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Rain's nights have been restless, filled with sensual dreams of a big blonde Immortal whose glares indicate he wants nothing to do with her. She is determined to shake off her growing obsession until she finds out her dream lover is responsible for her rescue from a demented Demi-God.

After a devastating betrayal over a century ago, Dorian refuses to trust or engage with any other than his Guardian family. He patrols the Realms, existing, but not living as he used to. He knows the moment he scents Rain that he has found his mate and after touching her he plans to avoid her as long as he can... Until he learns she is in danger.

Finding a way out of mating Rain means Dorian could succumb to madness and harm those that mean so much to him... but giving in to his burning urge for her means losing control in a heated mating frenzy sure to ignite them both and link them forever.

Warning: This book is intended for adult audiences; brief instances of M/F/F and M/F/M ménage; voyeurism and sexually explicit scenes.

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Stacey is Sassy says

Deny all you like, but mating wins out in the end...

I can't decide if knowing what my hubby is thinking would be a good thing or a bad thing. Yes – When he sees me in a nice outfit and his eyes light up. NO – When I've spent too much on a shopping trip or my one-click addiction. Maybe – When I got that cool orange top...either it makes my skin glow...or I look like an oompa loompa. I think I'll leave the mind sharing talent with the immortals and hope that hubby will let me down gently if it's oompa loompa.

Denying Ecstasy was another great installment to this series. I generally start each story grumbling, mumbling and disliking the heroes for their stubborn and sometimes idiotic ideas. I feel sympathy for the heroines, but also want to tell them to not put up with crap. Then there is a few AHHA moments when I see what the main characters have lived through. The desire between destines mates jumps off the pages and I get dragged into the mating frenzy with them. The conclusion leaves me on a high and I want to get to the next installment as soon as possible. I'm glad I came to the party late and a few of the books have already been released.

In *Denying Ecstasy* we've met both Dorian and Rain in previous installments. Dorian is a cranky arse. He uses women for pleasure and release to keep himself at optimal performance. Setta Jay is good. Where else would you find a storyline that the main characters energy is dependent on sexual release? He only has sex with humans now after a very bad experience with immortal women. This experience changed his life and left him with feelings of inadequacy and shame. This means that when his mate drops into his life...he runs screaming.

Rain has had her whole life uprooted. First from her best friend getting mated to a Guardian and that friendship put her in the firing line from their enemies. She has to leave her home, family and business to stay safe in the compound where the Guardians live. Once moved into the compound she is drawn to Dorian, but is ignored or glared at by him. Rain isn't the sort of woman to go where she's not wanted, so avoids him as much as he avoids her. Things change when the frenzy hits and it is not plain sailing or straight to – "sit on my face and tell me that you love me" (Monty Python -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KkJnd...>) feelings. This mating takes time and a lot of work to get to their happy place.

As I said above, some things in this series makes me want to be a destined mate and have a partner who's possessive, controlling and manipulates me (in a good way) to do what they want. Other times I would definitely steer clear of an immortal who's possessive, controlling and manipulates me (good way or not) to do what they want. Lots of sexy times with great characters who draw you into their world and make you feel like you know them.

I'm addicted to this series and I can't help myself...I NEED TO GO ON :-)

I received a complimentary copy of this book via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Beth says

Warning: This is an explicit read.

This is Rain's and Dorian's story.

Rain is a mortal living in the Tetartos realm and her best friend was mated to a Guardian. After attending the wedding she can't get the big blond Guardian, Dorian out of her head.

Dorian knows he found his mate in Rain but refuses to accept it. Destroyed by a past lover, Dorian doesn't believe he deserves happiness and he absolutely doesn't trust a woman...so how can he tie himself forever to a mortal woman?

Jay writes ignitable situations that sizzle off the pages. The story is EROTIC with a capital E but is also balanced with a strong plot. If you are looking for a page burning erotic read, *Denying Ecstasy* is the book for you.

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My Rating: 4 Stars

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Penelope X that awkward girl that doesn't go here X says

FOUR AND A HALF STARS!

This was definitely a favourite of mine. I've mentioned it before, I love love love rejection and loneliness and it seemed like Setta Jay once again channeled into my likes list and delivered a book that I couldn't help but love.

It's comes as no surprise that I loved the hell out of the steamy sex scenes (and can I just say, I was more than hella prepared for them this time around, kufufufu), but what made it even more delicious was the terrible wait that our misguided hero forced us through. When it finally happens its all

And I absolutely loved Rain. I definitely had an emotional connection with her so I was feeling for her every step of the way. And Dorian is a great hero as well. Considering his past, it's totally understandable why he acts the way he does, even though he does come off as a jerk (not that I minded, that assholelustaemia of mine was on a blissful high). But he's man enough to admit he was wrong and try to make it up to her by seeing to her pleasures. And let me tell ya, he takes his pleasuring duties hella seriously.

