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The Guardians of Eternity are vampire warriors without equal, bound by their loyalties and sworn to protect their charges from every danger. . .except those posed by their own hungry desires. . .

A scarred recluse, Jagr makes no secret of his disdain for others' company. But now, as a member of Chicago's powerful vampire clan, he has certain obligations to fulfill. The latest: track down a missing were pureblood and return her to her sister. The problem: Regan Garrett has no intention of complying. And though Jagr agreed not to harm an inch of this stubborn female's distractingly tempting body, he'll gladly kiss her into submission, awakening an urge he hasn't felt in years. Hell, in centuries. . .

Regan vowed never to be at the mercy of another man. That goes double for arrogant, steel-muscled vampires with eyes of ice. All Regan wants is revenge against those who imprisoned her. She doesn't need an ally. She certainly doesn't need a mate. But soon Regan will have to choose--between a lust for vengeance, and a passion as dark and dangerous as the night. . .

## **Praise for Alexandra Ivy and Darkness Revealed**

"A darkly erotic adventure with a vampire hero who can bite me anytime!" --Angela Knight, *New York Times* bestselling author

## **Darkness Unleashed Details**

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## From Reader Review Darkness Unleashed for online ebook

### Amy says

This was pretty interesting. There were a couple times where Ivy used the wrong name (mixing up Darcy and Regan, for example). My biggest complaint, though, was when Jagr and Tane were searching for Salvatore, who has been kidnapped. Jagr has just finished telling Tane that Tane could leave if he wanted to, because Styx had specifically told Jagr that he was in charge of rescuing Salvatore. Tane insists on staying, since he knows Jagr doesn't need to be going in alone. The next thing we know, Jagr suddenly decides he's too preoccupied with wondering about Regan, so he just up and goes home. Wait, what? What kind of warrior leaves someone else to complete his mission? It was totally opposite of what Jagr's personality has been throughout the book. That part really upset me.

Another part that continues to bother me is the consistency with the curs. It's stated over and over that the curs are not as mentally capable as the purebloods. They make good warriors, but they are not fully-functioning up top. They can't make decisions on their own. Well, if that's the case, how do we explain Sadie and Duncan and Caine? All of them are simple curs, but they all contrive intricate plans just as well as the purebloods. It makes no sense at all.

Yet another part that upset me is that Regan runs off to start this life on her own, to prove to herself that she doesn't need anyone else. She gets a job and an apartment, and she even begins having some luck selling sketches on the side. That's all great. And then suddenly some big money dude walks in and offers her loads of money for the sketches she already has, plus wants her to continue sketching for him weekly. She goes from having nothing of her own to being wealthy. It was pointless to add that part in there. It just makes it all even less believable. Having her earn her own way for a while was great, but then the millionaire man was just too much. It didn't add to the story in any way.

But beyond all of that, I loved Regan. She was a spitfire, and I think she was the perfect other half for Jagr.

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### Ang -PNR Book Lover Reviews says

This is the 5th Guardians of Eternity book, Darkness Unleashed and it was Amazing!! Jagr and Regan are the best, Both have been tormented and now they have been thrown together in one of the best stories so far!! Alexandra ivy has done an Fantastic Job i can not wait to read the next one.

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### Amyiw says

I really liked this one. It was definitely better than the last. Both of these characters are loners with Regan just coming into her own after being free. Jagr has been free for centuries and loner the whole time. He also suffered far longer. Still Styxx wants him to get out and possibly help Regan as they have somewhat similar backgrounds. What will happen when he does just that? Well Jagr empathizes but tries to keep it to himself. Regan is touchy, really, really touchy. I really like them getting together. Might be my favorite to date. 4 1/2 stars but not quite loved.

## Astri Nasthasia Videlia says

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## Kathy Davie says

Fifth in the Guardians of Eternity paranormal romance series based in Chicago and revolving around a group of vampires. The couple focus is on Regan and Jagr and Hannibal, Missouri is the setting for this story.

### My Take

Well, Jagr certainly has a unique method for shutting Regan up. It's also a nice workaround to Styx's orders that Regan be brought to Chicago without blemish. Styx has an ulterior motive to sending Jagr to fetch Regan. With his own horrific background, Jagr will be more understanding of Regan's plight.

Dang, this girl is stubborn! And running like hell. From everything and everyone. We certainly do learn a lot more about the girls' backgrounds and Regan's life in particular.

