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I have a simple arrangement with the Faerie Court: I track down the beings they want found and in exchange for that, they let me live. But a girls gotta eat, even a banished banshee, so I do what I have to, even if that means working for humans. Rent money doesn't grow on trees.

Darcey Thorne is one of the last of her kind — a banshee, harbinger of death — but due to a past indiscretion which saw her imprison her ex-lover, she now works as a bounty hunter for the Faerie Court.

When the Court jerks her chain and tells her to hunt down MacNa, an old friend, Darcey has no choice but to obey. Considering the last time she laid eyes on her prey, he tried to kill her, Darcey decides hunting him is the perfect mix of business and pleasure.

Dealing with witch-traffickers and a sexy ex-god boss is all in a day's work for a bounty-hunting banshee, but being shot with iron bullets and being framed for murder is above and beyond the call of duty.

If Darcey doesn't get to the heart of the matter soon, there will be one less banshee in the world.

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Jenette says

Although this one made for a decent read there was just something about it that stopped it from being a great read. I can't quite put my finger on it, I guess it felt like the characters were tossed in, we had no real connection to any of them. Main character Darcey calls on friends or old acquaintances throughout this whole book but it never feels like she really knows these people, instead you get the impression the author pulled them out of thin air when she needed a convenient sidekick or even solution to a problem. There is a main character death here and normally i'd hide that under a spoiler but the truth here is that as much as she was supposed to be a main character, and was actually in a good chunk of the book, as a reader I felt no connection to her whatsoever.

There were hints of a more interesting connection between Darcey and Lunn but it felt overplayed, like the connection was being stretched and made too obvious because Sheehan wasn't sure how to build the chemistry up organically.

Although the characters were choppy, the world was decent and the plot workable. I might even be tempted to check out the sequel.

Even Nerheim says

So far the main character feels like a less interesting version of Jessica Jones. There is very little subtlety in this book, little is left to the imagination when something is said. A lot of the book could've been cut down if they removed some of the unnecessary details, like dedicating several sentences to walking over to a drawer, pull out one item, walk back, hand over the item and then remind them that the protagonist is a Banshee. We're very often reminded by the protagonist that she is a Banshee.

Halfway through the book. So far, all white men are evil and practically cower whenever the male faye (the one the protagonist lusts after and only one who makes her legs weak) walks into the room. She often references something that happened prior to this book, but because we're not really told what happened, I don't see how they relate to what's happening in the story at the time.

Megan says

I like kindle unlimited, it lets you try books/series and you can get an idea of what an author is like without committing actual money to them.

I've read a few of Bilinda's other books and enjoyed them maybe a fraction more, this book is good. It is, it just isn't as good. And it also has a few things not quite right with it.

It needed a little more editing, there were a few words that were wrong not misspelled but I noticed a 'now' instead of a 'not' nothing major just odd words, I didn't make a note of what that sentence was otherwise I'd quote it but there was definatly one instance of that and I'm sure if I was being ultra picky I could find more.

This doesn't bother me so much, as long as the book isn't filled completely with grammatical errors or spelling errors I wouldn't say I judge a book like that. Heaven knows I make those mistakes too, this review probably has a few in. Just something to keep in mind if you're someone that dislikes it more than I do.

I'm a little confused with that the bananas is going on, its not a romance which I had assumed it was. Its a 'Banshee' is a slave story. I have heard of Banshees in terms I've heard the word but I have no idea what a Banshee is what they do etc. so finding out about them was actually interesting. I liked that, not sure its what they really do or the author's interpretation but hey I'll go along for the ride.

I also like her, shes funny and you see that she is a bad ass. You're not told but you actually see it. I wasn't sure I liked her but I like the side kicks, the wood fae (never heard of that before), the demon, the unseelie fae, the ginger kitten and the witch. I actually wish more is put into finding out about each of the characters, more actually about the kitten where did it come from? Why? The witch she isn't a human with magic, shes a specie, so what I know from previous books about witches I assume does not apply and clearly did not apply to her. I want to know more!!

