

# **The Ancestral Odyssey: Rise of the Black Doves - Reviewed by K.C. Finn**

## **Book Review Mini-Critique**

Title: The Ancestral Odyssey  
Subtitle: Rise of the Black Doves  
Author: Duncan William Gill  
Genre: Fiction - Fantasy - Epic - Horror

**Appearance: 4/5**

**Plot: 5/5**

**Development: 5/5**

**Formatting: 5/5**

**Marketability: 4/5**

**Overall Opinion: 5/5**

## **Review: Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite**

*"The Ancestral Odyssey: Rise of the Black Doves incorporates fantasy adventure, dark alternate history, magic, and wizardry, and forms the fourth volume in the current series. The book is best suited to mature readers as it contains scenes of a sexual nature, graphic fantasy violence, scenes of torture, and drug references. Penned by Duncan William Gill, in it, we return to the intense action of the Ancestral Odyssey series as the ensemble cast traverses many different vistas in Equis, each on their mission of serving justice, solving mysteries, diplomacy, and hunting down the ultimate evil.*

*Duncan William Gill offers fans of fantasy fiction a truly dark and experimental work where all the boundaries of storytelling are pushed, and readers can expect to be tested as much as the characters themselves. Suitably gritty and atmospheric, the work is raw in its emotional quality and contains a talented multi-stranded narrative that switches scenes and characters to build up to a timely epic whilst also never leaving you stuck in one place for too long. I was impressed with the plot structure and the author's clear passion for worldbuilding. This creates an immersive experience that allows the role players to blend seamlessly and realistically into the political, social, and emotional situations that life in the highly turbulent Equis has to offer. I would not hesitate to recommend The Ancestral Odyssey as a mighty fantasy tome that will keep fans of the existing series immersed for a good long while. A fantastic dark escapade by a promising author."*