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Sir Gawain & The Green Knight: New Verse Translation



Synopsis

A mysterious knight all in green arrives at King Arthur's court and issues a bizarre challenge.

Gawain answers the knight - but at what cost? This new translation keeps all the poetic power of the original's extraordinary alliteration. One of the greatest stories of English literature from any period, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight is a magical, medieval combination of the epic and the uncanny. A new verse translation by Benedict Flynn.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This is a fantastic translation, reading, and recording. The language is dynamic and vivid. The plot is engaging and suspenseful. The recording is high-quality. And the reading! The actor seems to love the material, relishing the rhymes and rhythm, building suspense, indulging in the visual details and the sensuality. It made me love this story (except for some of the hunting bits, which can't be helped) more than I expected. A must-listen.

This is a poem from the late 14th century about an adventure of one of the Knights of the Round Table that I had not heard before. This is from a translation from the Middle English into Modern English by Benedict Flynn. This poem uses alliteration instead of rhyming and I think the translator did an excellent job. It was very easy to understand and the alliterations were not too overpowering. The reader, Jasper Britton, also did an excellent job. It was very enjoyable to listen to. I recommend this short audio book to anyone interested in hearing a seldom-told tale from the life of Sir Gawain. The morals taught were quite interesting and are an example of chivalrous thought.

This is excellent. The word-imagery is intense and engaging, and the clarity, timing and rhythm of the reading made my long commute fly by. I am new to this kind of literature, and have as yet no reference to compare it to. My enjoyment of this audio book will make me seek out more like it.

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