I really enjoyed this one. Ivy had a lot going on with some interesting twists. Two people who don't want to love—I know, an old theme, but Ivy works it well. Escape, then rescue over and over with Jagr and Regan taking turns with varying degrees of frustration and desire. Interesting bit of insight on Regan's part, that she had forged her own chains. Followed up with her realization that she's simply switched one prison for another.

The vampires are right. Salvatore doesn't seem too competent as he keeps losing all sorts of things.

What's the deal with switching back and forth between "Sadie" and "Sophie"? What was the point of bringing up Regan's artwork if Ivy isn't going to go anywhere with it?

### The Story

Another of Darcy's sisters is found and Styx will do anything to make her happy. Including sending Jagr out to retrieve the rejected Were. But Regan has had enough of imprisonment, having no choice. There is no way she is submitting to being imprisoned in Chicago, even if it's a fancy bedroom with her own bath. Besides, where was her sister when she needed her? Then there's that little matter of revenge against the imp who held her.

### The Characters

**Regan Garrett** is a werewolf. Okay, so she can't change, but she is one of four girls genetically altered to help save the werewolves as a species.

**Jagr** was a Visigoth chief and now is a vampire recluse happiest when he's alone in his underground lair with his books and scrolls. *Not the combination you'd normally expect of a Visigoth!* After three hundred years of torture, he wants the peace of solitude.

**Styx**, an Aztec in his human life, is the **Anasso**, the king of vampires, and Jagr owes him allegiance. The **Ravens** are his elite troop of bodyguards. **Viper** is another vampire and Chicago is his territory. **Levet** is a too-small French gargoyle who is beloved of Darcy. So no one can kill him. Although his next run-in with **Bella**, the water sprite, is pretty threatening. **Tane** is an assassin vampire who hunts down unstable vampires and a good choice for refuge.

**Salvatore Giuliani** is King of the Weres and has recently arrived in America from Italy hunting the four Were baby girls who were stolen from their crib. Arrogant and acting too superior for words, this boy needs a knockout punch. Hess is one of his guards, a cur.

**Culligan** is an imp who held Regan prisoner for thirty years using her skills to con people. **Gaynor** is another imp more interested in making money than living.

**Caine** is a cur, a bitten werewolf with dreams of grandeur. **Sadie** is also a cur, a bitch in every sense of the word and a former hooker, she is now hooked on Caine's dreams. **Duncan** is her bitch and getting mighty sick of it, too.

### **The Cover**

The cover's background ranges from a bright gold to browns with a tight spotlight on Jagr's blue-eyed face and firm chin.

The title says it all as Jagr is *Darkness Unleashed*.

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### **Ren says**

#### **Read the translation version and write review in Indonesian**

4,5 stars.

Seperti wine, semakin lama gaya menulis Alexandra Ivy semakin bagus.

Buku ini juga lebih bagus dari sebelumnya, walau masih belum terlalu jelas arah cerita mau dibawa kemana.

Jagr, oh Jagr. Keren sangat, tortured hero emang keren ;). Apalagi tortured hero with big and soft heart like Jagr. Dan gw juga suka banget ama Regan. Tokoh wanita favorit. Ga lemah, keras kepala, dan yg bagus dari Jagr-Regan, mereka ada proses untuk mengakui cinta, g instan. Jadi heran kenapa ada yang ga suka Regan. tapi yasudlah :D

Gw kurangi setengah bintang, karena terjemahannya banyak typo, dan beberapa kata yg g pas. Saranku mending Dastan g usah nerbitin cepat2, daripada kualitas terjemahan yg g 100 % :( Seengganya ga ada "celana dalam pemberi komando" di buku ini #hammer #apacoba

My pic of Jagr : Josh Holloway, from LOST.

Abaikan dy g punya rambut panjang sepinggang, mukyaaaaa

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### 5 BOoKiSh Stars!

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Sexy Jägr....and super yummy. I want a Jägr too. This one is my favorite, thus far, primarily because Jägr. He is swoon-worthy scrumptious, strong suave and smar, and so very lovable.

The descriptive writing in this book was perfect, and it allowed me to snuggle between the pages and feel the darkness of the night.

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### Mandy says

I read Darkness Unleashed in one sitting, I just couldn't put it down!

I felt so sorry for Jägr and I found myself screaming at Regan most of the time. But as always it all works out. I can't wait to read about what happens with Salvadore, I just love all of her books and highly recommend them to anyone.

