

Iron Axe (The Books of Blood and Iron, #1) By Steven Harper **Science Fiction Iron axe body** Iron Axe (The Books of Blood and Iron #1) A pseudonym of {site_link} Steven Piziks Steven Harper Piziks was born with a name that no one can reliably spell or pronounce so he often writes under the pen name Steven Harper. **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** All four Silent Empire novels were finalists for the Spectrum Award a first! A pseudonym of {site_link} Steven Piziks Steven Harper Piziks was born with a name that no one can reliably spell or pronounce so he often writes under the pen name Steven Harper. **Iron Axe kindle unlimited** Very clear influence in Norse mythology in terms of setting - all the classical races a World-Tree with dimensional nexus properties clear parallels to the Aesir pantheon (though no Thor expy - weird). **Iron Axe fantasy football** Some changes with the addition of orcs (not all Chaotic Evil and the most distinctive racial reinterpretation) trolls (much brighter and more moral than usual) and light elves straight out of Pratchett's Lords and Ladies. **Iron acetate ink** Danr the half-troll hero shows the most at the beginning and gets more one-note-ish in the last third though his heroic breakdown in letting the monster loose at the end is fun. **Book Iron axe** Final villain shows up in person far too late to be properly imposing and is dispatched a bit too easily and neatly though he and his plan and the cosmic problem being solved take a backseat to the companions' own personal struggles which may account for the slight lack of heft and seriousness in the overall feel of the narrative. **Book Iron axe throwing** And I dunno I'm not in the mood for a slavefic and I'm not feeling keen on the...is it whump if everything goes wrong for a character? I just am tired of gritting my teeth and squirming while the next awful thing happens. **Fantasy Iron axe throwing** Paperback In Steven Harper's The Books of Blood and Iron series we are introduced to a world where trolls dwarves and giants are known as the Stane; elves sprites and fairies are known as the Fae; and humans are known as the Kin. **Iron Axe booklet** When Danr was brought into the world his mother was frowned upon for the birth of her half-troll child and she was forced to accept work as a thrall to an unkind farmer. **Iron Axe booking** But she dreams of one day travelling to the South Sea healing the sick and earning enough money to buy a small boat so she can sail out among the merwomen and regain her face. **Book Iron axeon** Danr's quest brings the group into contact with Death herself who tells them that they must recover a powerful weapon known as the Iron Axe in order to tip the balance of the world back to its rightful place. **Iron axe stardew** Since I'm always on the lookout to support #OwnVoices I was delighted to discover that Steven Harper (Piziks) has a blog where he talks about his boyfriend (husband?) and LGBT rights issues among other things. **Book Iron axeon** From its tags I didn't think it was YA but that's how it read to me: YA in a fantasy setting tackling some very heavy issues such as recovery from sexual abuse death of a parent and homophobia in greater depth than typically found in epic fantasy. **Iron axes** There are a lot of magical elements that drew me in like 'twisting' (a kind of teleportation) eye splinters (which every child is born with and those that can take them out can see truth) and Death being a goddess who can be held hostage with an unexpected impact. **Iron Axe kindle books** In a sense the book takes the Bury Your Gays trope to new heights in that the main gay character Talfi gets graphically gratuitously murdered multiple times! (The saving grace is that he's magical and keeps coming back; but still it read to me like a vicious bashing for his defective gayness). **Iron axe society concord nc** Talfi's true love kind of bursts onto the scene in the last few pages and there's little development of who he is or how the two guys reconcile after Talfi was brutally killed by his boyfriend's father. **EBook Iron axeon** It took me a while to get into it because although I expected this to be an Adult fantasy novel I didn't expect it to be as gritty as something similar to A Song of Ice and Fire by George R. **Book Iron axe** The fantasy world seems more like a dystopian since there isn't much order or governing going on and where slavery and rape isn't as big of an issue for the population as I would think it would be. **Kindle Iron axel** For someone who bares physical scars of rape and abuse covers herself in heavy clothing so the world can't see I can imagine that forgiving the man who became the reason for it all wasn't an easy feat. **Iron Axe booking** I sympathized with him because of the way he has been treated all his life but often I just wished he would get over the notion that everyone thinks he is a monster and move on with life. **Iron Axe epub air** In retrospect he did have the potential to be a bad person (as do we all) but he never lets out the "monster" within

