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Book two in The Watchers Series Out of all the angels, Anael is the most beautiful and virile. A creature of fire, Anael burns with sexual intensity and simmering, dark passions. He is the angel whose duty it is to foster human sexual relationships. When Anael is sent to Earth at the time of the creation of mankind, he cannot help but notice the pleasure his powers and gifts brings to men and women. A pleasure he would dearly love to experience for himself. But to do that, would mean to fall from grace. Like his other brothers, he falls into sin, delighting in the pleasures of the flesh. When he finds himself hurled from Heaven to heed the callings of a desperate man anxious to find a woman, Anael is only too willing to oblige him so he can end his curse. Only somewhere along the way, he takes a wrong turn and finds himself alone during a snowstorm with a woman he's immediately drawn to - a woman he wants sexually. But it's more than just a burning desire for sex. For the first time Anael feels a stirring in his heart as well. Eve Parker is lonely. She's new in the city and hasn't had an easy time making friends or meeting men - especially the kind of men she dreams about. A self described 'geeky bookworm', she takes solace in reading romances and daydreaming about her fantasies, fantasies about being the object of desire for a muscle bound God and all the hot sex he can give her. But gorgeous men don't become sexually obsessed with chubby nerds who are awkward around the opposite sex. But when Anael discovers that the man he's helping to find true love is destined to be with Eve, Anael quickly changes his mind and strikes a deal with the devil. Now handsome again, with a voice that can woo and seduce, he sets out to make every fantasy of Eve's come true. But the devil always gets his due, and Anael is left wondering when he'll have to pay it and what the price will be.

## **Dark Admirer Details**

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## From Reader Review Dark Admirer for online ebook

### La La says

I would have given this book more stars if it hadn't ended on such a disappointing note. I felt like the story was unfinished. The Fallen Angel makes a bargain with the devil to be with his love. That's how it ended. I feel like I needed more. I needed to see the consequences of his actions since I feel like any deal made with the devil really can't end in your favor. This really should have been a full length novel instead of a short story. I think more authors should write stories feature angels. I'm getting a little tired of reading about Vamps and Fairies. Also why do all her heroines have to be fat blondes with self esteem issues. It was the same with the character in the first bok. I felt like I was reading about the same woman only with a diffrent name. And it annoyed me a little that the author used "smelt" instead of "smelled". I felt like my 10 year old niece was speaking to me. I actually looked the word up to make sure she was using it in the right context, which she was. It stilled annoyed me a little. Other than that Charlotte Featherstone is still one of my favorite authors and I will spend money on her books no matter the content.

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### ☞???? [Punya Reviews...] says

#### **My review contains spoilers and they're mostly my thoughts as I went with the book...**

This book, like *Fallen Angels: The Watchers: Dark Awakening*, was interesting but short. Though I got to know about the characters enough to form opinions about them, the book ended in a rather disappointing/negative note. That's why I've decided on 3 stars. There are other reasons as well; I'll try to explain myself in my review.

Anael is the angel of pleasure. He's fallen all right and it's because, even though he's an angel, he'd given into the seven cardinal sins. His grievous mistakes were lust and vanity (as far as I understood). So, Sariel, God's messenger punished him for 70 generations in the *Abyss* to be tortured by the Incubi and the Succubi, with his eyes sewn shut with wires. And, torture him they did! God, I hated reading what happened to him. The narrative wasn't very detailed but it was gut churning nonetheless. He was tortured, raped and was forced to do all sorts of unspeakable things with those demons. Then, when he was released on terms, his face was scarred with angelic script, depicting all the sins he's done and his body, narrating the things he'd done in the *Abyss*. Then he was asked that if he gives an amount of God's children aka humans what they sought for; love and desire, mostly a long standing relationship, a part of his curse would be lifted. In the meantime, he can't indulge in any of the sins he's accused of. On the New Year's Eve, another human, a male calls out to him. Even though he hates it with all his being, for one last time Anael plunges into the Earth to help him out.

Eve owns a bookstore and works in it herself. It's rather a big store and from the description of it, I understand it's been running very successfully since the opening. Eve is kinda shy, because of her plumpish physical appearance. She also loves books. Her love life is a mess (read: Pinky is her best friend! :/). Eve moved in this place not too long ago and still settling down with her friend Gemma's help. On the day of the New Year's Eve, she's on the phone with Gemma, who's asking Eve to come to her house and spend it with a date she'd wants Eve to hook up with. The weather is very bad, with snow storms coming up, so Eve tells her friend that she'd close up the store and be on her way. In the meantime, something hits her front window

and on a closer inspection, she sees it's a huge black feather. She's very drawn to it and brings it inside. Eve's thinking God knows to what kinda bird this huge feather belongs to and while thinking it, she starts touching it and then, feels this electric going through her hands and body. She starts touching herself with it. Then, her dog Lizzy starts acting strangely and pointing towards the back door. Eve goes out to see what's wrong and sees this tall and big man, lying amongst the snow face down, like he's fallen from above this way. She tries to wake him up, thinking all sorts of bad things and when she tries to leave him, he grabs her ankle. Eve looks at him, his beautiful eyes and then, his face. She gets scared seeing the tattoos. When the man stands up, Eve sees wings in his shadow and thinks she's going crazy. She finally faints.

