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Two hundred years have passed since Anna Randal gave herself to Conde Cezar in a night of relentless passion. Since then, Anna has become filled with unearthly power she can't begin to comprehend. And the sexy, charming vampire responsible has eluded all of her efforts to track him down, until now. . .

Is The Only One

Cezar's blissful encounter with Anna cost him two centuries of penance. But one thing hasn't changed--his body's response to her is as urgent as ever. Now, commanded by the Oracles to keep watch over Anna, Cezar finds himself torn between his need to protect her--and to possess her. . .

Who Can Keep Her Safe

Someone wants Anna dead. And as an ancient enemy prepares to wage a terrifying battle, Anna must decide whether to succumb to a dark, burning desire--and accept a destiny that could change the world forever. . .

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Julie (jjmachshev) says

I'm still diggin' Alexandra Ivy's Guardians of Eternity series and "Darkness Revealed" is book four. This series is about smoking hot vampires, sexy werewolves, powerful goddesses, wily fairies, snarky gargoyles, and most anything else that goes 'bump in the night'. While these stories are every bit as hot as many others available, for me this author keeps the tone lighter. There's still action, mystery, and suspense--but the sense of looming evil isn't there...and I enjoy that for a change!

Cezar met an incredible woman two hundred years ago, but the price he paid for that night was imprisonment to the Commission of Oracles. For one unforgettable encounter, he's had to live like a eunuch and serve as their lapdog for all these long, lonely years. Now, he's been turned loose with a specific mission--to act as her protector. To keep her safe while she fulfills her destinies. And no matter how strong their attraction is, no matter how close they grow, he knows he will eventually lose her.

Anna blamed Cezar for changing her life two hundred years ago. He took her innocence, turned her into some kind of creature that doesn't die, and was gone before she woke. She returned home to find her only family, an aunt and cousin, dead in a house fire and her life in danger. So when Cezar surfaces again, Anna has plans for him. She will capture him and force him to tell her exactly what she is. And surely she's exaggerated her weakness for him over the years, right?

I liked Anna. She didn't panic, she didn't do stupid things, she just buckled down and did what she needed to do (including Cezar!). But Cezar? Oh baby, I want one of those. He fought his connection yes...but once he knew what Anna meant to him, it was ALL about her. Both of these characters had to learn to compromise and lean on each other and admit to their feelings. Remembering makes me smile even now.

The contemporary setting is perfect for this story which is more of a romantic urban fantasy. The lead and secondary characters stay true to their natures throughout and readers even get a glimpse of the next book's hero! Ivy can write some steamy love scenes, but emotion still rules the day. "Darkness Unleashed" is up next in December of 2009 and it's already on my 'buy' list.

Amyiw says

3 1/2

I think I was a little frustrated with the non-communication on this one. Also the justice vs revenge that surfaces in the end, made me a little irritated. So what, women, all women of this series, have to be selfless and forgivers and all men alpha fighters? I'm sure that is not the case but so far we got the vegetarian werewolf, and all the women balk at killing bad people that have been trying to kill them or their partners. OK, that is not so bad but... I guess along with the frustration of the non-communication, it grated. I liked the couple but they had their first tryst 200 years before. I think the way the meeting in the future takes place doesn't spark the chemistry but took away somewhat. So although I liked this one, I just didn't like it as much as the last 2.

Nikki Kalani says

This 4th part in the series had more action and i loved every minute of it.

So this series is getting even better with every book.

I love the new characters that turn up in every book and the presence of previous characters in each book is heartwarming.

I just love it when a book engulfs me in its story and i lose myself in it. Its the most blissful feeling.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

I think that Cezar was a great hero for this book. Anna met him about 200 years ago and Cezar seduced her. he also took her blood. But neither he nor Anna could have ever expected what would happen next. Cezar is ripped from Anna's sleeping form by the Oracles, and enslaved for 200 years for daring to take the blood of a fated Oracle.

Anna wakes up, goes home, finds her aunt's house burned to the ground, and assumes her aunt and cousin Morganna perished in the fire. Then she finds out she is immortal, and has crazy strong powers. Anna blames Cezar for this and after 200 years, she sees his name in a paper, and goes to confront him. But, Cezar did nothing to her. Anna has a hard time believing that the anger she harbored for her Spanish conquistador of a vampire was never justified. Oh and their passion is alive and well.

