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Fate can't hold all the cards, not if she doesn't have any fingers.

Mission objective, to kick the dragon leige's ass and take back what she's stolen. Or maybe take back what she's stolen, and then kick her ass? Either way, they'll be some ass kicking.

Getting answers means recon and lies, coercion and revelations. It means jumping through several hoops, like infiltrating a maximum-security government quarantine facility to break out the inmates.

Wila will do whatever it takes to get her Kindred and her draconi prince back, even if it means venturing into a place of nightmares, a place of everdark and monsters with not a pot of tea in sight.

The darkness awaits, and Wila better hope it doesn't swallow her whole.

A kick-ass Urban Fantasy with a slow burn Whychoose Romance.

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Gaby★Me Myshelf and I★ says

Book 1 ★★★★★

Book 2 ★★★★★

"No me without you, No you without me"

I crammed this down in one sitting. Action packed from the first to the last. I don't think Willa had any down time here.

I honestly am struggling to find anything to say that I *haven't* already said in the previous reviews. Debbie knows how to write Urban Fantasy and this is more UF than RH I think. Which- I've come to realise is why I've not pulled out the **big 5 stars**. And it's more to do with my preference of a Harem than anything else.

The aren't *all together* much. Every time poor Willa seems to get a handle on one of these guys...another one slips through her fingers.

I just want one big happy Harem family...okay

"all this time I'd been craving something, and I'd finally found it with these men, and all of them- literally all of them- were inaccessible without a fight"

but **we are getting there**. Big Big developments in this one!

I have found my **new favourite psychopath** since Uncle Quinton...

"When the time comes will you love me enough to step into the darkness with me?"

Well Seb I've only just met you....but **Hell yes I will jump straight into that darkness**

I am so freaking PISSED you only have one more book to shine, and yet...

Willa is still picking up strays even in book 3, not that I have a problem with new characters but when it comes to RH every new male character introduced *immediately* becomes a big question mark on a potential love interest. Which really throws me, and it comes back to the needing the harem together and not split up.

So my nit-picking is really just personal preference because **this series is epic**

even more so than Chronicles of Midnight. So if you liked it...**you are gonna LOVE this**

only one more to go...

Abi says

review for first three books in series (no spoilers though)

I just binge-read the three released books in this series, with one more to come on Nov. 27th.

Cassidy presents a kickass, brave heroine, with a slowburn reverse harem romance, an intriguing world, and a mystery of a plot to unravel. I love all of the characters, and I think that Cassidy always does a good job of making you feel connected to them and pulled into their stories. That said, I want to know more about what makes them all tick. Besides the characters, the plot of this series (*especially* in the third book) is very intriguing and exciting. It's action packed and the romance grows throughout the series.

I've also read Cassidy's *Chronicles of Midnight* series, and I have to say that I am enjoying this series way more. The characters and plot here are very well done, especially the plot. It's much tighter and well-spun here, with minimal mistakes, whereas that series had some larger plot holes and confusing things happening. This series is also funnier, and I think that Wila is more relatable than Serenity was. I think that the CoA series could use a little bit more world building, but I am overall loving it!

5 stars.

Stephanie says

This. Freaking. Series. You guys, be ready to have your wig literally snatched and your socks don't stand a chance in hell of staying on.

When Debbie sat down to write this book she really went all out. She probably had a list of ways to leave us emotionally scarred and with the worst book hangover ever.

Wila is feeling an ever growing torment to be close to the "basement voice", and it has her close friends seriously worried. She has the ever growing and worrying problem of Elora and her army of Shedim coming to attack her. 2 of her men are still missing. Urg! Wila has a literal Christmas list of things to deal with.

She takes one hit after another and always comes out on top as the badass we know and love.

One thing I LOVE about these books is while we have the crazy scary, life or death moments that make up a normal day for Wila Bastion we always get the fun moments that add to the romance or add a sparkle to the story! We get to see Wila and Adam spend more time together in this book which made me squeal like a little girl.

