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## **Darkness Shatters Details**

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## From Reader Review Darkness Shatters for online ebook

**veronika\_21** says

I really don't get why Hunter had to die... Well, maybe I do, because Mel maybe wouldn't give Emily her blood, but still it could be handled different way...

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**Poetic Puppy** says

A strange illness starts to spread amongst the supernatural races and no-one knows how to stop it. Well, almost no-one. But in order to get the answers they need, Melena and the gang are going to have to do some truly amazing – and possibly stupid – things.

Secrets are about to come out, so if you've been waiting to find out what Yerik is up to and why, or how Lucas will react when he learns what Micah and Melena have been up to, then you won't want to miss Darkness Shatters. As always, be prepared for the ups and downs; tears will fall, laughs will be had. I don't know why, but it still surprises me every time that you run through a gamut of emotions with Susan's books. She's a truly gifted writer.

So what's to love about this book, besides the usual? Lucas. Okay, so maybe that is the usual but he'll surprise you in this book and the scenes told from his perspective are some of my favourites. I love the way the character has grown since we first saw him. Not that Mel necessarily seeks to change him; she's just been a good influence on him. The love between Lucas and Mel is really inspiring. They really are a cute couple... when they actually manage to find together.

Suggested Audience: Adult readers of Paranormal Romance

Perspective: First person

Profanity: Negligible

Sexual content: Occasional and explicit

Violence: Occasional and severe

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**Sabrina** says

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There is only one word to describe the level this book is at.....unbeatable. Darkness Shatters is unstoppable! Action Packed, full of drama and excitement, and simply outstanding. This book is also the most emotional book in the series. I shit you not I all but went into a deep depression while reading this book, and not in a bad way! It only shows how invested I am in this series! I literally can NOT get enough!

Susan Illene does an incredible job with all of her books, but for me, Darkness Shatters is her masterpiece. She takes incredible writing to a whole other Level. From the characters, we've come to know and love, to this magical world she created, Illene is truly genius. I can not wait for book 6 to be available! I don't know what I am going to do until October 2015, because I have a craving for this series tht simply can't be sated by nothing else but another great book!

I would recommend this book to all lovers of Paranormal Romance and UF lovers as well!

5 Stars

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### **Valérie says**

**3.75\***

Ce ne sera pas mon tome préféré (pas assez d'interactions entre Melena et Lucas) cependant cette série reste toujours un plaisir à lire.

J'apprécie le fait que l'auteur n'épargne aucun personnage, et ce même si certains choix ne font pas plaisir.

J'aime la façon dont a évolué le couple Melena/ Lucas depuis le 1er tome. Qui l'aurait cru? Oui, bon d'accord, c'était plutôt prévisible, mais il faut dire qu'ils viennent de loin ces deux-là! Et j'adore de plus en plus Melena: rebelle, indépendante, juste et un sale caractère.

Et pour ne pas changer, on termine le livre avec une Melena dans une sale situation. Vivement le dernier tome.

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### **Josephine says**

I don't agree with the sentencing, can't wait to see what happens next.

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### **Jules Poet says**

This book is a bit different because the POV (point of view) shifts between Melena and Lucas a bit. It's a bit difficult at first to switch gears, but at the same time it gives better insight into how Lucas's mind works. He may be a man of few words but his thoughts and emotions are many.

The scheme hatched in the last book plays out in this book. It is elaborate, dangerous, difficult and one big adventure.

A disease that has long plagued the earth pops up and infects many supernaturals.

This book reminds me of the tv show Supernatural because of how astonishingly the archangels behave. It seems like heaven needs a moral compass shoved up it's a\*\*!

I listened to this in less than 2 days - most of it in a single day. This series is so good it is so easy to read through it (or listen through it) quickly!

Susan Illene wrote a great book. I have to say that Cris Dukehart was a good narrator in this book, but not the best. It was difficult to keep up with the changes between Melena and Lucas's POV.

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### **Mycoton32 says**

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### **wanda olson says**

Can't wait until the next book comes out in October!

This was a thoroughly enjoyable series! I really like Susan Illene's writing style; descriptive, but not on the ho-hum let's get on with it already. All 5 books could probably be read as a stand alone, but I would advise them to be read in order. While there is a bit of explanation of the previous history in each, it does not go into the depth of all that has passed before. There are explicit and graphic sexual passages in most of the series with book 1 being the exception, but it adds to the bond between our heroine and hero, Lucas and Melena. I only gave this book a 4 1/2 star rating, because of the scattered story line, which, while easy to follow, if you've read the other 4 books, it seemed a bit hurried and rushed, and I would have liked to see Lucas and Melena have a bit more time together to develop their relationship while not battling plague, evil sensors, archangel, and fighting for their lives.

I did like that Lucas, finally, gave a bit of credit to Melena. He can be a sexist, full of himself chauvinistic ass, and although Melena is a strong, intelligent woman, I have to wonder that she tolerates him.

I hated Ariels punishment and that Hunter had to die...but I guess that is for another book.

However, things don't always turn out the way we'd like, but the characters evolve, and the ending wraps things up nicely.

I only wish we could have delved into Lucas' secrets a little more.

