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**From Book 1: From bestselling author Thea Harrison comes the first in an explosive new trilogy set in the Elder Races world....**

*Her past is a blank, her future uncertain....*

Recovering from a shooting, LAPD witch consultant Sophie Ross leaves her job and travels to the U.K. to search for answers about her childhood. When she encounters a Daoine Sidhe knight of the Dark Court, she becomes entangled in an ancient hatred between two arcane forces.

*He has given his body and soul to fight for his people....*

Barred from his homeland along with his surviving brother knights, Nikolas Sevigny is embroiled in a conflict that threatens everything he holds dear. Only by uniting his people's resources can they hope to prevail against Isabeau, the deadly Queen of the Light Court. He will do anything and use anyone to return home to Lyonesse.

When Nikolas encounters Sophie, he sees a tool to be used. The insouciant witch might be the key to unlocking every passageway that has been barred to the knights of the Dark Court, even as a fascination for her takes root in what's left of his soul.

Sophie has no intention of becoming anyone's pawn, yet the fierce Nikolas is so compelling, she can't deny the temptation that endangers her guarded heart.

As magic threatens Lyonesse, Queen Isabeau unleashes her merciless Hounds, and Nikolas and Sophie become embroiled in a race for survival. Meanwhile, the passion that ignites between them burns too hot to be denied and quickly turns into obsession.

*Thank goodness they both know better than to fall in love...*

## Moonshadow Details

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## From Reader Review Moonshadow for online ebook

### Maria♦\*Steamy Reads Blog\*♦ says

► So I've read this to scratch my paranormal itch. Yep. Apparently that's a thing for me now. Well, consider it scratched!

► Sophie, our heroine, knows a bunch of magic spells. Some runes. Or something. Sorry, people, this book was 4 books ago for me. #badtimemanagement

► Anyways. What's interesting, is that Sophie doesn't come off as a badass in the magic department. But she's sassy and doesn't take shit from anyone. And her spells keep her safe. IF ONLY SHE COULD HAVE A GUN TOO.

► She travels to U.K. to some house in hopes of opening it up. Because apparently nobody else has been able to for ages. And they've tried, those clueless bastards.

► See, if Sophie does get inside this house she will be given the title to it and she likes the money. Who doesn't?

► But once Sophie gets to the countryside her car breaks down, her cell phone dies and a whole bunch of other weird things start happening. And then she runs into Nikolas at the bar, where he goes completely asshole alpha on her. And HE, by the way, IS A BADASS.

► No worries, Sophie isn't intimidated. And it appears that they have met before, telepathically, or some shit. So she's all like

► And so Nikolas starts stalking her because this woman has other stuff besides pussy to offer :D She might know a spell or two that can help Nikolas in the war his fighting against something something. May be he'll help her get into the house? Read the book, people :)

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### Sophia Triad says

#### Sophie and Nicholas

*"Do not push me, human."*

*"I'll push you every bit much as you've pushed me."*

Sophie met Nicholas through a vision, while she was reading runes and she was concentrating on her near future. Nicholas was in a middle of a battle across the Atlantic, when he felt that someone was looking at him. Scared Sophie threw the stones away and the vision scattered.

Obviously the two of them did not have the best beginning in their relationship.

Things do not improve later on when Sophie travels at the border between England and Wales to try to be the owner of a spooky house that belonged to the man who saved her as a child and she meets Nicholas again face to face this time.

- Nicholas does not trust Sophie.
- Sophie does not like Nicholas.
- Nicholas keeps ordering around Sophie.
- Sophie keeps pushing away Nicholas.

And suddenly and without thinking, they kiss. After that they cannot keep their hands and their mouths off each other.

Of course there will be “ordering around” and “pushing away” throughout the book, but there will be also sexual tension and mating tension.

I just love it when a Wyr starts the mating process without realizing it and everybody is wondering what is wrong with him, because suddenly the Wyr becomes agitated, highly possessive and completely focused on his female.

The secondary characters are very interesting in this book: Nicholas’s comrades who just want to go back home to Lyonesse and feel safe, the highly magical Morgan who is the lackey of the cruel Light Queen Isabeu, Robin the puck and more monsters like deadly Hounds and lycanthropes.

