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## **Damien Details**

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## From Reader Review Damien for online ebook

### Liz F says

Yet another great book in the Nightwalker series by Jacquelyn Frank. I think this one might be my favorite so far. Might be!

This one centers on the title character (as all of this series do), Damien, Prince of Vampires. He finds himself attracted to the Princess of Lycanthropes, Syreena.

As always, she doesn't want to get involved with Damien because of the prejudice that her people still hold towards Vampires (other Nightwalkers in general, actually). And with her sister, the Queen, having recently taken Elijah on as her Royal Consort (its like their married but he has no say in her governance of her people), Syreena doesn't think that the Lycanthropes will be able to handle another Nightwalker breed mating with their royalty.

So that begins the back and forth between them. Damien, having lived much of his life according to his instincts, has much less of a problem with this relationship. He can just FEEL that its right.

Of course, the Evil Bitch (I won't name her because that would give too much away to anyone just starting the series) makes several appearances. One of which seriously injures the Princess. More new, interesting things about Nightwalkers are discovered and it is still shaking the foundations that each race holds dear.

Its a great read; very suspenseful! Lots of action and kickin' ass!! In this installment, there SEEMS to be much less of the inner monologue that was driving me crazy a few books back so perhaps that is why I enjoyed it more?

Again, if you are interested in the series, start from the beginning. The author does a great job trying to convey all the necessary information but its just not possible to get all of the little nuances and relationships that make up this little community of sorts. Its a much richer world if you have the story from the start!

I have to recommend this one. Like I said, a great read, excellent pacing and plenty of suspense! I was so into it that I keep wanting to throw the Kindle across the room when the bad guys get an upper hand!!!! This book will not disappoint!! :)

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### Laura the Highland Hussy says

<http://www.demonloversbooksandmore.co...>

This book totally redeemed the whole series as far as I'm concerned. I liked Jacob, Gideon fell short, and Elijah annoyed me. Damien was the best so far, and it was fantastic!

Ruth is one of the best female villains I've seen in a long time, in fact I wish we saw more of her. She gets some action right at the beginning, and some later on in the book. She is one insane woman who has a brilliant mind...the makings of an excellent bad guy.

Syreena was a lot like her sister Siena, but less impulsive. I loved Damien the vampire prince, and I love how he wasn't in love with her (yet) but his comment was that he wanted to see if he could be. That was a very

important part of this book, since all the vampires were pretty much walking around bored of life, and only enjoying the carnal pursuits.

*"If we cannot consume it, kill it, or party with it, it does not interest us."*

---Damien to Noah

Syreena (as we learned in Elijah) fell ill as a child, and to cure her, the Mistral used her singing gift to heal her, but used a part of her soul as well, so Syreena, lycanthrope princess, mutated to have 2 shifter forms- dolphin, and falcon.

*"Lycanthropes loved a good mutation, especially a powerful one like hers."*

Well Ruth takes Syreena and tortures her to make Siena pay for the death of her daughter Mary (the end of Elijah). Damien has this drive to follow Syreena and once he realizes what's going on, he does everything in his power to save her. What's interesting is that this is before the two have had much interaction, so he doesn't know why he does this, but he doesn't question the desire to do so. After he saves her, he drinks of her blood and finds out why vampires aren't supposed to drink from other Nightwalkers...unfortunately he also finds what his kind is missing, and the end to their eternal ennui with life. She is his mate, and it turns out that the two only gain in strength from sharing blood-he can transform into a raven shortly after, and it rocks the vampire world. But right after Syreena wakes to find Damien followed her and saved her at great risk to himself, she kisses him. he asks her why,

*"Because it is a fairy tale, Damien. And in fairy tales, the princess always kisses the prince who rescues her."*

And once they realize they love each other, Damien thinks something so sweet. I love this one because he is such an alpha male we expect him to possess her. But he feels the opposite, and I loved it.

