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Nerys Newblood was convinced that there was nothing special about her and for most of her life, she was fine with that. She had her best friend and that was all she needed. But, when circumstance takes over and Nerys is given a spirit guide, she finds that being a daimon is not what the legends and old stories proclaim it to be. It's not heroic or glamorous.

It's terrifying.

Pursued by a vengeful king and thrust into a journey to save her ailing spirit guide, Nerys must rely on several potentials to help her survive the king's wrath and her spirit guide's mysterious illness. When betrayal shatters the budding romance between Nerys and her protectors, someone must pay the price.

This book is a reverse harem title

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Courtney Dunham says

I loved how different this reverse harem book was! Lucy does an incredible job bringing these amazing characters to life. I couldn't put this book down, to be honest. It was one of the biggest surprises for me this year. I liked how vulnerable Nerys was but still totally kickass. I loved her protectors, I couldn't get enough of their interactions. I liked how the drama unfolded between the group, yet everyone started to open up to each other as the story went on. I don't want to give too much away, but you are doing yourself a disservice if you don't pick this book up and read it right now!

I liked that the POV changed sporadically (thank goodness not with every chapter, so you could still follow the story) and I liked how different each of the guys were. If I could find a Booker or Titus, that would make my life haha. I hope to see the guys bond more, they need each other as much as they need Nerys. Also looking forward to more moments between Nerys and her guys. Some of the events are so adorable or hilarious, it was a good mix of everything.

I have really no complaints about the book. The very end was sorta predictable, but it will make for a great sequel. I was hoping Nerys would be able to handle some "tense and steamy" situations better, but she has to grow throughout this journey...no MC should be perfect right off the bat (that makes for a boring storyline). I like the backstory with "the inky guy" and how we got to see the flashbacks. My only critique was it was sometimes hard to figure out the timeline. Some of the transitions were non-existent, so all of sudden you would be back to the present without a break, symbol, font change, etc. and it felt like some words or a sentence was missing. Nonetheless, I definitely put Daimon on my top 10 favorite books I have read this year, hoping Book 2 isn't too far behind.

Marguerite (Lady RH) ✨ says

Rating : 3.5 stars

Really entertaining with a really good protagonist. The male characters - except for Luca - are not as endearing as Nerys, but i have high expectations of them!

Jennifer G says

Nerys is an orphan educated by the holy women. Completely normal. That's a good thing living in a kingdom where getting noticed can be dangerous. She has her best friend Coen and that's plenty. That all changes when she receives a spirit guide, the inky man. She's a daimon and that can get her killed. Nerys and Coen decide to escape the kingdom and are unexpectedly joined during the escape by two men, Holden and Titus. These two turn out to be invaluable. The four travel to Ragnarok to seek shelter and information from Holden's friend Booker, a druid. There they meet his familiar Luca, The protectors are all in place.

Lucy Smoke has created a wonderfully original new Reverse Harem series. The fantasy world she has created is richly detailed and multi-layered. The backstory of the spirit guide is incredible and I feel that

there is even more to learn. The characters are all fully developed and likable. The men are all distinct. Coen with his steadfast friendship and love, Titus and his need for family, Holden and his feelings of worthlessness, Luca with his charm and energetic playfulness, and Booker with his need to control every situation, solve every problem. They make a fantastic team. Nerys is equally kind and spirited. She's thoughtful, caring, and fun. She doesn't see her own value like her protectors do. She worries more for them than for herself. She doesn't see how they each feel about her, how attracted they are to her. This is endearing, except where Coen is concerned. I don't want his feelings hurt as she develops attractions to the others. She needs to see him as a man, not only her best friend. I have faith that she will work this out. The King is a worthy opponent; dangerous and determined. And the final character that must be mentioned is the spirit guide. While only a voice, he is of utmost importance to the story, maybe the kingdom. I hope that in future books he knows when to be present and when to be absent. Example: When there's danger, be present; when it's a sexy time, be far, far away!

This is a well-written book of non-stop action. The ever-present danger allows the group to bond swiftly and become vital to one another in a short time. It also allows attractions to develop quickly. While everyone behaves for the most part, the tension is there; there are several heated moments. This will lead to a few problems and plenty of fun in the future. I can't wait. The book ended with a horrible turn of events and a new dangerous twist. I am going to need book 2 sooner rather than later please!

Shannon says

3.5

I enjoyed this quite a lot. As others have mentioned, yes, there were some errors but they weren't frequent or glaring, at least I didn't find them to be. And, yes, there were plot holes; however, I found this to be steaming with potential. Enough so that I'm looking forward to the next book in this series. The world was interesting, the idea was good, the characters are intriguing, and the author can write. The dialogue didn't make me want to scream, which for YA/NA is something to be applauded, neither did the characters act like tween twits. I would have preferred more background on the world and the characters. I would have preferred more individual interactions so that the relationship building had more foundation than the kind of instant bond. But those are small nitpicks and don't deter from my willingness to read the next one, especially when compared to the slew of barely readable independent RH novels I've read in the past.

shalifa says

Definitely a new favorite!!

I so very (if ever) rarely write reviews but this was just so good I needed to. This is a RH and its a great one. I'm a huge fan of The Academy series and Curse of gods, now I have Nerys Newblood to add to my favorites. Though RH books are becoming more common, it's so hard to find really good ones in my opinion. So I'm so glad Ms Smoke wrote this. Please release the next one real soon, don't leave me hanging for (what feels like) decades!

