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At seventeen, Ren Pernell knows the meaning of tragedy.

But then, a year after losing her parents, Axel Knight walks through the door and changes everything. Strange creatures start to appear, her best friend suddenly finds her irresistible, and an undeniable, unexplainable bond with Axel threatens to drive her insane. She knows he's the key. There's something he's not sharing, and she's determined to find out.

Demanding answers, she finally learns the truth: everything she ever believed is an illusion. Caught in a centuries-old blood feud between races she never knew existed, Ren discovers her true destiny. She's the chosen one, the Echo, preordained to end the bloodshed.

There's just one catch--in order to save those she loves and a homeland she's never seen, she'll have to die.

With the clock running out, she'll have to navigate a new world of betrayal, lies and deceit. If she can forgive, finding love even in the darkest places, she just might be able to escape the prophecy. But how much is she willing to sacrifice for a cause she didn't know she was part of? And what will it take for her to be free?

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From Reader Review Dracian Legacy for online ebook

Jodie says

3.5 Shimmering Stars...

In that moment, I understood what love was. It was blind. It was deep. It was magical. Love protected, preserved, intensified, and was always steadfast. Cassie and Joshua were proof. It didn't matter the real value of the object, only the value of the person. ~ Ren on Love

I had so many mixed emotions & reactions while reading this book. I remember sending a text after getting a few chapters in saying 'Omg, this book is the bomb diggity! You have to check this out! It's laugh out loud hilarious :)'

"You bailing on life again, Pernell?"

"Go find someone else to annoy."

"And what? Miss a chance to infuriate you?" Dean smirked.

"You are--"

"Mere perfection." Dean interjected.

"You're full of--"

"Life." He wiggled his eyebrows, throwing himself on my bed putting his arm around my shoulder. ~ Ren & Dean

So, I'll start there. In the beginning I was devouring the pages. I didn't want to set my kindle down for anything. When the prologue gives you goosies, you know it's going to be an intense read. Ren (full name Temperance Pernell & aka Killer to her brother Josh, and Nellie by her neighbour/bff Dean) is recovering from her parents brutal murder. It's been 18 months and she is finally learning to live again. She had no idea what the big bad world had in store for her, and neither did I, but boy, did I want to! She was going to have her eyes opened wide to Dracians, Telalians, Goarders and Proxys, family secrets she couldn't have imagined and a prophecy that would blow her mind. Whoa momma. Hold on you your horses!!!

Before I knew it, I was more confused than a fish in a dry pond. ~ Ren

Something else that I absolutely loved - the friendship & the humor. Dean, Landon, Pey and Ren has been best friends since first grade. Awwwwwww, I love me friendships with unwavering loyalty and these 4 had it. In droves. I wanted to hang out at the cafe and bask in the wit and fun of the group. There was insults and comebacks flying thick and fast. And everyone knows I love me some banter!

"A cocky quarterback that's hopelessly in love with himself. We'll be lucky if you don't stop every two seconds to check yourself out."

"Hey, I can't help if I'm that irresistible." He shot me a flirty smile.

I looked to Pey, who ave me a *for real?* look, making me laugh.

Dean was not in *love* with himself. He was beyond stalker-obsessed.

"You're a man-whore, Dean. Man.Whore," Pey drawled.

Oh no, not this conversation again.

"I've got plenty of love and I don't object to sharing." Dean shrugged.

When we got to the love and sparks that's when I started having some difficulties. Now don't get me wrong I

did quite enjoy the majority of this book, but I found some parts had me rolling my eyes at some of the lovey dovey stuff that was maybe even a bit too much for this romance lover, I tried remembering if that's how 17/18 year olds really did speak like that when I was that age and actually gasped out loud when I realised I was actually Team Dean rather than Team Axel because I rather the banter than the swoon. I know wtf people. That is almost unheard of. I usually love me some sweetness, but I guess we do know, I always ALWAYS go for the lifetime of friendship, so it kinda sucks that we only got a few beautiful moments and kisses with Dean, and I have pretty much figured he doesn't have a chance.

"I'm overwhelmed by you. You've shown me all I can become. From the first time I saw you, my world has taken a different orbit. And when you glanced my way the very first time, I knew you would be mine. You're my saviour, my angel, my own personal demon." ~ Axel to Ren

"I'm lost to your touch, your magic. I think of you in every waking moment and dream of you when I'm asleep. I love you in so many ways it's hard to breathe. I love you above everything-heaven, earth, body, and soul." ~ Axel to Ren

The relationship Ren shared with her only family on the planet, her brother Josh (aka Muskles) has me tearing up time and time again. And at one point I was crying so much I was gasping for air. This author knows how to make her relationships meaningful.

