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Dark Descent (Codex Blair Book 3)



Synopsis

A succubus. A wizard. A deadly addiction. Sex kills. Hard to believe, but that's what we're dealing with. A succubus is on the loose. She's dark, hungry, and ancient. In a world of monsters, age is power, and she has both. Something is pushing her to feed on my kind, and if I don't figure it out and stop her, she will kill all of us. I have to stop her, and learn to control the demonic power within me. It's twisting me, tainting me, I can feel its power growing. Dealing with a demon got me into this, let's see if it can get me out. I am the monster that hunts monsters.

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Customer Reviews

This is my first time writing a book review, so please bear with me. I received this book free from the author, in exchange for writing an honest review of it. I had just finished the first two books in the series, so was eager to read the third. I was not disappointed! Each book builds on the

last, with the reader learning more about the characters, and some of what has shaped them into whom they've become. In *Dark Descent*, the focus was more on Blair and her interaction with Mal. They spend much more time in each other's company, and their relationship deepens, as each discovers more of what makes the other tick. Blair is training with both Mal and Raven, in an effort to help her become stronger and able to manage and control her power; to better prepare her for her continued fight against the monsters who threaten her London. The book is fast-paced and well-written, keeping the reader glued to the pages! While the books do have a bit of a cliffhanger to their endings, it's not enough to be frustrating, and doesn't leave lots of loose ends hanging about. Just a desire to read the next one! I like this genre, but am actually fairly picky about which series appeal to me. This one does! Great job, Izzy, I am very much looking forward to the next book!!

Somehow this series continues to hold my interest although the author leaves many unanswered questions and has some logic leaps. Read the series in order, although the first two are even weaker books you need the background. Why is this succubus even a threat with Mal around, who should be able to slap her down easily? Emily shows great powers but our heroine seems inept and irrelevant to the battles except for getting hurt. The wizards are conspicuous by their absence. Raven makes little sense... I guess I find the series not too believable. But a series with demons, magicians... I guess you have to just take it all with a grain of salt. At least the author tries to keep it internally consistent.

Our Hunter of London, Blair, is at the top of her game and still getting better. Her interpersonal relations have a bit of work remaining, but she is loved by several of London's men and women, and is on pretty good terms at least with assorted Fallen (!), imps, vampires and other remarkable types. Izzy Shows gives us a gorgeous, exciting heroine in a thrilling continuum that I want to continue to read about for as long as Izzy honours us with her stories.

I couldn't wait to read this book after reading the other ones. I finished each book in a day and ready for the next one. The main character is a sassy but loveable tough character. The tension and interaction with Mal the fallen one is hot. Hoping she will eventually hook up with him as a love interest. In the mean time there are other fun characters such as her human friends, the raven and I especially like Fred her imp. Can't wait for the next book.

The story was fairly well constructed and keeps your interest throughout. Some of her sentences have a strange structure but didn't hurt the flow. Her characters had an air of believability to them though I had a problem identifying with Blair's conflicts. A good book for any paranormal reader.

My sister liked it very much

This series is really getting into its stride with the third book. Blair is becoming stronger both physically and magically but the "secret" power she has is causing her so much trouble, as if she didn't already have enough problems to contend with keeping London safe. Her friends are all involved in helping her deal with the latest threat and it is great to see them interacting with each other instead of just with Blair. There is so much to find out about, so many stories to be told about all Blair's friends that this series could go on for a very long time and I hope it does. We are only learning bits and pieces organically about her friends, which is as it should be, but it makes me impatient for the next book, which is also the way it should be! Roll on Book 4. This book can be read as a standalone but will make much more sense if the series is read in order. Treat yourself to all three if you haven't read the first two yet. I received an Advance Reader's Copy of this book but this review is my own opinion and is not influenced by the author.

I received a free copy of this book and was asked to provide an honest review. Considering how much I enjoyed the first two books in the series, I was happy to do so. Dark Descent continues the Codex Blair story in a positive way. Blair is settling more into her role of defending London and its people from magical dangers. This time it's a succubus. Interestingly enough, considering the foe, there is not a great deal of graphic sensuality or sex. It doesn't seem to be that type of succubus. There are scenes in strip clubs and other establishments, but Izzy Shows doesn't take the easy way out and focus on graphic writing. Instead, she builds the story's tension, and the tension/attraction between Mal and Blair, through some strong displays of writing. Supporting characters Raven, Fred, Mal, Emily, and others are back and become more developed each showing. As a reader, I continue to see more depth in how they interact with each other and Blair. (Sidenote - Mal and Emily's interactions are great fun!) Blair has few to any unexpressed snarky thoughts, but in this book she tries to rein them in. Really, really tries. I felt for her and wondered if she was going to blow a fictional gasket or not. Blair continues to occasionally make bad choices and rue them over and over again. If this keeps up, she's going to need a very understanding therapist soon. This is an enjoyable series and each book seems to be getting better.

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