. From there it flips back and forth between Keevan and the young serving girl who saves his life. There's several skips forward in time as there's about six-ish years to get covered all the way up to the end of the events in book 3. I enjoyed getting to see Keevan continue to grow and make his own decisions. He wasn't my favorite character in Defy, but really I couldn't fault him for some of his decisions, but now it's even clearer where he's coming from. This story really helped flesh out some of the gaps from the series and we get a better look at the Resistance. We get a few glimpses of other characters from the series, and it's interesting to see them from an unfamiliar viewpoint. I enjoyed the new characters we get introduced to, especially Addie. The relationship between her and Keevan was great and they were a little bit adorable. :) Obviously recommended for anyone who's a fan of the series!

I have enjoyed reading this series quite a lot! This particular book continues the story of Acktar and the evil king who usurped the throne, his trained assassin's known as the 'blades' due to their reliance upon knives, and the remaining royal family now in hiding until such time as the resistance can overcome undertake the throne. Here you will finally learn the identity of the leader of the

resistance and learn what is to become of Brandi and her sister, Leith and the blades and the citizens of the kingdom known as Acktar. I particularly enjoyed how the author wove familiar Bible stories into her book. When her characters discovered that it is easy to have faith and trust when you know the ending to , for instance, Daniel in the Lions Den, it is much harder when you are in your own 'den', and the Lions surround you! I encourage you to get the first book in the series and began a great adventure!

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