"If they were here..." I choked, unable to finish the thought. "We'll always have each other right?" "One way or another." He kissed my forehead. "I love you kiddo." ~ Ren & Josh

This book had me giggling at Ren's internal dialogue, the challenge junkie in her, and her mental slaps and facepalms. And I adored the descriptions of the rain, cave, gazebo and seeing the world through Ren's awe filled eyes. The music and movies in the pages was fab, and the action, although it was not until much later in the book, when it hit, my heart was racing. I thought the telepathy was wicked and the protector thing made my heart sigh. I love me some Dean :) There was so much information throughout the book that I'm not sure I grasped it all, but I will tell you something for sure, there is plenty more I need answers to and I'm looking forward to continuing on with the series when the next instalment is released.

"The greatest success always follows epic failure. We've all failed, disappointing someone in our lives, but we rise above it because we learn from those mistakes..." ~ Axel to Ren

Martha says

Reminded me of I Am Number Four.

The internal monologue that runs throughout its pretty hilarious! Ren is a hilarious character although she can be pretty dense sometimes. I mean all this talk about an Echo and ahh here I go about to spoil the book! Lets just say she can be pretty dense. I liked her though because she reminds me of a young lady but age and who acts pretty much the same as Ren. Axel on the other hand I almost immediately loved. What other bad boy have you read about that blushes? Or gets nervous? How cute! They can't all be perfectly confident in everything right? Of course we have the love triangle. In this case it's the ever cocky Dean. Ladies watch out for him! The one thing that bugged me was that Ren would feel bad about Axel and would jump Dean. Not cool, Ren. Between Axel and Ren though I got a strong sense of insta-love. Yep they hang a few days and BAM! she fancies herself already half in love with Axel.

You know when you watch those horror movies where the MC is home alone with a homicidal maniac and you're yelling at her to run? Yep I wanted to yell at Ren to run sometimes! Run from Dean (although it'd be kind of hard since he lives next door) because he's obviously not good for her (as a bf). Run from the crazy kid who says he's got powers. But alas, I have to admit that these are always the most entertaining to watch because we know that in the end the MC will find a way to escape the crazy!

The half was a bit slow. Nothing is really happening except for the love triangle but then in the second half you won't be able to put it down! All the juicy stuff starts to happen! I really would've loved to read about any previous encounters between Axel and Ren for her to be so annoyed by him in the beginning. That and to know how she calmly took all the info that Axel gave her without freaking out even a little!

Overall, I would say read it because it's very entertaining. It'll make you laugh and swoon and even make you a little sad but it's a great read.

Nuzaifa - Word Contessa says

4.5 Stars

Character Interview-Dean & Axel stopped by Say It with Books-These two are THE bomb people.For real!

Sometimes you come across certain books that you read in one sitting because they are just that awesome?And then once you are done you feel so heart broken because now that all the awesome-ness is over you have to wait for another year for the sequel to experience another dose of that awesome-ness?Well,Dracian Legacy is one such book.

You know what I loved the MOST about Dracian Legacy?The Characters.The characters have been crafted in such way that each and every one of them feels vital to the story.The story is told from Ren's POV and boy Oh boy isn't she one kickass protagonist!Her sarcasm and sense of humor made me have some serious giggling fits.She was not like certain unbearably whiny YA heroines-she was compassionate,loyal and brave despite being pushed head first into some seriously over-whelming situations.Her sense of humor was like an ever present sidekick!

“Ah hell, this was bad. Double-chocolate-chips-goes-to-my-hips kinda bad.”

And then we have Axel-a sweet,romantic and protective guy with an admirable sense of honor.He cares a lot about the people he loves.He's also a man with a mission-the mission being finding the prophesied one.

“You make everything about my existence worthwhile.”

Dean-Despite what certain people think,Dean is mine(~~anyone who'd like to dispute that can meet me for a duel~~).This guy is hilarious.Sweet.Cocky.And haaaawt!I double dare you to read Dracian Legacy and NOT love this dude.Honestly,he's soooo swoony!Under all that misguided egotistical attitude there's one sweeeeeeeeet guy.For Real. *sniff sniff*

“You look super cute when you get all worked up. If it weren't for that razor-sharp tongue of yours, I'd suck that cuteness right out of you.”

Joshua, Cassie, Pey, Landon, Tyler were great supporting characters too.

The story moved very smoothly and there were a couple of twists and turns that surprised me. The relationship between the characters was well developed, loved the easy banter! There were plenty of adrenaline-rush-moments thanks to the well written action scenes.

And the ending totally caught me off guard-I really wasn't expecting something of that sort! The cliffhanger wasn't that big but I still cannot wait to get my hands on the sequel(I think it'll be out in Feb 2014 ~~Hopefully we'll be able to get our hands on it earlier~~).

If you haven't read this fantastic debut, please go do it NOW- You have no idea what you are missing out on!

