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## Awakening Details

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## From Reader Review Awakening for online ebook

### Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

I received this book from the author in return for a fair and honest review.

Before I start, I need to say that thisThe series is preceded by two related books: BRINK OF ETERNITY and THE DARKENING. RAPTURE'S EDGE is part of the Guardians of Ascension Saga!

However, I haven't read any of those prior to starting this book although I sure as hell want to read them now! This is not due to any plot holes or confusion in this book, it just sounds like such a great place, I want more.

This is an in-depth and full of action story that mainly revolves around Duncan and Rachel. There is a lot going on and you also need to understand that they are going through a mating bond which throws a caveman into the mix too. With psychotic women, strange powers and at least six Earths that I read about, this story has it all. I loved that the main two in this book had a history together, it wasn't just insta-love! That is always a bonus for me. So many other characters that intrigue and enchant though. One such character is Endelle - now I can't say that she's enchanting but I did love her attitude and her honesty. I can't wait to read more about her.

A thoroughly enjoyable start to the series which will definitely leave you wanting more. Definitely recommended.

Merissa  
Archaeolibrarian - I Dig Good Books!

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### Carla G. says

This is my honest review for The Awakening by Caris Roane. I received this book from the author in exchange for a good and honest review.

I have loved The Guardian of Ascension series with their handsome warriors and fearless heroines. Also, the series and the book has hot steamy scenes envelope in a good written plot.

The Awakening is the first book on the Rapture's Edge series, and is the story of Duncan and Rachel's. Duncan and Rachel has been on a on again, off again relationship for years. Even though Duncan has try to stay away from Rachel, the breh-hedden makes an appearance and hit them. Duncan is a warrior and Rachel wants nothing to do with the war. As part of the breh-hedden the couple develops and enhances the powers they already have; in this case Rachel's powers is shielding. Also the couple develops a dependency from one another, and the males developed a cave-man like attitude.

This is a very intriguing and interesting story that has a new twist on the author's vampire world. The stories in this world prove to get better and better, and the worlds that we keep discovering gets more and more interesting. The characters are developed during the course of the novel and we keep seeing them during the series.

For readers that love paranormal and vampire novels and novellas I will recommend reading this book and the authors Guardian of Ascension books.

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### **Sarah ~Book Addict~ says**

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**The Blurb:**

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This is the story of Gideon's sister, Rachel, and his friend and fellow warrior, Duncan, and is the start of an episodic style series. I'm not really a fan of serials or this type of episodic series, but this is the Ascension world and I have loved it from the first book's release in 2010, so yes I'm going to continue with whatever comes in this world.

I wish I had been able to read The Darkening before this one, as it takes place shortly before this story. Outside of that, I really liked it and the end left me wanting more right now. I can't wait to read the next installment in this episodic series. I'm hooked.

Duncan and Rachel are back together (after years of an on again/off again relationship) and are trying to make their relationship work. They each have issues stemming from their respective pasts to overcome and work through. Seeing the growth of both of them in this part has me wanting to see how they continue to grow in subsequent parts. They love each other, but they have to work on their growth and on building and strengthening their relationship.

Plenty of action and hot loving is also found within this story. Definitely recommend this.

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## **Vânia Nunes says**

*This book brings characters from other series of the author, but can be read as stand alone*

Duncan was saved by Samuel and his partner, Vela. He's stuck in a trance in bed while an extremely powerful woman scours his mind trying to find an information: where is Rachel.

Rachel is a woman for whom Duncan, as Militia Warrior, harbor feelings, even if he himself does not know. In an act beyond his strength, he can break free of the trance and go where is Rachel. From there their lives are intertwined.

Duncan and Rachel are absolutely different because they are on different sides of the same war. While he is a warrior, she is against any kind of war, and although she has certain gifts, she would prefer to have an ordinary life, cultivating the land.

But now she is being hunted, she must learn to defend themselves from those who want to kill her and find out the reason for all this.

But if the situation was already bad, from *Breh-hedden* gets worse.

Duncan and Rachel are irrevocably connected by the feeling that unites them. Both will have to fight side by side if they want to get out of this war alive and live this love.

The problem is that their enemies are always one step forward and Yolanthe want to see Rachel death and have Duncan for herself.

