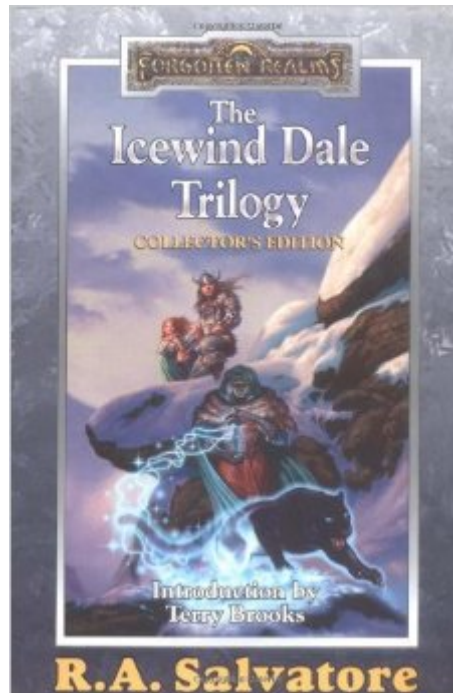


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Synopsis

Icewind Dale. Windswept passes and forbidding glaciers stand at the top of the world. Below them, in the cold valleys, an evil force broods: the magic of Crenshinibon, the crystal shard. Now dwarf, barbarian, and drow elf join to battle this evil. Tempered in the furnace of struggle, they form an unbreakable friendship. A legend is born. For the first time in one volume, here is New York Times bestselling author R.A. Salvatore's adventure that introduced Drizzt Do'Urden, the heroic dark elf, one of the most beloved characters in fantasy literature.

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Customer Reviews

Set in the Forgotten Realms Dungeons & Dragons campaign world, The Icewind Dale Trilogy is the first novel by R.A. Salvatore and introduces the most famous D&D character - Drizzt Do'Urden. The funny part is, only the first book takes place in Icewind Dale. This is often compared to J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings," but it really shouldn't be in the way that it is. The only thing I noticed, really, was in the first book it mentions how Bruenor's clan, Battlehammer, had "delved too greedily and too deep," almost an exact line from the books. However, when they do reach the mine, you will find it is wholly unlike Moria (the mine from Tolkien's work). Also, these are, for the most part, three separate stories which are strung together by the assassin Artemis Entreri who quickly becomes Drizzt's rival, the conflict finally coming to a head in the final novel. You will be brought in by these books in a way Tolkien could never bring me in (it took me a year to read his series; I read this in four days), you will believe these characters are real, you will believe these fights actually happened and Salvatore just happened to video tape them so he could write down

what happened later. His descriptions are very good (though they do not tend to drone on like Tolkien's), and his fight scenes are very detailed. Wulfgar, the mighty Barbarian King, does not merely swing his warhammer; he arcs it down upon his enemies side, sending him flying backwards and into another. The characters are very vividly described, and they are extremely believable. Drizzt has a very hard time trying to fit into the surface world, as he is a Drow; a dark elf. The dark elven society lives deep underground, in the Underdark, and are quite evil.

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