Moonshadow is a spinoff of Elder Races. There are two main differences between the two series:

- a) The action takes place in England instead of USA,
- b) The characters do not belong to a particular Elder Race. They are mostly outcasts, partly Elder Race, partly human:

-Sophie is described as “mostly human” and “highly magical”. We will find out at some point what she is partly.

-Nicholas is almost a Wyr. Part man and part leopard and also “highly magical”

-Nicholas’ friends are ABOMINATIONS, demons, challenging, impure, god’s monsters and part of the Dark Court: One is partly Gargoyle, two are dhampyres (the result of a union between a half-breed Fae or Elf and a human who is almost vampire), one is partly medusa, the rest have Wyr blood but they are not fully Wyr.

Thea Harrison is taking a break from Dragos and Pia, their children and their friends – although the book takes place in the same world. I am so happy because she has created once more an awesome new adventure that blew my mind.

I know that this is supposed to be a trilogy, but I strongly believe that THREE BOOKS ARE NOT ENOUGH.

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## **Paige Bookdragon says**

*She stuck the screen of her phone into his face. "Here. This is me."*

*He watched the clip of an octopus running away along the ocean floor. The words, 'NOPE. NOPE. NOPE' appeared at the bottom of the screen.*

*"What the hell am I looking at?" he barked.*

*"It's a nope GIF. You've never seen a nope GIF? There are hundred on the internet. " She smiled. "We literally never have to have this conversation again. You'll bring it up again, and I'll just send you a GIF. Subject closed."*

**ABSOLUTELY EPIC.**

This is my second favorite book after Dragon Bound and let me make this clear. Dragon Bound is like a cinnamon bun sprinkled with unicorn's dust and a dragon's badassery. It's hard to top that. But Moonshadow is like a box of glazed donut dipped with some kickass spicy rainbow sprinkles . I don't even know what the heck is that but Moonshadow is **awesome**.

This book is still set on the Elder Races world and thank you Thea Harrison for doing that. I love how this book is still familiar enough that I get nostalgic while reading it and at the same time, there's a "newness" to it that makes the story and the series interesting.

If the Elder Races series is set on US, the Moonshadow series is set on UK. Which means new hotties, new baddies and new types of creatures will be introduced to us soon.

When it comes to the MCs, Sophie and Nikolas is fun to read. Nikolas is a very interesting type of Elder Race and he is a bit autocratic, very loyal and very yummy. I also want to cheer Sophie for not being a pushover and "Thank you for asking, asshole" is the best response I've read so far when it comes to handling domineering men.

I won't spoil much but if you have read Shadow's End, a certain character who I found interesting (I was hoping this character would get a story of their own) has an important role in this book. I also love the possibility that the evil bitch in this story would connect the Elder Race and Moonshadow series in the future *\*cross fingers\**

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## **Christie«SHBBlogger» says**

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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### **Elizabeth Hunter says**

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### **Montzalee Wittmann says**

Moonshadow (Moonshadow #1) by Thea Harrison is an exciting fantasy book that was so fun to read/listen to. I had the audible version and the voice was perfect!

This was about a gal that had a gift, she used it as a detective but she was recovering from being shot. She gets a offer to go overseas to a old house that was left to her. It will be hers if she can get the house to let her in. Yep, if the house will let her in! She feels the tingle of the house in the picture. She is excited to go. So much happens! She finds a lost, starving dog, that isn't a dog. Bikers that aren't just bikers. Attacked by werewolves, her dog turns into a monkey, oh, chaos! It is fun, dangerous, sexy, and so full of great fantasy! Twists and turns everywhere. I ended up picking up a new phrase after reading this book, I use it all the time now, lol. It's probably not nice but I love it! Great read and the narration topped it off. I forgot it was a narration and I thought it was different people or creatures. AWESOME. Got to get book 2!

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### **Aisling Zena says**

#### **4.5 stars**

Review maybe later..

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### **Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says**

#### **3 Stars**

I REALLY like this author's *Elder Races* series - ESPECIALLY books 1-4 - and this is a spin-off of that series...it takes place in the same world that Harrison has created there (which is AMAZING by the way)...

But this one just didn't do it as much for me, sadly.

Despite the fact that she already "built" this world in the *Elder Races* series, I feel like I still trudged through the foundation-building for *this* series.