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### Melindeeloo says

#### 3.5 stars -Physically Free, Yet Imprisoned By Their Pasts - Love Is The Key

Regan, one of Darcy's other quadruplet sisters is freed from 30 years of imprisonment and torture, and is on the hunt to wreck vengeance on her captor. Regan comes to the story with a whole lot of anger and baggage, apart from the psychological scars from her imprisonment and abuse, the rejection by the were-king Salvatore - because the non-shifting bioengineered pureblood Regan is sterile and of no use as a breeder - opens up the scars of what she's assumed was her abandonment by the family who left her to suffer her horrible fate.

The aloof controlled vampire Jägr's past too includes captivity and endless years of torture, so he is the one sent to retrieve Regan and bring her back to her sister. Regan wants and needs no one, much less the icily beautiful Jägr, but still she is drawn to the vampire who understands her need to pursue her vengeance and is willing to help her. But Regan's days of freedom may be numbered, because even as she hunts her former jailor, Regan is being hunted by a group of rogue were Curs who want Regan for the secrets of blood to enhance their own power.

I have to say that I enjoyed reading Darkness Unleashed. I am exceedingly hero centric and Jägr, once Regan melts the ice around his heart, ends up being a really good leading man - passionate, protective and willing to sacrifice and endure centuries of heart breaking loneliness in order to give the commitment-phobe Regan the freedom she has been denied. The chemistry between the pair is good and the relationship between them isn't rushed and ends up making Darkness Unleashed satisfying from a romance standpoint. For the series overall, the story is not really that memorable and just puts a check mark for one more sister down and two more to go. In fact, though Reagan and Jägr intend to continue on to search for another imprisoned sister, they both end up dropping the hunt - so they can pursue their own elusive happily ever after.

Still I enjoyed this book, I really like Ivy's strong noble vampire warrior leading men. So with that in mind it will be interesting to see what happens with the next book Beyond the Darkness (Guardians of Eternity, Book 6), where the leading man is not a vamp but the arrogant were-King Salvatore - actually I am really hoping that he has to grovel for his HEA.

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## Cindy says

Enjoyable read. The reclusive vampire hero is sent to rescue the vampire king's sister-in-law - who doesn't want to be rescued. By anyone. Especially a vampire with control issues...

Although reading a series in order is always better, it is not imperative with this one.

Guardians of Eternity

1. When Darkness Comes (2007)
  2. Embrace The Darkness (2007)
  3. Darkness Everlasting (2008)
  4. Darkness Revealed (2009)
  5. Darkness Unleashed (2009)
  6. Beyond The Darkness (2010)
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## Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

### 4 Can't Resist A Damaged Vamp Stars

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## The Romance Reviews (Carole) says

**"Alexandra Ivy has me hooked on this series, craving it like I would the finest chocolates."**

Alexandra Ivy created a winner with this combination of sexy, gorgeous hero, a courageous heroine who's more than a match for him, sly humor, action, magic and hot passion guaranteed to sizzle a page or two.

Regan, kidnapped and abused from young, is a pureblood Were who was finally rescued from her kidnapper, Culligan. However, when Culligan escaped, she vowed not to rest until she has him in her grasp and exacts her revenge. However, she didn't account for Jagr, a smokin' hot vamp who fired her blood the moment she set eyes on him.

Sexy, gorgeous, muscled, virile hero (really, any other description for a hero, anyone?) Jagr, a reclusive vampire who had been tortured for centuries, is sent to bring Regan back home to her sister in Chicago. However, he understood her need for revenge, having undergone the same thing himself years ago. Attracted and unable to help himself, he joined forces with her to track down her ex-kidnapper.

Ms. Ivy's world is one wherein demons (referring to vamps, weres, imps and just about anything non-human)

live under the humans' noses in disguises or passed themselves out as humans. I think the premise here is that the humans generally don't know that the demons live among them, except for some special people, such as those who had been in the service of the demons for years as caretakers, housekeepers, etc. Vamps belong to clans and weres to packs, and there exist a sort-of harmony/peace between the two tribes, but it only takes for something to happen and an all-out war would flare between them. There are other demons, of course, such as imps, trolls, gargoyles, etc. Nothing new in this nor in the way both main characters fight their attraction to one another, but the story has more twists and turns than a labyrinth which surprised me in a pleasant way.

There are lots more things I love about this book. There's the strong heroine and her humor and the real issues Regan brought to the relationship. There's the way Regan's character grew and developed over the course of the story, in the way meeting Jagr changed her and the way she suddenly realized how her priorities have changed. There's the way Jagr opened up a bit about himself to Regan early on in the book (about 100 pages into the book) and it is as a result of this that they have their first intimate moment. All too often in some books, sex happened for no reason other than that it's time to have a sex scene. And there's the way Jagr oozed all those protective male testosterone... \*melts\* He's utterly yummy.

