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A terrible fate has turned Annette's life upside down, leaving Eric and everyone she loves in turmoil. Before she is lost forever, before her past claims her, can the Phantom fight his demons hard enough to save her from a fate worse than death? The past has become present, and all the players are in place.

Dark Memories Details

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Amanda says

I really really wanted to like this book. The first book was very decent and I was hoping this book would be just as good. I don't feel like I got any of the pieces to the puzzle. It was just a bunch of story around the love triangles (and I do say more than one triangle). I wanted some small pieces to the haunting and the mystery. This series started out so well but I find this book, just lacking.

The main character (Annette) seems to just play the field and while the author tries to imply through the book that she's this naive, caring, sweet innocent, the way the book is written leads you to a completely different conclusion. I cannot understand why Chace is still in the picture with the triangle between Aaron, Annette, & Eric. The story just seems to be all over the place with the relationship stuff and it doesn't flow consistently.

Dayna says

Finished Phantom Diaries a week ago. I was drawn into the story and have come to love the characters. Not a heavy read, but a dramatic romance that holds true to the opera. Dark Memories continues the story of Annette and the cast of characters I've come to care for, especially Eric. Any details here about the plot of this sequel will reveal spoilers in the first book. Phantom Diaries had a fantastic ending that gets solved in Dark Memories. Readers will be happily satisfied with this ending.

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Lynnette says

Better than the first book. It was a nice change to have the story told from the perspective of some of the other characters, not just Annette, whom I still can't bring myself to like. She seems awfully selfish, stupid and self absorbed in her dealings with the men in her life, and I just can't believe that all of these fantastic men would put up with it. Her reaction to her cliffhanger ordeal from the last book is almost nonexistent. Come on. Really? Kailin Gow has created a completely unrealistic character here.

I will still read the third book because I want to see where this story is going, but I sure hope Annette smartens up and actually behaves like a real human would in the next book.

Scarlett says

More drama, more reflection, more characters and development is why I think Dark Memories follows Phantom Diaries beautifully. The character development is so complete, you feel you know Annette and Eric so well. Even Chace has won a place in my heart and he is so unlike the run-of-the-mill boys in YA novels. I can feel his heartbreak. Having read two books by Ms. Gow, like many others, I've become a fan of hers.

Teen Book Reviewer (Shannon) says

Dark Memories, the second book in The Phantom Diaries series, continues where the first book leaves off. The unique thing about this book is it starts off with Eric's Diary. The dark presence in Annette's life has completely taken over her life and set on destroying everything. Annette, is described as "beautiful beyond reason" – I think Megan Fox, but kind, sweet, with an innocence that is rare, and a natural singing talent that allows her to hit the highest and lowest notes – I think Taylor Swift or Kelly Clarkson. Everything she had worked so hard for, weeks and endless hours of practice honing her talent with Eric, comes crumbling down. As Annette fights desperately for her life, Eric has to go through the past into the memories of Annette's, his, and Kristine.

Dark Memories take you on a journey of the past through New York, New Orleans, and even Paris. Many questions are answered in Dark Memories, and the ending is a happy one. There is a book 3, Immortal Darkness, and although I'm very happy with the ending to Dark Memories, I can't wait to read Immortal Darkness to see if Annette's lingering questions are answered.

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Kristen My Bookish Fairy Tale says

The suspense keeps going with the sequel to The Phantom Diaries. As the connection between Kristine and Annette become clear and fate has a way of coming back and playing its part, the twists and turns in Dark Memories left me wanting more. Aaron's apparent love for Annette is evident, but Eric still holds a piece of her heart that she cannot deny. Kailin continues to keep me entranced and captivated with this modern twist on the Phantom of The Opera. As questions become answered more questions pop up. It is an amazing story of fate and love. Will history repeat itself? Or will fate continue to play its hand? It did not take me long to become captivated by these characters. I am highly anticipating Immortal Darkness book 3 in The Phantom Diaries series. If you haven't picked up the first book definitely do it.

