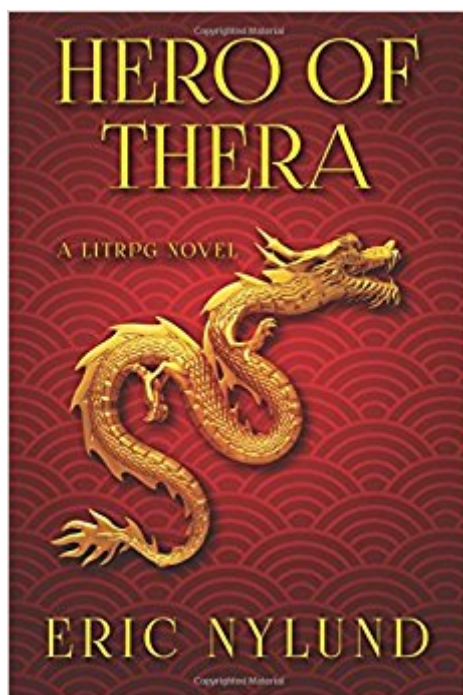


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# Hero Of Thera



## Synopsis

BE A HERO IN THE ULTIMATE GAME Are you a top-rated gamer? Then you might have the skills to play the Game ... where players are sponsored by actual demon lords, gods and goddesses, or Lovecraftian nightmares. Enter Thera, a real kingdom at the crossroads of many other worlds, but with all the augmented-reality interfaces, character progression, and game mechanics that players know and love. And the stakes of The Game? Nothing less than Creation--every world in every universe and reality. So ... no pressure. Thus Hector Savage, gamer extraordinaire, comes to Thera. Nothing can prepare him, though, for the schemes of Abyssal Lords, rampaging barbarian ghosts, and a host of nefarious forces who want him dead--before he can even make fifth level!

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"It took me back to wonderful times of being a student and playing roleplaying games and yes, dreaming to be teleported to one of those worlds." --Sam Lake, Creative Director at Remedy Entertainment (Max Payne, Alan Wake, Quantum Break) "Beautifully rendered, engaging, epic. Hero of Thera was a pleasure to read and a welcome addition to a growing genre. I can't wait to read the next one!" --Harmon Cooper, author of The Feedback Loop and the Fantasy Online series "Nylund's cast of characters is perfect. I'm already excited for their next adventure." --Leah Hoyer, Vice President of Creative at Telltale Games "Thera is a beautifully crafted world you'll thrill to adventure in!" --Danan Davis, Senior Producer, Cat Daddy Games & Lead Program Manager, FABLE "A roller coaster ride straight to the magnificent hell all

gamers dream of." --J. Epps -- creative director, vr @ 2Bears, HTC "It should be no surprise that Nylund can keep a plot cooking along, or that his character work is characteristically strong. What is a surprise is that he can keep coming back with something fresh and fun. You can almost feel his glee right through the page. And I'll get him for it." --ERIC TRAUTMANN (Microsoft expat, comic book writer). "Nylund knows games and he knows how to keep you turning the pages. Deeply immersive and full of thrills, twists, and humor. Hero of Thera is a compelling read."

--Robert Ferrigno, New York Times bestselling author and Senior Narrative Designer, Game Studios "An absolute page-turner, I couldn't put it down. Great characters, compelling story line, and a believable world that's on a level with George Orwell. A brilliant example of LitRPG done right."

--Zachariah Dracoulis , Author of the LitRPG series, Legends of Tarthirious "Nylund has deep knowledge of novels and game development, allowing him to trounce every boss monster with his mighty pen."

--John Sutherland, Head of Narrative, Wargaming Seattle "Go pee and get your drink before sitting down to read this, because you won't want to stop once you start reading."

--Scott Hedrick, coauthor of Deep Space, the interplanetary supplement for Cyberpunk 2020 "Eric Nylund brings the full force of his considerable video-game experience to bear in this fast-paced adventure. Game players and Fantasy fans alike will all find something to fall in love with in Hero of Thera."