*"If someone could truly possess another person, she was doing so to him."*

Now I know my last 2 reviews have not been so flattering to the writing. This book was so much better! There was still a lot of over-thinking everything, but not to the extent that I wanted to skim or put the book down. This had so much more in it, both action and romance, that it was the best in the series, no doubt, but also it proved what I have said before- that the storyline for the whole series is amazing and that is why I kept reading. I think the world created is fantastic, and I am invested in the characters enough to keep reading even after a book I thought was -meh- So Damien being so great was a breath of fresh air, and a reminder as to why I kept reading even after Gideon.

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## **Gina says**

Another excellent book in the series!

Oh, how I am loving this series! The action, in or out of the bedroom, is incredible! You see the scenes as Frank wrote them, and they stick with you, long after the book is finished, LOL!

Damien is the perfect hero. Strong, he refuses to believe he's sulking when he actually is and turns it into anger and a temper tantrum instead.

Syreena is stronger, physically and mentally, than most believed her to be. I loved how she grew even more, and how she came around to Damien's way of thinking, all on her own. It was high time she made decisions for herself. She learned how, the hard way.

The one scene between Damien and Syreena kept me glued, word for word, paragraph for paragraph, page for page. I love that scene - the violence of it, the erotic sensuality of it. Terrific!

Meanwhile, the enemy is getting stronger and bolder, and I can't wait until she's brought down. Ruth may be really intelligent and savvy, but her way of thinking is screwed, and she is one enemy that will have to be defeated - there is no other alternative.

Jasmine, even if she is Damien's 'right-hand-man', angered me to no end. I think Syreena and she need a good round between the two of them. But then, it's to be expected. I think anyone would have reacted the same way as Jasmine, especially after having been with Damien for over 5 hundred years. While Syreena still feels jealousy when Damien and Jasmine are together, she doesn't mull over it. Whereas Jasmine is completely opposite in that way of thinking. Meanwhile, Syreena and Jasmine are more alike than they realize, I think.

I can't wait for Noah's book, which is supposed to be out in September '08! Two months won't have gone by fast enough!

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## **Sandra says**

From the blurb:

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As the title indicates, this book is about Damien, the Vampire Prince, who finds himself strangely attracted to Syreena, the Lycan Princess. When he follows her from the hidden Nightwalker Library and finds her nearly dead after an attack by Ruth, he takes an unusual and forbidden step to save her life. And for the first time in his very long life he's in love. Syreena isn't easily swayed but the pain and need she experiences after going home, coupled with Damien's honest questions and convictions, gets her quickly to the point where she accepts him as her destined mate.

The relationship permeates the book and Ms. Frank again draws richly complex characters against an action-packed and dangerous background. Damien is not used to answering to anyone but himself and this leads him to make some decisions that his mate objects to. Syreena on the other hand has spent her whole life doing what was best for other, following directions and doing as she was told, without ever considering what SHE wants. She can be feisty and certainly gives Damien a run for his money. Then there is Jasmine, who has been with Damien as his primary adviser for 5 centuries and who reacts with volatility and disdain at his choice of mate (as if that was truly a choice). She hatches a plot that takes Damien away from Syreena and nearly costs all three of them their lives.

The world Ms. Frank has created is rich with mysticism, mythical creatures and extraordinarily complex characters. The plot runs smoothly, secrets are revealed at appropriate times and the action scenes are richly described. The dialogue feels realistic, never stilted, and I found myself unable to put this book down unless I absolutely had to.

Each book of the series not only furthers the overall plot, but also the connection between the various Nightwalker species, forcing them into cooperation with one another and making this an extraordinary journey for all of them.

I must take a moment to thank my friend Michelle for alerting me to this series. Without her, I wouldn't have picked up the first book and would have missed out on something very unique and amazing.

On to the next one...

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## **Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says**

### **4 Sugary Sweet Stars**

#### **\*Spoilers\***

This book is so sweet. I so liked this one better than the last. Thank God Syreena was nothing like her sister!