Cezar and Anna then realize there's a threat against Anna's life from the queen of the faeries. Morganna le Fay. Yep, her cousin Morganna-except she's not her cousin. Anna is a descendant of King Arthur, so she's Morganna's niece. She set the fire, thinking Anna died in it. Surprise surprise, Anna's alive and well and 200 years older and wiser. But her powers are unpredictable, so she needs the vampires we've come to know and love to help keep her safe. Viper, Styx, Dante and their mates all have appearances along with a new male named Jagr. He's not exactly friendly, but the epilogue concerns him...and it's pretty interesting indeed.

PepperP0t says

(3.5 Stars Really)

Anna Randall would prefer to stay out of the spotlight and in hindsight wishes she had been less attentive to her chaperone duties for a rich relative the night she met master vampire, Conde Cezar. Completely attracted to and enthralled by Cezar, Anna loses more than her virtue and awoke to a possible scandal, her family dead and immortality. Having taken a bit of Anna's blood has bound Cezar to the Oracles and his latest assignment is to protect Anna which plays havoc on him emotionally and physically. No woman before or since their meeting has made his body sing the way Anna does. Convinced that Cezar is to blame for her immortality and growing powers, Anna tracks Cezar and catches up to him 200 years later and she plans to have her vengeance and get answers about the changes in her since they met.

This was such a difficult read to start for me. After being given the detail of the Anna and Cezar's meeting I was annoyed have the same detail in annoying flashback snippets each time Anna and Cezar thought about their circumstance or met during the first couple of chapters. As Cezar tries to convince Anna that he made no physical changes to her, they find that a rival of hers is tracking them and trying to capture Anna for sinister reasons. Cezar and Anna escape and flee to Styx protection and assistance. With Styx and Levert's knowledge added to Cezar and Anna's it's quickly determined that Morgana, Queen of Fae is after Anna. They also piece together that Morgana is actually a relative and is responsible for some of the upset Anna has accused Cezar of causing in her life. Meanwhile, Morgana arrives in this realm to be available for destroying Anna easily once she found, removing any barrier to the ultimate power she craves.

The world expands a bit by adding more demon varieties, imps and fae which is a good thing. Anna was tiring with her constant moaning about how everything wrong in her life is Cezar's fault, reminding him (and me) that he took her blood and she was my main issue with the read. I also felt like I've read this tale before and actually I have. In this series in fact. The names and the species change but the stories are interchangeable. Vampire meets woman who is in mortal danger, woman doesn't trust vampire, vampire takes woman away from immediate danger, woman and vampire decide they are in love but must fight it all costs, woman and vampire have sex, danger from threat nears, vampire saves woman and takes her to his lair where they live in bliss until it's time for the next female to join the vampire lover's club. I want to like this series but there it's too formulaic - there is absolutely no change in the template (even putting in a different order would be a welcome change for this reader). This is a middle of the road series for me. I think there's potential that hasn't yet been reached and hope that someone will break the cycle.

Zeek says

This series continues to be one I like... but not enthusiastically. Dont get me wrong- it's got some great characters and perhaps that is why I continue reading. (You can plot your book like Plotty Plotterton but if you dont write engaging characters I care about? You've lost me.)

In Darkness Revealed we have a couple who have a history- which is what initially drew me in to the story, a Vampire hero and a heroine once again unaware of the incredible magic that lies within her.

Unaware that she is the last in a powerful line- one hint: Arthurian- AND that she is destined to be on a ruling council of judges, Anna Randal is determined to find Conde Cezar, a creature who she's sure turned her into something "other" over a century ago.

Cezar, having never forgotten Anna, is determined to protect Anna- despite the fact he's been held almost enslaved, by the Oracles- the powerful council who keeps the otherworld creatures in line.

He'll deny everything to keep her safe from an ancient evil- even the fact that Anna Randal is his mate and one chance at happiness.

Although I *did* like Darkness Revealed, because Cezar and Anna were one smokin couple- the over the top evil chick seriously got on my nerves. Not subtle at all she came off like a spoiled rich girl meangirl who had way to much airtime. During the final confrontation I just thought, "Oh for God's sake- just kill her and shut her up already." Making it way more anticlimatic than intended for me.

