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KNIGHT OF GAELGARA

By Gary J. Martin

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Age: 18+

Interests: Medieval Europe, Fantasy, Warfare

Features: Female Protagonist, rich detail and immersive action, explores harsh realities of war

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Our first major release this year will be *Knight of Gaelgara*, available initially as a **Limited-Edition Hardback*** with dustjacket and full-colour map ('Aksson, City of Coral') *inside* dustjacket. The book will be embossed on the title page for numbering (x/500) and each copy will be signed by the author.

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*Trade Paperback to follow (contact for details)

BOOK LAUNCH

Knight of Gaelgara will be launched at Swords Castle (mid-June), at which **Medieval Combat Ireland** will host a combat display. Our social media channels and website mailing list will keep people updated as to the (fictional) stories behind the two combatants. Gary will write these backstories.

You are most welcome to attend.

Sir Roslind of Aksson, fierce and unyielding, is not the only female knight; but she is few among men who cling to older ways. And while whispers of disdain are so easily heard in a land pushing beyond tradition, whispers of rebellion are more subtle, more insidious; and much more costly to ignore.

As the waves of religious reformation crash upon the shores of Aksson, a disgruntled son learns the error of his ways; a traitor leads an unexpected defence; an embattled cougari unsheathes his claws; and one who hides in plain sight will open the gates to a fearsome enemy with ancestral zeal in their hearts.

The Baron of Aksson is a powerful man, proud and ruthless; but he is fading, betrayal already at his door. As his daughter returns from years of training, she must prove her mettle in the fires of the old world as the siege bears down upon the great port city.

But one thing is certain.

Aksson will burn.

Welcome to the first book of **The War of Souls Apocrypha**. Written as a medieval-esque fantasy tale with a decidedly Gaelic feel, *Knight of Gaelgara* draws us swiftly into a vibrant, living city soon to face a siege and the first move in a greater war.



MEDIA + PROMO

- Awaiting reviews in: The Irish Times, The Irish Examiner, + more to follow
- Radio Interviews: RTE1's The Nine O'Clock Show (TBC), LMFM's 11-1 Show, + local stations coinciding with Book Tour
- Book Tour focusing on medieval sites around Ireland + signings at bookstores
- Showcase/mini launch at Listowel Writers' Week (TBC) & Glasgow Worldcon
- Award-winning Actor/Director Baz Black will attend Book Launch

THE AUTHOR

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