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A dream can become a nightmare in a matter of moments, and Ivyanne Court is living proof of this. She thought choosing between three potential husbands she was indifferent to was the worst thing that could happen to her, but she was so very wrong. Choosing between two she cares deeply for is that much worse. Especially when there's a chance that one moment of irresponsibility has already predetermined her future. Hands tied, heart bound, still mourning the loss of her best friend, Ivyanne cannot believe that having her unspoken wish granted could cause so much misery among those closest to her. The mers are no longer looking to the queen for guidance, or the princess for her decision- but the moon, for they believe that what it reveals as it wanes will illuminate Ivyanne's path, whether she agrees, or not, for as tides sculpt the sand, the moon shapes their kingdom.

But is it that simple? Is a heart divided, merely a heart in denial?

In the distance, hidden in shadow but forever watching, someone thinks it is. Someone is convinced that the princess has created conflict in her heart, and will find resolution only by stepping into his arms instead. But he knows she will not listen to him and a quest begins, a journey from The Great Barrier Reef to the Antarctic Ocean, seeking allies to assist him, creating division within the kingdom for the first time in one thousand years. He believes that the moon's power is dwarfed by his own, and if the princess can't find a way to rule the men she thinks that she loves out of her heart, that he is going to take them out of her life any way he can. His whole life, other people have drawn the lines in the sand, but now, he is carving his own, deep enough to draw blood.

Three Rings sees a shift in the mer way of thinking, but for a kingdom that was previously the pinnacle of perfection, this will be a jarring lesson to learn and will resonate from the community they have claimed as their own, to the furthest reaches of the Mediterranean, drawing fresh souls to Seaview, fresh jealousies, fresh insecurities, and fresh wounds. For what lies beneath is power previously unimagined, and one man is about to bend it to his will.

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Sassapphras says

I'm still waiting for Ivyanne's awesomeness. Everyone else has superpowers but her. That little snippet towards the end wasn't nearly enough. I need my kickass heroine!

I am so stupid. No wonder The Little Mermaid had her tongue cut out.

S.K. Munt says

Book 2 in The Fairytale saga is not for the faint of heart. The ocean is awash with everyone's true colours and Ivyanne Court is going to rue the day she stepped foot onto the golden sands of Seaview and brought horror and heartbreak along with her.

L.J (Lisa Jane) says

4.5 stars if you want to get technical :)

I don't post spoilers in my reviews because I want people to read them and be interested in the book. I don't want to ruin it for them (which has been done for me). If on a rare occasion I post a spoiler it will be in tags or with a warning first.

The cover is perfect. The only thing that would have been cool is if the 3 different rings were on the cover at the bottom - would love to have a visual.

The Characters are great. They are so well described that I feel i know them and can see them. I must say that I love Bane, he's great and I hope to see more of him in book 3.

The story starts off.....crap I have to actually go back and look because the end is so explosive that I have forgotten where this book started LOL... ahh that's right, the twist at the beginning really was good. The more I read the more I want to drown Link and his arrogance and smack Ivyanne for being such a "typical blonde". ROFL @ "row row rowed the boat" bahaha I actually snickered out loud at that. The story is good and sails right through. There were a couple of moments where it floated in place but then jumped right back and picked up again. The excitement on the plane was something else. I thought I was going to jump through the pages and beat someone! The ending was something else. I will admit I had tears and was angry. This series is bringing out some great emotions and I think that is one of the reasons why it is rating so well with readers.

I must say though that i am on team Tristan lol, have been from the start. Link is just irritating to me. I find him immature and insecure and more like a lost puppy than anything. Although against a tree he may give the puppy a run for it's money *you gotta read the book to get that comment >;)

The Writing Style is terrific and as mentioned, emotional. There are a few spelling issues but not as many as the first book and they didn't take anything away from the story or reading experience.

I would recommend this book to anyone but you must read the first book before this one (duh).

Jen says

I wish there were bonus stars available to present this book- a huge sparkling gold star- fire crackers- a 50 piece orchestra or my heart on a chain!! I didn't think any story could beat the first instalment of this saga but then....Three rings comes along and blows my mind!! Twists and turns at every corner, heartbreak and laughter had me glued to my kindle till the wee hours of the night but I had to force myself to put it down because I just couldn't bare the thought of the story being over too soon and becoming closer to an agonising wait until book 3. Hurry up October!!!

Rhonda says

Get ready to be rocked

This series is amazing! If you can't put aside fantastic turn arounds that if using logic just doesn't work, don't read this book. If you truly love fantasy this book has it! Tragedy, secrets and a totally deranged villain The way the secrets are revealed gives a dose wtf.

