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In this highly anticipated fifteenth novel in the Immortals After Dark series, #1 New York Times bestselling author Kresley Cole spins a sultry tale of a mighty warrior scarred inside and out and the beguiling sorceress with the power to heal him—or vanquish him forever.

Eternal Obsession

As a boy, Thronos, prince of Skye Hall, loved Lanthe, a mischievous Sorceri girl who made him question everything about his Vrekener clan. But when the two got caught in the middle of their families' war, tragedy struck, leaving Thronos and Lanthe bitter enemies. Though centuries have passed, nothing can cool his seething need for the beautiful enchantress who scarred his body—and left an even deeper impression on his soul.

Endless Yearning

Lanthe, a once-formidable sorceress struggling to reclaim her gifts, searches for love and acceptance with all the wrong immortal suitors. But she's never forgotten Thronos, the magnificent silver-eyed boy who protected her until she was ripped from the shelter of his arms. One harrowing night changed everything between them. Now he's a notorious warlord with a blood vendetta against Lanthe, hunting her relentlessly.

Can the heat of desire burn brighter than vengeance?

With their families locked in conflict and battles raging all around them, will Thronos and Lanthe succumb to the brutal chaos that threatens everything they cherish? Or will the fragile bond they formed so long ago spark a passion strong enough to withstand even the darkest doubts?

Dark Skye Details

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Duchess Nicole says

This was a bit slow to start for me, possibly because it took me awhile to warm up to Thronos. They guy just seems to have all kinds of issues! And his overly pious and hypocritical people were just terrible. Interesting how this world of Immortals closely resembles different cultures in the real world today.

Now, I'm not much for slut shaming, and yes, Thronos hang-ups with Lanthe's promiscuity were a bit tiresome, but on this point of contention, I truly saw both sides of the story. I have no problem with a heroine who isn't virginal. However, the fact that Thronos has stayed pure for centuries while Lanthe has...ahem...MORE than made up for his inexperience does seem a little lopsided. I don't love it when it's the hero that's slutting it up, and it's not any different when the roles are switched. I wish that Lanthe had shown some little bits of remorse with regards to this issue.

My favorite part of this book was the way that Lanthe and Thronos seemed to go through so many of their issues before they hook up. Just because they are fated to be mated doesn't mean that it's smooth sailing. Aside from their obviously hurtful past, they deal with other touchy subjects like trust, fidelity, and loyalty. So by the time the book was over, I felt confident that this is a couple that has overcome their many, many, MANY obstacles.

Though the shifters stories are my favorite, I can't stress enough how fantastically imaginative this series is!! How does she come up with all of her stories, and then blend them together to create this world? Oh, to live in her head for a while...I'd entertain myself for eternity just listening to her think.

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Alex is The Romance Fox says

I absolutely love this series and always wait eagerly for the next book!

I liked Thronos and Lanthe who were introduced in Kiss of a Demon King and was looking forward to their story.

A winged Vrekener and a Sorceri , friends since they met as children and becoming enemies when the heroine's family is killed by members of the hero!!!

I did like the two together but just did not feel enough of an emotional pull with them. I felt frustrated with all that kept them from actually getting together.

Also the writing felt a bit different from the author's other books in this series.

Saying all that, I did like reading this book...but did not LOVE it.....

Chryssa says

Well....

You 've been waiting a whole year for the new book of your most favourite series to come out....there are countless of other books teasing you, challenging you to read them... and when the time comes to FINALLY read it...

YOU WANT TO THANK GOD, THE MUSES OR WHOMEVER THAT YOUR WAITING HAD NOT BEEN IN VAIN! BOOK BLISS ACCOMPLISHED

I feel utterly satisfied, complete and hungry for more!!!

I -like many IAD devotees- had been waiting for Thronos and Lanthe's story for years! YEARS! and the book did not only disappoint but also won a place among the most favourite of the series!

