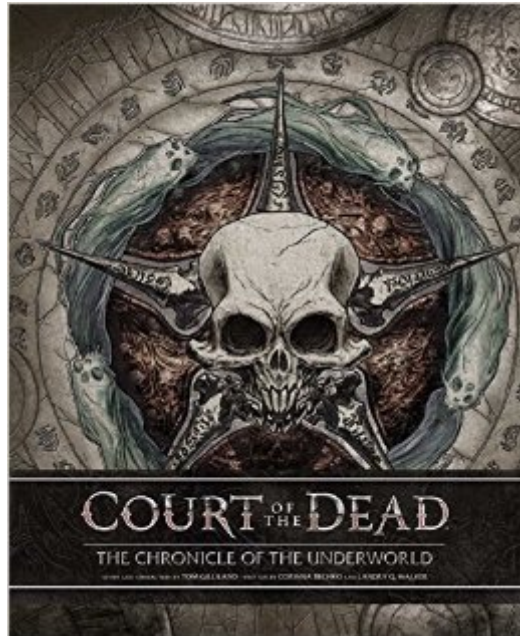


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Court Of The Dead: The Chronicle Of The Underworld



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Customer Reviews

I got this to review through NetGalley. This was an incredibly creative book with some beautiful illustration throughout. This book is basically a tour of and guide to the Underworld. We meet the members of the Court of the Dead and learn about different factions there. The book is broken up into sections about the court, factions, daily life in the land of the dead, and the relation of the land

of the dead to human and celestial realms. This is very much a coffee table type of book. It's fun to read little sections of the book at a time and the history of the Underworld has been very thoroughly fleshed out and shows excellent creativity and imagination. This is probably not the type of book you want to sit down and read all at once. For all its creativity this is a book of facts about the Underworld. There is a bit of story here about how Death came to rule the Underworld and some hints of a story about wars and rebellions that have plagued the Underworld. That being said it is primarily a book of imagined facts and the reading can get a bit dry at times. The amount of information (albeit imaginary) thrown at the reader is a bit overwhelming too. The illustration is well done and ranges from sketched out black and white drawings to fully fleshed out beautiful color renditions of this world. In the color plates the tones tend toward teals and purples for the most part; lending a dark atmosphere to this book about the Underworld. Some of the members of the court we meet are fairly disturbing; so I would recommend for older YA and adult readers. Overall this was a creative and well done book that introduces readers to the Underworld. The world explored here is very well fleshed out but more of a dictation of facts than a story.

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