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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Starred Review. Equal parts sword-and-sorcery action/adventure and noir whodunit, Bledsoe's finely polished debut is evocative of fantasy legend Fritz Leiber's classic tales of Fafhrd and the Gray Mouser. Bledsoe's narrative, while set in a comparable world, features only one protagonist: sword jockey Eddie LaCrosse, a private investigator who has spent most of his life trying to distance himself from a shadowy and tragic past. When his old childhood friend, King Philip of Arentia, enlists his help to unravel a scandalous mystery surrounding the brutal death of the young royal heir—a murder in which the king's beautiful wife, Rhiannon, is the prime suspect—LaCrosse accepts only to encounter a deity who forces him to come to grips with the horrific events of his youth. Incorporating elements from both hard-boiled mystery and heroic fantasy, Bledsoe's genre-blending first novel is both stylish and self-assured: Raymond Chandler meets Raymond E. Feist. *(Nov.)*
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Review

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“Bledsoe has written a compelling story with fascinating characters—who are so witty and whose attitude is so wry that I laughed and cared.”—Orson Scott Card on *The Sword-Edged Blonde*

“*The Sword-Edged Blonde* has all the finesse and depth of a great hard-boiled mystery, but takes place in a fully realized heroic fantasy setting. From start to finish, it’s a treat for readers of either genre, and easily one of the better books I’ve had the pleasure of reading this year. Don’t miss this one.”—Charles de Lint

“*The Sword-Edged Blonde* is a new twist on an old theme and a genuinely fun read.”—David Drake, author of *Lord of the Isles*

“Sam Spade with a sword: utterly unique, often hilarious and with moments of great heart, *The Sword-Edged Blonde* serves up a damned good read.”—Virginia Baker, author of *Jack Knife*

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