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**For the first time in his life, Lincoln wonders if he'll follow his duty...or heed the demands of his heart.**

"I call dibs on Lincoln as my book boyfriend and main squeeze." - *Accidental Reader*

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## Duty Bound: An Angelbound Prequel Novella Details

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# **From Reader Review Duty Bound: An Angelbound Prequel Novella for online ebook**

## **Anne (The Reading Life) says**

I received a free copy for an honest review

Christina Bauer had blessed us, people! I know that she isn't one of the authors that believe in "just leave it at that", looking at how she repeatedly gifted us with more and more prequels, sequels, and stories of our beloved baby Lincoln our savage queen Myla.

One thing (if I remembered right, I've mentioned before) I loved the most about Bauer's books is the tone. Bauer had this distinct attitude when it comes to writing her narrations, which includes some of the best sarcasm, savageness, and badassness that I have ever seen in any book ever. In fact, if you give me a Bauer book, didn't let me know the title or the author or anything about it, and just let me try and guess who the author is, chances I really would think Bauer as a possibility in my head. That's how distinctive her narrations are.

This book is no exception. This book, by writing from Lincoln's perspectives, proved how Lincoln has just as much brains, sass, and fighting skills as Myla (if we didn't already suspect that before). It was just a novella, and a prequel. It was simply a treat for us to get more of them, that I most definitely enjoyed a lot.

I really liked how Bauer managed to make this book so interesting for me, despite its short length. I especially liked how this book taught me so much about their world's demonology on Class A, B, E, F demons, etc. The actions scenes were excellent quality and did give me some adrenaline when reading, all these stuff and more just made me have so much fun reading it.

I really do suggest people who have already read the Angelbound series, you'll enjoy this so much because we get more Lincoln (and Myla, kind of). But even if you didn't read the series...I actually do think that if you read this book before you start, it can help get you pumping and excited for the other ones because this book can really show you what you're going to receive.

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## **Kimberly says**

This was an excellent prequel from Lincoln's POV! The best part about this novella is that it's a story unto itself. It's got some good cameos and it gives great insight to what Lincoln is up to during the beginning of Angelbound.

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## **Cheryl Whitty says**

Reviewed on Behalf of <http://bookaddict.live>,

Finally I have the opportunity to read Duty Bound the prequel to Angelbound. In some ways we all feel we know and love Lincoln. The one thing that stood out for me was the pressure he is under and how alone he feels. As we know in the later books, the trouble the house of Acca cause for our feisty heroine in future

books in the Angelbound Series.

Also after reading this book, it explained his absolute devotion to Myla as she was made for him. The book is an eye opener as it was great to hear Lincoln's voice, it's a treat I wouldn't have wanted to miss. More from Lincoln Please Ms Bauer. I'm just off to read Angelbound for Myla and Lincoln's first meeting again.

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## **-RadioActiveBookWorm- says**

Goodreads Synopsis:

By popular demand! A prequel novella to the best-selling Angelbound, told from Prince Lincoln's point of view!

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My Review:

Yes I'm reading another installment of the Angelbound series, and yes I like the cover. This one, however, is a little different than the others. This is a prequel, set before the first book. The cover is really pretty, and it fits well with the other books in the series. Yet another story about Lincoln and Myla, and I'm not disappointed by it. They've been the same characters we know and love through the story, and that doesn't change in this book.

A little different than the others, this book is from the point of view of Lincoln, the High Prince of the Thrax, otherwise known as demon hunters. It begins with him stating how many demons he's killed to date, one thousand four hundred and thirty-seven, but he has troubles connecting with his mother. Especially when she's interrogating him about Adair, from the Acca house. Even worse, Adair's father is killing off his own army just to spite Lincoln. To top it all off he can't stop thinking about a certain quasi-demon that he saw.

I really enjoyed this book and it was a nice addition to the series. I liked seeing things from Lincoln's point of view, and getting to know Walker better too. Definitely check it out if you get the chance.

Here's a link to the authors Twitter, and another link to the book on Amazon.

[https://twitter.com/cb\\_bauer?lang=en](https://twitter.com/cb_bauer?lang=en)

<https://www.amazon.ca/Bound-Angelbound...>

Thanks for reading! Check out this review and more at my blog.

## **Judith says**

Thanks to netgalley and the publisher for allowing me to read this ARC in exchange for an honest review. I have enjoyed reading all of the Angelbound series and this was interesting being from Lincoln's point of view rather than Myla's. It was very short so the reader had less time to become totally involved but having read the other books in the series made it more accessible. I would happily recommend it to in particular to fans of Lincoln and Myla.

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## **Jen says**

Lincoln's POV!!! I've been waiting for this and let me tell you, I was not disappointed! The only thing that could have made it better was the ENTIRE story from his POV. I'm keeping my fingers crossed!!!