So yeah, in end only 3 stars. :/

Katherine ??? says

Conde Cezar ditugaskan oleh Komisi utk menjaga dan melindungi Anna Randall sebagai calon oracle di masa depan. Sayangnya Anna sangat keras kepala karena pertemuan mereka sebelumnya 200 tahun yang lalu menyebabkan Anna kehilangan seluruh keluarganya.

Cezar yang tidak bisa melupakan pertemuannya dg Anna, bertekad utk menebus kesalahannya dgn melindungi Anna sekuat tenaga. Apalagi stl mengetahui bahwa Anna diburu oleh Morgana le Fay, sang ratu fairy, yang berambisi utk membunuh Anna, yang ditakdirkan akan melenyapkan Morgana.

Ada kata2 menarik di bab 22, ini dia : What female in her right mind wouldn't adore having a mouthwatering, drop-dead gorgeous man indulging her every whim? It was the stuff of fantasy. Cezar memang layak ditunggu... sedemikian setianya sampai bisa selibat selama 200 tahun saking cintanya kepada Anna. Mupeeeeengggg....

Duuuhhh... dari awal baca buku ini aku langsung falling in love ama si Cezar [image error]
Satu lagi vampire yang membuat gw drooling [image error] after Bones. Auuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu..... [image error]

Siap utk baca lanjutannya, Jagr..... [image error]

Fairyblood says

One night of passion and your whole world changes, could you hold a grudge for two centuries? I guess so if you think that the man you shared the most passionate experience of your life suddenly disappeared the very night that you lose your family and found yourself "different" from everyone else.

I adored this tale of Anna who is trying to find out what she is and why someone is trying to kill her. Her guardian Cezar who she shared a passionate encounter with 200 years ago is suddenly at her side fiercely protecting her. He opens her eyes to the supernatural world around her and of course asks for help from his clan to ensure the safety of this special woman.

Cezar is an absolutely delicious vampire, and Anna is an amazingly strong and compassionate woman. The fantastic dialogue wrapped in this intriguing story brings all the characters to life. Being rather partial to the fae and their stories, I loved the incorporation of old Celtic legends in the midst of the vampires.

Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

4 Darkness Stars

(Spoiler Alert)

Darkness Revealed is book four in Alexandra Ivy's **Guardians of Eternity** series.

The story flowed magically. Alexandra knows how to pull her audience in and keep us entertained, with a strong plot, action, adventure, and just the right amount of romance.

Anna I enjoyed from the moment we meet her. The superhero references she makes add humor to the story. I also liked that she did not freak out when learning about the demon world and all the different kinds of demons in it. She showed a strong will and it continued to grow throughout. My only grip is that I wish she was more confident in her powers and not afraid to learn how to use them. She does not show understanding or confidence until Morgana le Fey is about to kill her. With that said it was hard to imagine Anna a lawyer she just seemed so soft for the demon world.

Cezar is a very sexy vampire and commanded by the Oracles/Commission of the demon world. He is torn between wanted to protect Anna and possessing her. That struggle to do right by Anna and not interfere in her destiny even though he wanted so bad to protect her was wonderful done.

Anna and Cezar complemented each other. I liked how they both have been pinning for each other for nearly two century's and the progress in the development of their relationship throughout flowed. They both want each other, but each must come to it in their own way. As for the Oracles/Commission I really didn't like them. They just did not feel like they are on the side of justice. Maybe they will change.

Levet the gargoyle I just love seeing him. He is so adorable. He brings humor into the story. I was happy to see him and all the old friends from the previous books. It's nice to see where they are in their lives and how they all come together to help out their friends. The camaraderie was great.

I liked meeting Jagr. How he was introduced in Darkness Revealed as the very reclusive paranoid vampire. I can't wait to read his story. I would like to know more about how he got his scars and to see a women help him heal.

I did have a few unanswered questions after it was said and done. (view spoiler) Just a few questions as to what happens!