Gufs... the revelations that come to light in this book will leave you REELING. I cried so many happy and sad tears.

All in all, read this series. If you have doubts- DONT. This has literally been some of the best reading I have EVER done. ^_^

Rhiannon Chillingworth says

This review is just going to be me gushing about Seb... Sorry!

I totally love him! He's completely twisted, doesn't know how he feels about anything and is a bit of a

psychopath, but I find him fascinating!

I already loved this series but he is like the gigantic gorgeous cherry on the already delicious cake!

The over arching plot continues at a good pace and there continues to be progression in the romance front. I really like Noir now, as well, and I think of all the men his character development has been the best.

Hi and read this series now!!!

Stacy says

I gave it 3.5

After finishing book two, all I wanted was answers about Wila and the guy in the basement and by the end of CITY OF EVERDARK we get them.

It can get a tad bit frustrating when things drag on, but CITY OF EVERDARK ends our suffering on a few fronts. Let's start with the guy behind the door in the basement. WOW what a doozy. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but I have to say I'm not totally sure how I feel about the sexual tension between the two, it's a little weird considering who he is to Wila. I will explain more with my review of book four when it comes out. A lot is revealed about Wila's mysterious past. It was kinda weird to get so much info in just a few chapters after so much mystery, but a lot makes sense now and I'm happy to be out of the dark.

I'm still highly frustrated—and I'm sure Wila is too *wink—with the fact that the harem doesn't seem to be settled and complete. There is so much sexual tension and not enough release going on. Who is part of the harem? Will there be another one added in the next chapter? COME ON, I need some answers! This series is much more UF than RH, but I still want some romance!

How can I not want to read the final book after the revelations in CITY OF EVERDARK? Hopefully book four ends this series with a bang.

* This book was provided free of charge from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

T. says

This is a series I enjoy enough to pre-order because I have confidence in the author's ability to weave her plot. I wasn't disappointed in this third installment of the series. I enjoy the complexity and conflict between Wila and Tay, the tension in the relationship with Azren, and the teasing glimpses we get about the possibilities with Noir and Valance. There didn't seem to be as much plot progression, possibly because the story seemed to run in place as they discussed options. Some great reveals at the end, and great set up for book 4.

Helene says

Red 89% then had to stop because ... what the hell ????

We finally get explanations to a lot of mysteries but they are so farfetched that they made no sense whatsoever to me... And guess what??? One more guy which she has a deep emotional and sexual relationship with !!!! Colour me surprised ?. She keeps on meeting new guys that seem to want to help her all the time...

And on top of that I don't understand how she can sleep with all these men when 2 of her lovers are being tortured and that she's been in their head and she knows how awful it is ...

Loved first two books but stopping here because this one felt like I was taking LSD...

Irestia says

Book 1: ★★★★★; Book 2: ★★★★★. I was a bit disappointed by this book, as the series seems to be going in a direction I'm not thrilled/comfortable with. The series already had elements I don't like (e.g., a harem member uncomfortable with sharing, forbidden love), but then the MC started collecting more men whom I can only assume will eventually join her harem. The thing is, we knew from book 1 that she would presumably need more than 5 mates because she needs more than Elora has. I just don't like that she hasn't been developing her relationships with ALL of them all along. Only 4 of the men have REALLY been around for 3 books. In those 3 books, 1 of the newish men never spoke, and 1 of the newish men was not physically present (and he is very different when he is, see below); I'm mostly glad they were finally put into play, though. Then there's 1 new man who was just introduced in this book and doesn't get a lot of screen time in it; also, he seems fairly similar to one of the existing harem members (Valance), so that seems a bit of a waste. I just don't think there's any way that all of the men will be developed equally by the end of the series (1 more book). Not to mention, the MC has a spiritual connection with only 3 of these men, and I think her connection with those 3 is going to end up much stronger than her connection to the others (for obvious reasons). So, I think this harem is going to end up looking unequal in a lot of ways.