Christine Rains says

Ren Pernell had just started getting over the death of her parents when her world is turned upside-down again when the mysterious Axel Knight enters her life. A gorgeous guy isn't the end of the world, but with everything else, it might be. Nightmares lunge out of the shadows and attack, shattering the illusion of her normal life. Ren is at the center of an ancient war and only she can stop it.

This is a fantastic debut YA paranormal romance novel by Priya Kanaparti. It takes us slowly out of the dramatic every day teen life with a few hints of something magical going on, and then we're thrust into the frightening thick of it with Ren. Ren hasn't fully recovered yet from her parents' deaths when her life is altered drastically. She doesn't realize the strength within herself and comes across as wishy-washy. But Axel sees it. He's not only hot, but a great guide to bring her into the world of the Dracians. He's a good complement to Ren.

I found the world building and mythology most fascinating. Priya has prepared a solid base for what is to come in the series. Her writing style is clean and captures a powerful YA voice. I wasn't fond of the love triangle or instant love aspects of the story, but the plot carries great promise for where the series is headed.

Cecilia Robert says

What a wonderful debut! I really enjoyed reading Dracian Legacy. Ren is a wonderful, character with a strong voice. It was great experiencing her world through her eyes.

As soon as Ren's parents die, life as she knows it changes. First she meets Axel, the new guy in school. Only he's more than 'the new über-sexy guy' he is one a mission, and his mission is Ren.

Soon, she is tossed into a world she wasn't aware existed, and she finds out she is more than a high school girl.

The action scenes in this story are pretty spectacular. There's romance, gorgeous boys, wonderful friendships.

Can't wait to read the second book in the series.

Isabel (Sab The Book Eater) says

MOTHER OF ALL CLIFFHANGERS!!! You know how incredibly annoying it is that TODAY'S the release day and that means I (we all do) have to wait a long time before book two comes out and and.... how can I possibly read a new book after this?! All the questions and possibilities... GAAAH!!! Mind blowing!!! Review coming out, March 10th!!! (so many exclamation points)

ACTUAL REVIEW. Posted on Sab The Book Eater

Before my review, allow me a moment of cheesiness...

Did you know, the first cover reveal I've done on this blog is for Dracian Legacy? Yup. Thinking about it now and writing this for my stop on the tour... wow. We've come a long way.

(awkward silence)

No, seriously! It's freaking cool how one day I was just doing a cover reveal and then Priya was like, "hey want to participate in the tour?" and I was all HELL YEAH and I read it and my mind went KABOOM! Mind. Blowingly. Awesome. (forgive this part right here, I'm really finding it hard to make a decent review without fan girling and this is me, fan girling)

Alright, I'll make this easy for ya'll. Here are 5 reasons why you should buy Dracian Legacy:

1. Story line. As far as paranormal stories go, this is definitely original. It had an interesting plot and there were twists and turns that just made everything all the more exciting. Things that I just had to highlight and note, "didn't see THAT coming." I admit, I was sort of taken aback at first when a huge chunk of the mystery of Dracians and Telalians were explained early on but then going into the story I realized it was a good move. It got all the technical explanations out of the way and it made it easier for me to understand the story better as it progressed.

I also like that Priya was able to create a new world and was able to build the story from that. I tend to be more picky with paranormal novels because some books can get a bit weird and the story line becomes hard to grasp. But that wasn't the case in Dracian Legacy. I liked that the story incorporated a lot of contemporary elements in it (i.e. names, setting) without drowning out the paranormal. It was the right mix of paranormal and contemporary so the story was pretty easy to get into. Did I just make sense? Boy, I sure do hope so.

2. Characters. This book has a set of well-rounded characters. I loved that the story was made whole by not just the main characters but even the minor ones. Everyone played an important part in the story and I think it was cool how Priya was able to connect all of them. It wasn't just the characters per se, it's the relationships they have and formed. I just loved reading about Ren's relationship with her brother. It's one of my favorite things about the book. It was so touching and genuine and it was refreshing having some other form of relationship be given equal importance. Aside from that, I loved how the characters thought/spoke. They were witty and hilarious; it definitely added more to my enjoyment because they felt more relatable.

(and this is the part where I gush over some of the characters. Teehee)

I love love love (love) Ren! It's not that often that I like the female protagonist more than the male lead because honestly? We all hate the girl that gets The Guy. Ha! Seriously though, I liked Ren. She has spunk and she's totally not annoying. She wasn't whiny and she was strong - well duh, she's the center of it all, of course she's strong! Anyway!

Axel. Girls, girls. He's a freaking general. How sexy is that? (When I typed the word 'general' my heart skipped a beat haha *coughs* okay sorry) Axel has got to be one of my favorite book boyfriends now. He's strong, powerful, gorgeous and... one heck of a romantic! He says a lot of things which, I admit, are a bit over the top sometimes but who cares! He's not even human! He's allowed to be cheesy and sweet like that!