him so I really felt bad that he wasted so much time scolding himself over nothing. **Iron Axe booker** The world itself definitely deals with a lot of adult issues but because the main characters are quite young sometimes their narratives can make feel as if you are reading a young adult novel. **Iron Axe nonfiction best** Then something awful would happen or someone would swear (some of the swear words seemed out of place at times actually) and suddenly I am snapped out of the misunderstanding that this is not a young adult novel,

Iron Axe booking

In this brand new series from the author of the Clockwork Empire series a hopeless outcast must answer Death's call and embark on an epic adventure. **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** Although Danr's mother was human his father was one of the hated Stane a troll from the mountains. **Iron ax enviro rack** Now Danr has nothing to look forward to but a life of disapproval and mistrust answering to "Trollboy" and condemned to hard labor on a farm. **Book Iron axel** Until without warning strange creatures come down from the mountains to attack the village. **Iron ax enviro rack** Trolls creep out from under the mountain provoking war with the elves. **Book Iron axew** At Death's insistence Danr heads out to find the Iron Axe the weapon that sundered the continent a thousand years ago: **Iron axe productions** Together with unlikely companions Danr will brave fantastic and dangerous creatures to find a weapon that could save the world—or destroy it: **Fantasy Iron axe body** When not at the keyboard he plays the folk harp fiddles with video games and pretends he doesn't talk to the household cats: **Iron Axe book** In the past he's held jobs as a reporter theater producer secretary and substitute teacher. **Iron Axe fantasy** He maintains that the most interesting thing about him is that he writes books, **Book Iron axe body** Steven is the creator of The Silent Empire series the Clockwork Empire steampunk series and the Books of Blood and Iron series for Roc Books, **Book Iron axeon** When not at the keyboard he plays the folk harp fiddles with video games and pretends he doesn't talk to the household cats, **Iron Axe nonfiction best** In the past he's held jobs as a reporter theater producer secretary and substitute teacher, **Iron Axe booking** He maintains that the most interesting thing about him is that he writes books: **Iron axe productions** Steven is the creator of The Silent Empire series the Clockwork Empire steampunk series and the Books of Blood and Iron series for Roc Books: **Iron Axe ebookey** All four Silent Empire novels were finalists for the Spectrum Award a first! {site_link} Has a sort of grown-up fairy tale vibe happening: **Iron Axe booklet** Characters are generally likable and not shallow caricatures but no one's an ocean of depth either. **PDF Iron axew** That and Harper's clear love of goddesses as mostly cuddly old grannies that could easily kill you, **Book Iron axew** That's not all bad but there's little true darkness to be had even in aid of lending the atmosphere some balance. **Book Iron axel** Narrative ties up neatly and leaves no clear idea where things will go next much like the first Matrix or Pirates films: **Iron Axe fantasy springs** But overall not bad at all and certainly not the kind of tale one thinks one would get given the title: **Iron ax enviro rack** Paperback I don't think that reviews saying the author's style is "utilitarian" are quite correct but there is something slightly lacking about it, **Iron axes** Maybe eventually the awful things end but with the lack of charm in the writing style...I'm over it: **Book Iron axe throwing** Paperback This was a fast read for me till the end where it slowed down. **Book Iron axeon** Thought the main character Danr was good being half troll/half human and being mocked for what he is, **Fantasy Iron axeon** Really like how he made friends with the misfits in the book, **Iron axes** Some areas in the book could of been better explained or had further development, **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** Combination of a story that didn't grab me and a narrator who had the wrong tone for me -- lacked emotion and vocal range. **Book Iron axel** The main character Danr is 16 years old his mother was Kin and his father was Stane. **Iron ax enviro rack** Danr has suffered the cruelties that the world has to offer by being born as socially unacceptable and touted as a monster. **Book Iron axeon** Now his mother has passed away and he desperately misses her. **Iron Axe Science fiction** He also knows that he must never forget to abide by the one piece of advice she always gave him which was not to unleash the monster