So in this book we get to know Damien, and the vampire world of the nightwalkers series better. Damien is the Prince of the vampires. He is at the newly found Library of nightwalkers when he sees Syreena again, He doesn't know why but He feels drawn to her. When Syreena gets kidnapped by the traitor Ruth, Damien is determined to save her, but in order to save her he will have to do something that is just never done. Take the blood of another nightwalker!

Syreena is a Lycanthrope Princess, and advisor to the queen (her sister). She is use to putting her wants and needs on hold for the good of others, but when Damien, who has always got under her skin, saves her life and they share a passionate kiss, She can't help but want the one thing that could tear her people apart, and maybe even start a war, Damien as her mate!

Damien:

Damien is so dayum hott in this book. I liked him in other books, but this one really brings him to life. He is

so cocky and self assured. Powerful, loyal, sexy, and very romantic.

**"I want to learn how to love you, Syreena. And no, I do not mean make love to you. I believe I can figure that out well enough." The sparkle in his eyes and the pointed twitch to his brow made her laugh. "I want to learn why it is and how it is you have effected these changes inside me, both physically and spiritually. I wish to know how one such as myself, so nonchalant in emotion all of his life, can be so moved by a single little creature like you."**

**"This is not a phase for me, Syreena. This is not a fancy that will flit out of my system. I have lived long enough to know what is and is not unique to my make-up. If you want promises, I will find ways to make them and keep them. If you want forever, sweetling, then I will gladly live another long lifetime."**

Syreena:

Syreena is strong, brave, smart, and giving. She is a kick ass fighter. She is a hopelessly romantic person at heart longing for love, a mate, and children.

**"I am very fortunate," she whispered into his ear. "I know that now. From this moment on, I will always find my way back to you, Damien. I will know that your kiss, your touch, and your warm sensitivity will always be waiting patiently for me, just as I will always make my heart your home, so you always have a place to come back to."**

**"My love. My lord, if you wish it. I would have no future if it did not include you, Damien. I knew that when I came to you. Probably long before I acknowledged it. I will always remember your surety, though. It will never leave me."**

Syreena and Damien together

Talk about explosive chemistry, and when they made love in the kitchen Wow!!

**"I know that. I only said I would deserve it. I cannot imagine that we will never argue. I know that one day we will have a disagreement. Possibly a very bad one. If I thought this was all going to be sunshine and glorious sex, I would be a naive and silly female." "You are neither of those," he assured her with a chuckle. "Glorious, hmm?" She giggled, nipping at his sensitive neck in punishment. "As if your ego requires any stroking," she remarked. "I was not thinking about my ego, actually..." he murmured suggestively, reaching for her hips and rear, sliding his hands with clear appetite and sensuality over them.**

We meet some new characters in this book, and get to know Jasmine a little more. The Ruth plot thickens as she adds a new bad guy to her evil ranks. Great read. Now I am on to Noah's book.

<http://jessicasoverthetopbookobsessio...>

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## CC says

Very sweet. But kinda boring. Damien kept getting his ass kicked, but I thought he was supposed to be a badass. It was much better than the 2nd and 3rd books in the series - so that is a plus.

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## Gokce ~Muslin Myst~ says

I really liked this book and I was so looking forward to it. But I'm deducting a star from this and reasons will follow in a minute.

This one was about the charismatic Vampire Prince, and my long time crush, Damien, and Lycanthrope Princess and part-time Monk Syreena.

I loved both characters. Damien was already a given but I found I really liked Syreena as well. Her appearance to start with, is very different from everyone around her cause she's an anomaly, thanks to some incident she's suffered when she was young and almost died. Her differences though are exactly what makes her, well, her.

She hasn't lived the life of an ordinary princess, she has been raised among Monks and she has skills of reasoning to go with her combat ones.

Damien, on the other hand, has been a Prince for a long time. He has a whole race that looks upon him but at the same time there are those who're after his crown who'd take any opportunity to take him down, any weak moment to pounce on him. So he lives secluded and as we progress we find that he's not used to having anyone else to consider himself with in his life.