Dean. A lot of the bloggers I know are pining over Dean and I can definitely see why. He's the totally swoon-worthy bestfriend the MC, for some bizarre reason, doesn't want. Everything about Dean just screams hot. Literally. You'll have to read it to find out *wink*

TYLER. Tyler isn't part of the main characters but he's MY book boyfriend and I want to give him a spot on my review. He's strong. And cute. And funny. And perfect. And MINE. Just so you know. I'm sure the other minor characters are equally dreamy, but this one's taken alright? ;-) (god I feel like a hipster for crushing on a character who's not even part of the main characters) Did I mention he's funny? He's funny.

3. Romance. It was sort of insta love between Ren and Axel but it worked, for some reason. It didn't feel forced. It was almost as if the universe meant for them to be together. Cheesy, I know. But whatever. There were plenty of tender moments between Ren and Axel and they were simply breathtaking! Yes, I used that word...because it's true. I loved their initial attraction and I loved it even more when their relationship blossomed. *sigh*

4. Action. And of course, action. I loved the fight scenes! The Dracians were all badass warriors. Everything was just so descriptive and the pacing was great! It really set the mood, you know? Plus, you can really get a feel of the magical elements of the story because of all the action. One thing though, and I know some reviewers complained about it too - most of the action happened towards the end of the book. While that is true, I still feel like it was enough to set the story for the second book. To me, all that took place in the story was a some kind of preparation for all the madness that'll take place in the next installment. So even if a lot of the action happened towards the end, it was still equally awesome.

5. Cliffhanger. MOTHER OF ALL CLIFFHANGERS. It wasn't a huge letdown, really. It was just... this disturbing little detail that Priya left at the very last page. I finished reading it the day it was released and all I could think of was, "I have to wait. I have to wait for a long time."

Overall, Dracian Legacy is a must read. Loved everything about it - the plot, the descriptions, the characters (even their names), the paranormal elements - except the cliffhanger but I can live with that. Heh. I just really freaking need the second book. I even stalk Priya on Twitter whenever she has updates because I AM HOOKED ON THIS SERIES! Any book that makes me care enough to find out what happens after the cliffhanger is definitely a great one. Go and buy your copy of Dracian Legacy, you won't regret it. ;)

*****I received an Advanced Reading e-Copy of this book for review*****

This review is based solely on my opinion.

Tiffany Loves Books says

Dracian Legacy is a paranormal romance about a girl caught in the middle of a war between two races of magical beings. It starts off well, is a page turner and was quick to capture my attention. Kanaparti does a great job with her debut novel and it truly has a lot of potential: as a novel and as a series.

The Good:

- This novel had so many components that made it an amazing read. It had amazing character development both for main characters and supporting characters as well.
- This novel also had the romance and steamy-ness in spades. The romance got to be a little cheesy in some scenes but it was all of the flower and hearts variety I love so much.
- The premise was intriguing and well presented.
- Great action scenes. Well she spoon feeds it to us- a little at a time under this battle royale at the end, which was amazing.
- Good storyline and with great pacing.

So, here is what I've been trying to nicely ease into. This book truly had the potential to be a 5 star novel but there seemed to be a few problems with it. **Note: I am aware of the fact that I got a very early version of the novel and not the final product readers will be getting.** My biggest issue with this novel is time. The flow of time was a bit disjointed. Sometimes one thing would lead to another without explanation. Characters would appear in weird ways and go un-introduced, one scene leads to another without transition and things of the sort.

So the above complaint clearly took away from the novel for me. However, it's a book that is worth reading. It actually makes for a great pastime and I truly enjoyed the novel and will be picking up it's sequel. The story line is well-developed yet leaves enough intrigue that it will keep you guessing. *Dracian Legacy* is definitely a book I recommend.

**I received a free copy of the novel in exchange for an honest review.*

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Lourie says

I have a love hate relationship with “Dracian Legacy” so I am going to approach this review differently than my others.

Characters:

I love the big bold personalities of every character that appears in the book. While the main focus is on Ren and Axel there are a slew of supporting characters that make their way in to balance and deepen the

narrative.

- Ren - is carefree and goes with the flow. She loves her brother and her friends fiercely. What I don't like about her is that she is too trusting. This big mine field of information is dumped on her and she takes everything as truth from the start and questions very little.
- Axel - is a prince and warrior whose attention is undividedly bestowed upon Ren. He is a little corny in his romantic pronouncements but ultimately he is charming and endearing.
- Dean - has become a master of hiding his true feelings but takes his job seriously!

I love that there is no teen angst delivered. While there is mention of some hardships in Ren's past it's used to further the plot, not to dwell on for sympathy. Kanaparti delivered teen psyche expertly.

