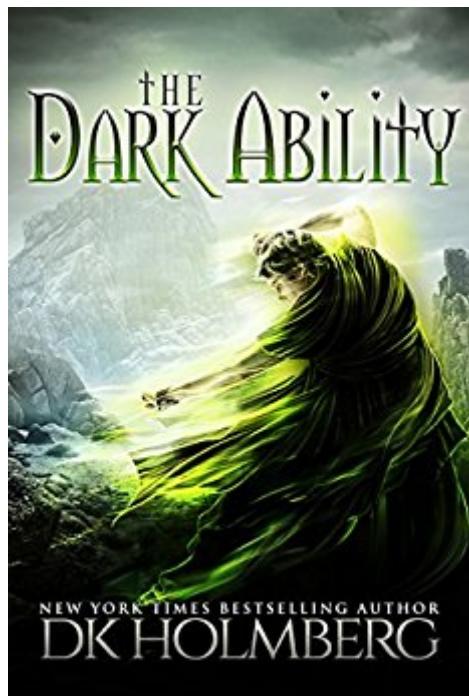


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# The Dark Ability



## **Synopsis**

Exiled by his family. Claimed by thieves. Could his dark ability be the key to his salvation? Rsiran is a disappointment to his family, gifted with the ability to Slide. It is a dark magic, one where he can transport himself wherever he wants, but using it will only turn him into the thief his father fears. Forbidden from Sliding, he's apprenticed under his father as a blacksmith where lorcith, a rare, precious metal with arcane properties, calls to him, seducing him into forming forbidden blades. When discovered, he's banished, sentenced indefinitely to the mines of Ilphaesn Mountain. Though Rsiran tries to serve obediently, to learn to control the call of lorcith as his father demands, when his life is threatened in the darkness of the mines, he finds himself Sliding back to Elaeavn where he finds a black market for his blades - and a new family of thieves. There someone far more powerful than him discovers what he can do and intends to use him. He doesn't want to be a pawn in anyone's ambitions; all he ever wanted was a family. But the darkness inside him cannot be ignored - and he's already embroiled in an ancient struggle that only he may be able to end.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is odd. I would describe its plot line as a stack of horizontal lines. As the plot slowly moves upward, you must also work your way horizontally through each line before you can go up to the next. This means the focus of the story progresses slowly, though the amount of character development is crazy. This book is so complex and has so much meaning it could be analyzed in an English class. I envy the students a hundred years from now that likely will. This book is written as if it is a single novel. The fact that there are at least 7 of them is insane. Not only that, there are 3 series set in this universe. I'm excited to spend the next year working through these! One of my new favorite authors

The series is a good read. My irritant with the series is that the characters keep asking others questions that the reply is along the lines of if they answer the question you will only get into trouble or things will get worse or you don't need to know. Every time the answer should be told, the person only figures it out anyhow and/or would have saved a lot of trouble in the first place. It gets very old by the second book..

I really liked this book. It was not something totally original, but what is anymore. But, the writing and world setting was very good, and I feel for the main characters plight. Being shunned for something that you have no control over, not being understood, and then finding a group that accepts you are great themes.

This story is quite captivating, the storyline is great and the characters are cool. Rsiran had to find himself instead of always allowing himself to be led, though it took some near death experiences to nudge him in the right direction. This story tells of a betrayal of the worse kind and new beginnings froth with danger, action and very intense, it is also where our hero get to forge his own path after being put to the test. Rsiran the Blacksmith had hidden talents he himself didn't know about nor could understand and with his new found friends Jessa, Brusus, Della, and Haern he intends to learn and master all he can to help his new family, I enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more from this author.

This book was pretty good. World building and characters were both solid, though the author really needs to be careful about getting too repetitive. He occasionally gets a little bit stuck on a subject or some minor detail and practically beats us over the head with it. I will still be interested in book two

though. The mystery and political intrigue were nicely done. Safety warning: my biggest issue with this book was some minor language. A certain four-letter-D word was used over a dozen times, and the "w" word was used a couple of times in reference to a woman. Otherwise, the story was pretty clean.

I thought that the plot was very immersive, this is a great book for all ages, for me this is a must buy

This book could not be greater if it tried. Love this series actually just read the heartstone blade amazing work DK Holmberg I see more great things in your future and I'm not even a Seer.

One of the easier ways to lose me as a reader is to create characters described as of at least average intelligence, but when the plot progresses, the author doesn't let the characters solve their problems through obvious applications of creativity and their fantasy-world special abilities. The main character of this book behaved as if he was severely developmentally disabled, while he wasn't described as being so. That kind of behaviour is so inauthentic that it destroys my ability to suspend disbelief, even when a reasonable magic system doesn't.

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