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“Mirror, mirror on the wall. Who’s the fairest one of all?”

We all know the legend, or so we think. But what do you really know of the woman behind the myth? Fable of Seren—daughter of the Sea King, and granddaughter of both Calypso and Hades. The blood of gods runs through her veins, but the young girl destined to one day wear the title of The Evil Queen is now seventeen and wants nothing more than to see the land above the waves, to be part of the human realm. One fine day she does just that, but the heaven she imagined turns into a terrible nightmare of pain, suffering, and lies that twists the heart of this starry-eyed girl into one of darkness and hate.

Villains aren’t born; they’re made.

But sometimes even villains get a second chance. Calypso, seeing the suffering of her granddaughter has concocted a brilliantly, clever plan—The Love Games. In Kingdom, there is one magic more powerful than even the darkest of spells...true love, and with the help of her BFF—Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love—Calypso knows exactly who Fable’s truest love is. A Native American god called, Owiot. Can this gentle, star-eyed god help Fable see there is another path she can take before it’s too late and the evil that beats within her heart consumes her soul for good?

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Crystal Moon says

Wonderful

A new twist on the story of a queen we all think we know. As the story is told Snow Whites step mother is evil to the core, a dark witch that hates the child for her beauty, but things aren't always what they seem....

Fable of Seren is a bright eyed young lady, raised in her parents undersea kingdom, she dreams of the world above. Being born with legs like her mother rather than a tail like her twin brother she feel a like she would truly feel more like she fits in above, with others like herself. Her first day on the land she believes she finds love in the King of the Enchanted Forest, however things aren't always as they seem....

Her tale is one of hope, heartache, and redemption. I truly enjoyed this read, and I can't wait for the next queen.

Kristel says

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Leah Speller says

There is one statement in the synopsis that I truly agree with... "villains are not born they are made."

I love the "Dark Queen" series. If this is the first time you are hearing about them then I highly recommend reading them in order for they do build on one another. The story arc is unique for each one as it has a different Queen for each book, however, there are some characters that return.

Each of the characters is well developed. You actually find yourself looking at the "villain" with different eyes. There are times you will find yourself laughing at some of their antics and others needing a box of tissues nearby. And perhaps you may even find some of their actions touching close to home. Scary when that happens. But that could be true for almost any book. But for me, that only happens only in very well written books. Not just any book.

I hope that you will find this book and enjoyable and entertaining as I have.

Jolene Dretzka says

Aside from the Hatter's family, I think I'm equally in love with Calypso's. This is the story of Calypso's granddaughter, Fable. Once again, Jovee Winters manages to get us to cheer and feel for another famous Big Bad of fairy tales, The Evil Queen from Snow White. I believe Fable is also suppose to be a combination of

The Evil Queen and another famous bad queen as well, but I won't spoil the fun. Instead, I'll let you decide for yourself and figure who I'm talking about. If you're a fairy tale nut like I am, you'll know what I mean...which queen.

I believe there are two things that made this story fun and different from the other books in the Kingdom series. First, it had to be told in two acts. Since this story continues the 'Love Games' Calypso and Aphrodite started in the Magic Queen, and because we needed to know what turned Calypso's granddaughter 'bad', we needed to hear what happened to her before the games started. How she became Snow White's stepmother. Once that's established, the second act picks up around the start of the Love Games, from Fable's point of view. The second thing was the introduction of Native American Folklore, Owiot (god of children). Before this point, all the characters were mainly from European fairy tales (and children's books), Greek mythology, and (most recently) a splash of Norse mythology.

So, as usual, I plead to any new readers of the series and of Jovee's work to start from the beginning with Her Mad Hatter (written under the penname Marie Hall) and work your way to this book, in order. While it's not necessary, I feel it helps the overall enjoyment of the world of Kingdom. Each story, though they all have HEAs, build on each other. Like a TV show, but better. Fable is referenced for the first time at the end of The Sea Queen. I think it's so much more fun reading up to her creation and already knowing her family tree, which goes a few books back from the Sea Queen into the Marie Hall books.