Plot:

The story is easy to follow and the plot moves along at a nice pace. I loved the moments of inner dialogue from Ren. Her inner thoughts were quite amusing and totally relatable. However what didn't work for the story was the information dump. There was one chapter that explained everything about the Dracians and Telalians which came off a little clunky and then wasn't built on later. I would have liked to see more action scenes since there were very few but what was offered was superbly done.

Insta Love:

Romance should be the eventual falling in love due to the building of a relationship, sweet tender moments and a mutual respect for each other's attributes but "Dracian Legacy" offered insta love. So much of the book is centered on Ren and Axel's attraction to one another that it became overwhelming. It was like one huge make out session with them. There was way too much teen pawing even with the supporting characters. For those that either love or despise love triangle there is also a minor one offered to muddle up the works.

I will say that "Dracian Legacy" is a strong debut novel for Priya Kanaparti. While I listed many pro's and con's for this book I enjoyed reading it and am curious to see what the second book in the saga will bring especially after the slight cliff hanger was delivered.

Amy says

www.the-book-diaries.blogspot.com

Where to begin? Ok, this book was awesome. I loved the story idea. It was so creative and original and refreshing to read about something new and exciting. The Dracians. Priya has outdone herself with her first book. In no way does this book speak "new author". Priya writes with experience and it shows with her story of Dracian Legacy. Priya's characters are so loveable, and entertaining. The way she writes brings a realness about them, and it's easy to become attached to a character. My favorite thing about this book is the thoughts Ren has, she is hilarious. Everyone can relate to the things she is thinking. To describe Ren as a character would be loyal, courageous, self-sacrificing, and headstrong. Dean I believe is the most misunderstood character. He surprised me at every corner even with his stupid male ego. Axel is a mystery. Just when you think you've got him figured out, we find another secret. I think we will learn a lot more about him in Dracian Legacy #2.

"You look super cute when you get all worked up.

If it weren't for that razor-sharp tongue of yours,

I'd suck that cuteness right out of you." -Dean

In her book we meet Temperence, aka Ren, who is an ordinary teenage girl, so it seems. Having lost her parents a year ago, we see the rebuilding of Ren's life without them. Her brother, Joshua, is her guardian and to me is the example of the brother we all want or wished we had. Ren meets Alexander, aka Axel, while visiting her parents gravesite. That night is when Ren's world is knocked of its axis. Creatures called Goarders, aka bad monsters, attack Ren and Axel, leaving Axel to make a big decision, tell Ren about who he really is and his world called Dracia. From that day on, Axel is all Ren can think about, and realizes she has an intense pull for him. Dean, one of Ren's best friends and certified "asshat", sees Ren's attraction towards Axel and decides now is time to make a move. Thus creating our love triangle. Both guys pull feelings from Ren and has to choose. Just when Ren gets her man, revealtions come out. Ren is not what she thinks she is and neither are the people she loves and cares about most. Ren has to learn to protect herself from the evils of Dracia and now become the savior they all need her to be, oh and graduate high school as well. When the battle comes, Ren will have to survive ultimate love and loss and say goodbye to her old life.

Laura Thomas says

It's been a year since Ren's parents were murdered and she's still grieving. Luckily, she has her big brother, Joshua, to lean on. Together, they struggle to find their way.

Life does go on though, and Ren is learning to deal with it. Her best friend Pey, along with her boyfriend Landon keep her distracted, when they can keep their hands off each other. And there's always Dean, her friend from childhood. They shared everything, but lately he's become stuck on himself since making the varsity football team. Now, he's irritating and thinks he's God's gift to all women.

I have to confess, I usually fall for the bad boy. Especially when he looks as yummy as Dean does.

Hanging out with her gang at the local cafe, she can't miss the new guy. She senses he's different, special somehow. She squirms under his gaze.

His brown hair drooped over his eyes and his shirt hugged every ripple and contour of his body. I wondered how long it took God to create that sculpture.

She bumps into him later. I mean really bumps into him when he almost runs her over with his motorcycle.

She has little time to be angry as they are attacked by these things. He quickly dispatches them and gets her safely home. At least she now has his name. Axel.

The next day, at achool, she sees him again. He talks her into a ride on Dulcea, his bike, and takes her to a cave she'd never known was there. She gasps at the beauty of it. The flowers and trees, and the cascading waterfall make her feel like she's entered another world.

There, Axel explains about who he is and what attacked them. Ren's easy belief surprises him.

"God is bipolar," I said.

“What?” His voice was low and surprised.

“I mean, how can he create something as astonishing as this and also create those things? Goarders, I think you said?” I shuddered, remembering the blood-red eyes, sharp teeth, and snake-like tongues.

It figures. She finally meets a guy she’d date, and it turns out he’s a Dracian, a magical being with special abilities. And his race is at war with another faction, hence the Goarders.