I had a hard time getting a good feel for Sophie and her powers and abilities...

...and it took too long (in my opinion) for Harrison to reveal Nikolas' origins and the conflict in which he and his brethren found themselves.

All of that left me feeling completely disconnected from the two main characters, unfortunately, which affected my enjoyment of the story.

Don't get me wrong, the plot was very interesting; however, the lack of chemistry and I felt between the H and h left me feeling less than 100 percent engaged.

I will still read the next one though.

As I said, I really like this world and I know what Harrison is capable of.

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### **Claire Robinson says**

#### **4.5 - "Stay the course." Stars!**

To say that I was impressed with this book would be an understatement. Thea Harrison, is a new author for me, and *Moonshadow* gave me everything I am looking for in a story from this genre.

The author set the scene extremely well, and being the start of the *Moonshadow* series there were introductions aplenty through the first few chapters, I think it highlights the quality of the writing and storytelling in that I wasn't confused at any point about who everyone was.

*For decades now, they had been searching and fighting, and dying...*

I loved Sophie and Nikolas together, the former a partial Djinn her magic and knowledge offers something up to the *Knight of the Dark Court* and his small band of Brothers that are left on Earth that is sorely needed, an opportunity to travel back to their own realm *Lyonesse*, to bring back to Earth more warriors and supplies in an effort to defeat the *Queen of the Light Court*.

#### **"You might be the key."**

As I said I haven't read anything by this author before, but the imagination, colour and depth of development that she gave this story just kept me gripped to its pages right up to its end, I just hope that the release of the next novel in the series; *Spellbound* is in early rather than latter summer 2017, because I literally cannot wait to get my hands on it.

**"I've lost so many people. So many... I thought I didn't have it in me to care about anyone else again. But now I do, and yes, I'm struggling, because I don't think I could take losing you too."**

Nic and Sophie together were a force to be reckoned with, this is a couple that literally look to have a disagreement just so they can spend time making up with each other, Nic is old school chivalry, commanding, controlling and when he tells you to do something he expects it to be done. Sophie a

woman of modern day is all about making her own decisions, and not being told what to do, so the rub between them caused some really great friction burns in regards to the verbal sparring, and sexy times as the book progressed.

***"You're still insufferable... Just saying."***

**"And you're the same mouthy broad you were last night."**

This series I think is essentially going to be a battle of good versus Evil, I am sure as it develops there will be triumphs as well as losses, I am not sure whether the author will continue the series from this couples point of view, or bring new and/or secondary characters to the fore with each installment, but I know I am looking forward to seeing how things develop as the story-line progresses. Its safe to say that *Moonshadow* is most definitely just the beginning of what I expect to be an absolutely outstanding series, and I cannot wait.

**"I didn't know I was looking for you, but I was."**

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my pleasure to provide the above honest review.

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### **Maayan says**

I loved everything about this book! It was freaking awesome! ?

Safety gang safe.

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### **Lady Heather says**

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#### **Huge Moonshadow Price Promotion!!**

*(From Thea Harrison's E-newsletter, December 8, 2016)*

"I have been so incredibly blessed with amazing readers, and to thank everyone I'm giving you an early holiday gift. For the next two weeks (December 7-December 21) the price of *Moonshadow* ebooks will be \$2.99 USD. If you have pre-ordered, you should automatically get the lower price. If you haven't pre-ordered, now is the time to do so! Remember, this price promotion is only until December 21- prices go back up after that!"

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*5 stupid and crazy stars!*

Loved this story!

Sophie and Nik are two of my favorite characters, and this is one of my favorite **Elder Races** stories!

Full review to come.

*"A copy of this book has been provided by the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review"*

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### **Beth says**

*I loved it. My only complaint - total book hangover! Even with its length it still ended way too soon for me.*

If you love the Thea Harrison's Elder Race series than you are going to flip over this spin off Moonshadow series.

Sophie Ross, a LAPD magical consultant, is taking some time off while she recuperates from gunshot wounds. She is approached by a renowned Elder races doctor with a proposal. If Sophie can access her family's abandoned home in the U.K. then she will get it, the property and a large trust to maintain the lands. All she has to do is take a picture, proof, of her making it across the threshold and or entering the house. It's a win, win for Sophie so she jumps on a plane and heads to the U.K.