YES! I CRIED! (and I am not ashamed to admit it because nowadays finding a book to stir even any emotion, apart from disappointment and indifference at reading repetitions, is like winning the lottery!

Kresley Cole at her finest!

Two words fellow book lovers: **DEVOUR IT!** because only reading it is not enough!

September 7th, 2014: How many more days for the next book I wonder! And who is it going to be about? **Killing me softly Ms Cole....**

January 11th, 2014

COVER REVEALED! AMAZING!

Sammy Loves Books says

Finally! Thronos and Lanthe together at last!

3.5 stars. Their story is Violent~Tragic~Epic

Thronos and Lanthe met as children and immediately bonded. They were fated mates and their love was innocent and pure. Thronos would bring Lanthe food daily and take her flying. They were aware that their species were archenemies, Lanthe was a sorceress, and Thronos an angel. But they didn't care as long as they were together. That all changed the night Thronos and his dad invaded Lanthe's home and beheaded her parents.

Lanthe had never known such betrayal. In her grief, she used her sorcery and forced Thronos to jump from a tower window without using his wings. He was barely ten years old.

“You saved me from falling now. If only you’d shown me the same consideration when I was a boy.”

“If only you’d warned my family that yours was coming over for tea and decapitation! What else have you got? I can do this all day!”

Though Lanthe grew up to be a beautiful sorceress, she was always lonely. She could never fill the hole in her heart Thronos created but she tried often and with many men. Yes, Lanthe was a Ho.

“Oh, and you should know . . . if you keep calling me harlot, sooner or later I’m going to have a rage blackout, and then I’ll wake up to find you—awfully sadly—dead.”

“If you take issue with the term harlot, then perhaps you shouldn’t have slept with half the Lore.”
“Half?” she scoffed. “Three-quarters for the win!”

This book was fast paced and full of action. Thronos is a too much of a judgmental prude for my liking, but Lanthe loosens him up tremendously. She is a free spirit after all and believes in enjoying life to the fullest. Watching these two find love again was painstaking!!!

I broke a little boy’s body. And a young man’s heart.

There was more angst than I prefer to deal with, but I survived it. Nix totally steals the show, as always, and the accession momentum is speeding up. Far too much time was spent on Thronos and Lanthe falling in love. There was no time for resolution to see what happened with his people. This book NEEDED an EPILOGUE!!!

My Immortals After Dark Reviews:

The Warlord Wants Forever
A Hunger Like No Other
No Rest for the Wicked
Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night
Dark Needs at Night's Edge
Dark Desires After Dusk
Kiss of a Demon King
Untouchable
Pleasure of a Dark Prince
Demon from the Dark
Dreams of a Dark Warrior

Lothaire Dark Skye

SheReadsALot says

Best early birthday present!

At book #14 in the Immortals After Dark series, should you really care at this point?

Answer:

This is why I read. This is what I wanted. I yearned for. I craved for. This story gets back to IAD tricky goodness. Take it from someone who hates following incomplete series. This is one to try.

First of all, I signed the petition for this story to be written years ago. The author promised she'd write it, give us the answers about these amazing secondary characters. She delivered their love story in a GIANT RED BOW. She gave us all we asked for. This is my birthday gift to me and I gorged and savored Lanthe and Thronos, ya heard?

The last book, MacRieve, was a bon bon, good but it didn't add to the IAD arc, I was nervous about the detour but... "Dark Skye" brought us back to the good stuff. And I got a followup of my most favorite couple and least fave heroine (Sabine) of the series. Finally Cadeon and Holly news! I love those two to pieces. And just when I thought the air cleared about my main question about Cadeon and Holly, the author now leaves me with another predicament I will wonder about through future books. (There's a hint in there, IAD-ers...)

