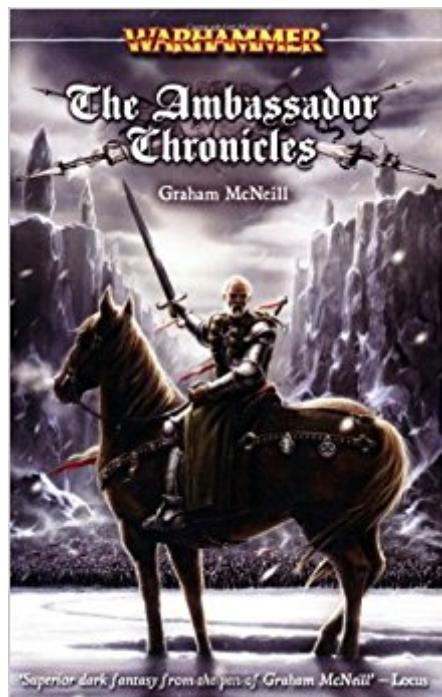


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Plot - Ex-general, Kaspar von something, finds himself as ambassador representing the empire in Kislev. His job is to coordinate the war on chaos efforts between the Tsarina and the Emperor. The editorial review says it's about court politics; I guess the guy who wrote it didn't actually read the book. The plot mostly evolves around Kaspar hunting down a serial killer and trying to stop a vicious chaos worshippers design to harm Kislev from within. The fact that the readers know in advance who's pulling the threads, pretty much ruins it. Characters - The main character, the ambassador, was convincingly done. Kaspar is an honorable, brave man with just enough dark qualities to

balance a rounded character. Most other minor characters surrounding him were nicely done too. I came to like the brave Panther Knight (captain of Kaspar's personal bodyguards), the alcoholic Pavel (coward and a hero), the dual natured manic serial killer, the cynic and brave pharmacist/healer/surgeon, the notorious criminal and his assassin and others. It's impressive that a writer can bring to life so many memorable and round minor characters. On the downside the main antagonist was ridiculously flat. It annoyed me that we didn't chance to understand the antagonist motives. One major disappointment, as a warhammer fan, I thought that a plot involving Kislev politics will include deeper insight to the life of the mysterious and intriguing ice-queen. It didn't, and that's a big miss IMO. Her majesty remains a minor - pretty flat - character (though her role in the events is crucial). Writing - Professionally done.

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