Now she’s caught up in their war and falling in love with Axel. She’s also dealing with the unsolved murder of her parents and a disturbing encounter with her mother’s ghost. That’s a lot for a seventeen year old to cope with.

Axel’s mission to retrieve the Echo turns into a mission to keep them alive. The enemy wants something he has and they will keep on coming until they get it. That thing is Ren, and Axel will stop at nothing to protect the girl he loves.

When I started reading Dracian Legacy I felt like I had stepped into the past. All the way back to highschool. It was fun listening to Ren and her gang as they bantered back and forth.

And the angst she feels when she’s anywhere near Axel makes me remember my first crush. I couldn’t think straight when he was around and the stupidest things would come out of my mouth. Ren’s awkwardness had me chuckling and sighing, remembering when.

Dracian Legacy may be a romance, but don’t forget the war between magical factions. And the Goarders, you don’t dare forget them. They are just waiting to rip you to shreds.

Once Ren gets dragged into their war, the book takes off and you’re along for a turbulent ride to the end.

I was surprised by how much I liked this story. It’s written for young adults and I didn’t expect to feel a real connection to the characters. I did though. Especially to Ren, Axel, and Dean. But I also connected with Joshua, Pey and Landon.

I guess I’m saying, I love a character driven book, and there were so many I enjoyed in this book.

If you like YA paranormal fantasies, with some romance to spice it up, I’d recommend you read Dracian Legacy. I’m curious to see how the characters mature and what they fall into next.

Dracian Legacy and Priya’s characters get Four Stars from me!

Jana says

I’ve got a love-hate relationship with this book. While some parts really did impress me considering this is a debut, some parts really did make me want to tear my hair out. And I like my hair, thank ya very much.

Let's talk about the plot first. I was so intrigued by the two magical races Dracians and the Telalians and I was expecting to read more about them but what we got was we had the mention at the beginning of the book, and there was no action or something whatsoever until the last few chapters. I want it to be more developed since I think the author can do so much with this. Though I admit the parts we have read, were really great.

With Ren, I was sorta expecting this kick-ass heroine who's smart and brave and blah blah blah but what we unfortunately got was this weak, whiny character who I sometimes got really annoyed with. I feel like the author wants and tries toooo hard to make her really kick-ass and a character who knows what she wants but it's just not working for me.

GUYS, HELP ME. There is insta-love in this book. Oh my gosh. The MC was telling us how she's fallen in love with him in just...WAIT FOR IT...20% of the book. Yes, I did check my Kindle. Like most people/bloggers/readers, that is my absolute hate. Hate hate hate. *clears throat*. Anyway, apart from that which made me hulk-like angry, I didn't mind the romance between Ren and Axel. Axel definitely says the right things and sometimes, he was very swoon-worthy and oh so romantic.

Another thing that really pissed me off. The love triangle. You guys know I'm not a big fan of love triangles and I have to be honest here. While I do love Axel and Dean, I got really tired of the love triangle. It's not the guys' fault. It's REN'S fault. This stupid girl just can't make up her mind and I just want to strangle her! Throughout the book she keeps leading both guys on and keeps going back and forth between them. Just choose one, and leave the other alone.

I think Dean is the saving grace for me. (Just to save confusion: I am totally Team Dean, but we can all guess who Ren's going to end up with just by reading the book summary). Every time he was on the page, I just want to hug this book! Some may say he's your typical bad boy but he's got so many hidden layers underneath that I just want to figure him out. I hope Priya does a POV for him. I'd so read it. :)

You know what? I loved the side characters way more than the main ones. Ren's brother Joshua was one I absolutely loved and his girlfriend/fiance was so sweet! I could read a book about them!

I loved Priya's writing style! It was so addicting and there were some very funny one-liners in there! About the pace of the book however, there were quite slow and didn't pick up until the roughly 3/4 of the book. A little tidbit: I started this and then put it down and didn't pick it up until 2 weeks since it was slow.

The ending kinda ruined this for me. Argh. I can't believe that! WHY?!? I really don't want to give too much away but I thought someone's death was utterly pointless. WHY OH WHY. And I want to say so much more about it but I'm gonna keep my mouth shut. For now. Fyi, I'm undecided whether I will read the sequel. Maybe. Just for Dean.

Overall, this was still worth a read, and even though there were definitely some things I had a problem with, I don't regret reading DRACIAN LEGACY. The author has a lot of potential!

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

HOLY MOTHER LOVER!!!!!!! I love love love cliffhangers because they make me go back and re-read the book so I can try and see if I can figure out what is going to happen. I have to thank Kay my bestest book friend for hippling me to this book. Lord when I started reading it I could not put it down. I even ordered take out for the kids because I did not want to cook. Right from page one I was hooked and so caught up with Ren and Axel that I felt like I was in the book and I did not want it to end.