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## **Carol says**

Duty Bound is a SciFi kind of book - not really sure how it fits in with the Christian genre other than he fights demons and falls in love with a half human and half demon. He was raised to kill demons and their in in lies the conundrum, but basically that is about it. In a nutshell - and he is a Prince bequeathed to be married to someone he will never love who he can never let know what he does which make it somewhat a pickle - since he is in love with the demon girl.....phew wow poor guy. I received a copy of this book from the Publisher and Netgalley; all the opinions expressed in this book are all my own.

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## **Shelley says**

\*Source\* NetGalley

\*Genre\* Teens, YA, Science Fiction, Fantasy

\*Rating\* 3.0

\*Thoughts\*

Duty Bound, by Christina Bauer, is the prequel to her Angelbound Originals series. This prequel features 18-year old Lincoln Vidar Osric Aquilus, High Prince of the Thrax and a Demon Hunter of some renown. This story takes place in the months before Angelbound where readers will meet Myla Lewis. Thrax normally live underground, but in this story, Lincoln's family is living in Purgatory. While Myla makes brief appearances, this story really is about Lincoln's struggles with his impending marriage to Lord Aldred's daughter, and his struggle to find a way to bring down the pig headed Lord who is doing more harm than good. This is my first reading of any of the authors novel, but I do want to continue with Angelbound since we all know that Myla is the one who is something unique and different, and supposedly untouchable because of rules between

Demon Hungers and Quasi-Demons. Alas, in case you missed it, Purgatory is a place ruled by Ghouls. They are all extraordinary tall, and wear long black robes. One of the Ghouls is named Walker, and if you've read Angelbound, I am sure you know who he is.

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### **Ashley Dawn says**

I loved this look through Lincoln's eyes. It is a short novella but so great. He is duty bound to do what is right for the thrax. He is also compelled to because he is a good guy. He is kind and loving to his mother. He respects his father, though he is unhappy with how he handles some things. Then there is the intrigue when he sees the 'demon girl'.

I have grown to love these characters through the series and seeing them in a new way just makes it better. I still dislike Aldred and maybe more now seeing how horrid he was from the start. It was fun to see how indifferent Lincoln really was to his 'future bride' and then to be so enamored with Myla just on sight. I loved it.

It was a 5/5 for me. I would love to see the whole series from his perspective.

Thank you to the author/publisher for the review copy of this book. I received this book in exchange for an honest review and the opinions stated above are 100% mine.

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### **? BookAddict ✍️ La Crimson Femme says**

Intriguing new paranormal romance, this demon world feels a bit like Buffy the Vampire slayer vibe which I enjoy. The reader is quickly thrown into a world where there are slayers of demons. With a bit of political intrigue, Lincoln is the heir apparent who will be committing to a royal wedding of convenience.

This tale is promising as the reader learns about an aristocratic world where Thrax are demon fighters. And it is a kingdom with issues that Lincoln does not fully understand. There is some confusion for me with Lincoln being so young, yet deemed as not so young. This series has all the things I like to read about: an evil villain, blackmail, a mysterious love interest and a protagonist who wants to protect his people. Lincoln is an idealist and it will be fun to see how he grows. More specifically it will be interesting to see if this series is written in a progressive manner.

There are a couple of hooks in this story which makes me want to read on. What is going on with Lincoln's father? Will Lincoln really get married to his betrothed? And why are the females not fighting or being trained to be warriors anymore? This teaser prequel is tightly written and piques my interest. Recommended to paranormal romance readers who enjoy sexy demon fighting slayers.

*\*provided by NetGalley*

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### **Eve (Functioning Insanity Reviews) says**

<https://functioninginsanity.blogspot....>

I snagged a copy of early Duty Bound (Angelbound Origins # 0.5) by Christina Bauer from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Rating: 5 Stars

So as many of you know I love the Angelbound series by Christina Bauer. Both the Origins and Offspring books. I adore this world that has been created and I love the characters in them and how fast they read. So when I found out there was going to be a prequel novella from Lincoln's POV I was on board. First more books! Second...Lincoln's POV!!! So this is what it is, the story of from Lincoln from his time in Purgatory prior to the official meeting with Myla.

This is a fast read. Not only is it novella length but it also follows the suit of all the other books in the series keeping pace with action and intrigue. I loved getting to see things from inside Lincoln's head. He had a very specific way of seeing things and I can only imagine how that changed even further as he opened himself up to more. His views on Purgatory and marriage in general caught me off guard. The idea of him not wanting to marry for love and never expecting to find love blew me away knowing the love and relationship he ends up with. I totally get it though as it plays out and I really enjoyed seeing this piece of him. Plus his first reaction to Myla, before ever meeting her was priceless. I also loved seeing his and Walker's relationship having heard of it before but never seeing them one on one.

So this was fast and quick but totally worth the read. I highly recommend it to any Angelbound fan! It's a great insight into our favorite Thrax prince!