Nikolas is a warrior leader for the dark elves. Him and his fellow warriors have been shut off from his home land for 100's of year. Isabeau, the Queen of the Light Court, and Morgan, her sorcerer have been killing off the dark elves one by one and have been very successful at it. Nikolas will do whatever it takes to get back to his own world, even use Sophie and her abilities to gain the upper hand.

Harrison masterfully draws you into the battle between the Light and Dark elves as well as hooks you on all the characters that come into play. Explosive sexual chemistry, a strong plot, amazing new characters and a totally new continent, *Moonshadow* is going to be another must read, pre-order series.

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My Rating: 5 stars

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## ♥? Dorsey aka Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

### 4 Exciting Wyr Stars!!

Thea Harrison's Moonshadow is an exciting start to the new Elder Races spin off "*Moonshadow*" series. In *Moonshadow* we're introduced Sophie Ross who works with the LAPD as a Witch Consultant and is recovering from being shot while on a case. While recuperating, she is given the opportunity to travel to England to discover information about her childhood with the chance of inheriting a 5-acre estate in England, but there is a catch, so far nobody has been able to enter the manor house because it's protected by a spell, so she must find a way to get past the spell and get inside the manor house to claim her inheritance.

"I don't know," she lied. "I need a few days to think it over."

Even as she said it, she knew she was going to take the offer. Hell, she might even escape from whatever dark menace haunted her rune readings lately, along with the owner of that predatory, handsome face.

Or if she went, she could be running right toward it. Toward him.

Ah, well. You can't fix stupid. And you can't heal crazy."

Sophie becomes involved with Wyr Nikolas Sevigny and his band of Knights of the Dark Court when Sophie sees Nikolas through a vision while reading runes and looking into her future. Unfortunately, she sees Nikolas, who at the time was in the middle of a battle when he sensed her presence watching him. When Nikolas confronts Sophie in her vision, she gets spooked and breaks the connection. Naturally, when she arrives in England Nikolas is there, who is very cautious about outsiders, especially one who seemed to be spying on him.

"Do not push me, human."

"I'll push you every bit much as you've pushed me."

*Moonshadow* was exciting from start to finish. Sophie is a snarky, strong, and a likeable character. She is a powerful human witch/Djinn, who's powerful magic benefits Nikolas and the Knights. My heart went out to the Knights, and how long they have been fighting to get back home. Sophie's and Nikolas' relationship progresses with many bumps in the road, since neither trust easily.

There are many twists and turns that make the story exciting. The Wyr secondary characters are great; I'm looking forward to their stories!!

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## Kate's Corner says

Once upon a time in a faraway kingdom, okay Germany. There was a girl, okay young woman, alright, alright a woman who has been enchanted by Thea Harrison. This girl ah woman was born with a book in her hand. Sadly no but I wish. She liked to read, ah loved to read and if she had her way she would tell everyone to leave her alone because books. Need I say more?

One day when scouring the vast kingdom of Netgalley she came across a hidden gem of a book. With little hope she requested it and didn't think about it till the afternoon where a pigeon dropped a note, okay so I got an email that I had been approved. I did a happy dance and started reading Moonshadow straight away.

**“Standing in a shadow cast by the moon reveals a person’s true nature to those with the ability to see it.”**

Sophie Ross is currently on leave from the LAPD after being shot. She needs time to recuperate but it is taking too much time. She can't seem to move on. Until she is asked to meet with Dr. Kathryn Shaw, Sophie decides to do a reading.

What the royal fuck was that? She had never experienced anything like that, and she had been practicing magic for as long as she could remember.

The good doctor has been looking for the children that her father saved. This family tradition has been going on for years and so far the house has stayed closed. Known as the family albatross. Very amusing. When fate comes knocking on your door to gain a house that you've never seen the inside or outside of. To receive an annuity. To heal without worrying about money. The catch? The house is stubborn. It just won't let anyone in. But what's a girl to do? Travel to England of course.

The plot thickens what with Sophie finding a lost and abused dog. An interaction with the man from her vision and a spooky, stubborn house. Add in a couple dozen of Hounds and getting involved in a plot that has been going on for hundreds of years. Let's not forget the hunky, old timey folk that has a chip on his shoulder. Well it has been a very long time.

