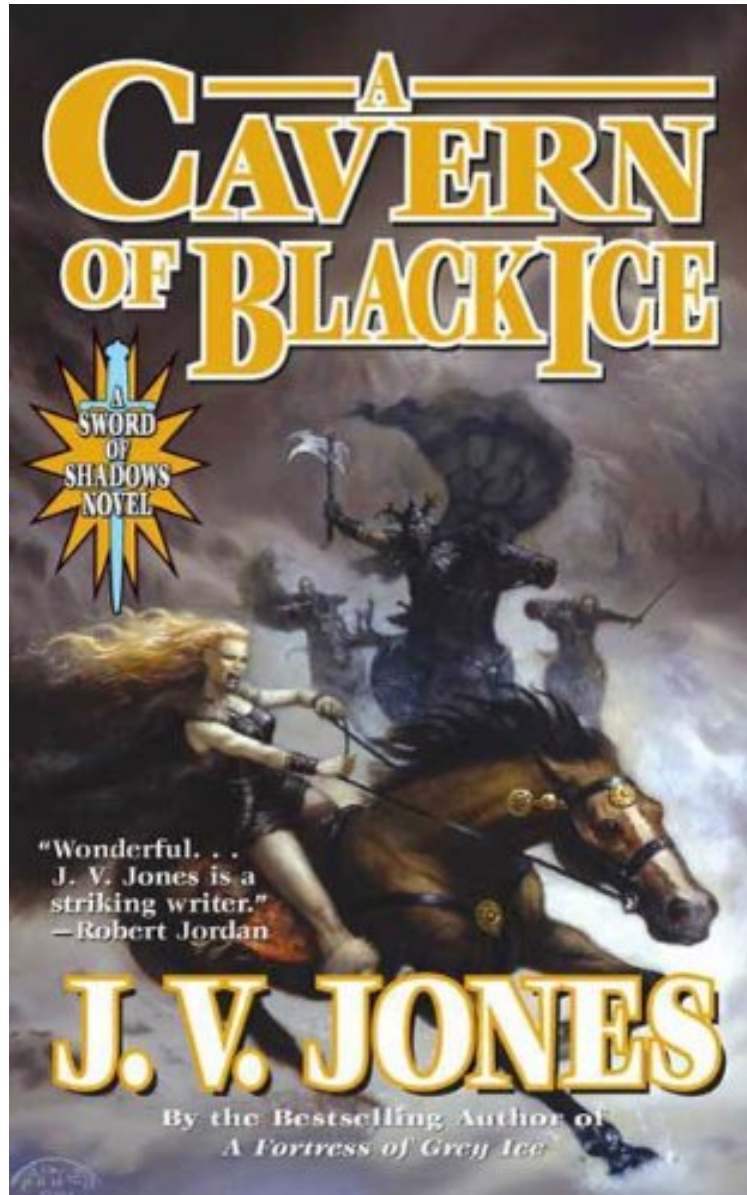


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent first volume in a new seriesVon A. C. H. BerghThis is the first volume in a new series by Jones called Sword of Shadows.Set in the same world as Jones's earlier trilogy, The Book of Words, A Cavern of Black Ice is much more

