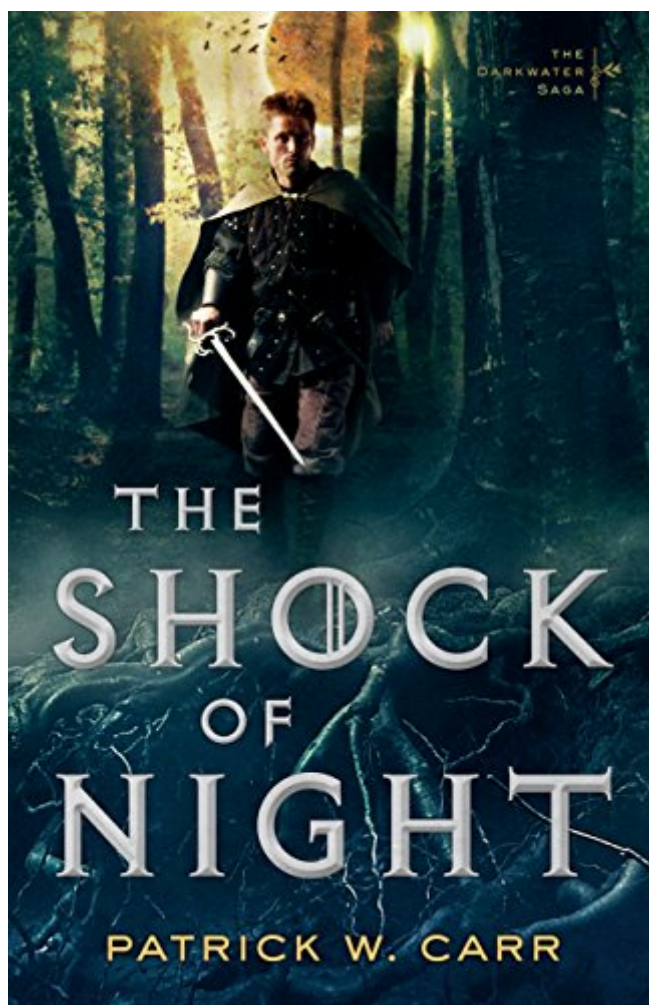


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The Shock Of Night (The Darkwater Saga Book #1)



Synopsis

The Darkwater Claims All Who Enter It. All But One. When one man is brutally murdered and the priest he works for mortally wounded, Willet Dura, reeve to the king of Bunard, is called to investigate. As he begins to question the dying priest, the man pulls Willet close and screams in a foreign tongue. Then he dies without another word. Willet returns to his task, but the clues to the crime lead to contradictions and questions without answers, and his senses are skewed. People he touches appear to have a subtle shift, as though he can divine their deepest thoughts. In a world divided between haves and have-nots, gifted and common, Willet soon learns he's been passed the rarest gift of all--a gift that's not supposed to exist. Now Willet must pursue the murderer still on the loose in Bunard even as he's pulled into a dangerous conflict that threatens not only his city, but his entire world--a conflict that will force him to come to terms with his inability to remember how he escaped the Darkwater Forest--and what happened to him inside it.

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This book has a plot with multiple levels that give the world a depth that you don't always see in other books. I love the fast pace of the plot and that the little side plots do not distract from the story.

but make it richer than it would be otherwise. These characters have depth and are well rounded. The Sock of Night is a book set in a land that has a dark past complete with courts and religious wars, but most of all a forest so dark that no one comes back out after they enter, or so it was thought. The Darkwater changes those few that do make it out they come back as ticking time bombs that know one knows about. The man down the street, who just snapped on day and killed his inter family then himself, the blacksmith that came back from a trip changed for the worse and you can't figure out why, they are the victims of The Darkwater and they always kill. The main character of this book Willey Dura is one such victim he was forced into the woods in a battle and was the only one to come back out alive, yet it has been 10 years and he has not snapped yet, probably. Dura is the equivalent of a Detective in his kingdom and is plagued with sleep walking after the war these people are called "night walkers". But he only walks when there had been a murder, some times waking up with blood on his clothes. Add in a bit of magic and a secret order that works to contain The Darkwater and eliminate those tainted by it and you have this book. The plot was rapped up nicely with out a cliffhanger but keeping it wide open for the next book, so you know where it will be going. Dura is a man this become embroiled in the struggle to contain The Darkwater and it nearly costs him his life.

Willet Dura has a secret locked away inside his mind. It's a secret that could kill him- or save his life. As the king's reeve, it is Willet's duty to investigate suspicious events in the city of Bunard. When a guard is murdered and the guard's charge is severely injured, Willet begins to seek answers. However, before he is able to discover anything, he is commanded to come before his king. To his shock, he is called off of the investigation- and not by order of the king. For the first time in history the four church orders in Bunard have banded together, and they order the king to have the investigation dropped. But Willet is no ordinary reeve. He has a history of being able to solve almost any murder, and he can't let this one go- not when he himself cannot remember where he was on the night the two men were attacked. And to complicate matters, he find himself suddenly in possession of a dangerous ability which could help him solve the crime- if it doesn't drive him mad, first. The Shock of Night is a well-written book. Multiple mysteries are woven through the story, and not all of them are solved. I found myself compelled to continue reading, and I was quite disappointed to reach the end of the book with so many threads left untied. I am eager to read the next installment in the series. If you want a complete story in one book, this is not it- you will need to read the full series to find out how things will conclude. I did find The Shock of Night to be quite a dark read, especially because there is no real closure at the end of the book- again, one would need

to complete the series for this. There are some rather graphic scenes of violence and one torture scene.

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