

CRUSADER

THE DARWIN CHRONICLES

A POST-CIVIL WAR SUPERNATURAL
WESTERN AUDIO SERIES



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“The ground is hard and unforgiving beneath them. There is an eerie chill in the air that numbs the bones. And up way above in the place where heaven and earth meet, the sky has taken on a dark and unholy countenance.”

Arizona, 1875, ten years after the final shot is fired in the American Civil War. A decade after a man named Lincoln placed his hat down beside him for a last time. The country is still displaying the scars of a fractured existence and the after-effects of a global financial crisis. In the White House the man formerly known as The Butcher of the North is calling for reform and pleading mercy for a once bitter foe. And deep within the southern states, rising out the dark waters of the Mississippi, a shadowy Confederate Cabal emerges, determined to set things right once again.

Into this melee, like the legendary knights of old, steps Christopher Darwin ex-lawyer, former hired gun, and ex-gambler, with a score to settle and a multitude of sins to wipe clean. Beside him stands Katherine Braddock, an opium-addicted Scottish prison nurse, and Johnny Two-Bloods, a part Cheyenne Indian Scout on the run from Custer’s Seventh Cavalry. Each of them find themselves at a moral crossroad searching for some kind of redemption, some kind of payback for the hand that fate has dealt them.

CRUSADER: The Darwin Chronicles, created and developed by J. Hoskins and Paul Slingsby, is a bronze award winner and platinum listening selection at the 2017 Hear Now Audio Festival in Kansas City, Missouri. The first season, entitled *The Evil That Men Do*, uses one of most turbulent periods in American history as a backdrop to address the repercussions of that dark chapter, shining a light on the political maneuvering, corporate backstabbing, and stirring up of white elitism fueled by inbred racial tension that still clings to us today.

The initial twelve episodes lay bare the fabric of what is truly a mortal and personal sin, and the thin line that divides them.

For a limited time the first two complete 29-minute episodes of the Supernatural Western Audio Series are free to listen to now at crusaderdarwinchronicles.com. There is also a short seven-minute preview of future episodes and a wealth of background material for visitors to learn more about Darwin’s world and the assorted characters that populate it. We will also be releasing a special bonus scene every two weeks later in the season to give everyone a little taste of what is to come.

In June we will be adding to that array with the original first award-winning episode being featured in the 2020 Hear Now Online Audio Festival *Podcast Palooza* showcasing the best of the festival’s audio productions over the years.

This will be followed up by the release of the first season’s box set early next year, and the launch of the original Darwin music soundtrack written and composed by noted Toronto musician and innovative Club DJ, Rod Brown.

If you wish additional information about the development of **CRUSADER: The Darwin Chronicles**, or the acting ensemble of performers who brought this series to life, please contact J. Hoskins, Writer/Director, or Production Manager, Alie Ruddy, at producers@virtuallyaudio.com.

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