Baptism Of Fire (The Witcher)
The New York Times bestselling series that inspired the international hit video game: The Witcher

The Wizards Guild has been shattered by a coup and, in the uproar, Geralt was seriously injured. The Witcher is supposed to be a guardian of the innocent, a protector of those in need, a defender against powerful and dangerous monsters that prey on men in dark times. But now that dark times have fallen upon the world, Geralt is helpless until he has recovered from his injuries. While war rages across all of the lands, the future of magic is under threat and those sorcerers who survive are determined to protect it. It’s an impossible situation in which to find one girl - Ciri, the heiress to the throne of Cintra, has vanished - until a rumor places her in the Niflgaard court, preparing to marry the Emperor. Injured or not, Geralt has a rescue mission on his hands. The Witcher returns in this action-packed sequel to The Time of Contempt.

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As a HUGE Fan of the Witcher games, I’m excited that the complete series is being translated and published in the USA! The Witcher series is a world of high fantasy, with dwarves, elves, humans, sorcerers, kings, empires, knights, vampires, trolls, a complex plot, and realistic characters. Although the world is high fantasy, everything in it feels real. This is no small
achievement.

Story

Geralt and Yennifer continue to look for Ciri, who is now riding with a band of bandits called the Rats. When news of Ciri’s Elder Blood reaches higher powers, the world’s elite begin searching for her in an attempt to harness her unique powers for their own goals. Geralt and Yennifer search out of love, while the others search to expand their power and influence. This book focuses mostly on Geralt’s search as he meets new friends and they explore the war torn borders in search of Ciri.

Characters

The Witcher series features a unique cast of deep characters with complex motivations. Geralt is a witcher, a professional monster slayer. He is not a hero, and he won’t kill a troll because the farmers don’t feel safe at night. Geralt will investigate a troll if he is paid, he may let the troll live or die depending on how he feels about the troll in question, then he’ll probably spend his money getting drunk or in a brothel; which is what you’d expect from a monster slaying outcast who risks his life on a daily basis. Geralt and Yennifer, a powerful sorceress, are involved in a volatile romantic relationship. At times they can’t stand each other. At times, she reads his mind. At times, she manipulates him. At times, he sleeps with other women... which is what you’d expect from a monster slaying outcast and a vindictive sorceress.

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