So, why not five stars? The lack of five stars actually comes from the side story. I have no problem with side stories, in fact, I absolutely loved Erik and Sam's side story in the previous two books. But Brianne and Vane? I dunno, they're just not clicking for me. Whilst they look good on paper (BAMF female and possessive alpha), I'm not a big fan of their century long on and off hookups. Just a personal preference.

Overall, an enjoyable read. I cannot recommend this series enough. And if my attempt at a sensible review has not convinced you to at least consider reading this series, then have yourself a quote I'm sure you could probably keep in mind when your significant other needs to beg your forgiveness and wants to know how they can make it up to you.

"If only he could just spend his days eating her sweet pussy until she forgave him."

Liz F says

Review copy courtesy of the publisher via NetGalley.

This was another interesting entry into the Guardians of the Realm series. I'm continually delighted by this series and how the author manages to keep the stories fresh, even three books in.

Rain was a pretty cool heroine. She saw her mate at another mating ceremony and knew he was for her (it's a scent thing). The fact that he seemed like he hated her really threw Rain for a loop! Her reactions and feelings made a lot of sense to me. Finding your mate is a huge big deal. Rain was thrilled that her mate was such a strong, awesome, sexy guy. But to be rejected by him was so terribly horrible. I mean, knowing that he would rather literally be in pain than be with you - wow, talk about a serious blow to the ego! Rain handled it like a champ, though. I liked that she was determined to no let him see how much he hurt her with his rejection. I loved that she stuck to her guns, especially when she came out with her dignity intact.

Dorian was a right prick at first. It helped to learn what he went through a century ago. It explained why he was so mistrustful and distant with women, especially Rain. But that doesn't mean that I forgave him right away! The reason that he didn't want a mate made total sense but, damn, he was REALLY mean to Rain. He said some awful things and it just wasn't necessary. Having said that, I ended up being glad that he was such

a jerk at first because when he finally takes his head out of his butt and realized how awesome Rain was, it was that much sweeter. He really would end up being an amazing mate and Rain ended up landing herself one hell of a guy.

The Sexy Time was hot and plentiful. Wow! It didn't begin until after the 50% mark but it felt natural to wait, seeing what Rain and Dorian were going through with each other. They really make up for the wait though... yowza! I loved that Rain and Dorian went from disliking each other to not being able to get enough of each other. I thought it was great that Rain didn't make it easy for Dorian once he came around but she wasn't a bitch and she never made him grovel like she originally planned. I really respected her a lot for letting it go because instead of holding on to her anger, she went with her gut and with what her heart was telling her.

This was a great book. Like Book 2, I don't feel like this is a stand-alone book. But if you insist, I think readers who don't need to have the WHOLE picture could probably muddle through and just enjoy Rain and Dorian's journey. Keep in mind though that there is the series-arching story of the bad guys and there are at least one, maybe two, other love stories going on as well. Some that started back in Book 2. So sure, readers could enjoy this on its own but I'm having such a good time with this series that I can't imagine why anyone would want to miss anything! Anyway, there are more than a couple of laughs in this story, a bit of angst, and a little action. For me, this book had everything I need in a paranormal romance!

Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says

4.5 Melt the Panties Right Off of You Stars

*"Are you saying you don't want me, nymph? Because your pussy is calling you a liar."
"Oh, my body wants you. It's my mind that wants nothing to do with you, my little guppy."*

This series needs to come with a warning. Read at the risk of your ovaries. Spare panties are not just recommended but required. Sweet mother of orgasms but Setta can write a smoking hot sex scene. But the best part? She can also write a fantastic story with phenomenal world building, hot as fuck alpha heroes and sassy-make-you-want-to-reach-through-your-kindle-to-high-five-them heroines.

I've been hooked on this series since the very first book and the author seems to only get better with each new release. It's like she's taken all my constructive criticism from the previous two and put all of it to work here to blow me away with this latest installment.

After a brutal betrayal by a woman a century ago, the last thing Dorian wants is to be caught up in the clutches of another one. A mating? Forget about it. Even if it's with his destined mate. He may burn for her like nothing he's ever experienced before, but he'll fight it with everything he's got. After all, his memories and guilt won't allow him to move on from what happened all those years ago and he doesn't feel worthy of it. When he learns of his mating to Raine, let's just say he's less than thrilled about it. OK, let's just put it out there, he was a grade A asshole about it.