*All and all **Darkness Revealed** was a wonderful read in Alexandra Ivy's **Guardians of Eternity** series. If you have not picked up this series I recommend you do! The first book *When Darkness Comes* is a little hard to get into, but after that the rest of the books just flow and pull you into the adventure.*

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

I loved Anna and Cezar story. The series is getting much better I was really on the fence with the first story but I have come to love the others that have followed. Cezar was sweet and sexy and, Anna was cute but maybe she could have kicked a little more butt, but it had a good story line. Also I would like to say I love Levet!!!!!!!!

Ezinwanyi says

I finally got a book in this series that was really worth the hype. Anna Randal was watching out for her cousin when she got pulled into a dark room and her life changed FOREVER.

200 years later, Anna finds Conde Cezar and she is bound to make him pay for taking a bite of her.

First of all, Anna is no simpering female. Second, she is a geninely thoughtful person. I have noticed that the women in this series are kind hearted. One took in a gargoyle, another is a vegetarian despite being a werewolf, Anna is a champion of those needing justice. the women also seem stronger (in magical power) than their mates, so that's cool too.

In this story, Anna wasn't going to let Cezar just blindly lead her or lie to her. She wanted a full partnership and it made Cezar respect her.

BTW, I am quite amused by the french gargoyle

Anita says

This is a vampire romance series set in modern-day Chicago. The couple in this book is Anna Randal (she's part fey and destined to become an oracle after fighting Morgana la Fey, fairy Queen) and Conde Cezar, a hot Spanish 500 year old vampire who has been the unwilling servant of the oracles for the last 200 years. All of heros/heroines from previous books in the series make appearances, and a couple new heros for future books are introduced. No one will mistake this series for great literature, but if you like your cheesy romance with a side of urban fantasy/paranormal romance, this is a pretty good series.

Lelyana's Reviews says

Suka banget sama buku ini, kesetiaan Conde Cezar ke Anna Randal setelah 195 tahun terbayar juga dengan hidup selibat Anna sepanjang itu. Walau di sertai dendam yang disimpan hampir 2 abad, akibat satu malam yg penuh gairah, pertemuan kembali mereka mau tidak mau mengikat mereka selama nya.

Anna yang tidak mengetahui dia adalah calon terkua anggota komisi Oracle, mencurigai motif si vampir keren Cezar melindunginya dari kejaran Morgana si ratu peri.

Tanpa menyadari kekuatannya sendiri, Anna justru ketakutan dengan kekuatannya dan tidak menginginkan kekuatan itu (walaupun rasanya senang juga bisa sesekali melempar Cezar ke dinding sih).

Rasa tertarik mereka ternyata juga tidak sedikitpun berkurang setelah 2 abad, hm sepertinya, lovemaking yang cepat dan terburu-buru sungguh tidak bisa di hindari.

Terancam nyawanya oleh para peri, membuat Cezar dan saudara2 vampir nya (sayang kekasihku Viper sangat sedikit muncul disini) berusaha keras melindungi Anna dari kejaran Morgana.

Sesaat setelah menemukan Anna yg kritis bersama Levet sang Gargoyle, Cezar sudah tidak mampu lagi bertahan dengan perasaannya, darah Cezar di berikan, dan jadilah mereka pasangan. Abadi.Selama nya.

Anna yg mengetahui hal itu, di luar dugaan Cezar, ternyata tidak menolah dan so excited menjadi pasangan Cezar, malah minta Cezar berjanji untuk selama nya bersama dia.

Bahaya demi bahaya mereka lalui bersama , hingga akhirnya Morgana si rau peri jahat yang menginginkan Anna mati, tertangkap oleh nenek moyang Anna, Arthur, dan di penjarakan di kalung zamrud Arthur.

Lolos dari kematian, Anna menjalani sidang dengan para Oracle yang meminta dia sebagai anggota komisi. Namun Anna mempunyai syarat, Cezar, kekasih abadi nya, harus ada di samping nya.Selamanya.

Cezar yang so sweet mencintai Anna selama 195 tahun jadi nilai tambah di buku ini, kesetiannya luar biasa, juga Anna yg hidup selibat selama hampir 2 abad, membuat kisah seram pembuhuan dan pertarungan jadi di per manis dengan kisah cinta mereka. Hhhh...andaikan, di dunia ini masih ada model cinta seperti yang dimiliki Anna dan Cezar.....