inside him. **Iron acetate ink** One of Danr's few friends in the village is Aisa who is a couple of years older than Danr. **EBook Iron axew** She was sold into slavery by her father and after being a slave to the elves in Alfame she is now a slave to a man named Farek who sexually abuses her, **Book Iron axe** Aisa hides from the world by keeping herself covered from head to toe in a dark cloak and never allowing her face to show: **Iron axe society concord nc** As these two try to escape the harsh realities of the life they've been given a series of unusual events takes place which will change their paths: **Book Iron axe** Rumors are heard that the Stane have come down from the mountains and killed some villagers. **Book Iron axe** Now those villagers' spirits are haunting the village and cannot be laid to rest. **Kindle Iron axeon** As the rumors spread that the hated Stane are responsible Danr's place in the village becomes precarious, **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** Danr decides to flee the village and he sets out to find the truth behind the rumors and to learn more about his Stane heritage: **Book Iron axe** Danr is joined in his travels by Aisa and a new friend Talfi who bears no memories of who he is or where he came from: **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** As they pursue the Iron Axe they also wind up on a deeper quest for the truth about themselves and the world around them. **PDF Iron axe body** Iron Axe features strong loveable characters that each have their own personal struggles. **Fantasy Iron axe throwing** Harper has also effortlessly included gay characters within the story. **Book Iron axe body** While the story at times seems simplistic the characters have been through a lot of darkness. **Iron axes** Told in the style of traditional fantasy the story moves along at a good clip and comes to a satisfactory end with two more books to follow in this series, **Book Iron axe** I can also easily see this as a graphic novel appealing to young adults and adults alike: **Iron axe society concord nc** If you're looking for a good book with a Beauty and the Beast crossed with a Norse-type Mythology vibe you will enjoy this one, **Iron Axe nonfiction best Paperback** This book was on my to-read list of fantasy books with LGBT characters. **Kindle Iron axe body** Most of them (trolls orcs elves) have been portrayed pretty widely in Western European folklore fairytales and the kind of modern fantasy that grew out of that mythology e: **Iron axe productions** I loved that the main hero in Harper's story Danr is half-troll half-human: **Book Iron axe** That was definitely something different and made him instantly sympathetic to me having a soft-spot for misunderstood heroes, **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** Harper's take on elves and their family branches fairies and sprites was really innovative too: **Book Iron axeon** Their seductive power and quest for domination made for an intriguing spin, **Iron Axe epub reader** As a reader who likes seeing LGBT characters front-and-center I was a little disappointed by the actual 'screen time' the couple of gay characters get: **Kindle Iron axe** And I wasn't crazy about the handling of those few sideline characters, **Iron Axe nonfiction best** I have to believe the author did not intend to promote that message but the overall portrayal of gay folks in the story felt problematic to me. **Nonfiction Iron axe throwing** As a result their relationship comes off as really shallow fawning over each other all of the sudden in the midst of a huge war breaking out. **Book Iron axel** It's just not the best treatment of a character who the author is trying to position as unfairly judged by others based on his sexuality, **Kindle Iron axe body** Overall I thought it was a good story that brought some fresh characters fresh situations into a fantasy setting: **Iron Axe booker Paperback** Because of the lack of hype around this book I had no expectation going into this book: **Iron axe productions** So this was quite the surprise because I ended up really liking this book: **Book Iron axe throwing** The book starts off a little rough but smooths out as you move forward. **Book Iron axeon** But thankfully the focus shifts more to Danr's story/quest forward and less on the cruelty of the world as you get further into the story: **Iron Axe kindle cloud** But despite the fact that Danr is the main protagonist of the story half troll half human I actually liked Aisa—and to a greater extent even Talfi—more than any other character: **Iron axes** Considering she is a sex slave and constantly abused by her master and his wife she is a very strong female protagonist, **Iron Axe Science fiction vs** She is at times sassy sharp and loyal to the bone towards someone who looks after her: **Iron Axe book** Despite the fact that her father sold her into slavery at one point in the book she even comes to let that past go. **PDF Iron axew** Talfi on the other hand is just as lovable a sidekick as one would want. **PDF Iron axel** Although there isn't much humor in this book Talfi's trustworthy