I've had the impression that Damien was this old, experienced vampire with an aura similar to Gideon's but he surprised me with some childish decisions here. Not that he lost any of his charm and appeal, mind you, but especially his plotting with Jasmine behind Syreena's back was not like him. Though he was also extremely charming, even more so that he was in any previous books, so he redeemed himself to this gal :)

I really did like their relationship. They were playful, they were logical, and they were hot. Cause, let's face it, one of them is a Lycanthrope and the other is a freaking vampire. So I guess the hotness is expected. One thing I couldn't get over was that I thought their storyline ended so abruptly. And I didn't get the fulfillment that they resolved everything about their relationship. They had an important, in my opinion, trust issue towards the end of the book about following Ruth to find out which vampire traitor was working with her, and I didn't think they should've gotten over the whole issue with such ease. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad they worked things out but it was as if they talked it over, I turned the page and the book was over. The end didn't feel like the end, you know? I felt like something was missing there.

And then there was the Jasmine thing. I'm sorry but as much as I tried to understand her jealousy and the way of the vampire society, I just couldn't click with that woman. A part of me kept waiting for the moment for

Jasmine to turn on Damien and Syreena based solely on her extreme dislike for the Princess and great desire to see them apart. I just couldn't warm up that girl. And I thought she had way too much point of view in the book.

And oh dear, I missed Gideon! So so much. I would've expected to see him a lot in this book, at least as much as he was in Elijah and Siena's, since he was an old friend of Damien's. But my Gideon only appeared once with a tiny scene where he tended to Syreena?!

And Legna too? We were informed by the end, and by a newly added Shadowdweller character, that she gave birth to her baby boy and that's all?? Needless to say this pair is my favourite, along with Elijah and Siena, but the lack of this couple was not something I liked.

Even though I still enjoyed the action, the storyline and the characters, I couldn't help but feel like Jacquelyn Frank got bored towards the end and decided, well, 'That's it. I'm moving to the next one.'

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### **valee says**

I loved it. It was everything I had expected. I really wanted to read Damien's story. What I like about this series is that I never know what will happen next. In most of the other paranormal series you just know how everything will end at the end but not in these books. I mean you know that they'll get together but not all the other events that will happen.

I really enjoy reading books written by Jacquelyn Frank.

A better review to come if I ever re-read this book,lol. Not in the mood right now.

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### **Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says**

I am not a romantic person, which is strange given that my main genre is romance, I don't like romantic films and I am not very big on PDA. Which, is probably why romances I love the most are series like Shelly Laurenston's Pride series and Immortals After Dark by Kresley Cole they all have the love stuff in, but they also have crazy females who are a little bit emotionally retarded and men whose main wooing technique is the basic shag-them-till-they-love-me, there aren't too many heart to heart exchanges and the ones that are are short and to the point like this:

"Bad things happened to stop me loving you, but I got over it and I just thought I would let you know; I love you."

"Really?! What a co-inky-dink, bad stuff happened to me too! I am so glad we shared like this! I love you too."

"Shall we have sex to celebrate?"

"Only if it is hot and kinky!"

"Sure, I will go and get the nipple clamps."

Okay so now you know what a truly unromantic soul I have, you may start to realize why I am not enjoying this series as much as everyone seems to. Basically it has too much mushy stuff and I find myself rolling my eyes so much that I think my eyeballs are unscrewing! This book was no different. I really liked the idea of

all the different Nightwalker species and their cultures and how they relate to each other, those are what always get these books a few stars, it is the romance that brings it down for me.

I also like the story and how with each book Ruth, the insane yet cunning former Demon council member, gets stronger and stronger until you do begin to wonder if the Nightwalkers will be able to defeat her. I like that hint of danger in this series and I can't wait till we get into a big confrontation with her.

So I love the plot and the world these books are set in but the romance aspect...just isn't for me.