Recommened for vampire lovers dan juga pecinta romance !

Alexa Ayana says

Di luar dugaan, pasangan yang ini tidak kalah menarik dibaca walaupun datang dari dunia hisrom yang anggun. Walau sudah terpisah hampir 2 abad, one night stand Conde Cezar dan Anna masih menghantui mereka berdua. Walaupun seperti umumnya pasangan abad itu, mereka sibuk denial dan menyalahkan. Tapi

sisi menyentuhnya mereka tidak bisa saling melupakan.

Yang aku suka di sini, Cezar punya kualitas besar sebagai hero yang menggoda iman. Dia Lord yang anggun dan rupawan. Dia juga seksi, jago merayu dan tahu betul pesonanya (aku ikut kipas-kipas daster dengan gelisah setiap membaca kata-kata provokatif kalemnya untuk Anna). Di luar itu, dia juga cukup badass bak hero vampire paranorm pada umumnya.

Anna yang datang dari keluarga faery dan calon Oracle yang baru, tampil cute dengan kepolosannya. Tapi aku juga suka bagaimana dia menguatkan dan mengeraskan diri di sepanjang tahun-tahun keabadiannya. Walau denial marah tapi maunya kadang bikin pengen tabok, tapi tarik ulur mereka jelas membangun chemistry yang kuat.

Storyline kisah ini masih bisa dibaca terpisah karena konfliknya tidak bersambung dengan buku sebelumnya. Hanya karakter-karakter buku sebelumnya yang bersliweran di sini. Ending buku ini mirip dengan buku-buku sebelumnya tentang ikatan berpasangan vampire bla bl bla. Tapi so far aku lebih menyukai romance Cezar dan Anna yang seksi dibanding romance Styx yang garing bak kerupuk.

Yang menyebalkan justru datang dari kualitas terjemahannya. Nama yang terbalik-balik seperti Abby jadi Anna atau tiba-tiba nama yang harus disebutkan lenyap, Cezar jadi Morgana. Belum idiom bahasa Inggris yang diterjemahkan kata perkata tanpa dicari tahu maknanya (elus dada).

My Rating :
Star : 3.7/5
Bikini : 2/5

Jo says

Two hundred years ago Anna Randall shared one exquisite encounter with the wicked Conde Cezar before he abandoned and left her changed, an immortal, or so she thinks. And when she learns of his arrival in Chicago she is determined to track him down and finally get some answers.

For two centuries Cezar has been in control of the powerful oracles, all because he gave into the intense desire he felt for the innocent Anna. And when he's commanded to guard the still very enticing Anna, he finds none of his feelings for her has changed in the centuries apart.

But an enemy is intent on killing Anna to put a stop to a prophecy, and Anna will have to decide if she can trust Cezar to keep her safe, not just her body but also her heart.

"Why do you care if I'm alive or dead?"

He glanced down at her wary hazel eyes, a jolt of pure male possession racing through him.

"I told you one hundred and ninety-five years ago that you belong to me, Anna Randal," he growled. "No one is allowed to harm you."

This is my kind of second chance romance and I loved everything about this book.

Anna was adorable and has changed quite a lot in the years since she last saw Cezar, she's grown more comfortable in who she is, and she's found her calling as a lawyer, getting justice for those who has been

wronged. Cezar was so wickedly sexy, and I loved how he teased Anna, how he just wanted to keep her safe.

The romance was amazing and I loved that for two hundred years there had been no one else for either of them, and I adored how possessive both were over the other. My favorite part of this series is how besotted the heroes are over their heroines, and Cezar was no different.

“Levet, please stop sniffing my guest,” Darcy commanded. “It’s not polite.”

The gargoyle made a rude noise. “You said that scratching my privates in public wasn’t polite.

Now I cannot even sniff the guests? You are such a buzz-kiss.”

Darcy rolled her eyes. “Buzz-kill, Levet. The word is buzz-kill.”

This series has such wonderful secondary characters, and Levet, who is one of my favorites, was as hilarious and fantastic as always.

Alexandra Ivy has written an excellent PNR series with this series, and I can’t recommend it enough. Read it.