attitude contrasting against Aisa's dark sorrows and Danr's self-deprecating musings was a refreshing change at times. **Iron ax enviro rack** Danr as good a character as he was was sometimes a bit too annoying. **Iron Axe nonfiction best** Not for any particular reason honestly simply because of this constant good vs evil fight he has with himself: **Iron Axe kindle paperwhite** There is a bit of confusion in terms of what is the targeted audience for this book. **EBook Iron axe** In reminded me slightly of The Final Empire by Brandon Sanderson because of this: **Book Iron axew** Overall though I was more than satisfied with numbers of twists and turns this story takes as well as the fantastically neat ending. **Book Iron axeon** It was a little too neat perhaps in terms of what happens with Talfi but because I like him so much...I don't really care, **Iron axe society concord nc** also never felt as overwhelming as I thought it might—everything felt as if it belonged in the story. **Iron Axe booklet** If there is a second book in this series I am certainly looking forward to it: **Iron axe sharpening** Disclaimer: An audiobook copy of this book was provided by Audible in exchange for an honest review: **Iron axe sharpening** All opinions are my own and have not been influenced by any exterior motives: **Book Iron axe throwing** Paperback I'm always hesitant to review books that I really didn't like: **Iron axe productions** No matter your opinion books are written by real people who really do read reviews after all: **Iron ax enviro rack** So in the interest of that I'm going to start with the good. **Iron Axe Science fictionmanai last** From trolls to orcs to fairies/elves to dragons there are quite a few parallels: **Iron axe productions** Even the magical system of transportation--Twisting--works just like fast traveling: **Book Iron axe** According to the author note in the back of the book Harper teaches high school English: **Iron Axe booker** Either way there's heavy Norse influences here which generally appeals to me as a reader. **Book Iron axe throwing** There's not a lot of positives I can add to this review. **PDF Iron axe body** The writing is literally the most utilitarian I've ever come across in a published novel. **Iron axes** It's all grammatically sound but there's very little play in the language. **Iron Axe epublising** Rather Harper writes only as a means of telling a story and unfortunately the story suffers for it: **Iron acetate ink** The characters are two-dimensional and a lack of expository writing doesn't help matters, **Iron Axe book** Characters' decisions and motivations seem to come out of thin air and the general lesson of the story--that we must know ourselves--falls flat. **Book Iron axeon** I could go on but I think that's enough to help you understand why this book is a one star read for me: **Book Iron axe** I'm not familiar with Harper's other books so there's a chance that the issues in Iron Axe are the result of a stylistic choice, **PDF Iron axe body** Regardless the purpose of style is complimenting plot and theme which it doesn't do here. Spirits walk the land terrifying the living. And Death herself calls upon Danr to set things right. He lives in Michigan with his family. He lives in Michigan with his family. Actually even worse. All have somewhat unique consequences and problems.A quick read not ponderous or slow in any way. This is also part of a trilogy. Your Mileage May Vary. Paperback Read 3/4 didn't care enough to finish. Not horrible but some silly plotting and shallow characters. When the second book comes out I will check it out. Paperback Not many audio books I give up on. Aisa has also suffered a hard life. It is written in a straight-forward no frills manner.Iron Axe was an interesting read for me.I really liked the setting and the three branches of beings.g. LoTR. And then Talfi gets his head cut off again. By his best friend. Paperback Definitely enjoyed every minute of this book. R. Martin. She is incredibly strong and I loved her for that. The mixture of orcs humans elves etc. If you liked Skyrim you'll probably dig this book. The worldbuilding is very Bethesda-esque actually. Some of these overlaps might be coincidental though. There's no way he's not teaching Beowulf. But other than that.sigh. (In fact his other steampunk series looks interesting). This novel misses the mark I'm afraid. Paperback