Sophie Ross is a good female leading character I can't really say if I liked her or not. There were times were she was pretty kick arse but there were other times where her attitude was a bit too much for to liking. She is a rare occurrence and I love that she has Djinn blood.

Nikolas and his brothers are the stranded Daoine Sidhe Knights of the Dark Court. When the crossover passageways were brought to a fall due to Isabeau and Morgan Le Fae they have been stuck on Earth, slowly their numbers diminished leaving only nine of them left. Hope is lost and taking a last stand is coming nearer and nearer. They are the rarest of the Elder Races as they have blood of three races in them. Some call them monsters or abominations.

That is until a clever witch crosses their path with the Puck and all hell breaks loose. With hope comes betrayal, heartache and pain. Nikolas and Sophie don't really like one another but then lines begin to blur. Nik gains back some of his compassion although as a leader he is loyal and true to his people even if he does behave like an arse in Sophie's eyes anyway. But the animosity is slowly replaced with lust and love.

**When he had finished, he pressed a kiss to her fingers and whispered. "You still make me. So. Crazy." She loved him so much it twisted her up inside. Stroking his lips with her thumb she smiled and whispered back, "And you're still very much an asshole."**

**Nikolas thinks she's suicidal but I think that she is courageous. For the fact that Nik and Sophie bickered a lot of one another I found it highly amusing and normally stuff like that bothers me but this didn't.**

**The love has to be bigger than everything else and In this case through ups and downs it is. This is a fantastic start to a brand new series. Where for once the setting is in England and the countryside. The world building and the trickle of information that we get so that we don't feel overwhelmed is spot on. I liked that the Dark Court is actually seen to be good and that the Light Court isn't. Role reversal. I like it.**

**The enchantress Thea Harrison had captivated me with her writing style already two years ago but with all things books and they can be so pretty and shiny and captivating I was sidetracked to my despair only six days ago I order the first 8 books in the Elder Race Series.**

**It has a Lord of the Rings vibe to it. Now I don't think that any J.R. Tolkien fans will actually read my review but let me emphasize the fact that it has a vibe to it. Nothing more, nothing less. Fingers crossed the other books come soon and the second book is going to be released in 2017 and I can't wait.**

**Review can also be found @ <http://jerisbookattic-reviewblog.blog...>**

**Book received by Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Didn't believe I'd get it to be honest.**

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**Shari Kay says**

3.25 ★

This author can sometimes be hit or miss with me. I like her Elder Race world and this is a kind of spin-off to that main storyline.

I really liked the basic plot of this new series: the Dark Fae against the evil Queen of the Light. I hate that woman btw and will read the entire series just to see her hopefully get what she deserves in the end.

It's so sad that only 9 of the original 100 Dark warriors that were trapped on Earth after the big battle with the Light are left. My heart bled for Nik (view spoiler).

There are several other warriors that I'm assuming will be getting their story and hopefully we will see more of Nik and Sophie, even though she got on my nerves with all her "don't tell me what to do" tirades.

I like an independent woman if she isn't a ball buster, but lordy, lordy that woman just didn't know when to stop. Sometimes her comments were funny and right on point, but other times she was just petulant, annoying and petty. I mean come on...do you have to say something **Every. Single. Time?**

I can't say I felt much chemistry between the H/h. It went from insta-hate, to insta-lust, to insta-love without much rhyme or reason beyond the hotness factor. Granted, their relationship made no sense to them either...so there ya go.

The sex scenes were not very sexy in my opinion. Too much talk about things that really weren't necessary, along with a bit of weird stuff thrown in. (view spoiler) The convo broke up the *rhythm* of the scene if you get my meaning.

I've always been intrigued with Morgan, and this book gives us more hints that maybe all is not what it seems. I would really, really like a book for him. *hint, hint Ms. Harrison!*

I also loved the puck and felt so badly for him. Again...die Light Queen...die! Sophie's actions regarding him were wonderful. With all her faults, she is a really good-hearted, strong woman that you could respect.

So though I did enjoy this one, the romance just fell flat for me. Will I read the next one in the series? Yup. Definitely will.

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