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Life isn't easy when you bear the mark of the Silver Stag.

Caught between the worlds of Light and Dark Fae, Ember Kearney was born with the mark of the Silver Stag. Rejected by both her bloodlines, she's turned her back on her people to become a freelance investigator, hiring herself to take care of common problems like hen-stealing goblins.

When Ember's best friend asks for her help, it leads them both into a glittering world of conspiracy and danger. Angel's little brother has vanished, and Ember must race against time to save his life. But when Ember discovers what's happened to DJ, both she and Angel find themselves recruited into Herne's elite squad of bounty hunters. Now, Ember must not only face her heritage, but she's bound to preserve the balance between the Fae Courts, for if order isn't maintained, war and chaos will spill out into the mortal realm.

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Erin Southard says

You really should read this.

I was first introduced to this author when she took over the Mandy M Roth fan group on Facebook. This was the book she suggested we read first. I didn't really like the description but as I trust Mandy M Roth and since the book was only 99 cents I figured I'd give it a go.

OMG I am so glad I did. Ember is my kind of badass female. Strong and tough and cares deeply for others. I love the concept of her parents union and therefore her existence being forbidden because one parent was from the Light Fae court and the other was Dark. I also love how Yasmine incorporates other preternatural creatures including gods!!! You can see into the heart of each secondary character as well. I really want to get the next book in the series but I'm eating till after Christmas incase someone is nice enough to give me a gift card LOL. But really got check out this book. I highly recommend it!

Oh and one more thing. I love all of the references used for the various agencies throughout the world who are dedicated to keeping the Fae in line. Especially that the main agency is called The Wild Hunt!!

E Varady says

Not for me

U just couldn't get into this. By chapter 4, I felt like I was barely inching through and gave up somewhere in chapter 6. The main character was pretty uninteresting and the only background we get on her in the first 5 or 6 chapters is that she is both light and dark far and her parents were killed. We are also reminded a couple times a chapter how both light and dark far reject her because she is from both lineages. It begins to sound whiney.

Her love interest is identified early but there was no wow factor to him. Her initial reaction was pretty dull and then the next morning she's commenting on how hot he is...Felt a bit brittle to me. I also didn't like how everything fell so neatly into place. For example, she was being investigated by the wild hunt before the incident but now that the incident happened and involved her friend's family, why not have them both join them for protection? Also, isn't it just lucky the MC was worried about money with her own business while her friend hated her former job? Oh yeah her friend was sexually harassed there so she really is glad for a change. That was how details were presented; the reader can't draw conclusions but is spoon fed them after the fact because they suddenly become convenient/relevant story points. It would have been better if these were layered in before they became obviously relevant.

I didn't see any grammar issues in the few chapters I read. I did feel bogged down with unnecessary and repetitive details. I am pretty sure that initial conversation with Herbs repeated the same facts 3 or 4 times.

This book moved too slowly for me and I couldn't connect emotionally to the story or characters to keep me interested. Maybe a reader with less need for quick plot movement and action would enjoy it.

Shannon Dyer says

A great start to a new series. The romance is pretty subtle, but I imagine that will change as the series progresses. The world is fascinating, and I'm eager to spend more time there. Ms. Galenorn is truly gifted. I'm so honored she shares her creations with the world.

Darcy says

I really like this author's Otherworld series, however her other ones are hit and miss for me. So when I saw that this book started a new series I went into the book a bit leery, wondered how it would fall for me. I have to say that for a first book in a new series it's pretty good. There weren't a lot of info dumps going on, the story was a bit slow, but that is ok, we needed to get to know the characters and the world they inhabit.

The friendship between Ember and Angel was great! Sure they razzed each other, but you could tell there was lots of love there too. I hated what happened to Angel's brother, but in a way it was good too. That changed all of their lives and I think for the better.

The Wild Hunt group great. They all seemed to welcome Ember and Angel and liked what they brought to the team. The case they were working on was a bit crazy, especially when you realized the people against each other and what was brought into the fight.

I like the sparks that fly between Ember and a new guy in her life. That alone should prove interesting. With so much else happening the next book should be fun to read.

Alyssa Collins says

I had a hard time getting into the book at first. After the fourth chapter I was hooked. I did notice some spelling errors and missing words, however I am sure those will be updated and fixed at some point in the future. One of the joys of reading the kindle version, your books are updated with corrections eventually. As to the story I enjoyed the idea of an organization that just tries to keep the balance. They do not try to change events only manage them to prevent an all out war. That makes me curious how this story will progress. I am looking forward to where this new world will take the readers.