I think that's what I truly appreciate about this series; while you have your usual PNR "mating" heat, there's no insta anything here. These characters don't just tumble into bed together. There's plenty of development to

truly make you believe and feel their pairing.

Rain was a fantastic heroine. She gave as good as she got. While Dorian may have been a total asshole to her in his attempt to fight the mating, she certainly doesn't take it lying down...well...later she does. But really, who could resist all that is Dorian?

I loved the sexual tension in this story. Nothing better than that burn of anticipation, and the author really makes you feel it here. Though not gonna lie, it did leave me a raging sexually-frustrated-blue- ovaried mess at times that made me want to equal parts throttle Dorian and scream at him to just

But I appreciated the burn nonetheless.

In addition to the romance there was also plenty of action, world building, and bad guys to add to the entertainment. And the author manages to weave it all together effortlessly.

There is also a side plot going on with another couple, but that only added to the enjoyment. Setta is able to combine these multiple POVs flawlessly without any confusion and making it feel necessary as opposed to a filler or addition. That's no small feat, let me tell you.

This was easily my favorite book in the series. If you're looking for a smoking HAWT PNR series, you really need to look no further than this. Just make sure you have certain "provisions" on hand as you read. Just sayin ;)

Then there is that teaser of an ending. GAH! How can an author end a book in a satisfying HEA while still leave you begging for the next one? I have not a clue, but fucking A I need Conn's book like yesterday.

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Lillian ? Cloud 9 Books ? says

******* 4.5 Stars *******

"You want me to apologize after catching you nearly f*ing another male? If you want to be f*ed, then you will be. By me."

I loved this much better than Book 2. Rain is a woman that has been rejected constantly in her life. Disappointment is nothing new to her. Being mated was something to be cherished, but Dorian didn't want to be with her. He believed that she deserved a life without his failures and pain.

The mating frenzy is driving them both crazy until they can't control themselves. Like the previous books in the series, it gets seriously HOT and dirty. We also get to finally witness the chemistry between Vane and Brianne. Their story contains a lot of unknown surprises.

Although these books can be read as a standalone, they are all connected. To fully enjoy **Guardians of the**

Realms, these books should be read in order.

Jeanny says

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An entertaining read with interesting characters. Vlane of course continues to please me.*wink I look forward to the conclusion in his love story.

Multiple(3+) POVs - This book revolves around two separate couplings.

Some progress was made in the overall story arc

My rating: 4 solid stars

I will be continuing the series.

Stacie says

I'm loving this series!! It is deliciously indulgent and sexy with a good storyline going too. The series must be read in order. Raine and Dorian tried to fight the frenzy, but the frenzy will always win. I loved them together. Something about the water...There is also something very interesting going on with Brianna and Vane. I can't wait to see what that is all about. I'm in this series until the end. Lots of great characters to see find their mates. I think I'm finally getting all the characters and races down. Happy reading!

Marta Cox says

This is yet another extremely erotic read from this author who clearly has the most vivid imagination! Yes these books should indeed carry a warning because hot and sweaty times abound. This time it's the Immortal Dorian who has found his Mate but his past haunts him and he has absolutely no intention of claiming her because in doing so Dorian would be sharing all his memories and secrets.

Rain is a mortal whose family have chosen to live in the Tetartos realm and since first seeing Dorian at her friends wedding he's all she can think about. Problem is he looks like he hates her and Rain has no idea why . When Rain starts showing signs of the "Mating Frenzy" it's feared that she is bound to one of the evil acolytes who recently kidnapped her but no it turns out the source of her misery is much closer to home and it's the one male who keeps trying to avoid her it's Dorian!

Dorian has reason not to trust females but he was such an arrogant and rude armpit towards Rain! Accusing her of just wanting to share his immortality. Now the reader knows that if he would let his past go Dorian would make an awesome Mate because he is just so protective. Luckily Rain is made of stern stuff and no matter how much her body might yearn for Dorian she stays strong. When things come to ahead and they both realise that maybe they should take things further it's still not quite a done deal but Rain is never bitter

and her quiet determination really impressed this reader. Although I confess it was Dorians possessive nature that really gave me qualms.

