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Dark Siren: An Ashwood Urban Fantasy Novel (Half-Lich Book 1)



Synopsis

He's the last person she wants to see, but the only one who can help. The hunt is on. Supernatural bounty hunter Alice Werner loves her job. She gets paid the big bucks to take down her targets and doesn't ask her clients too many questions as long as the money's good. But when a girl goes missing and the case feels all too familiar, Alice can't help but act. Concern for the girl's safety draws her into a risky case. Compassion keeps her involved when the stakes begin to rise. Desperation forces her to call on an old flame for help. Despite their unfinished past, Alice and Isaac Moreau, a prominent Mage, must work together to save the girl. When clues reveal more than meets the eye, Alice must face her deepest fears and confront demons from her past to protect the victim, and herself, from a fate worse than death.

Dark Siren is the first book of the Half-Lich Urban Fantasy series, a collection of tales set in the grim, unforgiving metropolis of Ashwood. This is a supernatural thriller like no other. If you like mysterious supernatural creatures, fast-paced suspense, and conflict-ridden romance, then you'll love Dignam and Martinez's otherworldly series starter which early reviewers are comparing to works by Patricia Briggs, Ilona Andrews and Ella Summers!

What are readers saying about Dark Siren: "Dark Siren is one of the best Urban Fantasy novels I have read in a long time." "This was one of the most intriguing novels I've read so far this year." "This is not your cookie cutter story line. Fresh and New Urban Fantasy that will get you hooked instantly." "Buy Dark Siren and dive into the city of Ashwood today!"

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Customer Reviews

The prelude to the story felt a bit slow. Emily and Nate allow a horrific evil to interact with the real world causing a set of events to unfold. Even though I was aware it set the scene (much like a supernatural/criminal tv series does), it took me 3 days to read those first few pages as the writing didn't feel compelling enough. However ...The moment I hit chapter one and I'm thrown into the protagonist's world, the pace of writing picks up, and it hooks me further with each page I read. I start to believe in this world that the author creates and can visualise it so clearly. Alice being the main character; is a strong, spunky, assertive woman, unsure, yet confident in a way I'd perceive as instinctively wreck-less. Her personality appears to be abrasive yet as a reader, I'm privy to background information that allows me to feel compassion and admiration simultaneously. Isaac is a man with exceptional abilities. He is handsome, smart, dark with secrets of his own and Alice needs his help to find Emily before she is lost to the Reflection. Alice knows that being around Isaac will be difficult because of their past relationship but she does what is necessary. Together they use all their knowledge and power to the fight evil entities; one that is intimately linked to Alice and more powerful than Isaac alone. Even though it was slow to start, the writing is succinct, clear and I look forward to reading more in the Half-Lich series.

This book was a what the hell; its my birthday purchase. And I liked it. I liked it quite a lot. It reminded me a lot of Jennifer Estep's Elemental Assassin series. Alice was an interesting character whom, from what I gathered, after spending time in the Reflection (I'm going to take a wild guess and say that it's an alternate dimension where the Fae and their ilk live) . Alice spent time there and came back to a magic camera and new powers she's not totally sure how to use. And to complicate matters, she's part vampire that's got a more Asian bent: she's a soul eater. Alice works as supernatural investigator. Her camera actually traps nastiest that go bump in the night, or anywhere they inhabit, really. As I was reading, I wondered if Alice could make spirits move on without Trapper (the camera), but I suppose that's a question for a later book. Alice is asked by Nate (a recently unemployed theater worker because the theater was shut down) to save his friend Emily, who was taken into Reflection by Nyx, the dark siren herself when they were viewing one last film in

the old theater. To get Emily back however, Alice needs the help of Isaac her one-time lover and a Necromancer to boot. Together, they manage to get Emily, but in the process, they let Nyx out. For me, in this bevy of characters, Isaac's guardian The Good Doctor (a plague doctor from Venetian times) was the most interesting. Part guardian, part teacher and totally interesting as characters go. I hope to read more of this duo in the second book. I would totally recommend this book, even if it isn't a what-the-hell-it's-my-birthday purchase. :)

Dark Siren is one of the most exciting and intriguing novels this year that I've read. In this novel we are introduced to the world of Ashwood where from the sounds of it you wouldn't want to visit unless you were heavily armed. The strong female role is Alice who is described as a smart, witty, yet strong and can kickass when needed to but is very likeable by many. Isaac the male role is a Mage and has his own magic long ago Alice was kidnapped by this chic and taken into the reflection and it was Isaac that helped her escape also they had a relationship until she broke it off with him. Now the chic is back and wants revenge on Alice by taking a girl named Emily who worked at a rundown movie theater that was ready to close. Can Alice and Isaac save Emily before it's too late or will they die trying you must read to find out I so can't wait for the second book in the series.

The Ashwood Chronicles are seriously gonna rock if they follow the pattern set up in Alice & Isaac's story! It is lively, inventive, brilliant and very different from what most of us have been reading in paranormal fiction lately. I can't wait until next month to see what The Void Weaver has in store for us. Please keep the release date in August! Until then, I'm keeping up with the newsletter! And to Kat & Lee, a wonderful piece of work! Never stop believing in what you can't believe, and surely NEVER stop writing about it!

I have known Lee and Kat since last year. I do review for them, but I purchase my books because they work hard and I want to support them. I hope to be in their place soon when I finish my book. I do like their Amber Lee series, but I love the Ashwood series even better. The beginning hooked me. Description was spot on as I could visualize being in the theatre. I do like Alice and Isaac and feel the authors made them come alive. This book distracted me enough to put other things aside (even calmed me during a plane ride). I did see a reviewer's comments about not finishing and that's OK. Urban fantasy isn't for everyone. I also read a review that gave the book 4 stars, reserving the last star for a more experienced writer. That's ok too. I used to compare books but decided I don't need to do that. I want to give my rating on how well the book entertained me. So with that, 5 stars.

Waiting for the. Next book!!

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