

The Ancestral Odyssey: The Utopian Dream - Reviewed by Rabia Tanveer

Book Review and Mini Critique

Title: The Ancestral Odyssey
Subtitle: The Utopian Dream
Author: Duncan William Gill
Genre: Fiction – Fantasy – Epic

Appearance: 5/5

Plot: 5/5

Development: 5/5

Formatting: 5/5

Marketability: 5/5

Overall Opinion: 5/5

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"The Ancestral Odyssey: The Utopian Dream by Duncan William Gill is a novel with a dynamic storyline that makes it one of the best epic fantasies that I have read this year. The story is set in Equis where our female protagonist lives. Isabelle is one of the most powerful women in Equis and she has great responsibility on her shoulders. When she is called to a meeting with the influential people of her world, she has no idea that she will be a key factor in determining the fate of many people. There are rumours in the Eastern lands that could change everything.

To see if there is any truth in these rumours, Lethaniel, the General of the Norkron Forces, is instructed to go there and see how true they are. Lethaniel gathers his army and travels all the way to the East to find out that the situation is far more severe than what he or anyone else expected. Isabelle is examining her dreams and nightmares while trying to figure out the ancient prophecy, and Lethaniel is fighting for his life and to bring the opposition down. Both of them have a huge task at hand and the opposition is far stronger than either of them anticipated. What can they do? Will they fail, or will they conquer their individual demons and come out victorious?

Intense storyline, intricate battle scenes and realistic magic; these three elements take The Ancestral Odyssey to a whole new level of epic fantasy. Set in dark and trying times, the novel makes the reader want more and more from the characters and the author.

The voice of the author is there without being overpowering, giving life to the characters. Duncan William Gill did an amazing job at creating an atmosphere that is real and believable. There are plenty of characters in the story, but none of them confuse the reader and never divert the spotlight from the main theme and the plot. This is a genre defying novel that keeps you on the edge of your seat and makes you hope and pray that the author will release the sequel soon. It is truly an epic novel, and the author did it justice."