I wanted more plot if honest and although there are some action scenes and one in particular that had consequences that will reverberate as this series continues I felt something was lacking. Yes we still get to see the "bad guys" but I have a sneaky suspicion that the author might try to redeem at least one of them. Sexy times dominate the second half of the book with dirty talk and interesting scenes involving water. So if explicit reads are not your thing then this book is not for you as believe me you could not just flick through the odd page to avoid them. Having said that I am enjoying this series and wonder just what will happen next. I believe it's Conn's book up next and he's a lovely wolf shifter so I'm onboard for his book I was gifted a copy in exchange for an honest review

Paige says

4 Stars

Denying Ecstasy starts where Ecstasy Claimed ended. While these books can be read as standalones, they follow one time line and the character's story lines are all interconnected. This addition follows Dorian and Rain. Dorian is a Demi-God who lost a close friend because of a bad decision on his part. Rain, a mortal Mageia, is the best friend of one of Dorian's brother's mate. After they meet Dorian's senses are affected but he isn't positive it's Rain that set them off until he touched her when he saved her life. After that their mating was set in motion, even if Dorian is doing everything he can to not have to claim her since he doesn't think he deserves a mate.

Rain eventually starts to feel the side effects of the mating link, and is mad when she finds out that Dorian isn't going to act on it. And even more upset that he's a complete and total jerk to her anytime he sees her. As time passes and the Guardians continue to fight their battle against those looking to hurt them, Dorian and Rain try to deny their connection, but it only gets worse. When it becomes obvious that Dorian isn't the only one hurting, he knows he has to take Rain as a mate, but she doesn't let go of her hurt easily. They may fit together perfectly, but until he opens his heart to her, she will not give him hers.

Just like the previous books in this series, Setta writes the best erotic paranormal scenes out there. Not only do we get to see Dorian and Rain's relationship progress but we also get to see Vane and Brianne's relationship take shape as well as snippets of the previous couples. Each relationship left me a hot mess of emotion and in need of a fan. I adore, absolutely adore, the mating angle each story takes, but appreciate that it's really different from other paranormal romances out there. Setta has absolutely put her own spin on her stories and I can't get enough.

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Elizabeth says

4.5 Mate me NOW Stars!

Denying Ecstasy is the third installment in The Guardians of the Realms Series by the gifted Setta Jay. Although each book is centered on the mating of the two main characters, each individual book offers its own unique idiosyncrasies. Rain and Dorian's story is one of redemption, passion, and love.

Rain is a strong willed Mageia (which is an evolved human that is compatible to be an Immortal's mate) and she is best friends with Alyssa. In the previous read (Ecstasy Claimed), Alyssa and Rain were relocated to the Immortal Guardians Manor in order to be protected from the "evil forces" who only want to cause them harm. While in the safety of the Guardians protection, Rain catches the eye of one of the guardians. She is confused by his interest because he seems to have such disdain for her. While she is reeling trying to figure out what is going on, Dorian is brooding. Why you ask? When Dorian touched Rain, he realized that she was his mate!

"If he hated the idea of mating her, then why chance touching her and pushing them into this situation? The ugly sting to her ego wasn't making the reality any less true."-Rain

Dorian has an ugly history with women. One touch and Dorian is ruined! Although he cannot deny the feelings he has for her, he feels unworthy of her. He feels damaged because of his past. He tries everything he can to get out of mating her.

"If she's good and worthy, then I'm the last male she deserves. She doesn't even need to know how screwed she could have been."-Dorian

Both Dorian and Rain experience severe side effects from being near each other and yet NOT being together. Rain struggles with feelings of rejection and hurt. Dorian internalizes his desire to be with Rain and his feelings of guilt over his past. Once Dorian decides he can't fight the pull of her any longer, all bets are off! Rain, beyond so frustrated, plays hard to get. (And so she should!)

"Are you saying you don't want me, nymph? Because your pussy is calling you a liar."-Dorian

"Oh, my body wants you. It's my mind that wants nothing to do with you, my little guppy."-Rain

The push and pull of these two is full of intense tension and release. I felt such adoration for both of these characters as they struggle their way through. When Dorian and Rain finally come together, the mating is in place and the passion is off the chart.

"You're mine after this, Brianne. I won't ever settle for less."-Dorian

Not only do we witness the sweet redemption of Dorian but we experience the healing power that only Rain is able to offer him. These two are by far my favorite of the Guardian couples.

