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Echoes Of Angels Details

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From Reader Review Echoes Of Angels for online ebook

Deborah says

DNF I made it to 40% by skimming.

I liked both the cover and the blurb and so I requested this book from NetGalley but I struggled from the beginning. In order for a book to work for me I need to like at least one of the characters preferably more but one will do and this was my problem I just didn't like any of the characters.

I stuck with this book far longer than I normally would simply because I'd requested it and it just didn't feel right to quit but honestly I was getting nowhere and skimming just to get there so at 40% I decided I couldn't read anymore.

Julienne has been through so much since her mother dragged her away from their family home twenty years earlier and now scarred and penniless she's returning. Even knowing what's she's been through didn't excuse her abrupt and ungrateful behaviour and it soon became apparent that I just wasn't going to like Julienne which left Morgan.

But as it turned out Morgan was just awful I couldn't find anything likeable about him at all but I continued on hoping something would change but if anything it got worse.

I'm giving 2 stars because it's not unreadable or even really bad although I do think the writing's very abrupt at times but it's just not for me, two very unlikeable characters do not make a good romantic read for me.

I was given a copy of this book from NetGalley.

Marissa says

I received a copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Echoes of Angels, to me, read like two completely different books. A majority of it is this really slow moving dark paranormal romance. The remainder was still dark, but more focused on the battle between good versus evil. I kept waiting for an explanation for the title, but didn't feel like I got one. The main male character was really hard for me to like, even after coming out in a better light than he was in the beginning of the story. He was very one dimensional for most of the story. The pace was very choppy. The beginning was very slow and the story just suddenly rapidly picked up during the last third of the book. It just wasn't for me.

Anne Szlachcic says

I was given this e arc by the Publisher and NetGalley to read and give an honest review .

Well - The precis of this book sounded really interesting , just the type of story that I usually enjoy .

BUT the main female character - Julienne came across as on one hand 'whiny - poor me nothing is my fault' , antagonistic to others around , her whilst at the same time seeking reassurance that people might love and like her .

The book starts with Julienne arriving at her estranged Grandmother's as a condition of being rescued from her abusive husband ,(who had threatened to publish sex tapes of them both), and completing a drug rehabilitation course .

Penniless she is met at the airport by the enigmatic Morgan , not realising that within 24hrs she will have 'to die in order to live' .

Morgan's torments at leaving his realm and not following his duty will have consequences as the veil between their worlds is soon to open . He seeks to find solace with Julienne before the battle commences .

This was a book in which I found no empathy with the characters and thus found the reading hard going just to reach the end.

Not one I enjoyed !!!

P Leslie says

I received this book from net gallery for an honest review.

Julienne returns to the very home her mum ran away from. She's a recovering drug addict and the scars on her cheeks reminds her of the life that she nearly lost due to her ex husband. She has no choice but to return home where she seeks answers from the man who drove her mum away: Morgan.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book: I was intrigued from the moment I started reading about the mystery and secrets behind the hidden walls. Julienne is a fighter, she faces things head on as opposed to hiding in fear. Morgan is cold, rude, harsh yet surprisingly compassionate. He was unpredictable and the mystery surrounding him made me curious to continue reading. I enjoyed the bantering between Morgan and Ashleigh: it was funny in an annoying kind of way. Julienne complemented Morgan's character beautifully. Morgan's character had a lot depth and intensity: he's complicated yet interesting: and hides his pain behind a mask.

This was a fantastic book with a gripping narrative and I loved it. I would definitely recommend it.

Kelly Scott says

Eternity Trilogy by Devyn Quinn

Genre- Science fiction, urban fantasy, fantasy, paranormal

Title- Echoes of Angels Book One of trilogy

“Julienne Blackthorne grew up in the school of hard knocks. A near brush with death leaves her broke, alone and scarred for life. Her future is in ruins, and her soul little more than ashes.

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The book Echoes of Angels has an attractive cover with the main character Morgan. The bright blue eyes

attracted me to turn the page as I wanted to learn more about the character that was upon the cover. It was as if I had to flip through pages to find the colors of Morgan that he hid within. Morgan was hard to unravel at first, as years of pain had created a crust of toughness upon his being. However, it is learned that he did everything for a reason. The author immediately held my attention at the prologue.

I am a very picky reader. I sat aside the newest Anita Blake book to read the trilogy. I had told myself that if I did not like the book, I would return to Affliction by Laurell K. Hamilton. However, Affliction still awaits me on my bed stand as I read book two of the trilogy. I cannot seem to get enough of Morgan and Julianne. At first, I worried that Julianne would be a weak character, but she proved to be astounding and persistent. She is able to put Morgan in his place immediately which shows the sparks will soon fly between them. This character interaction is exactly what I love about fiction love stories. The book does not leave you hanging of what is happening or what the other character is thinking as the author easily allows you to bring to light what each character is thinking.