I am disappointed in Ivyanne. She still is not certain who she wants. Link is coming into his own. And Tristan is so Tristan. Ardhi is well so psychotic that it hurts my brain.
Can't Wait to see What happens Next!!!!

Taylor says

This is the sequel to the *Marked Ones*. I was nervous that it would pale in comparison to the first book, but I was surprised how interesting the plot was becoming. The love triangle was a great plot line, but the side plots, the twists and the characters made it an enjoyable read.

Howard Parsons says

It is without a doubt that S.K. Munt is a master story-teller. Hot on the heels of her acclaimed debut novel, *The Marked Ones*, comes *Three Rings* which is guaranteed to take readers through an emotional wringer.

Things have changed on Bracken Island. Ivyanne has brought home not one but two suitors for the hand of the Princess. There was a third suitor but everyone thought he had died in order to bring Lincoln Grey, Ivyanne's adolescent sweetheart, into the world of the Mer. That suitor would be Ardhi, Ivyanne's childhood friend who is a mystic; that rare sort of Mer who can – amongst other things – “turn” humans into Mer and live to tell the tale. His intentions were to take out Tristan Loveridge, give Lincoln to Ivyanne and die in the process, etching his memory forever in her heart. As it turns out, everyone – including Ardhi -- was wrong about this.

Tristan survived his seemingly mortal wound and Ardhi survived “turning” Lincoln. Tristan is now locked in a jealous rivalry with Lincoln and Ardhi is now a loose cannon whose schemes and actions will shape the

course of this story until the very end. As Lincoln Grey was held prisoner by his past and Ivyanne Court was held prisoner by her future, Ardhi's actions have created a new kind of prison containing Tristan, Lincoln and Ivyanne where the two suitors duke it out in a game of one-upmanship. Although many females might enjoy two men fighting over them, it has the opposite effect on Ivyanne. If there is an eventual victor, will Ivyanne be in any kind of emotional state to become the spoils of victory?

She just wished that both men understood the position she was in - had an inkling of what she was going through. Every time they pulled her in opposite directions, she could feel the flesh of her heart rip a little further. What was she going to have left to love either with, when they were through?

S.K. Munt has a wonderful ability to create characters that readers can't help care about and there is almost no way that one can read her stories without becoming emotionally committed to one or more of them . . . even Ardhi. For good or for ill, her characters will haunt the reader well after the final paragraph of *Three Rings* . To understand the characters is to understand the story.

Tristan is the fair-haired boy. The golden child who is the equivalent of captain of the football team, class president and major heart-throb all rolled into one. Lesser men cheer him on because he is everything they wish they could become but never will. Men in Tristan's league curse him because he is their stiffest competition. He is a mermaid magnet and quite handy with human females as well. It seems that Tristan almost always gets what he wants. Will he succeed this time?

Lincoln is more of an everyman. He has had the things he loves repeatedly taken from him and when he has the chance to claim what he most desires, he runs the risk of losing it once more. Like the rest of us mere mortals, Lincoln has the recurring tendency to shoot himself in the flukes with pin-point accuracy. His gift is apparently the ability to take blow after emotional blow and yet stagger to his feet once again. Staying down for the count is not an option. The reader will wonder if Lincoln will be able to survive the fatal blow if he loses the one thing that has controlled his life since he was a teenager.

Ivyanne is the prize in the emotional tug of war amongst her suitors. Every time she seems to grasp that one bit of elusive happiness, it is snatched away from her. She is akin to an emotional weather-vane, constantly spinning whichever way the winds of fate happen to blow. Aside from her summer love when both she and Lincoln were both in their teens, Ivyanne is an innocent abroad having been sheltered and groomed for the day when she will do her duty to the kingdom by choosing from a handful of candidates, the best possible mate to perpetuate the bloodline. Love is a side issue and her inexperience shows. While it seems like everyone has something to lose in this story, Ivyanne stands to lose the most. Unlike a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, there is no guaranteed happy ending for the parties involved.

Ardhi has already lost something . . . his mind. Love, desire, the quest for fulfillment will change almost any person. That combination along with the seemingly limitless power he now possesses has turned Ardhi into a delusional mer-monster. His plan is to eliminate Tristan, lure Lincoln away from Ivyanne and then claim what is rightfully his . . . no matter whom is hurt or killed along the way.

'Ssh,' he brought his finger to his lips and smiled, feeling giddy. 'We have time, princess. I'll let you get through this weekend, and play the happy bride-to-be, and I'll even play along.' He backed up another step. 'But once these guests leave, and you can drop the pretense that he fulfills you the way you always dreamed of, I want you to think about what just happened, and how right it felt-then come to me.'