Overall, though, my biggest complaint aside from the handling of the harem as a whole involves Sebastian, and there's no way to discuss this without spoilers: (view spoiler). I suppose I can stick it out for one more book, but there was so much that I didn't like here that this went from one of my favorite ongoing series to something that really makes me uncomfortable.

Things that confused me:

- I was having a bit of trouble at one point because I couldn't remember what chimeras were, and I felt like I was supposed to know who Liam was when he was briefly mentioned.
- I was surprised when Valance said that scalemates don't physically mate, as Elora has mentioned having a mate. Was he a scalemate or a romantic mate? I don't think I realized there was a distinction before now.

(Minor-ish) Things that I disliked:

- I hated that the MC was keeping track of the days by repeatedly cutting herself. That just seemed so unnecessary, even though she said it was the only way. Make notches in a stick you can carry with you or carve marks into a cave wall, ffs.
- At one point, Valance says, "Wila, once we do this, I won't be able to go back to being just your scalemate." However, was he ever just her scalemate except for in those 20 days that the readers didn't really see? They have always seemed to have a romantic rather than a platonic relationship, so this sentence really fell flat and didn't make much sense to me.
- The MC is undoubtedly becoming a special snowflake.

Tiera McMillian says

I just really love this series! There is something about Willa that is both hilarious and almost inspiring. She takes the hits that get thrown at her with constant abandon and just puts her big girl undies on and just rolls the freak on! I love it!

Willa, desperate to get to her kindred and her dragon has left no stone unturned and taken all the alliances she can get to find them. She dreams of them being constantly tortured. Not only can she not sleep but she is becoming more and more obsessed with her resident in the basement. She finds out that the queens exiled son is in Everdark and makes the journey and a ginormous conspiracy is revealed, along with Willa's heritage and who her resident in the basement is. So heartbreaking!

Its not over yet! We still have the queen in our way. Also, the newbie Quin..wonder what his role in this is to be?! Great fast read with super fast paced plot and Bad A, sassy and sarcastic female heroine! Bring on the next!

Celeste says

Ok so while I like Seb I'm still totally weirded out by that whole relationship because essentially they are twins.

Vicki says

Really enjoying this urban fantasy/paranormal series a lot. This is the third book and you must read them in order. I love the heroine and she has amassed quite a menagerie of characters - both love interests and sidekicks - who are all intriguing. I would have liked to have seen some of these characters fleshed out more, and more relationship development on page but I really love this author's style/voice.

Mich Must Read says

um.....Okay. the thing in the basement. I'm weirded out by him and his relationship to Wila. I guess I will keep reading and hold any comments until the next book.

Missy Brown says

City of Everdark picks up where City of the Lost leaves off. Wila is hell bent on getting her two guys back from the Dragon Queen. She can feel their pain through her connection to them with their bond. They are being tortured, which amps up her need to rescue them. In her quest to find them, it also draws her closer to Noir and Tay. I am so happy to report that things take a step forward with one of these guys, or was it maybe both?

Wila is such a great character to follow, she has so many emotions, not to mention her sense of humor. I love the banter that she has with her roommates and her guys. Always so fun to read what pops up out of their mouths! And lets not get me started on Noir and Tay. They really step up to the plate and show us even more how awesome they are. Not to mention perfect for Wila. Tay makes a choice, will he stay with his new girlfriend or will he choose Wila? Noir has a choice to make as well. Does he tell Wila how he feels, or continue to play a friend card? Can both of these men fight for Wila knowing that she has two bonded to her already?

We have more action, relationship building, maybe a rescue or two, and some answers. All these questions that had been building, yeah we finally get some answers. And my favorite answer of all, "Who is the Voice"!!!! I was not disappointed. Guys this third installment just goes to show how great of a writer Debbie Cassidy is, each book just gets better and better!