Overall I really enjoyed this book, its a good start to a series I will be reading. I'm also insanely looking forward to it.

Nicki K. says

I enjoyed this book much more than I anticipated. The concept seemed interesting and original, and ended up being pretty awesome. Darcey's past is mysterious and intriguing and I can't wait to read more about it (especially about Manann). I'm super ridiculously excited for book two. Especially for more Lunn. . .

5/5

Michelle says

Interesting

This story was interesting. The characters were entertaining and engaging and the storyline was intriguing. It was interesting that the faerie court were unable to see the truth though. Definitely want to read more.

Siobhan Johnson says

Ehhhhhhh. I tried to get into this one, I really did, but it kept throwing me out quite a lot. I really liked the concept, and I LOVED Samira, but the rest of it just didn't really gel with me. The writing was meh, the execution was meh and most of the characters (besides my girl Samira) were meh. Not for me, I'm afraid.

Katie says

More like banished banshee

Great writing. I can't help but think I've missed a prequel with this first installment. The author talks about quite a few things as though the reader should already know the information. I read this in one sitting so maybe I was just tired but I did feel as though she alludes to things (ex. The town they're in) as though just by saying the name we should know what it means to be there.

The story is about a banshee that has lost most of her powers and is under the thumb of the faerie court. We don't get a proper explanation but from what I can discern from the ending is that they think she killed her soulmate\another fae. Through the book we meet a few characters which I think will have interesting development in the next book such as a collared witch, witch hunters, a powerful far that seems to want to help but that our mc is afraid of, a scary eyeless thing, and hopefully some explanation of what the elite are. There were a few things I wish would have gotten wrapped up better but then I guess you wouldn't want to buy the next book.

Izzy says

I liked it but it definitely needed to be longer. It lacked some explanation on back-stories and the world building in general. I have relatively good knowledge on folklore but due to the lack of explanations, even I was confused by the Mother of the Wild Hunt, the Elite and the faery court.

I thought the characters were interesting but as soon as we meet a character, the author whisks us away to another scene where Darcey introduces us to another character. As a result, we don't get the chance to connect with these characters and (view spoiler)

Teresa says

Amazing

I love Irish folklore. The characters were so true to their mythical counterparts. I could not put this down. I can't wait to read the next installment.

Hannah Dodder says

Good read.

Great plot and likeable characters. I wish Darcy's back story that keeps getting referenced had been explained a bit more because it gets a bit confusing sometimes trying to understand what had happened to her and why she didn't have all her powers. But overall it was a great book.

Julia Stephanie says

This was a different take on the whole supernatural world, but it was very welcoming and I loved it! The author created such vivid characters that I quite enjoyed and I can't wait to read more about this world and find out what will happen next!

Felicia Wood says

Had this book on the carousel for a bit now, so by the time I got around to it, all expectation was gone. I was able to go in reading this one blind, and I'm so glad that I did.

From the beginning, you can tell that this book has lots of heart. Banshee Blues, unique from a ton of other books, is aptly named.

I only wish that Darcey was a bit more badass.

Roxanne Glawson says**Reviewed by Roxanne Glawson**

Clary is a banshee of great power. She is an investigator. Can she keep every one she needs safe. With danger at every turn. Clary is the girl to kick the bad guys butt.

Jana Gundy says**Great UF!**

I really enjoyed this first book in what I hope is a long series. The world is new and interesting with three realms involved but you never are confused as to where the story takes place. The heroine is tough, damaged yet has a good heart that goes against her true nature. There wasn't a lot of romance maybe a hint but I hope that gets explored further into the books. I couldn't put it down!

Gena Williams says**Great Read !**

I really enjoyed this book. The characters were unique and enjoyable. There was a lot of action packed adventure , that really kept the story rolling. I can hardly wait for the next book in the series.