I remember reading my first historical romance and it was by Johanna Lindsey. I was fourteen years of age at that time and loved the books so much it created a monster. Devyn Quinn has indeed created a monster of a fan. I am empathize with Julianne and Morgan and at times wished I could have reached into the story, put an arm around Morgan and asked him what on earth he was thinking. However, in time his side of the story was soon told. The author did a wonderful job allowing the characters to speak through her and tell their stories.

Denise Van plew says

I was in the middle of reading something else when I picked this novel up and started it. I must say it grabbed me right away and was sorta like a jealous lover and could not return to the other one until I finished this one. Having read the storyline is what drove me to try it and also have read a couple before from this author. I also devour dark fantasy romance because they have alot of substance to them then just fluff. The characters in this novel are vibrant and intense-especially Morgan and Julianne. Returning to a home that is no longer remembered after a mess of a life, Julianne really doesn't have much of a choice. The first impressions of these two as I am reading is she is sure not going to be able to do any more nonsense with Morgan in the picture because he is one cold alpha dude. The grandmother too-even though she seems sweet I bet there is more than she shows. Actually there is something going on that only a few really know of with some living a smoke and mirror type of life to cover up what is really who they are and importance of it all. Anyways as this author takes you along in their story it is one that is filled with alot of body to it. It grabs you with no intention of letting go until you learn all you can about Morgan (with your heart melting as you do) and chuckling at the sneaky little thing grandma does. You also get to see Julianne grow into herself and becoming alittle of who she could of been if she wasn't taken away all those years ago. As this tale unfolds you are caught up in the magic of the telling tensing also for the day it speaks of. Not your everyday romance contained within too which is refreshing. The battle lines have been drawn with everyone gearing up for it soon. The unexpected takes place with it having its drama and wiping your brow that Morgan has only just begun after all. That when I reached the last page in this, she was able to play me the reader like the best violinist uses their bow on the instrument to make it sing and feel a range of emotions. Finest reading in a long time and glad to not of missed it.

Jeannie Zelos says

Echoes of Angels, Keepers of Eternity Book 1, Devyn Quinn

Review from Jeannie Zelos book reviews

Genre: Romance, sci-fi and fantasy.

I thought this sounded intriguing, something a bit different and having read the sample on amazon I was keen to read the book. Sadly though for me it just didn't really make it. I wouldn't class it as a romance, there's some sex but that's it, no real connection between Morgan and Julienne it.

Julienne seemed to gain her confidence very quickly for someone who'd returned home from such a dreadful situation, and I really thought that she was rude to Morgan. Yes he's pretty obnoxious, but it would have been easier to be polite to her grandmother and just avoid him.

The scene where she was frankly just a voyeur seemed to have been added for titillation and didn't add to the story.

In fact the whole story for me didn't really go anywhere. Morgan's non human status was dangled in front of the reader continuously, but we never get to know exactly what he is, and what's really going on. He was frankly a horrible man, and I couldn't believe Julienne's actions when she knew how he was, saw first hand what he was like to Ashleigh...I was so disappointed in his character, he sounded so enigmatic and promising to begin. I didn't feel any real heat or connection between him and Julienne, and really missed that.

I just felt from a promising start it seemed to go no-where which was a shame because that start was so intriguing, held so much promise. Its that potential that has me rating this a two and a half and not a two. I did read right through to see if somewhere I would get sucked in to the story, but it was hard work. I was really hoping these potential plot lines would develop but ...nothing that really resonated with me, nothing seemed to actually happen and nothing that made sense, made me feel I must read book two.

There's a kind of cliff-hanger at the end, something happens but I can't believe its going to be left as it seems.

Still, looking at reviews it perfect as it is for many readers so its another example of that "not all books suit all readers" and what didn't work for me could be the hook that you need to enjoy this.

Stars: two and a half, lots of potential but didn't reach it for me. .

ARC supplied by Netgalley and publisher

Melanie says

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review posted here...

<http://bookpassionforlife.blogspot.co...>

Echoes of Angels is a great introduction to the Eternity series by Devyn Quinn. The synopsis says it all as we are introduced to Julienne Blackthorne, as she makes her way back to her ancestral home that her mother had fled 21 years earlier and back into the arms of her grandmother, the only family she has left. Julienne is a recovering drug addict and recovering from her husband's attempt on her life that has left her with both mental & physical scars, with her life in ruins she takes the only option available to her... even if it means coming face to face with the man who drove her mother away – Morgan Saint-Evanston. All is not as it seems however, the house & residents hold secrets that Julienne is about to discover, putting her life & heart

on the line as she becomes embroiled in a destiny far beyond anything she could imagine.... And it is just the beginning.