Anael fell here because of the touch he felt on his body, like a lover's caress. Then he sees the woman and carries her inside. Anael is mesmerized by her and thinks of seeing her naked, he almost does but Sariel's voice comes back to haunt him. Anael can't speak, a part of his curse, unless it's with the human he's helping. Eve becomes conscious and finds him sitting there holding her. She tries to talk to him, he doesn't speak but in her mind, she keeps hearing a very beautiful voice talking to her. She again thinks she's going insane because somehow she knew it's a voice she'd heard before in her dreams and that this voice belongs to this stranger. She offers him food and eats together. Anael doesn't need to eat or drink but he does anyway since this human is the first of her kind to give her any gift. And, the attraction he's feeling, he knows it's different than the kind of sex he'd so far had. He's very skillful no doubt, he's work is to help the humans love and recreate but for himself, it's forbidden. He knows Eve feels things for him too. Then, an exhausted Eve falls asleep and Anael holds her through the night.

In the morning, Eve finds out he's gone but somehow she knows he's watching her. She's still confused about who or what that man was. She finds an origami of wings in the store. Opening it, she sees it's a note from him. She'd leave out food for him everyday thinking he must be some homeless guy, to find the tray empty later on, with an origami of wings on it. But, on incidents, she keeps on feeling him and seeing him in her dreams. On a book club night in her apartments, she talks to her friends about her fantasy (something I didn't really care for!), knowing he was listening to her. She saw a shadow on the window ledge. Then at night, she dreams again and this time she knows it's him touching her. Anael tells him his name, coming to her as a shadow. He knows what he's doing is going to cost him another eternity in the *Abyss* but he can't stay away from Eve. I loved this love scene, specially when after deciding that he's going to risk it all, Anael materializes in his human form from the shadows on top of Eve, I had goose bumps! Some lucky chit she is! Anyway, in the morning, he isn't there so Eve keeps thinking is it real or just a heavy duty erotic dream.

Anael keeps an eye on her always and he also meets the man who called him, a man he despises. Sariel and Sammael visit him to let him know what he's doing won't do any good. Sariel taunts him again about his punishment. Sammael is not like Sariel, so he tries to reason with Anael. Then, Anael gets to know that the man he's here to help is supposed to be intended for Eve, the date Gemma asked her to meet on the New Year's Eve. That man is out to claim Eve's fortune and I was confused as to why would she open a bookstore and run it herself if she's an heiress?! He doesn't care for her, which leaves Anael angry and determined that whatever happens, he'll save Eve. Even when Gadriel, along with Sariel and Sammael, try to talk him out of it, Anael won't listen to them. He doesn't care what happens to him anymore since he knows he's already fallen in love with her.

Eve also knew she's falling in love with her dark admirer. She meets her date, that guy and I didn't like what followed next. Anael was there, watching her and that man. Eve was wearing a dress, spilling out of it since her friend Gemma told her to flaunt her 'goods'. Gotta tell you, I wasn't much impressed with Eve and her non-existent personality. After reading this, I lost all hope about her! And, she and Anael made love, in that bar, in front of that man and all the people there. It was the fantasy Eve talked to her book club friends (didn't care for any of them either) about. Anael freezes the mortals but I'm not sure if they were watching

them or just froze in time. I got the impression that they were still watching and I was like WTF?! That wasn't my cuppa tea for sure. :/

Later that night, while Eve sleeps, the Devil pays Anael a visit and he makes a bargain with him; in return he'll get back his voice, his face and a lifetime with Eve. I had questions about that bargain as well as unhappy about it. I wasn't even sure if they were in love or in lust. So, even though I felt for Anael, had hots for him (man, he's a dirty talker! ;) ) and loved the hot love scenes (minus the last one), I was disappointed in the end.

PS: I actually thought this book is going to be about Sammael and Mary, as they were lovers in Fallen Angels: The Watchers: Dark Awakening. After reading more about him in this book, I got really interested in Sammael. So, would there be a book for him?

**\*Update\***

A month or so ago, I had an opportunity to ask Ms. Featherstone about more angel novels, especially if there'd be any more in this series. In her answer, she said she is very interested to write more angel novels and continue with this series but at the moment, she's working with other projects so no plans for them. As a matter of fact, she planned a book for Sammael but because of new contracts and projects, she couldn't continue. Well, I can only hope someday we get to read more angel novels from her. :)

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### **Davina says**

To be honest, I wasn't sure if I liked it because not a great deal actually happened? It felt like the beginning of a story rather than a finished novella and so it was a bit frustrating.

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### **Ronda Tutt says**

**HOT & POWERFUL EROTICA!**

I love the idea of how Fallen Angels still have a chance of redemption to get back in God's good graces after they have served their penance, however, temptation is always just around the corner to guide them into Lucifer's graces.

The chemistry between Eve (Human) and Anael (Fallen Angel) was electrifying. Dam! Just thinking about the scenes makes me want an angel to possess my body and ravage it for eternity. What an Angel! An Angel that sacrifices everything to be with the woman he loves. A must read to find out what kind of deal he makes with Lucifer in order to be with his love. The Erotica is so hot you won't take your nose out of the book before you have read the whole scene and even then you might go back over the scene one more time.