Lanthe and Thronos, enemies for a half century due to murders, crippling and scarring for life. But they were friends first. How to write a plausible love story with that much angst and pain? If you expect instant gratification, this is not the story for you. This story is long but so worth it. To go from one extreme to the next, you need to give these characters room to air out their frustrations and hurt. Thronos, Vrekener warrior and prince, is kind of like a member of one of those radical religious fanatic (the sex thing with Vrekeners, that was genius). Just about every damn thing is an *offendment* or sin to the holier than thou Vrekeners: kissing, lusting, wenching, fucking, drinking, having fun, practicing sorcery, etc. He's the antithesis of a Soceri, the hedonist, magic wielding, gold-worshipping race. And guess who's a Sorceri? Lanthe.

And Lanthe is not a virgin and not down with the slut shaming. She's made plenty of mistakes and unwise choices, she has a past. And does not let that define her. However for male (view spoiler) Thronos, she's everything he should despise...but as we knew from the first time meeting these two, they are mates.

After 500 years...Thronos finally has Melanthe in his clutches. They both learn through fighting, being pitted against each other and then having to partner with one another against extraordinary odds (dragons, demon wars, beasts, a *big D* (whose? read to find out) and tentacles to name a few) and finally get a well deserved HEA. After all those years, do I expect them to fall in bed with each other and declare love by page 50? No, patience delivers the best gifts.

The gifts? We see Nucking Futs Nix, learn about her plans for the Accession, the names of the enemies all of this machinations are for, a Furie update, visits some more of the Lore dimensions, LOA - a smidge more about her (I remember she was supposed to have a story, I hope it's still in the works) and if Nix plans comes to fruition...maybe a hint to a possible mate for her? Because if she *is*, then he'd *be* too? And we learn (mostly) about Vrekeners and their origins. My new fave species. <3 Lanthe definitely one of the better heroines, loved her better than Sabine (who I'm still growing to love, forgive me) She's strong, uses her mind and speaks it, doesn't give in for a man and learns the value of compromise, while still being her imperfectly perfect self!

Enough about the tidbits and the followups, Lanthe and Thronos. They are an epic couple. They are definitely in my top ten. I am adding a wing for Thronos in my SRAL's favorite IAD ~~mansion~~ now palace. Lothaire, Cadoen, Garreth and Malkolm...we're making room in my harem, darlings! Thronos got the skills to pay the bills and the equipment to do the deed. ***shivers* *melts***

This book, "Dark Skye" is an excellent addition to the IAD series. **DO NOT SKIP TO THIS BOOK - READ THE SERIES IN ORDER!** Trust me on this.

Recommended for IAD fans, Kresley Cole fans, lovers of good paranormal/urban fantasy with sexy main characters, some suspense and quote worthy dialogue. (My Kindle is bursting with quotes just from this one!)

AND ME!!!!!!!! FIVE STARS IS THE HIGHEST I CAN RATE!! I'M LICKING THIS MOFO!!

DROOLING ALL OVER THIS BITCH!

Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

5 IAD stars

I can't believe that the day came, I read it and now it's over and I have to wait a whole new year for the next.

The book started kind of slow for my tastes. I wanted a something more in the first half of the book. But the second half more than made up for it.

Once again we have Nix stirring the pot and bringing together a couple that was a long time in the making. Thronos and Lanthe sould have been enemies, and they have been, kind of, for some time but these two were made for each other.

I liked Lanthe. She was completely unapologetic for her character. She knew she slept around a lot, she knew she'd been duped more that once by guys but she didn't care and she felt no reason to be ashamed. She was also a sweetheart. She lacked the inner wickedness of Sabine.

Thronos was a bit too self-righteous. He thought his kind were do-gooders, with morals, honor, etc, and that

Lanthe's way of life, which was full of sins and wickedness, was wrong. He never had any trouble informing her of that. I liked to see how the blinders fell and how he began to understand that everything isn't always black and white.

This book felt a little like a stepping stone for the next ones. Nixe's actions are getting a little clearer and some things are revealed(not much, wouldn't want to lose the mystery). As you can guess, after this I'm even more anxious for the next.

PS. There was some kinky wing sex that was awesome!:P

(view spoiler)

Karla says

5 Stunning Stars! After the disappointing MacReive, Kresley Cole is back on track with *Dark Skye*. This book is everything I love about the *Immortals After Dark* series!