I really enjoyed this book, it was one of those reads where it grabs your curiosity and doesn't let go. The characters of the book were so interesting and easy to read and care about, Julianne in particular, she is on the bottom when she arrives at the house, she's been clean of drugs for a short amount of time and has lost everything, she feels like she owes these people to grant their one request for her to move back home to her family in exchange for them sorting her life out and believe me, it needs sorting. I feel she fit right in when she got there and had an air of dignity about her for all of her flaws & misgivings, she didn't play 'the victim' & got on with it which I thought was a plus to her character. The other main character and enigma is the multi layered personality that is Morgan... he was a hard character to work out, hard to empathise with too but in a tortured past kind of way, where you know something has made him that way and we are waiting to see what Julianne's influence will have on him. In some ways he is cruel, in others compassionate but always stoic & cold hearted putting on a thick façade so we never really grasp who he is or what he's about and this only made me that much more inquisitive, I think I've only ever read of a character who I couldn't fathom out, maybe twice. I'll be very curious to read more about him.

The storyline isn't fast paced and although that would usually bother me, it totally didn't here because of the mystery surrounding everyone, that fed the need to turn the page, I wanted – no, needed- to know more & just like Julianne it was all based around Morgan, he was so consuming. Even though the book is actually set in modern day, when they reached the manor, it took on an aged feel, like we went to the past and I liked that. So much of it is focussed on the relationships of the residents of the house, Julianne & her grandmother, Julianne & Morgan, Morgan & Ashleigh and any staff there, which eventually brings out secrets about who they all are – which I really liked. For most of the book, the paranormal element is quite understated, we all know that Morgan is 'more than human', I love what he turns out to be, I've not read a lot about his particular 'gifts' -so again with the curiosity factor- but he isn't the only one and that element gets stronger and stronger until most of the skeletons are revealed & we are teased with hints of a prophecy. I loved the turn the book took towards the end, as the event that had been building throughout the book came to pass it gave it quite a different feel to the story, sending it in a fantasy direction that I really enjoy and opened up a much larger world to the story along with new friends & enemies which we get a good look at and makes me very excited for book two – Descent of Demons – especially after that ending!

Krissys says

Echoes Of Angels (Eternity #1) by Devyn Quinn Julianne Blackthorne grew up in the school of hard knocks. Dragged around the country by an unstable mother, she grew up on the fringes of poverty, unloved and unwanted. With the face of an angel and a body made for sin, her dream to reinvent herself in Hollywood goes crushingly awry.

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First book in the Eternity series the copy I received needed a lot of work and development both in story and character. Julie has potential to be a great female heroine but she still feels a little zealous and Morgan a tad more than foolish and both have a tendency not to think things through.

I didn't get much from the world itself which could be interesting with more fleshing out but as a whole both the cast and the environment felt a little .. unfinished? a little empty? The characters and place were there but they didn't feel alive to me, they felt a little empty which left me wanting more from both.

Yet I could see the potential in both because there was just enough that it kept my attention but I felt it could have been much more. Maybe its because this is just a start to a series that it wasn't quite what I was hoping for as a whole but I still have hopes for the following installments to do it justice.

I would like to say though the cover I had on my copy wasn't the best but I absolutely love the new one. Beautiful.

Devyn Quinn

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Thank you so much for stopping by!

Alicia Huxtable says

This is a great start to what promises to be an intriguing series. Morgan had me wanting to reach through the pages and strangle him almost constantly. But by the end I had kind of warmed too him doesn't mean I won't want to slap him in book 2

Becca says

I normally like the books this author writes but to save my life I just could not get into this book. I just could not feel anything for Morgan. I don't know if this is because you didn't get as much perspective from his side to say why he was such an asshole or if the heroine's perspective just didn't get you enough insight. There was no real heat between the two and I'm not a big fan of endings that don't end. It's a cliffhanger with another continuing book to come. It needed something more to make you care about the characters and I'm not sure what it was but it was just not quite there. Now I will read more of this author's books, the mermaid series was good but I just can't make myself finish this one. It was not my cup of tea but that is not to say that someone else might not like it better than I did. Just beware that it is a continuing story and the ending of this one is not happy.

Bitten_by_Books says

Broke, alone, and just released from drug rehab, Julianne Hunter has nowhere to go, and thanks to her blade-wielding ex-husband, she has no modeling career to return to either. With her health destroyed by years of

drug use and dieting, Julienne returns to Belmonde, her grandmother's home, the same mansion her mother Cassandra had fled years ago...

For the entire review please go to the Best Paranormal & Urban Fantasy Review site on the web, Bitten By Books for the review of The Keeper of Eternity in it's entirety. You won't be sorry.

Susan says

I have been challenged to read some books that I downloaded at least six months ago. Well I downloaded this book back in March 2009 so it has been on my Kindle for six years. Since I downloaded this the book has been renamed and has a new cover. The story is basic - girl is sick and broke, family she doesn't really remember comes to her rescue for a price, there are things she doesn't know about her family or herself, and of course a good looking male. It's ultimately a struggle between good and evil and two vastly different worlds that occasionally are close enough to travel between. I really wanted to like this book more than I did. It isn't a bad book, I just wanted it to be more than it was.

Darlene Cruz says

I did enjoy the read, certainly spiral out of control.

Rhonda says

Ok story with an interesting (if a bit slow to reveal back story) plot although Julienne finds her way to Morgan's bed rather quickly when she can't stand him in the beginning and he is rather an ass of a character.