I loved every page of this book and can't wait to read more about Fable and Owiot. What's next? The Fairy Queen. See you on the other side... ???

Paranormal Books R Us says

The Dark Queen Review

Another wonderful retelling of an old tale. If you're a fan of good beating evil (even if it's not in the way you would expect) and happily ever afters I would recommend The Dark Queen.

Brittany says

I have just falling in love with this series. The author takes favorite fairy tale stories and revamps them. I did enjoy this one a lot better than the last one. Calypso had made me so angry and it killed the book for me. This book was much better. I enjoyed Fable's story a great deal and I am still not a huge fan of the Games that Calypso came up with.

Candylynnbluegmail.Com says

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Have you heard yet wondered what caused the evil queen to be evil? Have you ever wondered if their could be a happy ever after for her?

Tiera McMillian says

This has got to be my second favorite in The Dark Queens series. Right up there behind Calypso and Hades themselves. I have loved Fable since book 1 and am so glad that her story has finally come!

Fable...the notorious Evil Queen, stepmother to Snow White! Things are never as they seem in Kingdom which seems to vilify females and not tell their true stories. Never fear however the tale keeper is here to set the record straight! Fable on her 17th birthday journey's topside from her underwater kingdom with a sense of adventure and quest for love in her heart. Of course immediately she finds a handsome widower King and thinks her life is set...Except for the look in the Gaurd Captains eyes.... Fast Forward through a nightmare of a life as Fable slowly looses herself to darkness, the only thing that has made her strong enough to deal with her horrors. Step in Calypso and Dite and their notorious love games... and A male god Owiot who has been tasked with saving her. Seeing her memories he knows of her horrors and hopefully he can turn her from the path she is headed down.

Owiot and Fable are great together. Their chemistry is amazing and Owiot is a romantic at heart. I will say that stories like this make me appreciate Baba Yaga's story and strength of character a little more. We have this female who made some dark decisions and instead of moving on she is wallowing in her guilt and drowning herself in the darkness, and needs true love needs to save her. I have always felt that the first true love you should have would be love of self, so when a hero or heroine go through that adventure of learning to love themselves before loving others it always gets in my feels!

Amberly says

The Dark Queen's story. Hmm. So many ways to tell this one.

I liked the way the story went. Starting with stars in her eyes, only to be crushed and forced to become something she didn't want to be. Losing Snow White's faith and love because of an evil witch. Choosing to continue to be dark simply because she was denied the ability to use light magic for so long. Having a chance to redeem herself. As with Bab Yaga's story, I felt the most with this one. The Dark Queens are considered dark for a reason. Yes, they can have tragic back stories. But please don't try to tell me that they didn't make their own choices in using dark magick. And Fable's story did not do this.

Her redemption at the end clarified this beyond all else. She made her choices for many years. Yes, those choices were based on her tragic history, but she still made them. She never denied that she made the choices. And even though the choices tore her up inside, she continued to make them. Her redemption came from acknowledging that and consciously making different choices in the future. Yes, she found her ideal mate and fell in love. But love did not fix everything.

The cliffhanger at the end has me waiting impatiently for the next book. This is why I prefer to wait until the whole series is out!

Ann says

Forstå off all, I liked this one a little better than the one before with Baba Yaga, because it feels like we get

more background story with Fable and how she became the evil queen and we also get some background about her mate Owiot. It was nice it didn't start of in the competition but still it is a bit sad that we already know some results from the battles from the Baba Yaga story. But I'm curious about the others so I will keep reading the other books in the series.

Julie (Jewls Book Blog) says

The Dark Queen was emotional, poignant, sweet, and quite amusing at times. The dark side of human nature is exposed through rumors, judgement, and misunderstandings, while the opposite side reflects the love, friendship and loyalty that endured through difficult times.