Melanthe "Lanthe" and Thronos, childhood friends, torn apart by devastating events and misunderstanding, are together again after 500 years apart and their story is epic (Thronos' words). I couldn't agree more!

Kresley Cole is brilliant! I love the way she writes most of the books in this series on a concurrent timeline. In *Dark Skye* you find yourself back on the island where the creatures of the Lore have been held prisoner and tortured by the Order, including Lanthe and Thronos. When the books starts out they are making their escape, and Thronos intends to make Lanthe his prisoner and inflict his own special brand of torture on her. The chase is on!

What I enjoyed the most about Lanthe and Thronos, is that their story started centuries before when they found each other in the innocence of their youth. They formed a special bond and became best friends. Thronos knew back then that Lanthe was his mate, but even at that young age, they really loved each other. Unfortunately some tragic events took place, causing them both horrible pain and hurt. Their past was bittersweet.

Throughout the book they find themselves in some pretty precarious situations, and fight together to escape as they're waging their own war with each other. In the course of all this, they find new appreciation in each other, discover what really happened on that fateful day so many years ago, and fall in love all over again. It was funny, exciting, passionate, and filled with some sexy good times! A few of the characters we've come to love make an appearance, most especially everyone's favorite...Nix! As always, she brings her own special brand of crazy wisdom and foresight to the situation...the Valkyrie is really losing it...she was a hoot!

Kresely Cole's writing and storytelling is top-notch and *Dark Skye* is another bright shiny gem and one of my favorites in this amazing series! I can't wait to see how this all plays out as they draw closer and closer to the Accession! There are a few more characters I'm looking forward to reading about, but the one I'm anticipating the most, as well as most fans of this series are, is Nix and who she'll be paired/mated with! I have to wonder if it's a character we are familiar with...I have one in mind...or will KC bring someone new onboard that can handle this crazy, loveable Valkyrie!

A copy of the book was provided by Gallery Books via NetGalley

Kathleen says

The hostile bickering went on too long for me. Should have talked it out sooner, rather than go around and around. Story could be shortened.

Contents include a few explicit sex scenes and lots of bloody gore. Language includes several F-bombs but no religious cussing and no demeaning terms for female anatomy (kudos).

I listened to the audio, narrated **superbly** by Robert Petkoff, so I probably have misspelled some names.

This is the "epic story" of Thronos and Lanthe, a tale of everlasting love, beginning in childhood. Sweet, poignant, amusing, sexy, suspenseful, and sometimes a tearjerker. Thronos totally adores his little Lamb. He's a hard hot hunk with huge heart. Loved him. Thronos, the great "reader of words" and Lanthe, "keeper of keys, opener of doors" (funny scene).

We get some witty dialogue, some sizzling sexual tension, and an entertaining adventure battling dragons, buzzy bugs, demons, etc. Lanthe and Thronos make their way through four worlds, similar to the Treasure Hunt in *No Rest for the Wicked*. On the four planes, Lanthe and Thronos must alternatively hurt, then leave, then cleave, and finally shine, according to Nebulous Nix.

Much of the book takes place on Inferno. It's also called Pandemonia. (Why not Pandemonium, I wondered. Or did I mishear?). The place is a mix of Dante's Inferno, Greek myths, and Milton's Paradise Lost. It is on this hellish plane that Lanthe first begins to suspect that heavenly Skye is not all it's cracked up to be.

Character development: Thronos must come to terms with his true nature, abilities, and origins (I liked those parts, but this unveiling needed further development). He must also learn to forget the past to forge a future with Lanthe. Gripping scenes, when he finally saw the light, via a Groundhog Day trope.

Relationship development between Thronos and Lanthe is credible and absorbing. I liked the slow development of trust, truth, and fierce loyalty. Sometimes I got annoyed and impatient with Lanthe. She seemed shallow and selfish for a long while.