A story full of adventure, mystery, a lot of passion and a final to make any reader nervous...

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## **4,5 stars**

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## **Maria Itliong says**

I love The Guardians of Ascension series and I have been waiting for Duncan and Rachel's story. So far I am enjoying this short story.

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## **Eva Millien says**

Rachel is back in his life and he wants to keep his distance but the infamous breh-hedden is keeping Warrior Duncan in a perpetual cave-man like state in this thrilling first installment of Rapture's Edge.

Rachel has spent years trying to get over him and now he is back in her life and the reader can't help but get caught up in the beginning of Rachel and Duncan's story as their enemies have targeted them both so they are constantly thrown together as they try to stay alive. Both characters capture the heart as they have both have traumatic pasts that is influencing their relationship, but the Breh-hedden will not be denied and their passions burn hotter as the story progresses. These strong, compelling characters grab the reader's attention and ensure that the reader wants to know the whole story as Duncan and Rachel both figure out that life doesn't always work out the way we want it to and the reader can certainly understand why they feel the way do.

This fast paced and smooth flowing plot thrills readers with lots of action and suspense and the well written

scenes and details paint vivid images that capture the imagination and bring the story to life. The well orchestrated suspense and action ensure that there is never a dull moment and draws the reader deeper into the story. Delicious anticipation builds as their enemies constantly attack and the danger escalates to all the warriors and even Endelle (scorpions really?) is worried.

Once again, this fascinating world held me spellbound from beginning to end and with the next installment promising to be just as exciting as this one I am impatiently waiting with toes tapping to find out what happens next.

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### **Chris N says**

"Rachel must die" How many times had he heard Yolanthe speak those exact words. After being rescued two weeks previous from third Earth Duncan is still in a trance induced by Yolanthe who is hell bent that he not only serve her but that his on and off girlfriend Rachel must die. He tries to resists giving away Rachel's location but fails and the woman he loves is in trouble.... big trouble.

Second Earth thought it had a respite from war after Greaves was killed but they thought wrong. Yolanthe's father, Chustaffus, ruler of third Earth and a bastard at that, has his eyes set on taking over second Earth and won't let anything stop him. Duncan eventually breaks out of the trance and discovers powers that now make him a warrior of the blood and that Rachel is his Breh. Together can they stop the wreckers and save second earth?

This is the first in a three book series that is a spin off of the Guardians of Ascension series but it follows the Darkening and that book should be read first if you want to make sense of what is going on in this one.

I have to say that I love the Guardians series and am loving the various spin off series that Caris has been writing. I love the action and the battle scenes that take place. I also love Merl, a third worlder who is getting under Endelle's skin and annoying everyone else. Raptures Edge is mentioned in this book and I really can't wait to find out what that is all about!

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### **Marta Cox says**

Oh it's fabulous to be back in the world of these amazing warriors who fight to protect us from the Death Vampires. It's a time when things should be getting easier with a vicious enemy finally defeated and yet there is far more evil at work than anyone realised. Unfortunately slap bang in the middle of all that's going on is Duncan a Warrior in the Militia and now he is caught in a trance and at the mercy of those who have ascended to Third Earth . Plans are afoot to use Duncan and his newly developing powers but those who serve Endelle on Second Earth will stop at nothing to protect their fellow Warrior.

For far too long Rachel has had a conflicted relationship with Duncan. He is a Warrior with strong drives but all Rachel really wants is a life together filled with love. Second Earth is fooling themselves if they feel life is about to get easier as there is an even bigger threat looming and both Duncan and Rachel are right in it's

path. It's time for Rachel to step up and finally claim her man but there's a whole lot of work to do before anyone can rest peacefully !

Another spin off from the Guardians of Ascension series and it's simply amazing that the author keeps these books fresh and filled with new ideas. Oh if you are a fan of the original warriors have no fear because we still get glimpses of them but the storyline is developing as we learn even more about the possibilities of what these new dimensions offer. It's a remarkable idea that we can grow and ascend to become even more than mere human and the vampire progression sure makes it a steamy one! This author takes her ideas and lets them run and now she is introducing new characters whilst giving those we love even greater purpose. Endelle is still that kick ass heroine that readers know and love but Third Earth has lots of possibilities and I can't wait to find out just what exactly is next!

