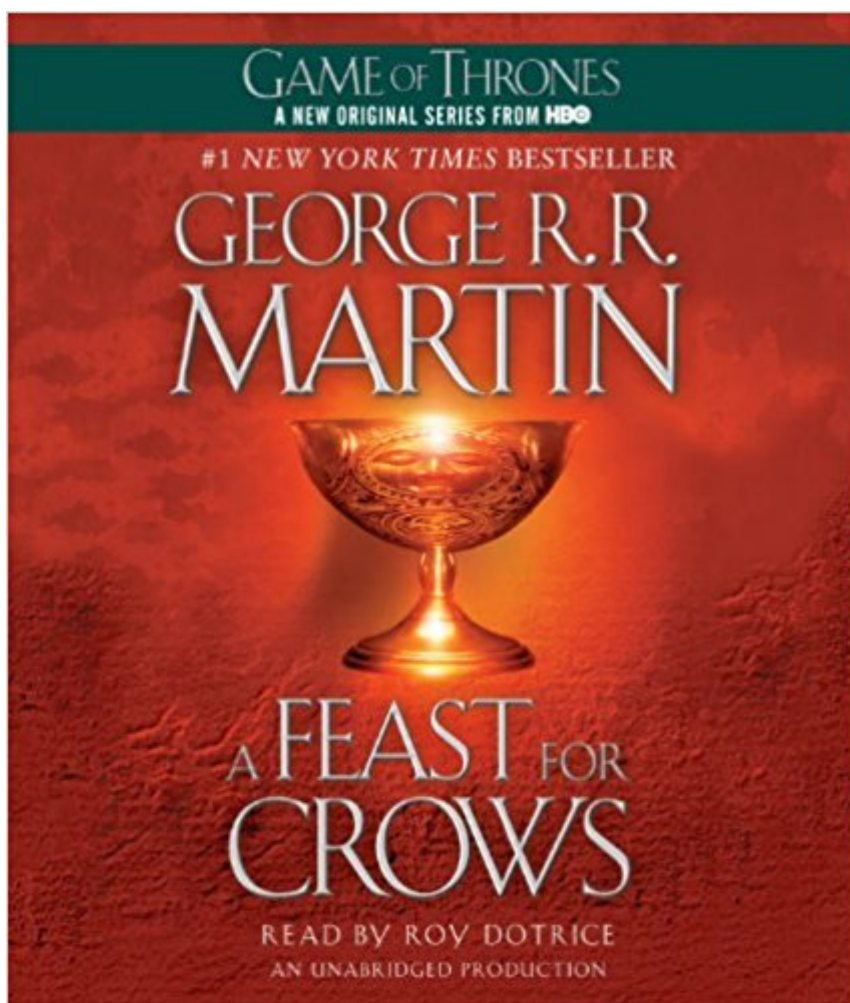


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# A Feast For Crows: A Song Of Ice And Fire: Book Four



## Synopsis

THE BOOK BEHIND THE FOURTH SEASON OF THE ACCLAIMED HBO SERIES GAME OF THRONES Few books have captivated the imagination and won the devotion and praise of readers and critics everywhere as has George R. R. Martin's monumental epic cycle of high fantasy that began with *A Game of Thrones*. Now, in *A Feast for Crows*, Martin delivers the long-awaited fourth book of his landmark series, as a kingdom torn asunder finds itself at last on the brink of peace . . . only to be launched on an even more terrifying course of destruction. *A Feast for Crows* It seems too good to be true. After centuries of bitter strife and fatal treachery, the seven powers dividing the land have decimated one another into an uneasy truce. Or so it appears. . . . With the death of the monstrous King Joffrey, Cersei is ruling as regent in King's Landing. Robb Stark's demise has broken the back of the Northern rebels, and his siblings are scattered throughout the kingdom like seeds on barren soil. Few legitimate claims to the once desperately sought Iron Throne still exist—or they are held in hands too weak or too distant to wield them effectively. The war, which raged out of control for so long, has burned itself out. But as in the aftermath of any climactic struggle, it is not long before the survivors, outlaws, renegades, and carrion eaters start to gather, picking over the bones of the dead and fighting for the spoils of the soon-to-be dead. Now in the Seven Kingdoms, as the human crows assemble over a banquet of ashes, daring new plots and dangerous new alliances are formed, while surprising faces—some familiar, others only just appearing—are seen emerging from an ominous twilight of past struggles and chaos to take up the challenges ahead. It is a time when the wise and the ambitious, the deceitful and the strong will acquire the skills, the power, and the magic to survive the stark and terrible times that lie before them. It is a time for nobles and commoners, soldiers and sorcerers, assassins and sages to come together and stake their fortunes . . . and their lives. For at a feast for crows, many are the guests—but only a few are the survivors. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Long-awaited doesn't begin to describe this fourth installment in bestseller Martin's staggeringly epic *Song of Ice and Fire*. Speculation has run rampant since the previous entry, *A Storm of Swords*, appeared in 2000, and *Feast* teases at the important questions but offers few solid answers. As the book begins, Brienne of Tarth is looking for Lady Catelyn's daughters, Queen Cersei is losing her mind and Arya Stark is training with the Faceless Men of Braavos; all three wind up in cliffhangers that would do justice to any soap opera. Meanwhile, other familiar faces— notably Jon Snow, Tyrion Lannister and Daenerys Targaryen—are glaringly absent though promised to return in book five. Martin's Web site explains that *Feast* and the forthcoming *A Dance of Dragons* were written as one book and split after they grew too big for one volume, and it shows. This is not Act I Scene 4 but Act II Scene 1, laying groundwork more than advancing the plot, and it sorely misses its other half. The slim pickings here are tasty, but in no way satisfying. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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This was the most difficult to get through of the 5 in the *Song of Ice and Fire* series that are released thus far. The first time I read it, I floundered somewhere in the middle and stopped reading for a couple of months. I think it's because the first time I read the series, this was the book of my least favorite characters. The second time I read the series, however, I found this one to be just as compelling as the others.