Naya says

If Phantom Diaries is about passion and torment, Dark Memories is about substance and the need for identity. What a remarkable journey Annette goes through in order to discover who she is and how she plays into Eric and Aaron's world. Eric and Aaron are equally matched here, while Chace tugs at my heartstrings. This series is complex, the characters radiate in their individualness. No stereotypes here, but characters who come alive for me. I highly recommend this series and Dark Memories.

Morgan Walsh says

Okay, I have to rewrite my review since my computer crashed and, when I was almost done writing it, the

review got erased. So this won't be as in-depth as it was before my computer crashed, as I do not want to try to re-write everything that I wrote before.

In this book, Kristine is beaten about half-way through. I have to say that in a way I felt sad about that. I mean, yeah, she's a villain, but one I can't help but to feel sorry for. Her father "killed" an Aragon, was sentenced to death, and the Aragon man he "killed" was really in hiding, and is revealed to have loved Kristine's mom. Talk about a downer. If I was her, well, I probably wouldn't have been a succubus-like creature, but I'd have turned into someone that society locks in a mental institution today. I think Kristine is... bad. Not necessarily evil, because she turned that way because of what others had done to her, but she's a bit to evil to be good. So meet it in the middle--she's bad.

There are supposedly three men in Annette's life--Eric, the Phantom, Aaron, owner of the opera house, and Chase, the nice violinist. (I didn't describe who they were because... I don't know why, I just didn't). In the first book, two of the three were truly the prominent characters, Eric and Chase. In the second book, the prominent characters were Eric and Aaron. If Ms. Gow's choice on who becomes Annette's true lover has rang out in both books, then the person Miss Binoche loves would be Eric. I think Eric is the right one for her, although I actually like the other two guys vying for her affections, which doesn't happen too much with me in books, where I don't just tolerate one of the love interests. I think Chase is sweet, but kind of juvenile. I really don't see him ending up with Annette, mainly because while he can make her laugh, the two just don't connect. Aaron is adorable (by this I mean his behaviors kept making me giggle, although at times I wanted to strangle him). Aaron becomes much more prominent in this book, and even though I don't think he should end up with Annette, I hope he does have a happy ending. He thinks he knows what's best for Annette, and I rather hate that about him, but Aaron is in the end someone who I don't want to strangle because their character infuriates me so.

Eric is... well, he's Eric. I'm not going to talk much about him because I think that I don't need to explain why I think he shouldn't end up with Annette, as I want him to in the end. I love the fact that he's passionate. It really comes out of the story, and is not just mentioned and never followed through.

There's only one more detail about the book that doesn't actually judge how good I thought the book was: that scene where Aaron proposed to Annette? It had me laughing like a madman (never mind the fact that I'm a girl), as it was so freaking hilarious. Cute, yes. Sweet, yes. Supposed to be serious, yes. But it was devastatingly funny.

Okay, so um... this book was better than the first, as it wasn't all about Annette wanting to have sex with her three guys ALL THE TIME. I think, though I'm not sure, that this book only mentioning Annette's... horniness... once, and even then I had to crack up laughing. (The scenes where Annette is all passionate is saying "make love to me" are also devastatingly funny to me. I don't know why, but they just are.) This book had more of a plot than that of the first book, which was mainly, to me, about Annette's lust for Eric, Aaron, and Chase. Although I am not entirely certain of the entire plot events of book two, I could understand it much more than book one. All in all, this was a good book, although the cliffhanger endings are killing me! This book did not end in too much of a cliffhanger, but still! It's frustrating as hell to have to wait an entire year to finish the cliffhanger's ending. I mean, once I read the story, and there's a cliffhanger at the end, I get so irritated if I read the book again that I don't pay attention much anymore and I start to hate the book, although not so much that I'd give up on the series. And when I finished the first book of the Phantom Diaries, with such an annoying cliffhanger, I had to buy the second book immediately, even though I didn't entirely have money to buy Dark Memories. (I bought it on the Kindle, though, so it was cheaper than in paperback.)

Brenda says

While the first book, Phantom Diaries, swept me up in the drama, romance, and mystery; Dark Memories continues the romance, but digs deeper into the backstory of the Eric, Aaron, and Annette. We see a softer side of Eric and a deeper braver Annette. Chace and Eric wins me over, but I can't help feeling for Aaron too.