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### **Larena says**

Contemporary, Paranormal Romance

Seattle, Washington Mortal Earth, Phoenix Two Second Earth

Duncan is a warrior that has had an on-again, off-again relationship with a woman that isn't interested in the fighting of their world and just wants peace in her own life. Suddenly Rachel is in his life again and even though he tries to keep his distance the breh-hedden, the myth-that-isn't-a-myth, hits him and keeps Duncan in a perpetual caveman-like state. Now Duncan is torn as he is a man of war that is falling in love with a woman that only wants peace.

Rachel has spent years getting over Duncan only to have him back in her life. The fights they have had over the years involve his love of being a Militia Warrior and her dislike for the war. The problem for Rachel is that she has never stopped loving him and now that Duncan is in a trance state she is going out of her mind with worry. Then the breh-hedden takes over and she is only interested in Duncan in her bed preferably right now. How is she supposed to have a relationship with a man that represents all of what she dislikes the most about their ascended vampire world?

This is another interesting story is a series of stories that brings a whole new twist to the different stories of vampires. The world building is amazing and brings it to vivid life for the reader. The stories prove to get better and better as the world building gets more involved and the way it is done there is no limit to where the stories can go. The characters are complex enough to make for a story that pulls the reader in and doesn't let go until the very last page. This is proving to be an addictive series of books and novellas that will have readers constantly looking for the next book or novella. For readers that love vampire books and paranormal stories this is definitely one series to check out.

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### **Mellissa Monteforte says**

Once again I was pulled into the world or should say world's of the Asenders. As always Endelle was the awesome woman she portrays in the previous books but this time we get a little more in depth look to what makes her tick. As the Warriors are facing the Third world Brutes Duncan and Rachel start to come together and begin to work out the kinks in their relationships. Duncan and Rachel have a harsh past which is a major factor of the on again off again roller coaster relationship. Add to it a crazy Third World looney and it makes the trials of their relationship that much more difficult. I also love seeing glimpses of the other warriors although I miss seeing the women who played huge roles in the previous books. But since this is the start to the third world ascension I can see more game players forming. I'm sad this book is over and I have so many questions and concerns as to what will happen in the next book. I'm curious as to the roles of the Warriors and truly worried as to their fates. Such a great read. It will leave you with so many scenarios. I'm anxiously awaiting for the next installment!

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### **Emily says**

Rachel and Duncan have had a rollercoaster of a relationship, one moment they are together the next they are. Duncan has kept Rachel from getting to close, it is what tears them apart. However when Duncan begins his Ascension things begin to change between Rachel and Duncan, but there is an enemy trying to tear them apart.

Another brilliant read from Caris Roane. Rachel and Duncan are one of my favorite couples. Can't wait for more.

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### **Carrie says**

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This book is a spin-off from another series. We were introduced to the darkening, Duncan, and Rachel (and the breh-hedden) before, but they spiral together in a great story that begins here with book 1.

Duncan and Rachel have had a tumultuous relationship. We saw Rachel's "tree hugging" ways in his brother's book (when he has to rescue her) and we saw Duncan display his warrior skills by holding out against the odds in his prison cell. After rescue, Duncan finds himself trapped in a sort-of-coma watching an evil woman try to learn his secrets. It wouldn't be so very bad if the woman wasn't also out to kill Rachel.

Rachel's "normal" life without using her powers comes to a crashing halt when Duncan warns her of danger. The two end up on the run from the bad guys and snuggling up close thanks to the infamous warrior bonding. Duncan's already primitive behavior is made even more so by this fated match. It is neat to see this spun in a different way, developing between a couple that already had a history.

While we get a nice beginning to the story, this book is clearly that: a beginning. Don't look for a nice HEA at the end of this one because there is clearly more to come.

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## Shauni says

Originally Reviewed For: Tea and Book

Third Earth is rising.. Or being uncovered? Or.. Yeah Caris Roane is at it again and once again she creates a powerful story with great secondary characters and a world where it seems evil is always rising to the top, sort of like pond scum.

This powerful edition to her Ascension Series is a bit of a misnomer as it is called the Dawn of Ascension and a reader could mistakenly assume that it's about Second Earth, a prequel so to speak but it's so not. It's about the rise to Third Earth, the power that dwells there and the battles that must be won.

