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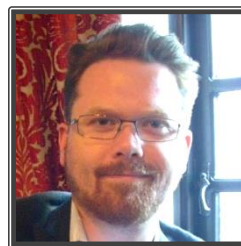
*The old world is dead.
Worse, it was a lie.*

Haskell yearns to be a warrior like his grandfather, who broke the orcish hordes, not the unwanted son of a ruthless High City merchant. With nothing but a bag of stolen coin and his grandfather's sword, he chases glory to the borderlands. There, he hopes to prove himself worthy of his legacy against creatures more fearsome than orcs.

After assembling a band of misfits, including a jaded, street-urchin grifter, orphaned, half-orc child, and a brace of hardened mercenaries, Haskell must face a labyrinthine dungeon, an exploitative, monster-hunting guild, and his own failings as a leader. If traitors and fierce woodland monsters don't murder him first.

A naïve warrior and his band of misfits must survive a monster-infested wood, labyrinthine dungeon, and the exploitative, treasure-hunting guild founded to clear them.

About the Author



J.D. Mitchell is a Canadian writer of speculative fiction. His stories are informed by his historical studies and transient upbringing. The latter, while terribly angst-inducing, exposed him to a rich tapestry of people and places, as did his varied service industry jobs and a sixteen-year stint in the Public Service of Canada (but who's counting?). He lives in Ottawa, Canada with his wife and two wonderful goldfish.



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