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Plagueman

Historical Fiction by K. D. Kragen

The Conflict Between The Mystic And The Barbarian In All Of Us

First there was *The Plague* (1347-1665). Then there was *Plagueman*.

From the creator of *KillWare* and *The Wastes* (killware.com) comes *Plagueman* (plagueman.com), published by ArcheBooks Publishers (archebooks.com), available from ArcheBooks 29 November 2005 and in bookstores 20 December 2005.

In three hundred pages, an epic of history and death and love and death. A grand celebration of suffering and passion and the Chianti Classico hope and prosciutto-pasta life of medieval Italy during the years of the Black Death. *Plagueman* is the story of awakening desire in the devout heart of a beautiful young girl, Theresa of Siena, who befriends a disillusioned soldier, Kierkive of Sarai. *Plagueman* is about the conflict between the mystic and the barbarian in all of us.

With the possible exception of Daniel Defoe's *A Journal of the Plague Year*, Albert Camus' *The Plague*, and Steven King's *The Stand*, most other related techno-thriller novels and movies tell about how humans conquer every obstacle, survive and overcome every threat to civilization: the plague, a deadly virus, alien spawn, Martian attack. *Plagueman*, on the other hand, is about how to go on in the day-to-day, how to live real life in an age of plague, how not just to survive but to stand strong in a time of terror without losing one's humanity—and compassion.

Plagueman is carefully researched, both concerning medieval medicine and the effects of the plague, and concerning details of 14th century life in Tuscany and at the Papal Court of Avignon.

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