Anna says

Nerys never really had a "normal" life, but when she finds herself the owner of a spirit guide she longs for the days of her normal. She ends up on the run with her best friend Coen and a few more friends she picks up along the way. Nothing can ever be simple for Nerys though. Not only does having a spirit guide make her special, her spirit guide is special too. Something is wrong and Nerys has to find out what it is and how to fix it. All of this while running for her life, learning who to trust and learning more and more about herself.

This is the first book by Lucy Smoke and I really enjoyed it. Nerys is a strong female lead and lord knows we need those in the RH world. She can take care of herself but knows when she needs help. She would do whatever it takes to save the people she cares about. That's the kind of MC I can get behind.

The story starts with action right from the beginning and keeps going throughout the whole book. There's never a dull moment. The ending though, ugh made my heart swell and break all at the same time. Seriously can not wait for the next one b/c I need to know what happens.

There's not any sexy time in this one but we do have some heated moments. We build relationships and focus on staying alive.

Make sure you keep up with Lucy here.

Rebecca Moseley says

So many errors....

The story was good, but there were so many errors. It was very hard to finish. Parts of the story contradicts itself, it makes you have to go back and re-read some chapters to make sure you didn't miss anything. One example was with Booker when he first meets Nerys and finds out she's a daimon. He says he met one once while traveling. Later he tells her that she is the first daimon he had ever met. There are many of mistakes like this. Hopefully the editing will be better with the next book...

JoAnn says

So boring.... I should have stopped half way through...

Meagan says

So glad I gave it a try

I was hesitant to pick up this book, though I'm not sure why - I've really enjoyed this author's other work.

Something just kept me from reading. I finally decided to give it a try, and I'm oh so glad I did. I absolutely fell into this story, totally engrossed and didn't want to put it down. I'll admit the beginning was a little hard to get into at first, but I pushed through and soon I was engaged and invested in these characters. There were spots I felt like I was missing something, that I didn't quite understand, but the story itself and the characters made up for any minor confusion. I'll be immediately diving into the next book in this series, and would recommend giving it a try. As far as the star rating, this falls between 4 and 4.5 stars for me.

Tate James says

DAIMON is the first book by author Lucy Smoke, and I wasn't totally 100% sure what I was expecting... but... it wasn't what I got. In a good way. Here are some Pros and Cons:

Pros:

- #Nerys don't need nobody, she's an independent woman (thank God)
- #It's Reverse Harem, meaning all these awesome dudes she meets, she gets to KEEP!! ALL OF THEM!!
- #Nerys is a bit of an awkward penguin, which is great. It makes her real.
- #It is ACTION PACKED
- #There is some incredible world building and ORIGINAL concepts (wish I could bold that)

Cons:

- #It ended.

Small note to the author, in the hopes that she reads this, please please please for the love of Obidian can Nerys get some in book 2?! The tension is real, girl. Have a heart.

Cassie Guest says

The overall story was interesting, but it was also all over the place. It seemed that the story was more focused on ending than it was details. I did not even know most of the main character's story until the ending of the book. Also, the males surrounding the heroine were hard to differentiate, because they had no unique attributes that were distinguishable.

Anna says

Well, I sure as hell took my time with this book. It doesn't usually take me this long to read a book, but I'm actually happy that I managed to draw out the experience.

I liked the mood of this story, it kind of sucks you in from the beginning. And I also think that the set of characters here was pretty good, I enjoyed getting to know them.

However, I wouldn't have minded (at all) learning more about the world, like what kinds of magical beings there are and what kinds of ruling systems operate there, those sorts of things.

Other than that, I had a great time reading the story and am looking forward to the next book.

(Btw, the second epilogue was kind of creepy. That Edwin character reminded me of the Princes from the

"Throne of glass" series, for some reason. You know, the ones who invaded other people's bodies and minds? Creepy evil dudes)

Talltree says

4.5 stars!

Tara Hawkins says

I love Lucy Smoke!

This author has come to be a favorite of mine. She always creates well developed characters that draw you in and make you fall for them. Her storylines are amazing and the worlds she creates for those characters are just as inviting. Her MC's are quick witted and strong. This obviously applies to Nerys Newblood as well. Fighting for her life and the lives of her friends and spirit guide she perseveres regardless of the obstacles. I hope the the second book proves to be as awesome as the first in this series.

SJ says

I received a free advanced reader copy of this book and voluntarily decided to review it

Nerys Newblood is in trouble, she needs to escape. She has a spirit guide and where she lives that is enough to get her killed by the evil king.

Nery's and her best friend Coen try to escape, and along the way she makes some new friends/protectors. She is a strong and feisty but she also has a vulnerability about her making her a great heroine

There is action, adventure, twists and turns and plenty of danger as Nery's and her band of protectors try to navigate their escape to freedom and she also has to deal with her ailing spirit guide whilst trying to stay alive

I was hooked from the start of the story, I was surprised actually at how quickly I got into the story and invested with the characters, Lucy Smoke kept me glued to the page with her awesome writing, not only a fabulously exciting storyline but great characters who have excellent chemistry and I admit I fell in love with all the characters

This book has everything you could want in a story and more. I cannot recommend this book highly enough, it is a fantastic read, Lucy Smoke smashed it out of the ball park and I LOVED it, I will definitely be reading the next book in the series when it is out, treat yourself to this awesome read