Quibble: I felt the overarching plot, via Nix, went off on a tangent. Nix is petitioning the goddesses for a new position (in itself, a bizarre twist). Meeting with the goddesses, she foretells who the REAL ENEMY is in this excerpt:

(view spoiler)

So, a major plot twist, revealing the real enemy. First it was faction versus faction. Then it was Pravus versus Vertas. Now this enemy, and the implication of a delayed confrontation, in 20 years or so. It felt like Cole is taking a left turn in the series-wide plot, but that's her right, and she explains it to some slight extent, so I'm good (enough) with it, for now. See where it goes, but hoping she doesn't drag it out.

Some of my series-wide concerns, listed below, are addressed in this book. We make some progress with Furie, imprisoned under the sea. We hear just a vague mention of the Well of Souls. There is some movement in the plot thread regarding locks of Valkyrie hair and the Wraiths that guard Valkyrie's home. The Accession twins are born to Holly, and apparently they are pretty much untouchable warriors already, in infancy. (Nice to see Holly and Cadion again, happy with their babies). No well-known positive secondary characters die, but beloved characters experience pain, fire, and mutilation. Hag, the pretty witch who can find people, is mentioned again.

By the way, did Sebastian and Conrad ever go back in time and bring their family into the future? We heard it in No Rest for the Wicked, and also in Dark Deeds at Night's Edge.

***** **Original Prepublication Thoughts** *****

Release date moved back. Not sure when it's coming, but I have **EXPECTATIONS** beyond the long-anticipated romancing of Lanthe and Thronos. Some things need to start happening **to lend credence** to the integrity of the series as a whole. The Accession must become more epic than it has been. More deadly. Nix calls it an apocalypse, but no positive key character has died and stayed dead. Good guys have won in every book.

This series -- which I initially found so promising -- is beginning to feel like a **highly erotic cartoon disguised as fantasy**. The Accession plot is becoming...a joke. Sigh. At least the romance is good.

The big bad Accession *must* become manifest. Any day now. (*drumming fingers impatiently*) I mean -- hello -- we've had a dozen books hyping it up! According to Malkom in Demon from the Dark: "King Rydstrom wishes me to fight with him in the coming Accession" (p. 422).

Accession described in A Hunger Like No Other (p. 58)

"Bringing prosperity and power to the victors...cosmic checks-and-balances system for an ever-growing population of immortals, forcing them to kill each other off. The faction [singular] that lost the fewest of their kind won."

But Cole has created a problem with all the cross-faction mating, because Accession must then become civil war. For as Lachlain ponders in AHLNO, **"the Valkyrie had always maintained an uneasy truce with the Lykae...Until the Accession. When all immortals were forced to fight..."** And one faction will defeat the rest. One. The Horde faction has emerged victor in the last three (or four?) Accessions.

However, with no explanation, Cole deviated from her original prophecy in AHLNO, about one faction winning. In Dark Desires After Dusk, she suddenly discusses the Lore factions as either Pravus (evil) or Vertas (good). Is she changing the game? Not factions versus factions but good versus evil? If so, she needs to explain why.

As also prophesied, a child of "the vessel" is born "for each Accession" (every 500 years). **"The vessel's firstborn will be the ultimate warrior for either good or evil"** (chap 9 Dark Desires After Dusk.) The last four vessel-borne have been evil über-warriors, for two millennium.

So...Holly must bear a child, and the child must grow to make a difference to the Accession outcome -- born "for" the Accession. Presumably that implies that something relative to the Accession will come of the birth. It also follows that competing bad factions will try to kill Holly's child before it reaches warrior status.

The **red wraiths who guard Val Hall** in exchange for a lock of Valkyrie hair must gain enough strands to create a braid, and thereby gain control over all the Valkyrie for a short time. What will they make the Valkyrie do? I have seen that foreshadowed in nearly every book so it must be important to the plot, or it's just words.

