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From Reader Review Shadows at Midnight for online ebook

Lais Roque says

HOLY FUCK, HOLY FUCK, HOLY FUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUCK!!!
WHY, WHY, WHYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY???????

I read this book in two days without having time even for breathing because of classes and internship just for you to know how great it was!

This series is one of my UF favorites and Amanda didn't disappoint with this sequel.. just keeps getting better and better!

Fast pacing, so many feeeeeeeeeeeels, and an ending that will break your heart!

I can't say who is better for Darian's life, because sometimes just love is not what you need... and in the end, to me, it doesn't even matter because I AM TEAM RAIF ALL THE WAY!

RAIF I LOVE YOU!

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Reviewed by Ann

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Susan Harris says

Let me start by saying how much I love this series... I could read it over and over and not get bored....it truly in the top ten of my all time fave series. But Lets get back to Shadows at Midnight. After Dorian is kidnapped and left in the clutches of a psychotic b**ch, Xander does a noble thing and sacrifices himself for her but of course, our fave assassin can't let it lie and along with TY, Asher and the rest of her team, they set off the rescue Xander before his x's illusions break the king's mind.

I'm not gonna spoil anything for those who have yet to read but I loved the way the story developed and the build up to the finale page will leave you screaming at your paperback or kindle (exactly like I did at 1am!) Full of twist and turns and exciting word building, Shadows at Midnight was so worth the wait ...and I look forward to reading the next book as I always do with Amanda Bonilla's works...

The Shaede Series is a must read for anyone who wants a little something extra from the supernatural stories and is one that you really must read! I insist :-)

Feminista says

I really loathe cliff hangers.. REALLY LOATHE THEM..

Why did Amanda Bonilla have to finish it the way she did?

Melliane says

Mon avis en Français

My English review

I love the Shaede Assassin series since I discovered it and each volume really carried me away. When the publishing house decided not to continue the series when we had so many questions left, I admit that I was really sad. But I recovered quickly enough when I learned that Amanda would try to publish her story herself. Admittedly, the adventures of Darian are always full of ideas and originality. Also, I was curious to know where her heart was really going to turn to.

The story starts out quite quickly with a time of terrible torture when Darian has to face the wrath of Padma who wants to make her pay for killing her son. It's pretty horrible to see that the woman has an undeniable talent for combining physical but also mental torture! So when Tyler rescues her, leaving Xander instead, our

heroine is determined to bring her friend home. But even helped by her friends and allies, it will be very difficult for our heroes to break the king Shaede free and they will all have to deal with the illusions that destabilize them completely. But Darian will have to manage the consequences of the torture either against her or on Xander, but also everything that is related to Tyler and this seems very complicated. Indeed, the Synod is after them, and this time it could be very difficult for our duo to stay safe whatever the Jinn can say.

I loved this novel once again but I admit that I was really carried away as soon as Darian managed her problems regarding Tyler and Xander. It was very interesting to finally understand what the ring meant for the young woman and to see what the Jinn had concealed until then. I admit that a lot of events are going on in this novel and we are carried away by the chapters and we see our heroine dealing with the problems arising. Of course, we still have many questions and even some new ones but I loved to know the answers to some of the long-awaited.

So I spent a great time again and I really hope the author will continue her series. The ideas are always excellent and I still enjoy the pen of the author.

Ronda says

I did not see that ending!!!

As usual, heart melting and gripping, a fabulous roller coaster of a ride and once again I'm left reeling and needing more!!

Amazing!

Carmel (Rabid Reads) says

Reviewed by: Rabid Reads.

Just when I think that this series couldn't possibly get any better, my pre-order of SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT shows up on my Kindle. This was an installment of extremes; I'm talking maximum horrors, unbreakable romance, and mega revelations. The Padma story arc was pretty thrilling on its own, but Amanda Bonilla lobbed in so many extras that no matter what you've been craving more of, you'll be one satisfied SHAEDE ASSASSIN customer.

