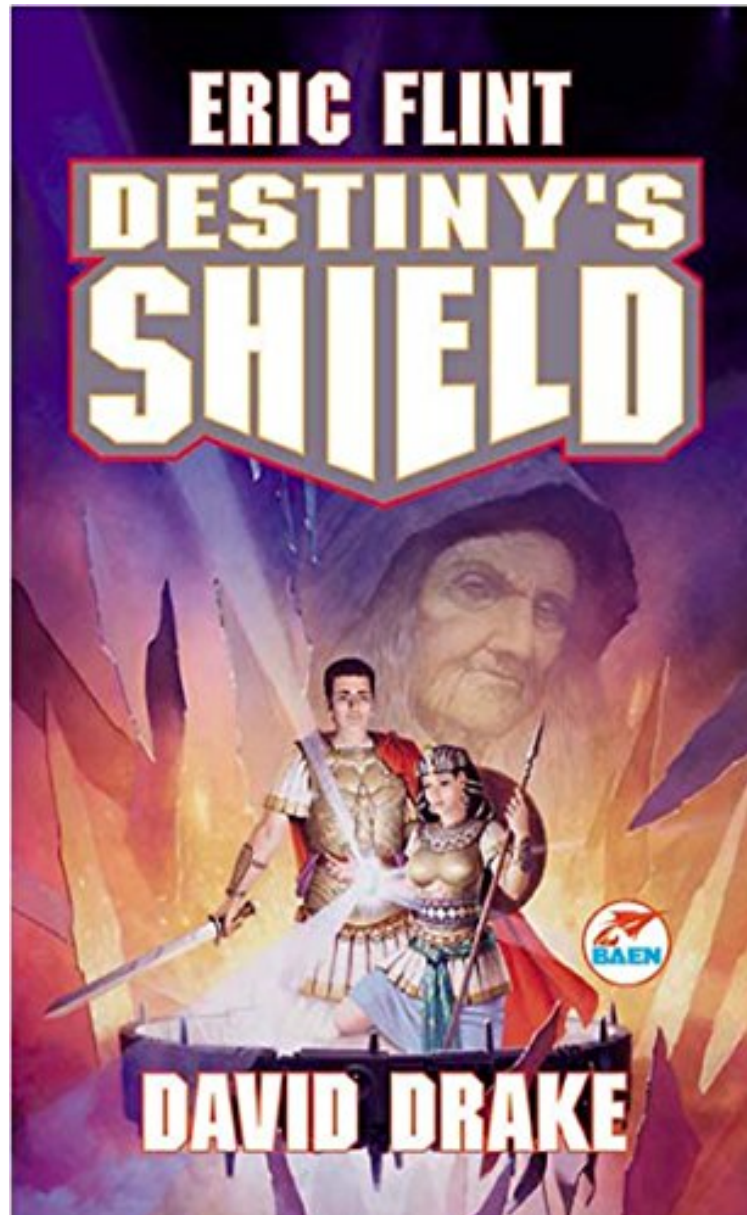


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Von Eric Flint, David Drake : Destiny's Shield (Belisarius Saga Book 3) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Destiny's Shield (Belisarius Saga Book 3) (English Edition):