I love fractured fairy tales and nobody tells them quite like this author! She makes me empathize with villains I've never given a second thought to and gets me completely invested in their HEAs! Most of the Kingdom series can be read as stand-alones, but reading them in order makes the experience so much richer.

Nikki Starbird says

This is the 5th book in the series so if you're new to The Dark Queens series I seriously recommend you start at the beginning because you get a much better idea of what is going on. And you get to read more great books, win-win trust me!

Ok, so on to this story. Long review short, I loved it. I really did. Fable was mentioned in the last book and she intrigued me because she was matched to a Native American mate (I love it when I can see a bit of my culture in a book) so I was looking forward to her story and I wasn't disappointed. Fable and Owiot make a cute couple anyway, but the author really developed them well. You experience Fable's journey from innocent to "evil" and....well, I'll let you read where she goes from there :-)) you won't be sorry. So if you like magic, twisted fairy tales and a good love story then this book is perfect for you.

Tess says

GOOD POINTS:

I liked the way she wrote how the evil queen became evil. And not even that she started out evil, because she wasn't born that way, she was made by the things that had happened. I really enjoyed reading this one. It was funny and honestly, it was a sweet story. Her fated pair was a kind soul who was made to fit her kindness before she was evil. I liked that. She learned her lesson in the end. Sometimes we all have to face truths we don't want to but we can, and we can become stronger from it.

I think my favorite character would be Owiot tho. He was a simple man. He wasn't this asshole/bad boy we all love sometimes. He was simple and kind. He loved the stars and the flowers. Most of all he loved her soul. For the light and the dark parts of her.

It's a love story. It was a twist on the evil queen. But it's not really focused on that. It's honestly about her finding love. And I enjoyed the simple love story.

BAD POINTS:

Its simple, fast paced and doesn't have a lot of up and downs in their love. Its love at first sight. So I guess if you're not into that, then it's not all that great of a book.

OVERALL:

Want a happy never ending love story?

Alexandra says

This Dark Queen captured my heart from the very first pages where she writes an open letter to us, ruthlessly laying open her heart, her innocent illusions and her high hopes for a happily ever after... and we already know it'll be crushed, we already know who she ends up to be. The Dark Queen, stepmother to Snow White, hated and feared and despised by all. But is she truly as evil as we believe her to be? In this excellent spin of the well known fairy tale we get to know the real story behind her - and her one chance of redemption. It's full of tears and suspense, full of emotion and angst. It's deep and dark and scary - but then it is romantic and funny and hopeful too. It's a book that gripped my heart in a steel vice and didn't let go. It's a heroine I could relate to, understand even in her darkest hour. She fights, she never gives up but she is all alone and that makes her weak in a way evil will always exploit. And before you go assuming, please bear in mind: She's the fairest of them all. And I like that - and seeing the cover I can fully understand why she's rightfully called this! And then her hero. Wow. Too good to be true. Gentle, kind, sexy... Perfect for her (he wouldn't be for me - but) I really liked him and enjoyed reading him. He's eye candy but so much more. All of that put into a exciting story with complex other characters in a fairy tale world that here really dips deep into the darkness (the movie in my head scared me a lot but it was awesome!). The spin with the mirror made me gasp and shudder, the one with the heart - oh so good. But I don't want to say to much, you'll see when you get there.

No spoilers from me but the end... the end will make you physically need the next story. Oh wow! Left me breathless. Read for yourself - and there is more! Start with the Sea Queen or with her first series, written as Marie Hall - it's worth every penny!

Candace Tidwell says

I think this book has tied as my favorite with Calypso's book, in this series. Fable's story is revealed in The Dark Queen's book. It's tragic and heartbreaking but there just may be light at the end of tunnel for our queen. Book five in this series of evil queens, you will find out that not everything is black and white but maybe gray. Add it to your TBR and enjoy the magic of the series.