Darian's heinie has taken a beating for the bulk of the past four novels, and in this latest addition she gets to battle the madness that is the Realm of Illusion. Then it's Xander's turn. Ty, Asher, Julian, Myles & Louella get to experience it up close and personal as well during their rescue mission. The end product was some grade-A, dark Urban Fantasy coupled with imaginative world-building, and action that extended beyond the physical.

Bonilla has been sending her readers on a merry chase for answers ever since Ty's character was introduced, and although she hasn't kept us completely clueless, she hasn't exactly been generous with the details either. Well, the beans finally get spilled! Not completely of course, however we learn more about the Synod, Darian's ring, and exactly how far-reaching Ty's powers really are. This alone had me making room for this

book on my keeper shelf.

SHAEDE ASSASSIN fans have witnessed Darian at her worst, and at her best, but in this installment she was kinda stuck between a rock and a hard place. On one side she has the family that she's longed for all of her life while as on the other she has a bond that trumps time & space, and it's starting to look like she can't have both. But, then after that cliffhanger the choice may have been taken away from her altogether. Being left in limbo until #6 is going to KILL ME.

By the end of SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT you'll be seriously considering selling your soul to Amanda Bonilla for a taste of what's to come.

Stacy says

I can't even begin to express the amount and variety of emotions that SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT brought out in me. Have the tissues handy, make sure to keep sharp objects out of reach, and go to the bathroom before you start reading because with the amount of action going on you won't want to put SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT down.

Book four, AGAINST THE DAWN, left Darian kidnapped and on her way to face the consequences of killing Azriel. The first few chapters of SHADOWS OF MIDNIGHT are really dark so be prepared. When Darian is released from the Rakshasa Queen, she jumps right back into danger to save Xander. I really loved that Asher was part of her team. He is one of my favorite secondary characters and I love the connection that they have and the way that they work together. I was a bit sad that my other fave secondary character, Rafe, was left out of the action this round.

If you're a Tyler fan, get ready for a book FILLED with him and information about him. I for one have had so many questions about him and the ring that he gave Darian. Not only do we get answers, we see a different side of him. I have not yet decided if I like that other side, but I sure enjoyed watching everything unfold. Now if you're a Xander fan, you might fall even more in love with him in SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT. He makes a huge sacrifice to save Darian and I for one felt the love he has for her shining through every decision he made in book five. In past books I could never really tell if his feelings were real or if he was just chasing her because she didn't give into him like others would have. I have no doubts now that he is truly in love with her.

The ending of SHADOWS AT MIDNIGHT really throws out a curve ball and left me with a LOT of questions. Get ready for a cliff hanger that leaves you with a deep need to get your hands on the next book and maybe make you want to shake the author a little to find out what the heck is going on.

* This book was provided free of charge from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Darcy says

Well, this one was full of drama. I hated what happened to Darian at the start. Not much better was what

happened in the aftermath, but that was nothing compared what happened to Darian at the end. I don't know what to think, but either way it can't be good.

Jen Davis says

I feel so many things right now. Angry. Sad. Frustrated.

Don't get me wrong. I loved this book. I fell back into the series like I never left. It moved so quickly and effortlessly, I blew through the pages. I fell in love with the characters all over again. And it all blew up at the 97% mark. Blew. Up. Hence ...the feelings.

The beginning of the book drew me in right away. Darian is in the clutches of the evil Padma. She is being brutally tortured, both mentally and physically. Amanda Bonilla does a great job juxtaposing the horrors with Darian's fond memories of Tyler. The flashbacks helped bring back how much I have longed for these two to have a happy ending. And it makes their reunion all the more sweet when it finally happens.

You know what else happens? That apology from Tyler I wanted so much in the last book. There's nothing like abject torture to bring priorities into focus, and when these two reunite, all the petty stuff is put aside. Their love is undeniable. Which should have been a warning that it was all going to go to hell. That and the fact that Tyler is twitchy and weird. But I digress.