After reading some of the reviews for *A Feast for Crows* I was worried that the series had begun a

downhill descent. As I read, I was pleasantly surprised to find that this was not the case. The book introduces new characters and is a departure from the previous books which focus more heavily on Jon, Tyrion and Daenerys. A Feast for Crows has incredible Jaime, Cersei, Brienne and Arya chapters and also features some more minor characters in POV chapters. A Feast for Crows is less eventful than the previous books but still very interesting. It provides great insight into less familiar characters and is necessary in setting the stage for A Dance with Dragons. Don't let negative reviews sway you away from reading. The book is different than its predecessors but just as good.

Whether you watch the show or not, this series is an incredible read! Its definitely not suited for children or young teenagers thats for sure, and it might be a while until George R. R. Martin finished the series but it is one of the best series I have ever read. \*If you do watch the show and are debating whether to read the books or not....Read the books! The show is incredible, but the books have so much more detail, and they fill in so many more details than the show does, which will help you understand whats happening. Also there are a lot of stuff that differ between book and show, and honestly Ive enjoyed the book more. Ill leave the same review for all the books, because they are true for all. You can buy this book in different print versions, this one is the most commercial one, its small with a lot of pages, and will hold up for as long as you read the book, its not a collectors item or anything fancy, so expect a cheaper made book. For me this purchase was worth it, because they are always checked out of the library, and because its a long book, it takes a while, and I would prefer owning it and reading it at my convenience than having to check it in and out of the library repeatedly.

Took a little adjusting to settle into the groove of this book and the new selection of characters and viewpoints, but it was totally worth it. It's a slow burn that builds up to a gripping end that may lack the punch-in-the-gut shock of the Red Wedding, but was incredibly compelling and fascinating. It expands and deepens the world of Westeros, while completely ignoring the goings on in Esos (except for the Braavos). If you liked the other books there's no reason not to tear through this one. For the TV fans out there, this is the first book that covers events yet to occur on the show - although there is a little overlap.

I enjoyed this book more than I expected to, and I think that's because it was focused on Westeros--which is what I want to read about, as opposed to anything that's happening in Daenerys' current environment. I like Jaime, and his portion exemplifies how he has transformed over the

course of the novels. Cersei's narrative is arrogant and off-putting at times, but it was fascinating for me to see how her thoughts and beliefs motivate her actions. The Dorne chapters are decent as well. On the other hand, Brienne's chapters were excruciatingly dull. The only thing that kept me going through her sections was the occasional mention of Podrick. I'm also not a fan of Sam (I find him to be whiny, and his insecurity is no longer endearing--and never was), but his chapters are not without purpose, in that they at least moved the plot along. I'm sure that Brienne's storyline will be important in the long run, but I feel that several of her pit stops could have been left out, or possibly combined, for better effect. At a certain point, all she was doing was wandering about aimlessly and yearning for either Jaime or Renly. It's unfortunate because this was a character that I used to root for, and now I just...don't really care if she dies. Or fake-dies.

I am about done with this Kindle book of "A Feast for Crows: A Song of Ice and Fire" - BK 4 - by George RR Martin and this is a review of how I feel the series of books has developed. This is one of the stronger reads in the series. I feel Mr. Martin has settled into this series and this has developed the story in a stronger tale from the previous three. The first three, though a wonderful set of books, don't seem to be as meaty as this book. It lends itself well to the development of the story line and just seems to be better. That's it! Looking forward to more of this series. Oh, I paid \$11 for this book and it is now offered for about 5\$. Hum. . .

To be honest, this was not as good as the previous books. I found myself getting a little bit bored in the middle, however I feel that that was because there was very little Stark or Targaryen action in this book and I enjoy their story lines most. Towards the end there was a bit of redemption on this front. I look forward to hopefully seeing them more in the next book. As with all series, there needs to be developments on other fronts for some epic finale, which I look forward to, Mr Martin.

I'm such a huge fan of GRRM and this entire series. My hardcopy of these are packed away in storage right now, so I'm SO grateful that there are kindle versions. Cant wait for the next book, and am contenting myself by re-reading the series right now.

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