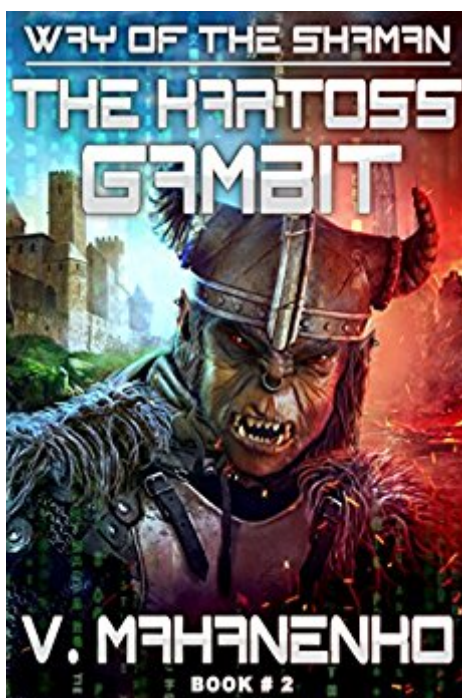


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The Kartoss Gambit (The Way Of The Shaman: Book #2) LitRPG Series



Synopsis

A product of the latest technologies, Barliona is a virtual world brimming with fun and entertainment. The government has become the guarantor for the in-game currency, allowing its free circulation. As a result, the population floods Barliona in pursuit of easy money. It doesn't take long for the game developers to discover a source of free labor: real-world prison convicts. While their bodies are locked in special auto-maintenance virtual capsules, the prisoners' minds are released into Barliona's virtual mines. Dmitry Mahan has been through it all. Sentenced to eight years hard labor, he now struggles with an unpopular class - the Shaman - and an equally unpopular profession of a Jeweler. His fight for survival becomes anything but virtual.

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Customer Reviews

In this sequel to "Survival Quest (The Way of the Shaman: Book #1)," our main character continues his journey as a prisoner in the virtual world of Barliona. He managed to get out of the mines in record time and is on parole in the main game world. He is sent to a small village at the edge of the kingdom, marked as a convict, and cannot spend more than 48 hours at a time away from it. And

the nearest town is 48 hours away by cart...This book really shines. The gaming aspects of Barliona are still present in this book. Indeed, the MMO side of things gains greater depth with the introduction of clans, more players, and the world as a whole. He is still a low-level player, but through clever use of his abilities, manages to get the attention of some movers and shakers in the game (not that this is necessarily a good thing!). Very naturally, the MC seems to be entangled in some major events that affect Barliona. Additionally, his journey as a Shaman comes into greater focus. The potential of the class comes out more as he is able to practice his class skills. With access to the forums and wiki, the MC's personal journey as a shaman also becomes more pronounced. Will he forge his own path, or seek out tips & shortcuts from the forums? All in all, a great book. If you liked Mahanenko's first book, "Survival Quest," this one is even better! And if you like LitRPG, this is at the top of my list so far. 5 stars!

This book was a solid continuation of the series. I particularly enjoy that the author manages to make the character's class and powers unique and interesting without making it feel as if he was handed god-like abilities for no reason at all. (I find this to be a rarity in this genre, sadly.) The powers are investigated and mostly earned. I thought the character had a bit too much unprompted authority in the eyes of his peers during the end stages of the book, but it didn't come off too badly. The world is interesting, the plot continues to be interesting, and the writing isn't bad. Overall I'd recommend this book to just about anyone interested in a fun and stress free read. I could hardly put it down once I'd started.

This is an outstanding sequel. I was not dissatisfied at any of the plot moves - on the contrary, some of the new directions for the work were unexpected and considerably expanded the scope, which a sequel in an extended series should always try to do. Really impressive, engaging work - some of the best of the litRPG genre in general that I have read.

A great continuation of this amazing story. A must read for LitRPG fans. The first book in this series is free via Kindle Unlimited. I was so hooked that I purchased this novel, mere seconds after finishing the first. Well worth the money!

If someone can tell me when this damn book comes out in the English version for either pre-order or kindle download, PLEASE REPLY THE DATE!!!! I curse Vasily for leaving such a huge chasm of time between the 2nd and 3rd translations for this series. I can't even find the russian version of the

books. I can't wait to tear into the next part of this series where Mahan is going to have one heck of a time moving forward now that people are finding out he's such an amazing player with the abilities of a freaking DRAGON!!!!

Ok this book seriously rocks. I just discovered RPGLit not to long ago and I am absolutely enthralled by it. This is a awesome representation of the genre. This is an excellent author, who manages to bring this story to life. Rock on dude and bring forth the imagination and storytelling.

One of the better Russian LitRPG authors, this is his second book within "The Way of the Shaman" series. The series had a somewhat improbable opening, though it did set the stage for the first and now the second book. The author appears to concentrate on what he does fairly well -- the gaming and internal dialog aspects. Conversations with other characters are often "flat", and characters other than the main character are generally 2 dimensional. It's probably a good thing that the author has avoided "sex scenes"...The book's ending felt a bit disorganized -- it can either ruin the next book and series, or help build the series plot. I look forward to seeing which course the author's next book takes...

Beginning to really enjoy the series. I'm glad the prison scene is over, it wasn't bad but this is more exciting. Some of the choices made by the MC seem like obvious choices but the he goes and does a hell marry and I'm mind blown. I don't know how I feel about his crafting ability but we will see. All in all great!

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