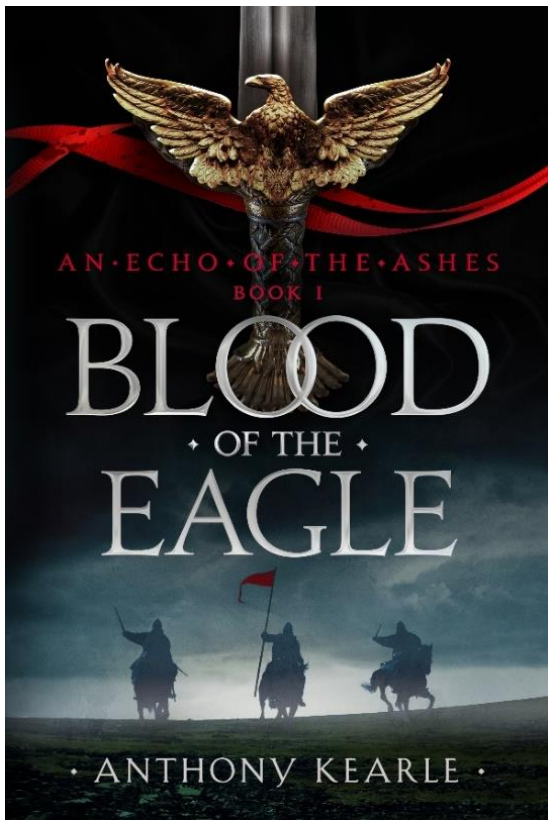


# BLOOD OF THE EAGLE

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**EVALIO DELROVIRA, SOUTHERN GRAND MASTER OF THE RENOWNED ORDER OF KIL'KARA, IS DEAD. HIS FINAL WORDS BRING TIDINGS THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED. WORDS THAT SPEAK OF SOMETHING FOREVER HIDDEN THAT MUST BE FOUND.**

Kyler Landrey, the son of a lowly tavern keeper, leaves his hometown of Adrestia to seek his destiny among the order. He is greeted by a world of brotherhood and steel, before fate and the gods reveal his destiny. Honour, loyalty, and justice guide the order, yet these tenants will be tested as the hunt begins. It is time for the knights of Kil'kara to ride again

The forest of Salvaar erupts into a bitter civil war, plunging the twelve tribes into chaos. Both sides claim innocence and the clans divide as oaths are sworn. Cailean, brother to the newly crowned chief of the Aedei, is sent forth in the hopes that old alliances are not dead. This ally comes in the form of Lukas Raynor, the reckless son of a great king. To save the Aedei will mean crossing the dreaded Steppe of Miera. A fool's task.

Kitara, daughter to none and outcast by all, has spent her life watching her back. Kitara has survived with her wit and talent with steel alone. After taking refuge with the distrustful Mierans she is forced to make a decision that may unshroud the mystery of her heritage.

Lief Farrin, a well respected jarl of the Valkir, lies murdered. His daughter Astrid has sworn to uncover the killer and avenge her father. Her mind is as sharp as any warrior's sword and twice as deadly.

***Whatever they fight for... they pay the price in blood.***



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Anthony is an Australian author who discovered his passion for writing while studying graphic design at Federation University. Being passionate about history and grounded fantastical worlds; creating a map in class started him down the rabbit hole that is world-building. A story soon followed. While working full time and doing some freelance design work on the side, he decided to pursue his writing career. When not working and writing, Anthony enjoys hiking and investing time in both sports and esports alike.

## AWARD NOMINATIONS



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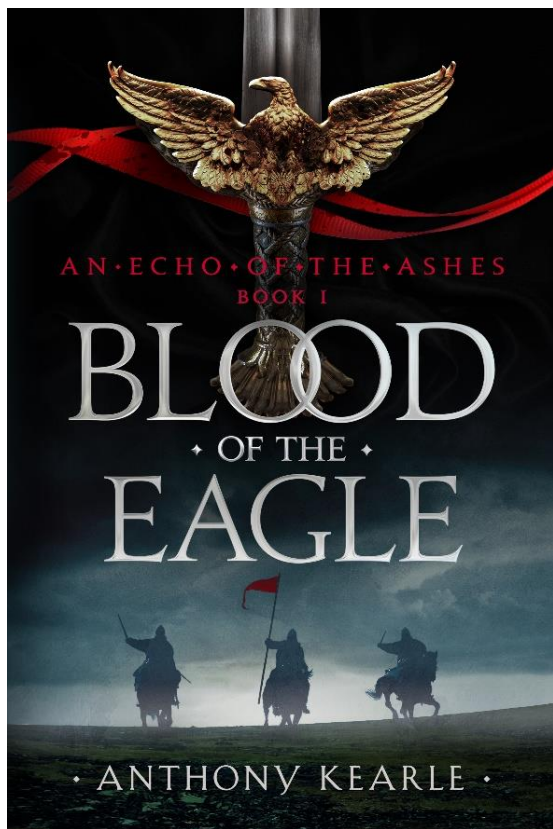
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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE THIS BOOK SERIES, 'AN ECHO OF THE ASHES'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

*It was all pretty random. A line came into my head, and to this day I don't know why. Once I wrote that line down the story came with it. I have always been drawn to history, mythology, and fantasy so this created an outlet for my ideas. Worldbuilding is a passion of mine so once I had written that single line, I devoted a year to building a world. Both in novels and film I have always found it difficult to get immersed into things that don't seem like they should be logically possible. I prefer a more grounded approach. With this series and world, I wanted to create a fantasy story that was as real as it gets. A world with a rich lore and deep characters. A world in which there is no 'good' and 'evil'. A world where the characters are not black and white, but morally grey. They have their own loves and hates, passions and demons. I have always been interested in the power of symbols, both religious and physical, and this story enabled me to create my own.*

### HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

*They just came naturally to me. The first scene that I thought of doesn't actually happen until book two, and it features Kitara. She was my very first character. The story started to construct itself around her. Astrid came next, followed by Lukas of Annora. As these characters became more and more fleshed out, the story developed. Kyler appeared next, followed by Cailean and Sakkar.*

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOOKS?

*Once all three books from An Echo of the Ashes are complete, I plan to write a standalone prequel, and then a sequel series. I already have a lot of ideas jotted down.*

*"Fantasssstic read! The imagery is phenomenal. You really feel like you're there experiencing each moment with the characters. It's a complete page turner! You just have to know what happens next! I am on the edge of my seat waiting for the sequel!"* Brigitta, Goodreads Reviewer

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