--Kimberly Unger , Mobile/VR Producer, Gazillion Entertainment "Like any of the greatest games, you never want Hero of Thera to end; I can't wait to replay it as I eagerly await the sequel!"

--Kate Edwards, Executive Director, International Game Developers Association "Very entertaining! Gripping and authentic! This is a great translation of what it would be like to be a character in a video game."

--Jerry Darcy, Lead Level Designer, Hardsuit Labs "Hero of Thera, a compelling cross-genre action masterpiece that doesn't neglect the intellectual aspects of gaming, hits like a lightning bolt. Players of RPG games and readers more generally, don't miss it."

--Mike Brotherton, author of Star Dragon, Spider Star, professor of astronomy at the University of Wyoming, game enthusiast "Hero of Thera is like a dungeon sprint. Fast paced, full of combat and intrigue. Now that I'm done with the first module, I look forward to many more!"

--Jason Schklar, Long time game industry vet and Champion of Light! "Super fun read, especially for anyone who loves RPGs. Nylund is a fantastic storyteller!"

--Earnest Yuen, Executive Producer, Killer Instinct

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Hero of Thera is a special novel for me. The relatively new genre of LitRPG (stories about gamers and games) feels like what I've been preparing for my entire life--an avid gamer since I was a

kid, making video games for 15+ years, and honing my writing skills for the last two decades (still working on that last one...). ã ã :) I hope you enjoy reading Hero of Thera at least as much as I enjoyed writing it. PS: for fans of A GAME OF UNIVERSE, there is a connection to that novel ... very loose, but a few ideas and one old character from GOU are in a new time and setting, and, of course, there is still a game being played... just a different sort. Don't worry about having to read GOU first. HERO is very much a stand alone novel/series, independent of GOU.

I enjoyed this book. Only a couple of rough or under developed passages. The biggest revolves around the main character grappling with sanity. I did not feel the seriousness was adequately conveyed, the main character remained largely unaffected by the turmoil. Lastly, despite leaving out a lot of the particulars of the characters stat pages, I found the authors story full of intrigue that kept me up to speed with how it all got done. Hopefully, the next book will start to explore this world, the battlefield of the gods should bare some new interesting ideas to sink my teeth into and keep the mystery alive.

An excellent book. Spoilers following; It combines several tropes, such as the Faustian deal by the Devil, the evil brother, the impossible quest, the demigod, and the blind seer. Forget all of this though, as this is an excellent book. A very good read with Characters that are likeable and a world that is believable. Go buy it, read it and enjoy it.

There are many litrpg novels that are written by new authors and have all the issues that arise from that. This novel had none of those. Great pacing throughout that never felt rushed but her that action rolling, very well written fight scenes kept me on my toes on how the hero could possibly survive them and of course a perfect amount of loot and character planning goodness. I read it straight through because I couldn't put it down. Anyone that enjoys fantasy novels will love this story and I'm already salivating for the next book in this epic adventure.

Really enjoyed this one. This story doesn't waste a lot of time before the main character gets into action. Couldn't stop reading, the story didn't have any weakness for me. There is plenty of mystery for the reader, the MC is well-developed, and plot twists that leave you wanting more. Definitely waiting for another installment!

Without a doubt one of the best Litrpg books I've read. Never disappoints always moving and never

dull my only question is how long do I have to wait for the next book.

I read this book in one sitting and it was a fun ride indeed. I like how it ties back to at least one of Eric's earlier books. It didn't dazzle me like A Game of Universe or Signal to Noise did but if you enjoy fantasy and RPGs you're bound to love this title. I look forward to reading more in this series.

I have read a lot of LitRPG and this one definitely has more soul. Action scenes are great. Story is engaging. Best yet, the twist in both the beginning and end were fantastic. Eric did a great job ending this adventure without a cliffhanger and sets up the next one. Well done Eric.

In all seriousness I really want to read the next book, after finishing this. The anticipation is rather stimulating, such tales are rather wondrous to read over and over. The action was just right as was the dialogue. It gave life to the odd assortment of background characters without leaving them as cardboard cutouts. You could almost seat yourself in his seat and go for the ride.

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