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### **Nancy (The Avid Reader) says**

All his life Lincoln knows it has been his duty to fight demons and he lives for the times he gets to go to Earth to fight demons. Lincoln and his family have been spending time in Purgatory. Where he has a few disputes with his future father-in-law the Earl of Acca. The Earl of Acca is a very conniving and sneaky man.

It is also Lincoln's duty to marry the Earl of Acca's daughter something which Lincoln has never concerned himself with before until he sees a mysterious girl, a lady Thrax warrior or so he thinks. When Lincoln lays eyes on this mystery lady he is determined to find out who she is once she enters his dreams and he can't get her off his mind.

Lincoln is a very strong man who stands up for what he thinks is right and will do whatever he deems necessary to see that other people do the right thing even if that means putting his own life in danger. Lincoln is what every woman wants in a man. He is what I would call a Harlequin kind of man. I have really enjoyed reading and seeing things through Lincoln's eyes and hope to see more of this world and more through his eyes hopefully in the near future.

It would be so neat to see Lincoln and all the other characters in the Angelbound series on the big screen. I would love to see Lincoln in all his hotness and the dark, greyness of Purgatory. It would be so awesome to see all the characters come to life in 3D.

If you love reading about demons and angels and a strong warrior with hotness oozing off him in waves then Duty Bound is the book for you. Check out the rest of the Angelbound series as well.



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## Ankita Singh says

Dutybound is a prequel Novella to the Angelbound series, which I haven't had a chance to read yet.

So despite the fact that I knew nothing about this story, the Novella proved to be an absolutely entertaining read.

My favorite thing is that none of it was confusing in the slightest. At times, when I read a prequel to a book, it has some references to the original book one which makes it confusing for the people who haven't read the book yet.

Thankfully, that didn't happen here.

I liked Lincoln, but my favorite character was the Earliest of Striga. Though he doesn't have much of a role in this novella, I am pretty sure he'll play a major role in Angelbound.

All in all, Dutybound was a fun, short read and I'm looking forward to reading the book one. After all, who doesn't love a badass warrior heroine?

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## Marie -The Reading Otter says

### **Review:**

### **3.5 Stars**

*I received this book from NetGalley for review*

Even though it's been a while since I read the first book in this series and I forgot the minor details of what was happening on Myla's side of things. This was still a really enjoyable read. I want to re-read the series again. Partly because when I first read the series, Acca and Thrax weren't out and Armageddon was the third book. So there's been changes made to the series, some gaps that I had previously thought needed to be filled that seemed to have been filled.

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## Scrill says

*ARC provided by Netgalley for a fair review.*

Prince Lincoln not only is a skilled demon hunter, but also will do whatever it takes as his role as prince that his duty calls. That includes marrying someone he has hardly even spoken to to form an alliance, though he has always known that he will not marry for love. In the midst of his own political scheme that risks his own life, but could potentially save many other demon hunters, he finds himself distracted by a half human half demon warrior girl.

### **The Story**

Okay, I am going to be honest. I don't remember requesting this book at all from Netgalley. I haven't read the Angelbound books prior to this, so I probably have no place reviewing a novella. None the less, I still

read this and enjoyed it enough. since it's a novella it's rather short so I was able to get through it in a single sitting. The only problem is that since I hadn't read the other books I found myself a little lost on some elements within the world. That all aside, I could honestly say that if the rest of the books were written in the same manner as this one, I probably wouldn't read them, even if the world is intriguing enough.

Why? Because it's written in that first person point of view style where it's read like someone is telling a story or you're reading their thoughts. Lines such as:

*"My heart lightens. Can it be?"*

*"It's a mystery, but it's one that's proven unsolvable. It's certainly nothing I'll figure out right now. Besides, I have far better things to do..."*

*"After Walker leaves, I start doing....things. I believe reviewing paperwork and meeting some of the Earls is involved."*

I personally just don't like this style of writing and find a lot of it to be just filler. In fact, I find that it takes away from the plot and world building, which in this case I found lacking.

### **The World Building**

Honestly, it's my fault I probably found this lacking. This is what I get for reading a novella for a book series that I haven't read. Again, I didn't realize I had even requested this, but what am I to do?? I can't let the publisher down now! I am guessing this is supposed to be a urban paranormal fantasy?? There was mention of Twinkies and parks that close at dusk, so that was really my only guess to that. Aside from that, I was put into a world with ghouls, demons, thrax (whatever that is?) and quasi demons, etc. There wer some small little world building bits sort of thrown in as a side comment, like why guns don't work on demons (another hint to the urban paranormal bit). Anyway, a little less personal thoughts in the writing and a little more scenery description could have gone a long way and been a lot more use of page space/word length in my opinion. But you all know how much I like to mentally escape in my fantasy novels.

### **The Characters**

Lincoln seems like he is set up to be the ideal guy, and I guess that's okay, but I personally like a guy with some flaws. Then again, maybe that comes into play in the rest of the series.