There is action, suspense, and romance in this story that will knock you on your butt. Ren is just your ordinary girl living her life and minding her own business or so it first appears. We soon find out that Ren is prophesied to end the war between the Dracians and The Telarians. She does not know that though and when Axel comes to save her he explains everything to her. It is not simple because Ren does not believe him at first but Axel soon proves what he is saying is true. Then the unexpected happens and the Ren and Axel start to fall for each other. The more danger comes to Ren the harder Axel fights for her to keep her safe.

Axel has never opened his heart up to anyone but there is something about Ren that tugs at his heart and he has to have her. He has some competition which I love because Ren's best friend Dean secretly loves her and he wants to be with her. But Axel is having none of that and he is the one that will do anything to protect her. Things start to get rough for Ren when she is hunted down by humans who want to destroy her and Goarders who want her dead and the leader of the Telarians seeks her out to destroy her. He wants to make sure that prophecy stays dormant and never comes to fruition.

What will happen to Ren and Axel? Will Ren be captured? Will Axel leave Ren to fend for herself?

This is a must read! Go out and get it today!

CCAM&GZM says

I was anxious when I started reading the book because I really wished to like it. To not let myself influenced by anyone or anything I did not read other reviews, opinions and comments. The result? I liked it and I liked it a lot. Now, of course everyone has their own tastes and each are seeking something in a book, but I'm sure many will love Dracian Legacy.

After a brief prologue that impresses you and opens a large door to any possibility, the characters are introduced and the action begins. Every character attracts you with something and was very easy for me to choose my favourites. We'll find a love triangle too, but one in which the coordinates are changing and keeps your attention alert. Although I felt sorry for the rival, I think that was his fault also.

I can say that the author has managed to convey very well the characters emotions, especially the heroine's feelings, subject to all possible pressures. Ren is a funny girl with a quick mind and that primarily is honest with herself and with us. I love her lines. They are for my taste and looks (keeping the proportions) with my

own way of responding. I recognize that there are many who do not understand the true value of my replies (or do not understand them at all), but those who do are having a lot of fun.

She will deal amazingly with some news not quite ordinary. Rest assured, we all would do the same if it comes about someone like Axel, a guy "like a beautiful avenging angel", which certainly would confuse our heart and mind.

„A huge idiotic grin spread across my face. I hadn't smiled like this in a long time. And he put it there.”

I would have liked it that the fantastic element, once placed (very quickly), to make its presence felt even more, but I cannot deny that until then I feasted with the interactions between the characters. Secrets, sudden appearances, unexplained feelings, jealousy hidden or not, temptations and regrets, plus a very caring big brother offer very pleasant moments. All of them are well entwined in general thread of action and make you to forget the danger that lurks in the shadows. But something always happens and everything will be the explanation or premise of what will follow. The action is well handle, sometimes it lets you foresee what is to come, but it will also bring surprises.

The idea is that when the fantastic arise, the problems occur - problems and other mysteries and do not think about puny problems, but a matter of life and death ones.

“Power is a beautiful thing. It helps mankind continue forward, but it can also destroy humankind. Power is virtuous. It's swayed by the beholder, not the other way around.”

Well, here I'm a little upset on Priya, although I understand the need of her "choice". The ending brings pain, atonement, resignation, desire to succeed and the critical need to get answers to old and new questions.

„Love was meant to be experienced in the darkest of misery and through the lightest of happiness. It was both hope and despair. It wasn't easy. But nothing worthy comes easy. If it were, it wouldn't be eternal... immortal... indestructible... That much I knew.”

What can I say more (because I do not want to ruin your enjoyment of reading the book)? If you want a little (more) stinging replies, if you want a triangle where both candidates are deserving, great secondary characters that you feel attracted of and with their own importance, tenderness, but also adventure, mysteries and secrets unrevealed yet, an alert action with good battle scenes, and humor, then you must read the book.

Dracian Legacy is a good start for Priya. I want to congratulate her and wish her good luck and a lot of inspiration. I'm waiting for the second book.

Eli Hinze says

To see reviews, excerpts and more, head over to my blog!

Actual rating: 3.5 out of 5

I originally read this book when it came out in 2013, and now that it's been rereleased with a publisher I've gotten a chance to experience it again! There are definite improvements in this updated version, which serve

to make the entire story more professional and enjoyable. I still had a few issues with it, but hey, that's the way it is with most books.

The plot isn't anything new, yet the execution doesn't leave you feeling as if you've read it before.

I liked the spunk of the characters. Too often in YA books characters come off as flat, especially supporting characters. Not here! Even the minor characters had depth to them, whether they were there for two pages or two hundred.