Anne says

The best installment in the series so far...and honestly? probably the best in all reads i've had from the author. this is the debbie cassidy i am looking for, the very prime example to how and why i have fallen in love for her writing in the first place. all the things frustrated me and angered me on the previous read had turned in a complete opposite way. but also in a way that makes so much more sense. this is probably the pinnacle of the series.

Ok, so first things first. The plot. Jesus *fucking*christ, pardon my french, but the plot was absolutely crazy amazing. I think it was part my slump and part the lack of development during city of lost but i just didn't see the bigger picture, which was beautifully painted by this book. And the picture was much clearer in all ways one reader could have ever imagine. Of course, I don't want to spoil the fun this early on, esp since the release is still a month later but i just want to say how everything is pretty much dead on when it came to the climax and falling action of the whole plot. Basically, the fourth and the last one is just the awaiting resolution and hopefully the most deserved happily-ever-after for these awesome characters.

Speaking of characters...Wila was just perfect. I had been saying this ever since like i started doing reviews and I'd say it again: I wasn't much for the actions-first type or the willfully strong ones. But those two characteristics were the most beautiful parts of the heroine actually. And this read had done just that - present the very best of Wila. Let's just say she's going to deserve all the love and support her mates could give her. And a fucking luxurious vacation. STAT.

I was totally hating on Azren and Valance in the city of the lost (book 2) but I think their time away from Wila actually worked imo. Not necessarily in an *absence makes the heart grow fonder* kind of shit but more like they had been destructive and unproductive together. Didn't also mean the two were not right for Wila. No. Just that the distance did them a good damned breather for themselves. So, during their time away from one another, they became determined to be smart on their feet, to be able to discover the bigger picture and use it for the betterment of everyone. Of all races and creatures. At least, all these things were from my take on their relationships/connections. And yes, it kind of did push them to quit running from their gut instincts and embrace what they feel for another.

Another complaint I had (trust me, I had a lot) from book 2 (again), was how I felt like Noir and Tay were almost strangers to me as a reader. Yes, I saw their chemistry with Wila but I, as a reader, had nothing on them to connect with. I mean, I just knew they were pretty good for the heroine but meh. However, I finally got the content I was asking for in this read. Bravo, just bravo. As I've said from above, everything finally made sense to me.

And the basement dude. Ha! I was so excited and so needy to know of this uber mysterious guy...and just holy wowza. I got *everything* i asked for and so, so much more. Even though the author cleared his connection with the heroine and the plot just now-in this book-I feel like I favored him more than any of the heroes. He was just that powerful. Unfortunately, he was def in a precarious time to pop out. So much suffering he went through, so much unjust deeds done to him. It's not a competition among these five heroes whether who sacrificed more for Wila, whether who loved Wila the most and the best. But, if it was, this dude def had them all beat. Just saying as a matter of fact.

This had been rather quick. I had a lot of things to say in this review but in all honesty, the read was a whirlwind to me. I finished it much, much quicker than the usual. As in I stopped breathing once I started and only caught my breath once done. Well, not literally, but you catch my drift. This read was too good to me. Hallelujah! One big fuck you to my slump. ugh. On that note, let me bask in my not-so-glorious book hangover. I just realized this one's not out till next month.

PS Not trying to be *that* arc reader. But I do want to hype this up. This one deserves it!

Namera [The Literary Invertebrate] says

ARC received in exchange for an honest review - thank you!

I'm pleased to announce that after a slight second-book slump, this series is back on track!

We got everything the last book was missing - humour, sexual tension, drama, the works. Also. WE FINALLY GET TO SEE WHAT'S BEHIND THE LOCKED DOOR IN THE BASEMENT!!! And the wait is totally worth it.

I've had to knock off a star because there was a weird time jump towards the end which didn't really work, and seemed to skip over one or two important occurrences. But mostly I'm just ecstatic because it feels like we have our funny little gang back, popping out the one-liners.

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