The Well of Souls. What ho?? See Kiss of a Demon King

Freya and Wóden. Will they ever wake up? Else, why are we repeatedly reminded that they are sleeping, while other gods and goddesses are awake?

Valkyrie Queen Furie, in chains under the sea. Will she throw fits when she learns about the inter-species marriages, as the Valkyrie worry? This is foreshadowed in probably every book.

By the end of the series, there must be a resolution to these points, or the entire series loses points on plot cohesion, consistency, and connectivity. If Cole changes the game midplay, that could be okay, if she justifies or at least explains the changes to this reader. Making it up as you go along and changing the rules at will is inconsiderate and sloppy.

I have no idea how Cole is going to pull it off, but starting a new Dacian series seems like a distractor, unless she plans to involve Lothaire's Kingdom of Myst and Blood in the Accession resolution.

Taiyasha-Duchess of Indiana says

Dark Skye: 5 stars- THIS BOOK SLAYED ME

I mean you guys know what Immortals After Dark means to me. Honestly, my literary world revolves around when can I get the next KC novels. We have been WAITING....WAITING FOREVER to find out about this damn couple. I mean...I've been patient...a little.....kinda....okay I havent

SO TRUST ME PEOPLE....WHEN THIS #\$\$% T DROPPED

I wasted no time getting that fix

yes. i went there with my gif game....okay jokes aside lets get to the meat of this novel..

General Overview

Loved it. This was some of here best writing. KC is a pheonomenal world builder and romance writer. She seamlessly progressed the plot, gave us new questions, and developed two of the most dynamic characters in romance book. I honestly don't see how anyone could be disappointed

T H R O N O S

This pained bad boy vrekner is a immortal after my own heart. I mean his pain was so palpable only matched by his resilyency and ability to fight for what he believes. Call me crazy and obsessed....but he may just be my favorite hero I've ever read. Like he is everything I love in a hero 1. not a whore 2. tortured 3. strong 4. resilient 5. HORNY 6. hung 7. more than anything he's vulnerable. Personally, I think out of all of KCs character's he has been through the most. He literally has lost everything. EVERYTHING. I commend him a thousand times over for fighting to rebuild his whole existence. When he told lanthe she was his best friend, my uterus reached out ...and slapped me for not being born a fictional character in a KC novel. All i have to say to this yummy man is

Lanthe

I FREAKING LOVE HER. What a strong ass woman. Despite, her species being one of the weakest in the lore, it made her a better character. She has worked, and fought, and learned her craft. I respect her for it. Also, her story speaks so much to me. I love the unconditional love between her and sabine that has surpassed time and death. Similarly, when she and thronos went back to his home. I couldn't have been prouder of her competency and ability to support her man. She's my girl.

S P O I L E R S

YASSS NIX YASSS. she is the baddeeeest beotch ever. Lucid,hell naw, but powerful and brilliant...oh yes. I think everyone thinks so kindly of nix due so many couplings she has made.... But valkyries aren't altruistic. There is something major that is about to happen. Nix is making the play of a lifetime....in my opinion, for her mate. Which I still think will very possibly be Webb...we'll see.

NOW...I WANT FURIE'S BOOK!

Thronos is the most honest, gentle, genuine Immortal After Dark. And Lanthe will be a good teacher. This is undoubtedly one of my favourite books in the series.

P says

“Before you were my enemy, you were my best friend.”

I was back to re-read this book once again for the fourth time. I really needed some sugar in my blood it, and this absolutely worked. Dark Skye is a perfect treatment for my hypoglycemia since the first time I read, I knew that I wouldn't be disappointed. Thronos, prince of Skye Hall, is a remarkable hero in my opinion. He's dedicated and has been in pain for many years because his best friend, Lanthe, betrayed him and after that, he wants to revenge her. Once a friend, forever an enemy. He has been chasing after her relentlessly, and she always runs from him. He can't catch her no matter how hard he tries.

“I broke a little boy's body. And a young man's heart.”

