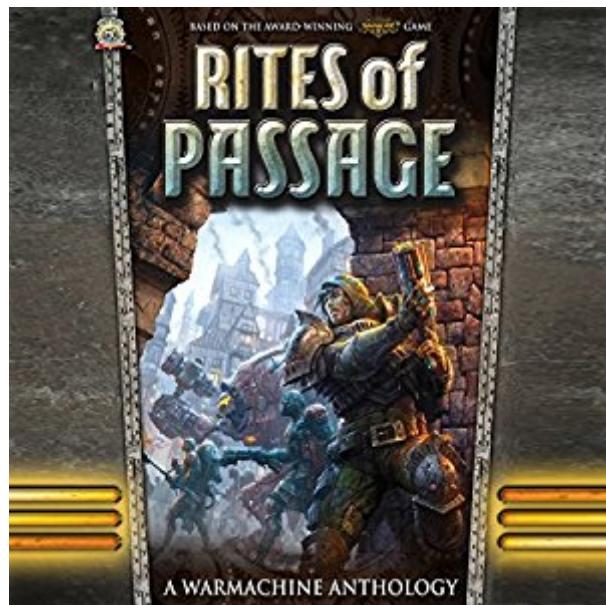


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# Rites Of Passage: A Warmachine Anthology



## Synopsis

In the beginning, great power is only great potential.... Renowned for both martial and arcane skills, the mighty warcasters of the Iron Kingdoms possess the unique gift of bonding with and commanding mighty warjacks on the field of battle. Yet despite their inborn abilities, these powerful soldier-sorcerers began as novices, forced to harness their talents in rigorously structured military training programs or through the brutal crucible of battle. *Rites of Passage* tells the tales of six novice warcasters, some from the great military powers of the Iron Kingdoms and others destined for a more independent path. Journey to the Cygnaran front lines with Lieutenant Allison Jakes as she learns the difficult lessons of what it means to be a battlefield commander. Balance faith with arcane might alongside Initiate Tristan Durant of the Protectorate of Menoth. Navigate the treacherous politics of the Druzhina, Khador's military training academy, with Kovnik Andrei Malakov. Take to the bloody high seas aboard a Cryxian ship with the ruthless pirate raider Aiakos. Follow the trials of the assassin initiate Elara as she struggles to accept her changed destiny as a warcaster within the Retribution of Scyrah. Finally, prowl the war-torn streets of occupied Llael with the gutter rat Gastone Crosse as he becomes the most wanted man in Merywyn.

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## Customer Reviews

While some of the individual stories required more detailed knowledge of the setting, over all even for someone just getting interested in these stories, this is a great collection. The various authors do an excellent job bringing out each characters motivations and can make even the most

unsympathetic of characters understandable and realistic in their actions.

Enjoyed it very much. Good intro for the new Warmachine characters. Some stories better than others but I can say they were all good. If you are playing any of the new characters and you like the fluff, this is a really good way to get to know your Journeymen.

Very good collection of short-stories set in the Iron Kingdoms and themed specifically toward Warmachine. I don't usually like buying anthologies as the stories often feel underdone and some stories are great while others are mediocre or bad. I was pleasantly surprised by Rites of Passage, I enjoyed all the stories and although short, they were well told and had a good introduction, body and conclusion leaving me feeling at the end of each like the story was concluded. Overall a good read and left me invested in each of the characters from the various factions and wanting more.

Good group of novellas detailing the personalities and back stories of the journeyman war casters that came out with the Kickstarter.

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