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### **Abra says**

Much to my relief after several bad experiences with other series, Darkness Shatters is really good. Since Susan Illene only gives a bare minimum summary of past events, this isn't really a standalone book and you need to read the previous books to follow this one. If you haven't read the Sensor series yet, I envy you because this series was a great discovery. The ending of Darkness Shatters is somewhat of a cliffhanger, but it's not too bad. The plot of this book is resolved, but the next book is definitely set up.

Darkness Shatters begins with Melena finding a sick werewolf in the woods near her house. The wolf has the bubonic plague, which has been altered to affect specific supernatural groups and to be very virulent. The plague ravages the Fairbanks supernaturals (including Emily, Hunter, and Hunter's father) and begins to show up all over the world. The sensor group led by Melena's super violent father developed the altered

disease and so Melena, Lucas, and Homeland Security attack his compound. Ariel, Micah, and Yerik's secret plan comes to fruition and all hell breaks loose.

Melena has been through a lot in the last few years and she's gotten harder and more pragmatic. She's still staunchly loyal to the people she loves, but she's had to make tough decisions and accept her losses. Melena and Lucas are still a committed unit and they actually spend more time together in this book than in the prior few. I love that all the characters (major and minor) evolve as a result of their experiences rather than staying static or becoming unrecognizable.

Book six is projected to come out in October, 2015 and may be the last book about Melena and Lucas. There is the possibility of a seventh book and there are some spinoff books planned.

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### **Sarah Leenart says**

Truly mind-blowing! Honestly I cannot say eloquently enough how much I love this series and these characters. They are firmly in my top favourite urban fantasies and this instalment, well it is better than ever! This book covers a lot of ground and we close up quite a few of the story arcs that are opened in the previous few books, but never fear there are many more to go! In one way I feel like the whole series has been leading up to this book and I was curious to see where we were heading after this point. To say that this book ends on a cliff hanger is an understatement and I am not going to be waiting very patiently for the next!!

So where are we? Melena is currently bound to say nothing of her promise of help to Yerick, Micah and Ariel to Lucas. For the first time here we get to hear from Lucas' point of view and I absolutely loved it. It made the story much more complete to hear his point of view and we get a closer look to the intensity of his feelings towards Melena. His chapters were wonderful and I feel like I know him a whole lot better now. This story opens with a strange new disease hitting the supernatural world and whilst this forms the central part to moving the story along we have all the stuff with the angels and nerou going on as well. Emily plays a very central role to this story and I loved that. I feel she is going to be crucial as she grows and there were developments I certainly wasn't expecting. Susan Illene certainly does not go softly with her characters this time round! Despite Melena's reservations about Yerick I really loved his character and hope we get to see more of him, from the ending of this book I think we will! The government begin to play a bigger role in the books now, working on Melena's earlier groundwork with Agent O'Neill. I think this a very intriguing development and can't wait to see where this goes in future books. We also get to know some new and very exciting characters, partially introduced in earlier books and I can't wait to get to know them. Then of course there is Kerbasi. If you haven't read the Christmas short story in *A Very Paranormal Holiday* then please do because it gives fascinating insight into his character. For me Kerbasi provided much entertainment and laughs before but now he is seriously one of my favourite characters and he has my undivided attention any second he is on the page. I can't describe how excited I am about his future. How Susan managed to make him the most hated character in the series to one of the most loved I do not know. Sheer literary magic is all I can say.

If you haven't read this author before you are seriously missing out on one of the best treats in urban fantasy, it doesn't get better than this I can assure you. I for one am seriously impatient to see what is in store for Melena next as I really wasn't expecting what happened at the end. It feels like all the characters were thrown in the air and thrown in new directions with explosive results. What a truly amazing book, this is story telling at it's absolute best. I LOVED it!

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### **Kara-karina says**

What an ending, ladies and gents! Melena is in trouble... \*grinning\* ... and so is everybody else!

If you remember last book, Ariel forced Melena to keep silence about Micah, so for most of this book our girl is hopelessly watching Lucas fly from one end of the country to another, torturing bad guys in order to find out where his brother is being hidden. Lucas is suffering, Melena is suffering and as a result they spend very little time together.

At the same time, supernatural plague threatens to destroy some of Melena's dearest and most beloved people while there is frantic search around the globe for the cure. Lots and lots happens in this book, and this time the events affect all the supernatural community for years to come.

I know some people did not like the fact that there was so little interaction between Melena and Lucas, but whatever moments they stole together were some quality time. And by quality I mean HOT. \*fans herself\* I also enjoyed reading Lucas POV, and I especially loved that Melena's sensible actions prevented major schism between this couple which could have easily happened to a less levelheaded heroine.

Verdict? Very good, dynamic urban fantasy. Recommended, and I can't wait to see what happens next. Also, Kerbasi should get his own book. He is such a walking disaster, and yet I can't help but love him.

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### **Katherine says**

Lucas' POV pretty much made up for everything I felt about what was missing from the previous books

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### **Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says**

**Rate: 2.5/3 \*because of Lucas' pov\* stars.**

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### **Stacey says**

enjoy this novel as i do the others in the series. i am still struggling in feeling the passion between Lucas and Mel

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### **Iris (Paranormal Cravings Book Reviews) says**

Great series. But would have loved to read more action between melena and lucas. She kept things from him for months and that is how they handled iT? Ending sucks tho.

The final novel (book 6) in the series will be out around October of this year.

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