I loved rolling around in their proclamations of love and devotion. I loved being reminded of the great chemistry between Darian and Rafe --and with Asher. These characters have such life to them. Their relationships have so much feeling. And then there is Xander. He makes the ultimate sacrifice for Darian. His feelings for her are more profound than I've given him credit for. There's so much happening with him and his relationship with Darian is so complex. It's getting harder not to like him.

It's all so engaging. The writing is so good! Then, BOOM. The ending. You'll notice none of those emotions I listed at the beginning of this review were good ones. I know there has to be conflict to continue the series, but (*rattles cage*) ... I can't make coherent words to express how I feel. I'll read the next book, absolutely, but I am to the point where I am needing a resolution, at least on the Ty and Darian front.. It's not that I want the books to be over, but I also don't want to feel this kind of frustration either.

So bottom line... I am glad I read the book. I still love these characters and this series and I do recommend it for fans of urban fantasy. But be prepared for a big cliffhanger and an array of emotions before you get to the last page.

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Margaret says

"Full of fascinating characters, high-stakes intrigue, and fast-paced action, it's a truly exhilarating adventure! Do not miss out!" - *Romantic Times (top pick, 4 stars) on Shaedes of Gray

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Carlson, author of the Jessica McClain urban fantasy series.***

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Shelley says

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Genre Urban Fantasy

Rating 4.0

My Thoughts

Shadows at Midnight is the FIFTH novel in the Shaede Assassin by Amanda Bonilla. If you haven't yet read this series, why not? I dare say that this series is one of the most underrated series that I have come to love dearly. I love the main character Darian. Darian is not only an assassin, but she is also the Guardian of the Faery Realm. Darian is cocky with reasons. She once had an almost perfect record of finishing missions without getting herself killed in the process. Darian once thought she was the last Shaede, one who is made of shadows and smoke, in the world, that since has been proven wrong.

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Emalie says

~ Book provided by Amanda Bonilla in exchange for my honest opinion. Thank you!

My first thought - or should I say cry out - after I finished Shadows At Midnight was:

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!! Why would you do that, Amanda?! That is soooo mean of you. I can't believe you did that. My poor, poor feelings.

If you haven't guessed it so far - yes, Shadows At Midnight ends with such a mean cliffhanger. Just when you think life couldn't get any worse for Darian and Tyler, BAMM! This even worse thing happens. No, I won't tell you what "the thing" is. I will just tell you that it was mean and I want to read the next book immediately, but it's not out yet. *crying* I feel the need to hide in a corner and rock back and forth while saying over and over again: This can't be happening.

Ok, I'm calm now. Let's move on from that cliffhanger and start from the beginning.

Shadows at Midnight is just the second book of the series I read and while I was kind of confused when I read Against The Dawn, I had a much better grip about what was happening in Shadows At Midnight. And now I'm so sure I have to read the first three books of the series as well.

Shadows at Midnight started right off after where Against The Dawn ended. Darian is getting tortured and it hurt my little fragile heart so much. I felt so much for what Darian had to endure. I liked how Amanda Bonilla lessened the dark torture theme a little bit by injecting some harmless scenes about the beginnings of Darian's and Tyler's relationship.

Darian's and Tyler's relationship. Damn, it's messy, but so cute at the same time. I want them to finally have a happily ever after without other people constantly messing things up for them. One big thing I liked about Tyler in this book: He finally comes clean on some stuff, not all stuff, but hey, it's a beginning at least.

And poor Xander. He makes such a big sacrifice, but he's still a jerk though - at least in my opinion. I hope he finally stops pining for Darian. Get yourself someone else!

This book had so many feels. I can't even describe it. I need the next one now.

The one thing I'm sad about though was that Shadows at Midnight was rather short. Only around 180 pages. :(

Rating: 4,5 stars

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Chelsea says

Best Shaelde book yet. *dies*

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

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