The Seaview resort could well become the Heartbreak Hotel if it has not done so already and S.K. Munt eagerly serves as your tour-guide. Her writing brings to mind the following excerpt from *The Man with the Blue Guitar*:

They said, "You have a blue guitar,

You do not play things as they are."

The man replied, "Things as they are

Are changed upon the blue guitar." – Wallace Stevens

In this case, it is S.K. Munt who wields the blue guitar. She has strummed up what might have been an ordinary fantasy story about merfolk into an emotionally gripping tale of love and loss, success and failure. Those readers who follow along on Ms. Munt's blue guitar tour will be changed by the end of *Three Rings* and they will be left wondering what can possibly happen next. Needless to say, this story is not for the faint of heart.

Tristan, who seems to have never cared for love in the past has finally admitted to his self that he loves Ivyanne. Will she turn out to simply be one more accomplishment in an already charmed life or is she the one and only person who can permanently change the world of this pretty-boy merman.

And Lincoln; he used to be human and now he's mer. Can he keep himself going in a world where everything about his life and allegiances have changed? How many more body blows to his heart and soul will he be able to take?

S.K. Munt is well on her way to becoming an author of note. She writes with a style that takes no prisoners other than the reader. There is no escape from her spell at the end of *Three Rings* and readers will find themselves longing for the next installment in her *Fairytail Saga, Heads or Tails* .

Whatever one may think of fantasy novels in general and the mermaid sub-genre, *Three Rings* is well worth the time spent falling under its spell. If the reader interested in this novel has not heard of or read its predecessor, *The Marked Ones*, by all means read it posthaste. This is not a series where the reader can dive in around the middle and easily figure out what has happened before that point. The story Ms. Munt has crafted is much more complex than that. Love, hate, joy, despair and bedroom scenes that will curl your tail fin; S.K. Munt's *FairyTail Saga* seems to have it all.

Kylie Burow says

Oh. My. God!!!! Where do I start? I laughed, I cried, I felt every possible emotion reading this book. I swapped between team Lincoln and team Tristan about a dozen times and still can't decide..... Cannot wait for the next book.

Suzanne says

This 3rd book in the complete fairytail saga was as good as the others with lots of action and twists! There's deceit, betrayal, heartbreak and violence. I was team Tristan at the end of the last book and that definitely hasn't changed. I like Lincoln more than I did but not enough to switch teams. And Arhdi is the perfect villain who certainly makes things interesting!

A fantastic read and I'm looking forward to the next book in the series.

Cheryl Duval says

Oh my gosh! This book is incredible.....the Fairytail Saga is amazing. I love the first book and I didn't think it was possible that the story could get any better but I was wrong! I could hardly put this book down....I needed to see where the story was headed. The deceit, the betrayal, the action, the violence....it all kept me on the edge of my seat. I have to jump right into the next book. This author is amazing...this is definately movie material!!

Emm Cole says

Three Rings is the way to do a sequel, folks. I was very much rooting for Tristan in the first book, but S.K. Munt managed to reel me into feeling for Mr. Lincoln Grey too. I so wasn't expecting that. What I enjoyed most about this book was the increase in action.

Where the first book is very much about developing loves, the second book continues with the romance--but all the while upping the pace and tension. I think I nearly cheered at the end of this book.

Without spoilers, I'll only say that I've been waiting for the Ivyanne of the last chapter. It was exciting to see her character develop to where this book leaves off. I have a feeling Ivyanne is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the third and final book. As a fan of strong heroines who cannot be held back, bring on Heads or Tails!

Candy says

Mandy says

Once again I was totally hooked after the first paragraph! I stayed up till 3 am this morning and finished this book because I just COULDN'T put it down. For such a detailed complex story it's so easy to follow and the

anticipation just kept building with every chapter. I was totally transported into the world of the mermaids and more than once I found myself holding my breath or clutching my hand over my mouth in shock! Loved it and can't recommend it highly enough!

Ananya Banerjee says

There are so many plot twists along the way. Just when I think I have it all figured out, I am proven wrong. This book was quite exhilarating, and it did not suffer from the dreaded second book syndrome. TEAM TRISTAN ALL THE WAY. That is all.

Am says

This 2nd book in the fairytale saga moves at a cracking pace - plot twists and turns abound! The new characters introduced since book 1 (The Marked Ones) really open up the possibilities and kept me guessing (and second guessing) all the way through the book. And now I have been left on a knife-edge of suspense once again, waiting... for book 3, (the final book?) to put me out of my misery. A fantastic read, better than the first!!!
