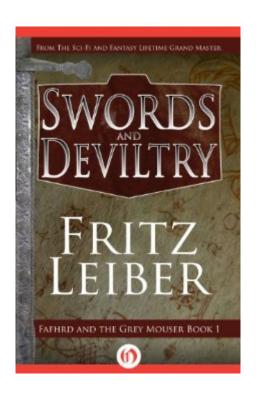
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Customer Reviews

I must confess that I had some preconceived notions about Fritz Leiber's work. Because he's credited with coining the phrase "Sword & Sorcery," and because I never hear women talking about his stories, I imagined that they appealed mainly to men. But, a few factors made me decide to give Fritz Leiber a try:1. I feel the need to be "educated" in the field of fantasy, which means that I should readnovels that are out of my normal repertoire.2. The fantasy shelves are glutted with urban and teen fantasy and I'm feeling a bit nostalgic.3. And (this one's the clincher) [...] has recently produced audio versions of the Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser stories. So, I downloaded Swords and Deviltry to my MP3 player and pressed play. Within two minutes, I was completely enthralled. The first part of the novel (which is really a compilation of short stories) tells the tale of Fafhrd's liberation from the taboos, close-mindedness, and "icy morality" of his mother and clan (and the girl he got pregnant) in the northern wastes. He yearns for civilization, and finally gets a chance to "escape this stupid snow world and its man-chaining women" with a beautiful showgirl. The second section introduces us to Mouse, who is apprenticed to the white magician Glavas Rho, but who feels the pull of the black arts -- "the magic which stemmed from death and hate and pain and decay, which dealt in poisons and night-shrieks, which trickled down from the black spaces between the stars..." A murder and a betraval force Mouse over the brink and he restyles himself as The Gray Mouser. I was engrossed in the tales of both of these young men, so when the audiobook reader finally said "Chapter 4: III Met in Lankhmar," I felt a thrill of delight!

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