The writing was well done, with the exception of two things. It was a bit cluttered, as in I feel it would've benefitted from cutting certain words and/or sentences. Also, I didn't care for it when The Author Would Punctuate. Simple. Sentences. Like. This. I get that it's for emphasis, but it rubbed me the wrong way. Still, it wasn't too common.

I have to thank Kanaparti for not overdoing the angst. What with the main character having lost both of her parents, there were quite a few opportunities for the author to beat the audience over the head with sobbing and pity. Which gets old quickly. Nothing of the sort here!

Ren and Axel's relationship progresses very naturally throughout the story as they fall into each other's rhythm. No insta-love in this book! They were a bit obnoxiously cheesy with one another though, and not in a "squee-so-cute" way. More in the "ugh-please-god-stop" way. (That being said, some couples are actually like that. I think.)

The pacing was good. I felt a constant momentum throughout, pulling the reader through the book's pages.

Overall, Dracian Legacy earns a solid 3.5 out of five.

Jessica (Stuck in Books) says

I had so much fun reading this book! And the characters made me feel all kind of happy inside.

AWWWW, MAAAN, guys. I need the next boooooooooook!

I'll post a full review on the 16th-ish. Maybe the 15th. We shall see. ;)

Oh, and Dean? Um. Yeah. HE'S MINE. <3

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You may or may not know this, but I've been seriously pumped about this book for a while now. Ever since November when I was sitting in English class--TOTALLY doing the work I was supposed to be doing--and I got an email from some random author asking if I'd like to participate in the cover reveal for some random book. I said yes, because I'm nice like that AND this book seemed kind of cool. I knew little to nothing about the book then, but it still caught my eye. It seemed. So. Cool.

AND IT WAS.

Guys, this book was so much fun. And the characters make me smile so hard. And then the story, as I said it was fun to read. I liked how everything was kind of vague going into it, but then as I read more and more I started to understand and things started to click and I found out that this book is NOT about vampires--for some reason, I thought it was at first. Ha. (Nothing against vampires, I am merely making an observation.) Plus, I did some spazzing at some certain parts of this book. It was the good kind of spaz. The kind I LOVE when books make me do it.

### **Character Rundown:**

**Ren:** Ren actually wasn't that bad. Which will probably surprise some people \*cough\*Perez\*cough\* because I always seem to NOT like the female MC, apparently. But Ren was cool. She was nice but not a pushover. Completely stubborn, but in a way that amused me to no end. (Rotten eggs! You'll get that when you read, I promise.)

**Axel:** He is such a sweetheart. There is almost always a sweetheart in every book I read, and Axel is most definitely it here. He's protective and makes my heart all kinds of happy. And he's a soldier, guys. A SOLDIER. Awww, snap. He cares so much for Ren and he's not perfect, but he's wonderful anyway.

**Dean:** THIS IS MY BOY. MINEMINEMINE. So, I know I just said Axel was the sweetest, and I'm not taking that back, but Dean...ahh, Dean made me laugh. If you know me AT ALL (especially in person) you'll know that laughing is what I DO. I laugh way more than I probably should, but I'm cool with it. Anyway, Dean is so funny. And even though he's not exactly a perfect gentleman, he has a kind heart. This mostly came through with Ren. Which I loved to see. All in all, I adore Dean and he just makes me completely happy. <3

**Joshua:** I'm only going to take a second here to say that Joshua? Yeah, he deserves some kind of award for being a fantastic big brother. Seriously.

**Plot.** This book made me flip out. On more than one occassion. I was just so caught off guard sometimes. The storyline of this book is not something that can be guessed, really. I tried, and more often than not, something else happened and I was left sitting here like "Whaaaa?"

**Romance.** Romance, sweetness, the feels of my heart, whatever you wish to call it, I'm going to talk about that for a second here. Okay? AXEL AND REN NEED TO BE TOGETHER. I love Dean, adore him, he's totally mine, but Ren and Axel are just incredibly sweet and goodness knows how I love sweet things. 'CAUSE I DO. Ren and her stubbornness mixed with Axel and his adorableness (may also be called "sweetness," but I'm trying not to overuse the word) created the most amazing couple and I want more. I. Want. To. Read. More.

**The ending.** NDRIGBAIERGIARBGIPAEWHB!!!!!!! I canNOT believe this happened and, um, hey. I need the next book. Like...heh, NOW. There is something that's kind of a cliffhanger, but not too bad. You're not going to die in suspense. BUT, you will want more and there isn't more yet so you'll be like how I was at the beginning of this section, NDRIGBAIERGIARBGIPAEWHB. We shall all live, though, and I loved the feels I got from this ending.

**Overall,** Priya has written a book that makes me so happy! I had fun while reading it, fell in love with the characters, and want more so flipping bad. MOREMOREMORE! Can't wait for Book 2!

Oh, and did I mention that Dean is MINE? 'Cause he is. ;)

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