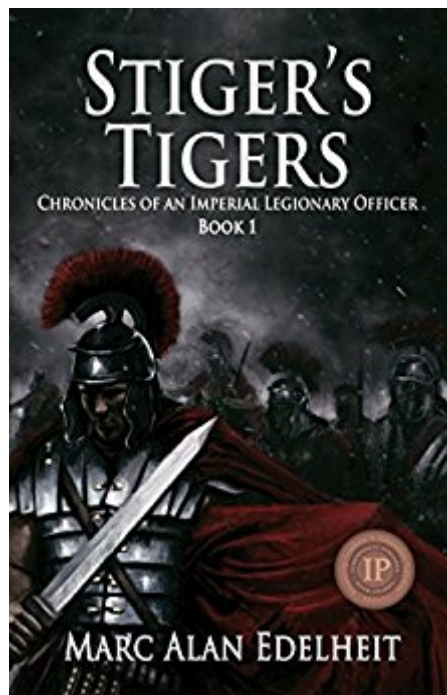




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Synopsis

Winner of the 2016 Independent Publisher Book Bronze Award for Fantasy!!!The empire has endured many centuries but is now threatened by multiple wars and a major rebellion in the South. A nobleman from an infamous family, imperial legionary officer, and a born fighter— Captain Ben Stiger finds himself reassigned from a crack legion to the rebellion simmering in the South. Placed in command of a truly terrible company, the 85th Imperial Foot, he is unknowingly sent on a suicide mission to resupply an isolated outpost, the garrison of Vrell. Along the way he must rebuild his new company, gain the respect of the men he leads, survive an assassination attempt, fight bandits, rebels, and an agent of an evil god. His companions on this journey of discovery and adventure are one of the few remaining elven rangers and a paladin on a quest for the High Father. The battle to save the empire and the world begins here in the first book of this exciting new series!

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Customer Reviews

Stiger's Tigers is your fairly standard military fantasy, and that's not a bad thing. The titular protagonist, whose family is infamous for their military exploits, is serving as a captain in the

Imperial Legion. He is given command of an infantry company in order to escort supplies and reopen communications with a cut off outpost. The plot is not overly ambitious; Edelheit includes plenty of action and progression and does a good job of wrapping things up nicely while setting the stage for the sequel. Roman history is the primary influence for the book; the soldiers are armed, trained, and organized similar to Roman Legions. I found the military focus to be mostly accurate; the smaller details such as dialogue and interactions were a nice touch. I also enjoyed the concept of political interference to be well handled, something also drawn from the Roman influence I believe. The setting is low magic, allowing Edelheit to really focus on the melee combat and high lethality of warfare. Fans of the early Black Company novels should find themselves enjoying this book. I'm not well-versed in Roman history but I don't think Edelheit drew on it heavily enough to give the book more than a base coat. The writing was serviceable but with many grammar errors, none of which were enough to impact my enjoyment. I also found the protagonist rather bland and uninteresting- I would like to see more development and "screen time" with other members of the company. I usually feel that limited world building is a good thing, especially for up-and-coming writers, but in this case it was almost none existent. I could tell you little more about the setting other than that the Empire is at war with someone in the north and combating a rebellion in the south (where the book takes place). I read this book using Kindle's "borrowing" feature; however I enjoyed it enough that I intend to purchase it and the sequel, when it arrives. Pros:-Good military fantasy.-Well written action.-Plot wraps up while preparing you for the sequel.Cons:-Needs more character development.-Setting and world needs more development.

I really enjoyed this book. It is a bit of an unusual blend of fantasy and military fiction, but the mix worked well for me. I recommend it for those who enjoy a tale of military action, with a bit of magic thrown in. Things I liked. The author captured, it seems to me, an authentic picture of the life of a company grade officer operating independently in a challenging tactical situation. The care that Edelheit took to show the need for training and discipline is a bit unusual and I found it quite believable and true to life. He presented a clear view of a complex military situation, and the hero, Stiger, dealt with it in a coherent and tactically sound way. The tactics and arms seemed to be very much like that of a Roman legion, even though the setting is an unnamed fantasy world. Great action scenes--great dialogue. Things I did not like: I am not a big fan of magic, truth be told. It is often used to cheat and get the good guys out of a bad situation in a lazy way. The magic was not a big theme here, but for me, it would have been better to have left it out. One annoying thing was the assemblies where the non-commissioned officers reported "All present and accounted for." This

make no sense. If they are all present, they are certainly accounted for. The correct terminology would be "All present OR accounted for." Rarely are all men literally present. Some are off on guard duty or who knows what, but the men absent need to be accounted for, and if so, all is well. Other than these little things, I liked the book. Conclusion: A worthy read for those that like tales of military action. Fantasy fans will find that aspect a bonus, and for those that dislike fantasy, this part is not so intrusive as to spoil the enjoyment. I think Edelheit hit a sweet spot here. I look forward to the next book in the series.

OK, if you like Military SF then you are going to like this. It is well written and I appreciate the trouble the author has gone to learn the methodologies of the Roman Legion. It is apparent that he has done a bit of homework prior to starting this. Then you throw in a bit of magic and stir. It does make for a very readable tale. I appreciate that the hero is not worried or guilt ridden by the fact that he does, in fact, need to kill the sobs who are doing their very best to take his country and kill both him and his men. He takes pride in doing a good job of it. From an editing standpoint the author has done very well, and I don't recall any glaring instances of poor spelling, grammar, or typos. I'm sure there must be some, but I didn't pick up on any. I have now read both of the books in the series so far, and will most definitely get the next one as soon as it comes out. So buy this one, so Mr. Edelheit will keep working on the next one. If you haven't read any of his work before, then you should buy the first book in the series before reading this one, as it does follow in story and time from the original first book, and will make this one more enjoyable.

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