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## **DarienMoya says**

### **A NEW WORLD VAMPIRE!!!**

Somehow this series manages to get more awesome and in-depth. Lets recap shall we. This is the 4th book in the Nightwalkers series, and they include Vampires, Demons, Lycanthropes etc. basically all these species can't go out in the sun they are more powerful at night hence the name. So some prophecies have come to light and is changing the way the nightwalker view each other once when they were at war with each other now they have to come together to fight an evil that is geared towards destroying them, plus unlikely mating have begun to happen. Demons marrying Lycans and so on and so forth. It's a new age in the world of the NW's.

Damien is a vampire and is known as the vamp prince he is the ruler of his people. At the tender age of 949 he has known his share of boredom and melancholy, because you cant be alive for so long without wanting to pull you hair out when you have seen it all and experienced all in the world. He has never known love though, its in the vampire makeup, emotional feelings is all but missing. To make matters worse he has to constantly fight to keep his crown. Never known love, old as dirt and have to keep defending his title doesn't really make for a happy vampire. Did I mention he is gorgeous, a bright light at the end of a very dark tunnel. That tunnel is about to be lit up like Canada day all fireworks and flames when he meets Lycanthrope princess Syreena.

Syreena is modest, quiet and advisor to her queen who is also her sister. She has lived a life of solitude brought up by monks. You see Syreena was very ill as a child and upon being cured her genetic make was forever altered. She has tow animals that she can change into, a falcon and a dolphin a weird combo I know but they both suit her personality well. Fast and sharp like the Falcon and intelligent and brave like the Dolphin. Harlequin in her appearance with her mismatched eyes and hair she is treated with care but is also ostracized because of the way she looks. Longing for companionship, love and a family of her own, she never knows if the males are just after her altered genetics and the power it carries. Until she meets Damien but he is a vampire and there's no way they can mate being from two very different species. All is fair in love and war, because it will be a battle prove their love for each other.

This book was my fave and that has everything to do with Syreena, you don't mess with her. Her appearance says small and cute but in lightening speed she will have a dagger through your heart and her fingers around your neck. Plus Damien is just plain dark and sexy, and he balances Syreena quite well. As a team they kick butt, just plain awesomeness. Once again Miss Frank delivers with her superb storytelling and the way she is able to intricate that of the histories of all these nightwalkers, because once you know how they are made up you cant wait to see which species she puts together to fall hopelessly in love. Plus the bad guy or should I say woman makes you want to yell expletives at the book and have you hoping you could teleport in the

book and wring her demon black magic using neck. This series has just been pure entertainment to read, Noah here I come with bells on and my glasses.

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### **Lissy Liz says**

OOOOHHHHH DAMIEN!!1

Oh my!!

Damien the Vampire Prince has lived for over 1000 years. Has traveled the world and consorted with Kings and Queens. He has never fallen and love, but when he meets Syreena she's a Lycanthrope Princess everything changes for both of them.

The Nightwalkers are being hunted by human necromancers and the leaders of all the Nightwalkers species are tired of it and want to put an end to it.

Damien wants to protect his people but he's also helping the Demons, Lycanthropes, Shadow Walkers. He can't stay away from Syreena and when she is kidnapped by their #1 enemy he follows her and rescues her. And that's when the magic begins with the two of them.

I loved the way Damien protects Syreena and the way he devotes himself to her, (big sigh), truly magical the way connect.

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### **Julie (jjmachshev) says**

OMG! I'm two for two today!! I just now finished "Damien" by Jacquelyn Frank, the fourth book of the Nightwalkers series. What a fantastic series! Love it, love it, love it.

Damien is the Vampire Prince. He's seen and done it all in his almost thousand years of 'living' and has become jaded. Then he meets Syreena. Well, she actually tries to kill him at the end of book 3. Now circumstances have brought them together again and he finds himself drawn to her. When she is kidnapped and almost killed, he's the one that saves her and endangers himself in the process. This event forges their friendship...and a little more.