complex and certainly more terse and gritty than "Book". In fact, it's excellent, from its grim but very convincing portrayal of the dour clanholds and their bitter feuds to the very names of the many well-drawn characters: Marafice Eye, Heritas Cant, Sarga Veys... So much happens in this book (in terms of both action and emotion) that, just for once, 800 pages seems very short. In fact, in spite of its length, the writing is downright sparse and economical, which in itself is rare. To be brief: along with George R.R. Martin's A Game of Thrones, this is the best first volume in a fantasy series to be published in the last ten years or so. Buy it by all means. I have only one quibble to make and it's already been addressed by others before me: the scene dealing with the the Cavern of the title is out of place and inconsequential in relation to the rest of the book. However, this is immediately set off by the final pages of the book, by, indeed, the very last line. If you've read The Book of Words, you're in for something of a shock. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. WOW! Von Jolene Dawe I finished the book yesterday and... wow. Simply wow. I don't know if I can even begin to make sense... Ms. Jones has fastly become my favorite author. I decided that with Barbed Coil, because her books so thoroughly drag me into the storyline. I find myself loving the characters, and loving to hate the bad guys. This book is one that will surprise you from the beginning and it won't stop. Jones' characters are so real, so vivid. You can feel your own fingers start chilling with the 'bite. You can feel the freezing wind whip through your body. She so artfully brings you into the world. It's a bit confusing at first, because we go into the book knowing that it's set in the same world, but it's completely alien just the same. New people, new faces. Some old faces, too. Careful plot twists and turns... I humor myself that I'm a writer, and a good one, and it's books like these that have me on my knees in worship. That someone could so craftily weave a tale... Julie has awed me over and over again. This book, and the series, I'm guessing, is more serious, more somber, than The Book of Words was. It has to be. The land is more harsh, the world more harsh, the social balance of the area is in hard times. It doesn't make it a bad book. I do miss Bodger and Grift, and while there is humor in the book, there is too much going on all at once to be lighthearted. You will love to hate Iss and his goonies. You will wonder about the Crouching Maiden. You will come to pity and wish well thoughts for the Nameless One. You will fear for Effie, for the Loks, for Raina. And you will be heartbroken for all of the clans, for Raif. Every time I read a bad review for her other books I have to wonder if these people actually read them. Yes, yes, to each his own. That's true. So, there is a good possibility that if you weren't pleased with the first series you may not like this one. I don't know how that's humanly possible, but... I finished it, my mouth gaping open, chanted a long stream of OHMIGOD's, and then decided that I wanted the new one. Unfortunately, this IS the new one, and I have to wait for the next one. And, wait I will... I know she'll have it out soon enough for all of her fans that are near exploding with excitement. If she doesn't, and we all explode, she's not going to have any fans left. :o) There. I left a favorable review, Julie, just like you told me to. You're going to send me an advanced copy of the next one, aren't you? So as to review that one... right? right? \*lol\* Guys... buy the book. Like the book. Love the book. It's a great book!! Happy Reading! 8 von 9 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Gutes Setting Von Abraxas Was mir an dem Buch gefllt ist die schleichende Ausbreitung des Bsen mit Hinterhalt und Verrat. Von dieser Seite her ist das Buch imho besser als Tad Williams Saga der grossen Schwerter. Aber. Die abgrundtiefe Dummheit und Borniertheit des Helden Raif und seines Stammes machen es einem schwer Sympathien zu entwickeln. Und (was sich in Fortress of Black Ice noch verstrkt), stndig sind die Helden am Rande des Zusammenbruches. Wochenlang laufen sie ohne Schlaf und Nahrung durch den Winter. Und dennoch haben sie immer wieder "die letzte Kraft" Monster XYZ oder Prfung ABC zu bestehen. Das nervt.

Kurzbeschreibung HIGH ADVENTURE ON THE SWORD EDGE OF DESTINY A Cavern of Black Ice is the first book in J.V. Jones's Sword of Shadow series As a newborn Ash March was abandoned--left for dead at the foot of a frozen mountain. Found and raised by the Penthero Iss, the mighty Surlord of Spire Vanis, she has always known she is different. Terrible dreams plague her and sometimes in the darkness she hears dread voices from another world. Iss watches her as she grows to womanhood, eager to discover what powers his ward might possess. As his interest quickens, he sends his living blade, Marafice Eye, to guard her night and day. Raif Sevrance, a young man of Clan Blackhail, also knows he is different, with uncanny abilities that distance him from the clan. But when he and his brother survive an ambush that plunges the entire Northern Territories into war, he yet seeks justice for his own . . . even if means he must forsake clan and kin. Ash and Raif must learn to master their powers and accept their joint fate if they are to defeat an ancient prophecy and prevent the release of the pure evil known as the End Lords. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.. de This opens the "Sword of Shadows" trilogy from J.V. Jones, whose debut novel was The Baker's Boy (1995). A Cavern of Black Ice is set in a land divided between small warring clans of hunters and more sophisticated southern cities whose lords covet the clan territories. Young clansman Raif has a touch of "old blood" magic that guides his arrows to the heart. Bad times come when a hunting party that includes his father and clan chief is wiped out by supernaturally aided attack: Raif's open suspicion of the brutal new leader eventually drives him into exile. Meanwhile Iss, overlord of Spire Vanis city, keeps a chained sorcerer whose powers he channels by revolting means and has unexplained but

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