Here is the best part of the book where Anael makes the choice.

Eve's feelings:

"He was the consummate lover. So perfect. So Beautiful. Until the dawn. After the rising of the sun, her

perfect lover was gone, leaving her empty, anxiously awaiting the night-time til he came to her once more.

As her eyelids fluttered closed, she found herself praying to God that perhaps he might stay with her. That God could grant to her this angel - her angel."

Lucifer and Anael's conversation before he makes the sacrifice:

"Anael heard her prayers and knew they were useless. They could not be together, not in any real sense. He would forever be her night-time lover, shunned from her in teh daylight. Once his treachery was discovered, they would be forever parted, him to the Abyss, and her to another man.

*"It doesn't have to be that way."*

Anael held Eve tighter in his arms and shut his eyes, blocking out that voice. That seductive voice that tempted him to sin.

*"Man and Angels, we are not so very different are we? We are both sinners."*

I cannot take what you're offering, Lucifer.

*"Why, when you want it so desperately? I can feel it, the seething, the rage at the injustice of loving her and never having her. What I offer you is a gift. A gift God will not ever grant you. You know that."*

Anael thought of Gadriel and how he'd found a woman to love, a woman who shared her body with him. A woman who he'd given his child to. God had gifted Gadriel. Why would he not do the same for him?

*"Because he despises you, brother. He hates you. He will never forgive you."*

It was true. God did hate him. Nothing but loathing could have condemned someone to the Abyss for as long as Anael had endured it.

*"At what cost would your gift be, Lucifer?"*

*"Not a price that you cannot pay, brother."*

Anael felt the slithering serpent of enticement coil around him. He so wanted to accept, to be with Eve.

*"And what of Richard Stokes?"*

*"A minor inconvenience. I can wipe out his memory of her. He won't remember either of you. Think of it brother. You could awaken in the morning, still holding her. I'd give you your beauty back. I'd give you a voice. I'd give you anything you want, and everything He won't."*

*"For what?"* Anael asked, his voice pleading. *"What is your price? I will not barter Eve's soul, I won't do anything that will cause her any harm or pain, or anguish. I won't do it, Lucifer."*

*"What I ask has nothing to do with her. What I ask is for you. Your service. Once your lovely mortal has died a natural death, I will have you as my apprentice. You will serve me."*

I will serve you in darkness.

*"I can erase the sins of your past, brother. I can make you beautiful and whole again. I can give you voice, and I can give you life with this woman. It is more than He is offering."*

Anael looked down at Eve.

*"then I accept your terms."*

The devil chuckled with glee. *"And on the morning after her death, you will come with me, where you will be my disciple."*

There was a flash and Lucifer was gone."

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### **Regina says**

This story was short. Way too short for my liking and left me with mixed feelings.

I missed the progress of Eve and Anael's love. It was mostly - hot - sex, which is good, but not without real love to back it up.

The ending was another thing I disliked. It's unfinished in my opinion. It can't end like this, I want to know what's the catch of Lucifer's deal and what will happen to our fallen angel after making the deal. I hope the author will pick this project up again and will give them a proper story.

What I liked is Anael's way of thinking. I loved how he questioned God's decision of not granting him love. Everyone deserves to be loved.

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### **~Vixhen~ says**

Anael the angel of lust/pleasure is summoned to perform his last of his penance and takes a wrong turn when descending. He ends up face down in a alley behind Eve's bookshop during a blizzard. She takes him inside and so begins their attraction. I loved this story of Anael and Eve. Anael falls for her, of course but he makes a major sacrifice to have her. He is a tortured angel who kind of reminds me of Z in the BDB. Which had to with his scarred face, tats on and the sexual abuse he endured while he was at the mercy of the succubus and incubus. All in all this was very enjoyable read.

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### **Netanella says**

Such a sweet, passionate tale, totally ruined by the ending.

This short story lost a star simply for my total dislike of the ending - a deal with the devil for a lifetime of love and then an eternity as Satan's lackey. WTF? And why was Sarel such a Richard?

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## **Rose says**

I love CF. A great short story.

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## **Kathy says**

Setting: Quills bookstore – Toronto;

Characters:

Anael, angel of pleasure: in the beginning, fell when succumbed to temptation to enjoy sex with humans... punished by 2,000 years with incubi/sucubi hell where raped, etc... redemption by helping 150 humans to find love... he is on the 150th... but was sidetracked to Eve when Richard called... Eve finds him outside her bookstore, and brings him in, and bandages and feeds him... he finds peace with her... but... Richard (who called him forth) wants Eve for himself – for her money, more than for her...

And in the end, Anael makes a deal with the devil to be with her... hmmm I'm not happy with this author's interpretation of heaven and God...

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## **Dee says**

I am not really in the mood and feeling a bit lazy to write a full review but will say that this was much better than the first in the series. It was hotter/steamier and had more tension and story.....but it was still too short! Having said that, I think that I could read a 400 page book from CF and still complain it is too short :))

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