"She was so small and vulnerable, and he would keep her safe. She was his now, and his beast loved

it."-Dorian

Overall, Denying Ecstasy offers up a magical combination of action, powerful males, mystical creatures, evil forces, and off the charts steam! The characters in this series continue to develop and intertwine as the action continues to build at a steady pace. The characters are unique and complex. The conflicts are intense and are explored to the fullest. The POV shifts seamlessly between the two main characters. I am amazed at how immersed I am becoming in this world. Before taking the plunge into this series, be prepared for anything and everything when it comes to sex. The Guardians and their mates are not afraid to lavish in anything and everything between the sheets. (Who doesn't enjoy a little naughtiness in their read?) Anyone who is a fan of PRN that has not read this series yet is truly missing out. I am so thankful that I discovered this series. Of course I am already reading the next book! What will I do when I have finished them all?

Guardians of the Realms Series

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Jennifer says

ARC received for review

This series and these Guardians are HOT! I'm loving every story I'm reading. Sexy and possessive males and their amazing mates. I wanted to knock Dorian on his arse for making Rain wait so long. His reasons were valid, but he didn't give Rain enough trust.

Plus there's again the bonus story with Vane and Brianne, but that one is not over yet.

Then there's the last chapter, and I really hate that I have to go to work and can't start Conn's book.

Tanja ~ T's Book ~ KT Book Reviews says

Rain and Dorian. He is tormented with betrayals and mistakes of the past and is our emotionally broken and unavailable Guardian. She didn't ask for this, didn't want this and feels hurt, angry and embarrassed by a mate she doesn't even know. It's a good old love-to-hate-you kinda vibe! Oh-so much hot alpha going on.

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J. Kahele says

After being betrayed by a woman centuries earlier, Dorian is set on never letting a woman into his life, accept to take care of his sexual needs. But what if he finds his mate?

Rain's body begins to suffer, her body feeling different than normal. She looks to Sirena, the healer for answers who tells her that she has been mated. What she is feeling is the sexual draw that cannot be satiated until she mates with him. It doesn't take very long to find out who that mate is.

Dorian is denying Rain as his mate, fighting it with all that is in him. It's not because of her, but is because he is afraid of bringing her into his life, afraid that she may be harmed. But can he just ignore the sexual urge for her, that literally takes over his body and his every thought?

Pam says

4.5 destiny is a bitch stars

“I’m going to wreck you, Rain. You won’t ever want another...You may deserve more than you’re getting, but I won’t let go once I’ve had you...”

To say that **Dorian** has trust issues, is putting it mildly. Centuries ago he was wronged so horribly it has haunted him ever since. Now that he has found his mate he is at a loss of what to do, there is no way he will allow another female to get too close, see all he has seen and know his failures. His female is too pure and too innocent to destroy with his nightmares. He chooses to deny them the fate that they are destined for...but all unfortunately for him all you need to start the mating process is just one touch, and that is something even he can not resist.

“You don’t get it both ways. You don’t get to treat me like some mercenary bitch without knowing a thing about me, and you definitely don’t get to hate-fuck me.”

Rain's connection with the Guardian's put a big red target on her back, regardless if no one knew she was more than a best friend of one mated to a Guardian. There was always something about Dorian that called to her, and when she finds out the truth he has been hiding, she is determined to make him feel her wrath. He may not want her but damn if he gets to be a coward and run away and hide. Too bad need and anger are ruling her every whim making it hard to concentrate but hoping to get her point across.

“Don’t lie to me. The fact that your legs are wrapped around me and your pussy is soaking through my pants tells me you’d love it if I fucked you right here, right now. You want to ride my dick as I pin you against this wall.”

“Yes, but you still haven’t earned that… or me. I’m not lining up to be another hole for you.”

Need, hunger and pain rides them hard. What Dorian doesn't realize is that he isn't the only one he is punishing, he's putting Rain through the same exact pain. Needing to right his wrongs he takes his time making it up to her, buying himself time to find a way to hide his memories that are sure to be shared during the mating ritual. But fate has other plans and to give her the strength they need to complete the bonding sooner than later.

Denying Ecstasy is Rain and Dorian's story, we first met Rain in Ecstasy Unbound and even then Dorian was off his game. Rain is strong and fierce, she loves hard and takes great pride in protecting those she cares for. Dorian is a tortured soul, who has lived his whole life punishing himself. My heart melted for this Guardian, he was so tender and yet demanding, he wanted to love but was scared to be loved. Rain was the perfect match for him, she had the strength to help carry the weight of his guilt and show him that he is allowed to be happy.

The overall plot in the form of the never ending threat to the realms and their way of life helps moves the story along, adding the perfect mix of thrills with all the sexiness. With each book we get to know the Guardians more and more, worming their way into my heart. I am totally addicted to these men, they all have their special gift and Dorian and Rains totally gives a new insight to water play. Highly recommended to all my friends who enjoy a tortured soul in a highly erotic-paranormal world.

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