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wonderfully *large* canvas Von CombatBalleur Good Morning, General Belisarius. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, will be to lead your armies against overwhelming force led by the ultimate evil. If you lose, commit suicide, for humanity will enter an age of darkness that will never lift. If you or any of your companions are caught, you will face slow death by hideous torture. This message from the future will *NOT* self-destruct because you will *need* everything it can teach you. Good luck. With this, the third (of four so far) book in the series, the overall structure of the story is now plain. We get to watch Belisarius, his wife Antonina and their friends, like the I.M. force, begin forging a boom to lower on the Malwa. The true pleasure of this series is that it's on a much larger, far more beautiful, and incomparably better painted canvas. You don't HAVE to read the earlier books to follow the story. Eric Flint intersperses enough of a situation report into the tale that you can jump in and pretty much figure out what's going on. However, there is a lot of the fun getting to know these people over the course of several books. As seems to be his habit, Flint's writing is superb, and the people, places, time and battles are well-drawn. Again, as always, there are wonderfully memorable scenes, including one particular sequence where Antonina comes into her own. If Belisarius is a Craftmaster of War, she is a Cook, seasoning the siege of an impregnable fortress with a dash of force and a soupçon of violence in a display of lateral thinking that left me dumbfounded, admiring, awestruck, and laughing like hell. Start to finish, this book is a pure delight, and I get to start on number four at once! I have only one complaint: I agree that - the maps could be better, since much of the ground of the story is unfamiliar to those of us who are not historians. As always, Eric, thank you for hours of reading pleasure. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. the series is growing entertaining. Von Artandscience This is the third book in the series and one in which Belisarius really comes into his own as the main protagonist. The first two books are really forerunners, outlining the territory in which the Malwa will confront Byzantine Rome. By the time *Destiny's Shield* takes place all the main figures in the story have been introduced, their back story filled out, and we begin to see Belisarius' careful planning have an effect. In general, a well-crafted read although I would encourage the reader to purchase all three books (now four) at once. Because the story is so spread out over the four it can be quite frustrating to read one alone. You won't get as much out of it because the novels don't stand up that well on their own. Much of the support that could have been given to the reader jumping into the middle of the story (such as a review of what had gone on before) has been neglected by the authors. I think this definitely lessens the value of the series to anyone who hasn't read it from book one. Also missing is a glossary of terms to describe the often-confusing military terminology. An order of battle or description of the Byzantine army's structure would have contributed a lot to the tale as well. Finally, better maps would definitely be a big help. It's quite a sweeping epic (from the Indian subcontinent to Constantinople) and most of the cities will be unfamiliar to any but the most ardent history buffs. That being said, it's a pretty good read with a good blend of strategy, action, and story that will reward the persistent reader. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Don't wait for the paperback Von Kindle Customer I came across a novel on the Baen web page called, "1632" by an author unknown to me, Eric Flint. I read the first 21 chapters on the web page and knew that this was going to be one of the top authors in science fiction. ("1632" is like "Island in the Sea of Time" if it had been written by Leo Frankowski.) I looked up what other books Eric Flint might have written and found this series, written with David Drake. I quickly read the first two books in the series, then had to buy the hardback of "Destiny's Shield." This is the third book in the series which began with, "An Oblique Approach." I missed reading "An Oblique Approach" when it first appeared at the book stores because I assumed it was just another pseudo historical science fiction novel. It IS set during height of the Eastern Roman Empire, in an alternate universe, but this is a GREAT pseudo historical science fiction novel. There is a certain similarity to "The General" series which David Drake also coauthored, but this is better. With "Destiny's Shield," the series just gets more interesting. I'm hooked, and now I have to wait for the next novel in the series.

Kurzbeschreibung EVIL FROM BEYOND TIME The Malwa Empire squats like a toad across 6th century India, commanded by ruthless men with depraved appetites. The thing from the distant future that commands them is far worse. AN ADVISOR WITHOUT A BODY Those who oppose the purulent Hell the Malwa will make of Earth have sent a crystal, Aide, to halt their advance. Aide holds all human knowledge-but he cannot act by himself. A CHAMPION FOR ALL TIMES Count Belisarius, the greatest general of the age and perhaps of all ages, must outwit the evil empire and then, when there is no longer room to maneuver, to meet it sword-edge to sword-edge, because, no matter what it costs EVIL CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO RULE MEN! At the publisher's request, this title is sold without DRM (DRM Rights Management). de Eric Flint and David Drake's alt-history epic devoted to real-life Byzantine butt-kicker Belisarius has reached part three--*Destiny's Shield*--and this installment finally busts loose with some serious head-to-head. Everybody's favorite general is leading an outnumbered Roman-Persian force to check Malwa aggression in the east, forced to action by the fiends' sea-borne invasion of the Tigris-Euphrates delta and their subsequent siege of Babylon. For those unfamiliar with the series, this what-if puts the Malwa Empire in control of the Indian subcontinent thanks to diabolical assistance from across time, granting their forces superior strategy and

advanced weaponry. But the ever-canny Belisarius is equal to the challenge, with no small help from a telepathic crystal named Aid that acts as both adviser and seer. The writing tandem of Flint and Drake still proves strong--relative newcomer Flint (*Mother of Demons*) seems well-paired with military-SF powerhouse Drake, creator of "the meanest bunch of mercs who ever nuked a world for pay" (that'd be Hammer's *Slammers*, natch). The two offer up their usual dose of meticulous historical detail and realistic, mud-and-blood combat and tactics. Throw in some time-bending fun like Belisarius's "invention" of the Knights Hospitaler and phrases like "fire in the hole," and you know you're in for a good time. (Of course, if you're new to the series, check out the first book, *An Oblique Approach*.) -- Paul Hughes

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