This book started off with very great promises. Kresley Cole heated up Dark Skye to the point where I couldn't even breathe. The sexual tension between Thronos and Lanthe is apparently serious. I can feel the spark when they banter or team up to beat the monsters (Can I call them that ? haha). However, I'll say it sincerely that this book isn't perfect and there're many scenes I felt it was dragged on and on. But when the romance exploded, I had to fan my face because I couldn't bare it, it's so hot and riled me up very well.

“Every second we're together, I get under your skin as deeply as you've scarred mine.”

Call me biased - I really like this kind of romance when someone did something unconsciously to the only one they loved. The important thing in this predicament is to make amends. But how they do it is the part I want to see. This book is all I can ask for. If you love enemies-to-lovers plots, I think you will like this one too :)

“With all my dreams having come true, what will I dream of now ?”

<http://goo.gl/kYswdf>

Katie(babs) says

Walls to the balls awesome. My first book of 2014 that "I want to have babies with".

This is going down as one of my top five favorite books in this series.

bows down at the altar of Cole yet again. Must read for fans of Cole and this series. So much fun reading and some hot foreplay and sexual hijinks *fans self* Heroine pops the hero's cherry in more ways than one. *rowl*

I also have a good idea whose book is next, and whoa, it's going to be explosive!

More in depth review to come.

Glamdring says

Buddy read with Blacky <3<3<3

1,5 stars

I'm a huge fan of the first 12 books of the IAD series. For me, things started to go sour with the first Dacians book and continued to go downhill with MacRieve (that promised so much). With this one I think that I'm definitely out of love with this series.

Before I start, I would like to say that after the epilogue in MacRieve, I didn't understand why the next one was about Lanthe and Thronos and not about MacRieve's twin since that's what the epilogue is about.

If I had to resume my review in one word, it would be **B O R I N G**

Why boring?

- Because of the too many mulling over thoughts/talks/resentments about the same themes. Damn but if it's something they are expert at it certainly is moving in circles. This alone suffices to bore me to tears.

- Then nothing much happens and the little that *does* happens are bad recycling of things already done and re-done or roll eyes festivals. The landing in the belly of a beast was done in Star Wars, to name the most obvious reference. Han Solo landed the Millennium Falcon and here they teleported themselves but it's the same thing, different mean. Same with the beast feeding them hallucinogens while digesting them alive. That one is an X-Files stuff. In the X-Files Mulder and Scully are the victims of a huge mushroom organism, but again, same thing, different mean. Dragons sitting on huge piles of gold... Rings a bell anyone? And so on...

I'm not against the recycling of used ideas or even clichés, but at least do it well and cleverly.

- The "blindness" of Thronos toward his brother's wrongdoings for centuries... I mean, really? He wasn't a

recluse, they are neighbors on a tiny island and for most of these centuries they were close, and he never got the smallest hint that things weren't as they should have been? Is he dumb or dumber?

- If that wasn't enough, I couldn't care less for the heroes, and at time it was so sweet my teeth hurt. So yeah, boring.

- The end was a WTF festival. I mean, really?????

The saddest thing is that even Nix didn't manage to make things more interesting and with the little tidbits KC gave us, I'm more and more convinced that the following books are not going to get better.

This series is based on enemies become lovers with lots of adventure, and while it worked it was great but Kresley Cole obviously ran out of juices.

You can have the most beautiful pieces of fabric (which was definitely not the case here), without the thread to bind them, you'll never be able to have a patchwork quilt. Same goes with stories telling...

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

This Book is So :

Spoilers

Damn this book was good I don't wanna put too many spoilers up here because the book just came out yesterday but Oh I so loved it!!!