Avid says

Overall the story was intriguing but the writing had some issues that consistently irked me and removed me from the novel. The big issue for me was redundancy of narration. For example, how many times does the reader need to be told in virtually the exact same language that DJ's father took off once he realized Mama J was pregnant. He's not even in the story apart from this mention, but this description is repeated about five times. Another issue i had was that the backstory was not provided up front. How many times were Ember's previous and now dead boyfriends mentioned before the reader finds out what happened to them? It's a serious piece of character illustration that should have been revealed the first time they're mentioned. I was also annoyed by how Ember does all this research on day 1 of the novel that she conveniently forgets on day

2, when it clearly applies. I'm always bothered by characters when I'm smarter than they are. She just went through this traumatic experience and yet it doesn't inform who she is, despite how many times the narration tells us that she is thinking about all that has happened over the last couple days. Then there was how many times something didn't "set well" with Ember. The phrase is "sit well". Lastly, the end completely leaves the ex-boyfriend storyline unresolved. If it's going to be the topic in the next novel, then the last sentence of this novel needs to be "i'll call him back later" or something to that effect. As it is, that sentence is far enough from the end that it just seems incomplete. I'm tempted to read the next novel in the series but i am doubtful that these writing issues will improve. So who knows? It might happen but in a few months.

Books In Brogan says

Pretty good book even for a first book in a new series but as usual Yasmine Galenorn writing makes in a great read that even while setting up the new series, still kept the story fast pace and engaging. I can't wait for the next one. This review was originally posted on Books In Brogan

Lost in Words says

Inquiring minds want to know...

A good story but lacking that last little bit of commitment to make great. A son of a god and goddess...what's his powers besides turning into a deer? The other characters had more depth than the male lead. The heroine while likeable was somewhat defeatist in her attitude. I just don't find this beginning as good as other books from Ms. Galenorn. Perhaps it needs a bit more polish?

Kerry Paolucci says

The poor editing on this book was very hard to overlook. At one point characters are entering a building where they notice the elevator is out of service. They then climb the stairs, but somehow exit the elevator in the next sentence. I also felt like Ember was a recycled Camille from the Otherworld series. I thought the premise of the book sounded so exciting, but the end result was totally lacking. :(

Aly says

I have enjoyed so many of Yasmine's book. This one is a little different for me but I like it too. I like that this author has new ideas. She has a variety of books she can write. I love the other world series but I would probably try anything this author write because I like her style of writing and I enjoy reading what she has come up with for new characters and new worlds. This book is a little bit of both for me. Try it and see what you think!

Jeanny says

This book was mediocre & as such completely unremarkable. 1 Star

I found myself losing interest, so much so that I DNF'd it at 90%, that's somewhere in chapter 15 & I am secure in my decision. No FUMO here & that's a shame. I was unimpressed & I will not be following this series.

I wanted this book to grip me & it just didn't. To be fair the book has potential & the author is talented at her craft.

If you're interested in this author's work I'd recommend her Fury Unbound series. That series is a quick & entertaining read.

Jill says

New Beginnings

Yasmine Galenorn has done it again. She has a winner on her hands.

I was pulled into the world of Ember and Angel. The Wild Hunt is an agency that is there to keep the peace and ensure safety.

From the first page to the last I was intrigued with how well the story flowed and how the characters worked together. I am looking forward to more to come and to see how Ember and Angel settle into their new lives.

Dani says

This book comes close to being the arithmetic average of four other series by Galenorn. The protagonist is a half-breed Fae private detective. She lives in a Seattle which is modern Seattle plus elves, vampires, werewolves, and any other supernatural creature the plot requires.

"The Wild Hunt" is a semi-official private investigation agency (it's run by a pair of Celtic gods, so who's going to tell them 'no'?) that the protagonist is convinced to join ("if you join us we'll keep you from being assassinated"), and this book serves primarily as an introduction to the cast. There is very little story.

If you haven't read Galenorn's books before, this isn't the place to start. If you have read her work before, and want something new, this isn't it. If you've enjoyed her style of wish-fulfillment fantasy and want more that's the same, you've found it.

Beth says

Great start to a new must pre-order series. 4.5 stars

Lyndi W. says

The blurb isn't exactly *misleading*... but it doesn't really give the right impression either. I refuse to spoil anything, so I can't even explain what I mean. *sigh* But I had a great time reading this, obviously as I read it straight through. The Wild Hunt in this book is familiar, but also original - it's kinda like the author flipped the tropes on us with this one and that's all I can say. The MC was great - she's got a casual voice that works well with her situation. And the rest of the cast is good, too. They balance each other and all bring something unique to the table. The MC's relationship with her BFF being so heavily featured is also enjoyable. I really liked the romantic sparks and the vast array of magical beings in this world. The worldbuilding is interesting here, but I'm gonna have to brush up on my mythology if the author doesn't explain certain things in the next books.

Definitely recommending this one.