Rapture's edge is a serial book, so Caris calls it an episodical book, same thing (at least in my humble opinion) and while I generally don't enjoy them (unless I can read all the episodes at once) I am rather enjoying this one. Why? Because Caris does just what she says.. she writes episodes. So Awakening? It's the beginning of a new Era and Duncan formerly found in The Darkening, Dawn of Ascension, is at the center of it. Because she is telling the story of Duncan and Rachel, it seems more like Kallypso Masters' concept of a saga rather than Donna Grant's serials (both of whom I adore btw).

Warrior Duncan has been held captive before finds himself once again in captivity. Only this time, it's worse. This time it's his mind that is being held. A supposedly inescapable mind link holds Duncan prisoner to a Third Earth Psychopathic Princess, with designs of grandeur and his body is left to the ministrations of the Healers on Second Earth. Only the danger to the one woman who could ever hold his heart manages to save him.

Rachel is the sister to a Warrior, Gideon (Brink of Eternity) and the widow of another. Both men have played a huge part in her life. Gideon as the model of what is right and true and her ex? Well, see my first paragraph under pond scum. Because of her history, Rachel as she puts it "has had the war beat out of her", she doesn't want a warrior's life. She wants peace and will do anything to get it, including the age old head in the sand option. But the breh-hedden doesn't really care what you want, it's about who you need.

Could Caris find two more unlikely people? Well it's not as out of the blue as one would think. It seems Duncan and Rachel go way, way back. Her husband was part of his father's squad. His father, the abusive dickhead that taught all his squad a "woman's place".. So while Duncan was bred for war, his emotional maturity is a bit behind.. And the decades long on and off again relationship has paid the price. But now.. they are in the same place, working towards the same purpose and the breh-hedden has claimed them. Should be easy... \*Snorts\*...

Just wonderfully done! Emotions run this book! Even Endelle shows some and that my friends was astounding. Yes, we do see Endelle and some of the What-Bees and a few of their Breh... but most of them will remain on Second Earth as the fight for Third Earth has begun. Because if Third Earth falls, Second Earth has not chance.

I could go on and on and on.. This book is the beginning of something great. Ok, so it's not the beginning, Caris has been writing about Second Earth for a while and most of these characters are not new.. But she really steps up her game on this one..

Shauni

**Kel (Faerie-bookworm) says**

I received this book from the author for an honest review.

It was very exciting, full of suspense and adventure. And boy is it hot, whew, very drool worthy. The characters were very well developed, especially with so few chapters and so much going on.

## Debi Domby says

NOTE: I received a copy of *The Awakening* from the author in exchange for a honest review.

So no one made the mistake I did ... on Amazon there's no book #1 for the Dawn of Ascension series. There's a Book #1 for Rapture's Edge, which is where the confusion is. So the order to read the Guardian of Ascension/Dawn of Ascension series is Gates of Rapture (GoA #6), then The Darkening (DoA #1), then The Awakening. Just a head's up to help you keep the stories in the right order.

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Now the review. Do you like hot, steamy sex scenes? This book has those, oh do they have them. As I always said, if you can skim past the sex scenes and the book still it good, then that's the mark of a well written story. You can skim through the sex scenes if you so choose and the story stands up.

I read the book blind, so didn't realize it was Rapture's Edge book 1, which is why I thought it was the first book in the Dawn of Ascension. It's also Book 2, in the Dawn of Ascension.

The Awakening is Rachel and Duncan's story ... our pair has a long standing on again, off again relationship and when the time was right they get hit with the breh-hedden. Crazy wild sex as I said in this one. And with each book in the story, more and more new powers show up. This one is Rachel's shielding. Any more you just have to read the story to see why this is important.

I loved the story because it keeps building on the last one. It kept moving along and kept me on the edge of my seat what would happen yet. The worse thing is it ended too soon. It probably was originally written as a longer book and split into two section, so there is a cliffhanger, not great, but there it is.

And I think ole Endelle is the 'calmest' and most normal she's ever been. Because she's part of the running background story, I like the way her character is growing. Anything else said, I'll give away things that happen in this story... you'll have to read it to find out. You're going to be surprised is all I can say.