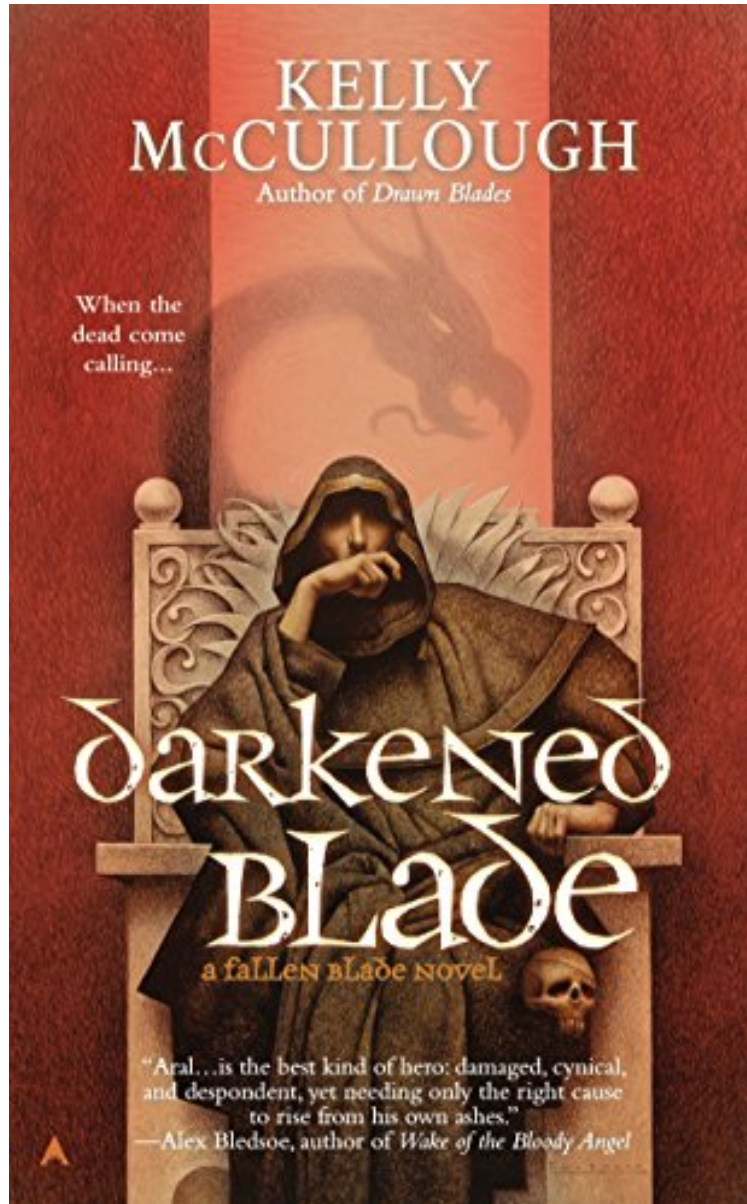


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**Von Kelly McCullough : Darkened Blade: A Fallen Blade Novel** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Darkened Blade: A Fallen Blade Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 4.5 stars! A terrific conclusion to the Fallen Blade saga!Von Detra FitchWhen the goddess Namara was murdered by her

peers, the Son of Heaven cult massacred her followers, the Blades. The goddess and her Blades delivered justice to those with the power and money to evade it in the courts. The other gods killed Namara because she considered no one to be above justice, including gods, and the swords of the fully initiated assassins could even bring them down. But some of the Blades escaped the slaughter. One of them is a man named Aral. Aral and his brethren each has a Shade. The two are bound so should one die, so too will the other. The Shade is much like a familiar. It hides in the shadow of its partner and gives the Blade a secret weapon. Aral has come a long way since his days of drinking away his pain. In fact, Triss (his Shade) is proud to say that Aral is almost back to his old assassin self. Yet in some ways Aral is better than ever. Aral now thinks for himself rather than blindly killing the one Namara directs him to. His decisions often weigh heavy on his soul too. In addition to Triss, Aral also has an apprentice, Faran, who has a Shade but was still young when the temple fell and is not a full Blade. That is one of the first things Aral is determined to correct. Aral joins up with Jax, a fellow Blade, who has discreetly started training others. Out of necessity, Kelo, the former Blade whose betrayal directly caused Namara's downfall, is with the group (and every Blade eagerly waits until the time he is no longer needed.) The group heads to Namara's land to perform the sacred ritual that will tie the students to their swords. Once done the small band would take on one of the hardest tasks in history: bringing justice to the Son of Heaven. Should Aral and his fellow Blades fail, the Son of Heaven's risen curse (think zombies) will devour the lands. Justice the goddess may have died, but justice the ideal lives forever. \*\*\*\*\* FOUR A HALF STARS! I warn you in advance, stories by Kelly McCullough are highly addictive. All of them! When I picked up my first novel by this author, I was doomed to clamor for all of them. He is also contagious. I cannot begin to guess how many people I have infected by simply telling them about what I was reading. But this is one virus you won't mind catching. The character of Aral evolves throughout the series; however, this time around he is not such a lone wolf. Not only does he have his apprentice, Faran, but Aral slowly becomes part of a cadre again. What his character ends up morphing into is something wondrous. As in our reality, plans always go wrong for the hero and his comrades, no matter how much planning is done in advance. Thankfully for us readers, this means a continuously turbulent atmosphere that is very entertaining. \*\*\*\*\*Reviewed by Detra Fitch of Huntress Reviews.

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