Syreena has always been different. These differences and her position as the current heiress to the throne (until her sister the Queen has children) and Queen's counselor have resulted in a restricted life. Her near death and rescue by the alluring Vampire Prince are stirring all kinds of new hungers in her.

One of the best things about this series is that the author doesn't limit herself to one paranormal entity. Her first couple of books were about Demons. She built her world with a deft hand and new and fascinating views. In her 3rd book, she paired Demon with Lycanthrope, two species who had until recently been at war! Now, we have Lycanthrope and Vampire! We're learning about the lore and history of each species and I'm finding myself fascinated. If you like paranormals, don't miss this series!

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## **Katie(babs) says**

I have tried repeatedly to enjoy the world of the Nightwalkers and every time, I scratch my head and go "huh?" Perhaps I am missing something but every one of Frank's books are so long winded and go on and on without any major action. I also think part of my problem is the long paragraphs that don't really make sense and the sex is pretty ho hum.

Damien is the prince of all vampires and his story involves Syreena, sister and princess to the queen of the Lycanthropes. There is a magical sort of library that has all the secrets and history of the Nightwalkers which includes all creatures such as Vampires, Lycanthropes and Demons. Syreena is there to guard this library and Damien goes to read some books. Out pops an evil demon skank who attacks Syreena and Damien rescues her. All this rescuing makes them both horny for each other and they figure out they are each other's mates even though it is not possible for a Vampire and Lycanthrope to be together. But for some reason it worked for Syreena's sister and her consort who is an important Demon. Damien and Syreena think a lot while trying to deny each other. Plus there are some rogue vampires around intent on causing mayhem along with the demon skank who won't go away and realize she has no chance in wining.

It is really hard to explain in so many words that Damien doesn't really have much going on. Yes, there are some fight scenes and a love story, but this was so slow moving and blah, that I really didn't care if Damien and Syreena would go off and have a few Vamphropes... or would that be Lycanpires?

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## **Michelle Tempted By Books says**

I don't get it. Honestly, I just don't get it. This book was Blah, blah, boring, long winded blah. The story has SO much detail and no substance. I honestly don't care about EVERY freaking touch, smell, sight and sound that EVERY character experiences. Oh and then switch to the next characters reactions to the SAME DAMN THING. This saddened me, I wanted so badly to like this book. I was looking forward to learning about Damien and the vampires, not to mention I assumed there would be some advancement in the overall plot but nothing happened. It was just a REALLY dull romance with dull characters. \*Sigh\* Now I have to PRAY that Noah will at least make an interesting story.

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## **Brenda Audiobooks Only says**

Narrated by Xe Sands - Narration 5+\*

Reviewed for AAR's Speaking of Audiobooks

Damien, Prince of the Vampires, enters the inter-species marrying loop in Jacquelyn Frank's fourth Nightwalker entry. Damien is my favorite in this series for two reasons. First, it keeps moving, whether by dialogue or action and without the verboseness that irked me previously. Second, it could slide onto a bookshelf at Goodreads entitled "avid seduction of a hesitant heroine". Damien truly is a prince when it comes to his pursuit of Syreena. That he made her pay some dues was excellent – I loved him.

Damien is the acknowledged leader of the Vampires, but it's a role that keeps him looking over his shoulder. Syreena, the Lycanthrope princess, has always longed for a husband and family, but Fate's choice throws her. Damien readily accepts the bond between them and Syreena is captivated but she wants definitive proof

that the bond is possible between their races. That proof may be found in the recently discovered Nightwalker library but working to unite the Nightwalker's against their expanding enemy comes first.

Xe Sands excels with this series. Each character, and there are many, has a unique voice which is the accent from the country of their origin. Can I guarantee accent authenticity? No, but I'd listen to this series just to hear Xe Sands voicing them. Plus she brings the couple, their feelings and the circumstances, to life in a way that is beyond my abilities. And that's hard to do, I read in Technicolor. :)

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