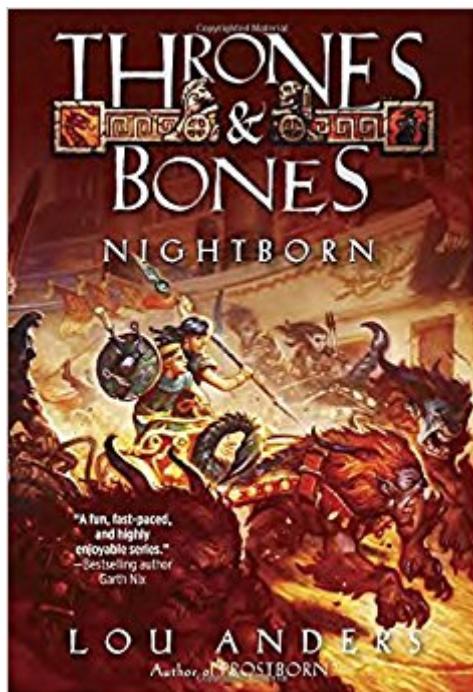


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# Nightborn (Thrones And Bones)



## Synopsis

For fans of Lloyd Alexander and Brandon Mull comes Book 2 in the acclaimed Thrones and Bones fantasy-adventure trilogy that began with *Frostborn*. Karn Korlundsson is a gamer. Not a riddle solver. But in order to rescue his best friend, Thianna Frostborn, he will need to travel to the faraway city of Castlebriar (by wyvern), learn how to play a new board game called Charioteers (not a problem), decipher the Riddle of the Horn, and tangle with mysterious elves. Meet Desstra. She's in training to join the Underhand—the elite agents of the dark elves. When she crosses paths with Karn, she is not all that she appears to be. Everyone is chasing after the horn of Osius, an ancient artifact with the power to change the world. The lengths to which Karn will go in the name of friendship will be sorely tested. Who knew that solving a riddle could be so deadly? The novel includes instructions for playing the board game Charioteers. Visit [ThronesandBones.com](http://ThronesandBones.com) for additional games, maps, character profiles, and more! *Praise for Nightborn* “Anders presents a captivating world.” *Kirkus Reviews* “[A]n adventure story with good pacing, well-drawn characters, and engaging action scenes.” *Booklist* *Praise for Frostborn* “Future fans of Tolkien and George R. R. Martin can happily cut their serial-fantasy teeth on this first book of an eventual series.” *Kirkus Reviews* “A fun, fast-paced, and highly enjoyable tale.” *Garth Nix*, bestselling author of the *Abhorsen* trilogy “A powerful, fast-paced tale. . . . The setting is rich, the characters well-defined, and the danger ever-paramount.” *Publishers Weekly*, *Starred* “An excellent choice for readers new to the genre. The themes of staying true to oneself, teamwork, and individuality will resonate with readers.” *School Library Journal* “The most delightful fantasy I have read in ages. . . . Put me on the waiting list for book two!” *Amy Plum*, international bestselling author of the *Die for Me* series *From the Hardcover edition*.

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Gr 4-6 •Placing your head in a dragon's mouth hardly seems the most sensible way to begin one's quest. And yet Karn, protagonist of *Nightborn*, does just that. Like *Frostborn* (Crown, 2014), this novel takes place on the continent of Katarnia but expands beyond the frozen landscape and also introduces a new character, Desstra. Desstra is a dark elf training to join an elite group called the Underhand. To do so, she must retrieve the horn of Osius, which controls the dragons. But our hero Karn must also find the horn if he wants to rescue his friend Thianna. Anders continues the world-building and character development begun in *Frostborn* and also further develops the friendship themes with the new characters—all without sacrificing pacing or making things too complicated. Anders includes instructions on how to play Charioteers, a game within the story, making this book ideal for teachers or librarians who may want to supplement the reading with extended activities. Maps and a "historical" time line are also included for the fantasy obsessives who want to further study this intricate world. VERDICT A must-purchase for fans of the first book in the series. —Jessica Ko, Los Angeles Public Library --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Karn Korlundsson was heading to the fur market when the dust clouds started. Taloned claws swooped over him and bore him into the sky. He soared through the air to Sardeth, the Blasted City, home to the massive dragon Orm. The great creature's interest in the renowned young man was keen. Word had reached Orm that a dreaded Horn of Osius, forged to control the formidable dragon race, might still exist. When Karn learned that his friend Thianna had disappeared while searching for it, he agreed to Orm's quest. In Castlebriar, Karn soon discovered just how many interested parties coveted the Horn. Ruthless dark elves from Deep Shadow pursued him relentlessly, armed with poison. The Order of the Oak worked covertly to ensure the precious treasure would remain hidden. Ancient riddles led Karn to Grave Hill, then under it. This second book of the Thrones and Bones series is a grand adventure, with intriguing characters and a fast pace. The frost giantess Thianna, quick to solve problems with her powerful fists, has advanced in wisdom, if not in patience. Karn learns important lessons about betrayal, and ultimately about redemption. Anders has woven enduring themes into a vibrant story that has strong appeal for readers of all ages.--Kate Calina

I was not a huge fan of the first book. It was good but not great and at times struggled to get through it. I decided however to give the series another chance and I'm so glad I did. This time around I finished this book in two days. I actually lost sleep at night because I wanted to finish the story. I can only hope the third book will be as good. Definitely worth the purchase.

Great adventure story . Started reading part one while with my daughter at local library . Few pages in and i was hooked! Bought whole series for her when she gets 2-3 years older . Lots of fun and each book has a game and rules for it.

Fun series.

My 11 year old loves these stories. Well written and enjoyable.

Don't worry if you are older than it's age range, adults will enjoy this book too. Characters grow well and the new characters introduced are well fleshed out. Pick this up and read it.

My son loves this series... can't wait for the next book!

Fast paced story that kept making me want to read. Great continuation and it was nice seeing both main characters mature.

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