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Two Tales Of The Iron Druid Chronicles



Synopsis

Two Iron Druid short stories available in audio for the first time, narrated by Luke Daniels! "Kaibab Unbound" occurs just a couple of weeks before the events of Hounded, book one of the series. Before Atticus gets drawn into the battles of gods and monsters, he has to protect one of the earth's elementals from an accomplished coven that wants to steal its power for their own. The events of "A Test of Mettle" happen concurrently with book three of the series, Hammered, as Granuaile MacTiernan and Oberon discover that Atticus doesn't have the final say over who can become a Druid's apprentice. These stories serve both as an introduction to the New York Times best-selling series and as exciting background for longtime fans.

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Customer Reviews

These are two short stories that appeared previously at the end of a couple of Hearne's books. If you've read the Iron Druid series, you've probably already read these stories.

I purchased all the books in the Iron Druid Chronicles. This is the type of fantasy story I very much like and for which I search continuously. Hearne's stories are fun, well written, keep the characters stable yet able to learn and develop, and thoughtful, have story drama mixed with sprinklings of comedy; and I like the characters. So many authors write a very good first book intending to write a series. Too many of these series are disappointing beyond that first or second novel. Hearne's stories stay strong and each one could stand on its own. But buy the first one and enjoy the

adventure through the series. I re-read the stories periodically. The stories do not grow stale.

The first story takes place prior to book one and gives us some background on Atticus and Oberon along with an explanation or example for why he dislikes witches so much. 5/5 stars. The second story takes place during book 3 and focuses on a test Granuile must face. It's told in first person present and that can be tricky. Not bad but I didn't really feel a whole lot other than the hard decision she has to make to pass the test. 3/5 stars.

OK, I really like the author and the stories of the Iron Druid, which is why I bought these two short tales. They, for one, fill in some time while waiting for the next full length book, and also manage to fill in a few holes in the character's development. They are just too short! (I know, I know - short stories, right? So what did I expect?). If you are a fan of the books, then you will definitely enjoy these and I recommend buying.

This collection has two stories, one that occurs before the events of Hounded and one that takes place concurrently with Hammered. Kaibab Unbound Atticus and Oberon take a brief hunting trip into the National Forest and greet the elemental Kaibab. When a trio of witches tries to steal his power, he calls to Atticus for help. They learn it is unwise to piss off an elemental. Test of Mettle This was an interesting story because it is told from Granuaile's point of view. While Atticus is off raiding Asgard during book three, Hammered, two Celtic goddesses show up to test her fitness as a druid. I enjoyed seeing events from her perspective so much, I hope the author considers doing a full novel from her POV. Neither story is essential to the main continuity, but both are well worth reading especially for the price. Highly recommended.

Another great addition to the Iron Druid series. The two stories in this collection of fun and quick to read. The first takes place before the events of the first book and is a good introduction to the characters. The second story contains a few spoilers if you haven't already started reading the series, but is a fun short featuring Oberon and the Iron Druid's apprentice. Fun, entertaining, and well-written, these stories will only add to this fun, urban fantasy series.

I'm still not a big fan of short stories which explains the three stars. That said any opportunity to read something by Kevin Hearne is time well spent. These two glimpses at the iron druid and his initiate give each character a bit more depth and help the reader know them a little more.

I am a fan of Kevin Hearne's Iron Druid series so this was very much intended for people like me. If you have not read the series, don't bother reading this one. You should go back and read, Hounded, though or even better: Listen to Luke Daniels incredible audiobook version.

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