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Forevermore (Darkest London)



Synopsis

Isolated and alone, Sin Evernight is one of the most powerful supernatural creatures in heaven and on earth. As an angel of vengeance, he hunts down the darkest evil, but when his long-lost friend, Layla Starling, needs him, he vows to become her protector. Even though she will be horrified by the man he has become. Now a famous singer and the toast of London, Layla believes that Sin is only here to guard her from rabid fans and ardent suitors. However, the truth is far more sinister. Desperate to avoid losing Layla a second time, Sin will face a test of all his powers to defeat an unstoppable foe - and win an eternity with the woman he loves.

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Customer Reviews

There are so many mediocre books and series out there that it always makes me sad when a really good one ends. This series has produced some of the most well written and addicting novels that made me, someone who has a lukewarm appreciation for steampunk/historical paranormal novels, fall in love with them. This final novel in the 7 book series while monumental in scope and plot, only rated 4 Stars from me instead of 5 mainly because there was SO much happening I felt it was a bit confusing in some places although the ending of this novel's main plot was done well, the end of the series may have been done as well as possible but still felt a wee bit incomplete for me. This novel is

going to revolve mainly around 2 couples Sin and Layla plus additionally a bit less but equally as important is Augustus and Lena. We will be told about the tie in of a overarching plot of sorts that nobody ever saw that led us to this end story. In the process we will see four of the previous six couples again. As with all of the books in this series, this one is filled with emotion, a small bit of humor and some tragedy but have no doubt that you will be glad you read it. Bottom Line: This was a slightly less than exceptional ending to a slightly more than exceptional series. This is the end result for 6 previous books so if you have not read most/all of them you are not going to really enjoy this as you should. For those of us who have been along for the whole journey this was a fitting end and glad to have taken the ride :) Very Highly Recommended for anyone who has read this series and possibly the closest to 5 Stars for a 4 Star rating as I have ever reviewed.

In any given series readers can realistically expect there to be a couple of knockout installments, any more than that, and you KNOW that you've found a primo author. So, needless to say, Kristen Callihan's impeccable record with her DARKEST LONDON books is beyond impressive. FOREVERMORE was the first and ONLY title that came in below her usual standards, but it was still a satisfying conclusion to a phenomenal ride. Nearly all of the protagonists from the previous novels made an appearance in this last hurrah which is an important component in a final volume in my opinion. Archer and Miranda's side thread was particularly poignant as was the long awaited reunion that occurred between the three Ellis sisters and their estranged brother, St. John Evernight. The author really hit all of the key notes that I was hoping for from that perspective. This was more of a two-in-one love story which was a deviation from all of the other installments, and perhaps the author's goal was to double-up on the romance for an especially rousing series ending. However, based on the blurb, and on earlier foreshadowing, I had my heart set on Sin and Layla's happily-ever-after when in reality this book was primarily about Augustus and Lena with the other two as a somewhat secondary tangent. St. John was allotted a decent amount of page time, but given his sordid past, and the magnitude of his transformation, it wasn't nearly enough. Same thing went for Starling, she's smacked by a very rude awakening, and yet eased into her new truth with minimal resistance. I did enjoy the addition of the angel / demon paranormal layer, and the way in which Callihan brought so many of the events from previous novels to a head. FOREVERMORE was a good conclusion to an otherwise great series.

First, I have to say that this is one of the best series I've read and I'm so sad it's over. (Still hoping Callahan will change her mind and write more, because I don't feel that we're quite done with this

world.) I'm probably going to go back to the beginning and read all the Darkest London books again, because the first three are just great. This last one, though, is one of the weaker installments. As several reviewers have noted, there's just too much going on. I felt as though all the backstories were coming at me from out of the blue, as though this should have been two books instead of only one. And except for Sin, I didn't connect with these characters as I have with characters in past books, because they weren't introduced previously in a way that got me intrigued. Again, so much information coming at me in this book to fill in all the character holes. Bottom line: Don't read this one first. You'll be confused and you won't get why we love Darkest London. You have to read the series to understand why people gave the eve this last not-so-great book great reviews. And Firelight is fabulous. Start there, and you won't want to stop. In fact, by the Kindle bundle and read 'em all.

First I want to say how sorry I am that "Forevermore" is the last book in the Darkest London series. Meeting the remarkable Evernight family and those who are drawn into their sphere has provided some great reads. Ms. Callihan has created a supremely imaginative and fascinating paranormal world and characters, all set in Victorian times. Frankly, I am in awe of her talent. Perhaps her greatest achievement is that you believe it all. I know that if I were an author that's what I would strive for because I think that's what makes a good novel. I don't like to describe what happens in a book because I think that takes some of the pleasure away from reading it. There should be a law against spoilers! I will tell you that "Forevermore" is mainly Sin and Layla's story and it is a sweet and romantic one although fraught with angst, which I think is a staple of romances of any kind, but there is a great deal more going on. Lots of backstory is filled in, loose ends are tied up, and some of the most incredibly creative things happen to characters. Of course no character in this series is "normal", although that may depend on your definition of normal. If they do start out human they aren't totally human by the end. Ms. Callihan really makes you work to picture her marvelous creations. As I think you can gather from my remarks above, if you haven't read the earlier books in this series I highly recommend that you do so. Start with "Firelight", the terrific first book, before you read this one or you won't have the background knowledge that will enhance your reading pleasure. Virtually every character from those books appears in this one. Believe me, it will be well worth your while as you will be well entertained before getting to "Forevermore". To sum up, what wonderful world building, what marvelous characters, what a great writer. Don't miss it!

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