GOD I am so lovin Thronos and I really loved Lanthe even if she was

lol anyone who reads the book will get that but, for real the book was another Great one in the series! This book was so much better than I thought it would be and I had high hopes. I have loved every book in this series besides MacRieve So Disappointed in MacRieve! So Thronos and Lanthe met when they were young kids and Thronos realized that Lanthe was his mate they spend months together becoming best friends until His father kills her parents. She is a child and thinks he betrayed her and sold her family out getting her parents killed (and her sister although she brings her back) so she uses her powers to make him jump out the window and not to use his wings almost killing him and leaving him messed up badly. He has been hunting for his mate for 500 years now and she has been running from his brother and men that have been trying to kill her and her sister for 500 years now. He doesn't know that his brother and men have been trying to kill her and she thinks he has been sending his men for her and her sister to hurt and kill them. When the Order Prison riot is underway she tries to get away Thronos finally gets her and that is where the adventure begins with lots of drama, otherworld danger, Teaming up to save each other and falling in love in the process then losing everything fighting to get it back and a beautiful happy ending! This book is paranormal romances at

its best. I can't wait for the next one

Jen Davis says

Not all Kresley Cole books are created equal. The last three books didn't wow me like some of the earlier books in the series, but THIS book reminded me of why I love this series so much. Like so many Immortals After Dark readers, I have been anxiously awaiting Thronos and Lanthe's book since *Kiss of a Demon King*. Cole does such a great job of planting the seeds of a romance, then stepping back and waiting for our anticipation to grow for their story. Sometimes, the payoff has been less than stellar (like Regin & Aidan/Declan in *Dreams of a Dark Warrior*.) But other times --like here-- she makes the years of waiting worth it.

Longtime readers are already familiar with a bit of the backstory: Lanthe and Thronos were childhood friends, despite the fact that her people and his are sworn enemies. One day, his family discovers hers and kills her parents. Convinced Thronos betrayed her, Lanthe used her Sorceri power of persuasion to force him to jump out of a window without using his wings to save himself. The fall left him broken in some ways that have never healed. Ever since then, he has been hunting her. His people have been targeting her and her sister, sometimes going so far as to kill Sabine, forcing Lanthe to drain her powers bringing her back.

As the story begins, Lanthe and Thronos hate each other, but Thronos can't stop his hunt for her, because she is his fated mate. He physically cannot be with any other woman and, as a prince, he has a responsibility to continue his bloodline. He has been celibate the 500 years they have been apart, and he needs her every bit as much as he hates her. Now, thanks to the Order, who captured them both in *Dreams of a Dark Warrior*, he has his chance to capture her once and for all.

Due in part to his damaged wing --and to the carnage going on around them on the island-- escape is difficult. They need to rely on Lanthe's unstable ability to create portals to get them to safety. Unfortunately, she can't just pop them to familiar place. Over and over, they end up in dangerous worlds where they must rely on one another for survival. As they are forced to spend time together, they learn that what they know of each other isn't entirely the whole story. But will learning the truth be enough to allow them to explore the buried feelings they share?

I really loved these two characters and the dynamic between them. Thronos kind of has a stick up his ass, but part of that is because his people are so repressed. He is consumed with jealousy and judgement over the fact that Lanthe has lived her life without him. Despite the fact that he said some really stupid things sometimes, I was able to empathize with his situation. He had a lot to learn over the course of the story, and Lanthe was strong enough to insist on the respect she was due. It was a good emotional journey that coincided with some really fast paced action and the stellar world-building that is a hallmark of the series. I love how Cole masterfully intertwines the plot and characters of multiple books together so seamlessly!

The sexual tension and payoff is a win you can take to the bank with every Kresley Cole book. I was on the edge of my seat by the time these two sealed the deal, but every step along the way was built with great anticipation and just enough forward momentum to keep it satisfying. I really enjoyed the virgin hero juxtaposed with a sexually experienced and confident heroine. Hot, hot, hot. My only small gripe is that, at times, I felt like the slut-shaming thread went on a little too long.

In the meantime, we get a little time with Nix --and while it's only a few pages, it gives us some really good perspective about the hand she has had in every one of these romances. She may be crazy, but she is also brilliant.

I can't imagine that anyone will be disappointed with this story. Really good stuff.

Rating: A-

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