And regarding the descriptions, we have an insight into the way each character viewed the other party toward the middle of the book. Yes, they're still attracted to the other's physical attributes, but there's something more, something deeper.

Regan on Jagr: Icily aloof and yet so terribly vulnerable. Strong and yet tender. Raw, ruthless power with the soul of a scholar.

Jagr on Regan: His tiny Were, with the soul of a warrior and the innocence of an angel.

Apparently, like all the heroines in the series, I also like Levet! I'm sure I'm not the only reader with this sentiment. He provided comic relief, and I'm certain there was once or twice when he stole the scene completely from the main characters. I'm eager to read the other books, if only for Levet, but that's not the entire reason. Ms. Ivy has me absolutely hooked on this series.

I'm happy to say that this book is a standalone and it's not necessary to read the other books in order to understand it, since this is my first Guardians of Eternity book as well. But I'm getting the other books while I wait for Salvatore's story.

Reviewed by Silver for The Raving Readers

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## Lelyana's Reviews says

Wowowoowo..melting sama bang Jagr yg super cool ini...

Gak nyangka vampir dingin kejam seperti Jagr bisa memandikan Reagan dengan penuh kelembutan...mauuuuuuuuuu.....

Dan sukaaa sekali sama cover asli nya ini, Jagr memang harus terlihat spt ini.

Terpaksa keluar dari kastil nya yang nyaman, memenuhi perintah sang raja vampir , Styx , untuk mencari Regan saudara kembar Darcy ,pasangan Styx, si ratu Vampir.

Walau sambil menggerutu, Jagr berangkat juga ke St.Louis untuk mencari Regan yang berhasil lolos dari Culligan , cur yang menahan dan menyiksa nya selama 30 tahun.

Menemukan jejak Regan,bukan berarti membuat Regan jinak dan mau saja mengikuti Jagr kembali ke

Chicago.

Mengerti akan keinginan balas dendam Regan pada si cur itu, Jagr membantu Regan mencari cur itu. Di tengah bahaya yg mengancam, rasa tertarik mereka sejak pertama kali bertemu tidak bisa lagi di tahan. Setelah melihat Jagr mandi di gua dengan tanpa sehelai benangpun !, Regan tergoda untuk mengikuti kata hatinya, bercinta dengan si vampir keren itu. [image error]

Dalam pencarian mereka, mereka di pisahkan oleh portal yg dibuat cur, Jagr sempat di tahan oleh si cur itu. Dan tidak tahan membayangkan jagr di tahan, Regan minta bantuan Tane dan Styx...tidak sabar menunggu, Regan nekad pergi sendiri mencari Jagr.

Dia justru bertemu Culligan, cur yg menahan dan menyiksa nya selama 30 thn yg sedang terluka parah. Namun akhir nya berhasil membebaskan Jagr yg di tahan oleh sihir seorang cur ,Gaynor. Disini scene nya so sweet saat mereka bertemu lagi [image error]. Terlihat sekali banyak yg di tahan oleh Regan, walau Jagr tidak menahan apapun, soal ketertarikannya dan rasa kepemilikannya terhadap Regan.

Yang seru di adegan lovemaking mereka yg seru, bayangkan, hanya Jagr yang bisa membuat orgasme seperti gempa bumi, sampai lukisan jatuh dan pecah, keramik2 gelas dan kaca2 pecah...hmmm...wonder how it feels to get such orgasm... [image error]

Gengsi mengalah kan cinta, membuat mereka akhir nya berpisah, Jagr malu mengemis2 cinta Regan, Regan mengingkari diri sendiri bahwa dia membutuhkan Jagr...

Cuma sebulan berpisah, akhirnya Regan yang tidak tahan dan akhir nya mencari Jagr.

So...belahan jiwa memang akhirnya mesti bersatu kan? [image error]

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### **Ezinwanyi says**

I love stories with loner/recluse heroes because there is always an element of healing and forming new relationships that take place.

In this book, the ornery Jagr was sent by his Anasso (Vampire King) Styx to find Darcy's missing sister Regan, and bring her back to Chicago in one piece. Darcy is the queen and wife to the Anasso Styx (see Book 3). The rest is the adventure of confronting one's demons, and deciding how they wanted to live their present and future. It was a tad angsty but full of action.

I enjoyed this story a lot on audio and never felt bored. I can't wait to read the next one.

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

I gave it four stars because Regan made me want to shake the crap out of her. Poor Jagr didn't he live through enough but to have a stupid mate that pushed him away but other then her chicken ways making me wanna slap her the story was great

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