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The Prophecy Will Be Fulfilled...

Ancients were created in the beginning of the age of man. The Vampire were birthed by the underworld after mankind's fall from grace to destroy what remained of God's people. This threat to Creation was countered with divinely-breathed immortals. The Witch were most effective against the nefarious agenda pursued by the evil ones. An arcane Prophecy proclaims that the divine purpose of the Ancients of Light will be fulfilled, beginning with the rise of the Chosen. Now the Queens will join her...

Fire is her Destiny...

Ella long ago determined she would not live a life where magic defined her. Feeling no kinship with her Caste, she walked away from the Realm and its conflicts. She found acceptance and fulfillment in her life amongst the mortals and is on the brink of achieving her dreams.

Darkness is His Curse...

Nicholas is the most revered warrior in the Darks' army. His personal animosity towards the Light drives his existence and draws him to the one Witch he is set on controlling. Nicholas knows the reasons that Ella never found acceptance within the Fire Caste of Witch and he will use that knowledge to pursue his Dark agenda.

When Light and Dark Collide...

Despite her origins, Nicholas discovers more in Ella than just a powerful Fire Witch, leading him beyond the Dark evil that has plagued him for eight centuries. Ella disregards the inherent calling of her breed for the only true belonging she has ever experienced, the love she finds with her Dark Vampire. The beginning of the very Prophecy that will save the Light tears the pair apart and the fallout threatens their existence. When two of the most powerful immortals on opposite sides of Realm collide in divinely-inspired fate, neither will escape unscathed. Only when the Forsaken finds grace will Ella and Nicholas be able to fulfill the destiny that has always been meant for them.

About the Ancients of Light series

Chosen is the first in the thirteen books of the Ancients of Light series and is only the beginning of a young Witch's journey toward developing both the strength of character and magic that will be required to fulfill her prophesied role as leader of the Light faction.

Revelations of nuances in the Prophecy - facets that were never fully comprehended by the Ancients - will continue in successive stories. The culmination of its true meaning in the destiny of the supernatural world of the Realm will only be revealed when Kaitriana is adequately prepared to lead the Warriors now being called together to champion the Light's purpose.

Familiar characters return for each storyline as the focus turns to a new key couple in every book - a pair that significantly factors into the purpose of Light - however, the story of the Chosen does not end with Book #1. Kaitriana and Lorcan, their growth together as partners in leadership and in love as a couple, will thread through the series as Kaitriana assumes the role that was destined as hers since the beginning.

Forsaken Details

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Lesley says

This one was even better than the first I love the story. I can't wait for the next one.

Kelly says

Ready for book 3.

Sherry says

Amazing!!! I loved Chosen so much and was so excited when I found out this book was being released in just a few days. Ella is an amazing heroine and Nicholas is a complex character as well. I generally don't go for the steamy romances, but the storylines were so captivating that I still loved this. I also loved that the story was about two different characters than the first book, but the story eventually tied into those characters and I got to see how Lorcan and Kat were doing. I can not wait for the next installment.

Melissa says

Fantastic. I enjoyed the new characters and love that we still got pieces of Kat and Lorcan. The romance and the story entwined perfectly.

Katie says

Wholly cow, I loved this book. It was such an enjoyable read with everything, fantasy, romance, action, intrigue, magic, witches and vampires and did I mention romance. This was more of an urban fantasy than book one, but I enjoyed Forsaken more than Chosen, but this whole series is going to be awesome. With each book you get a look into the lives of different characters, but they all tie in together and Kaitriana (the Chosen) is always at there as the Queen of Queens. Forsaken was fast paced with some very steamy romance scenes and a lot of intrigue.

Ella isn't your ordinary 26 year old, she is a witch and has been living in the human world most of her life. Her Mother was killed when she was younger and they were living in the Realm and Ella has no idea who her Father is. After her Mother dies Ella moves back to the human world. Grieving and trying to survive, Ella studies and works to make a life for herself. On celebrating the end of her studies, she goes out with friends for some drinks and fun. Sitting at the bar, Cole walks up and Ella knows immediately he is a vampire and a Dark. Cole is determined to get into her good graces with Ella and help her home (since she couldn't make it by herself). After succumbing to Cole's charms and their instant attraction, Ella allows Cole to take her home and inside her apartment. Knowing it is dangerous, but also wanting a little action, Cole

drives Ella mad with pleasure.

Cole (known in the Realm as Nicholas) has been watching Ella since she was a child. Knowing she is special and hoping to get Ella to want him and desire him, Cole is determined to leave Ella wanting him at every visit. He isn't divulging all of his life to her and known in the Realm as the Warrior of Dark, he is the fiercest and most feared vampire in the Dark legion.

The war between Light and Dark is coming to a head with the Chosen and the Warrior of Light attacking the Dark. Nicholas is called back to the Realm and Ella is taken into the Light coven. Kaitriana is helping Ella bring her powers to the surface and discover how much power she possesses.

All the time that Cole/Nicholas spent with Ella in the human world and he cannot stop thinking about her. They have discovered feelings for each other that shouldn't have grown. But can they be together, since they both come from opposite sides of the Realm? Will their love conquer? Can Cole/Nicholas or Ella convert to the other side? Who is Ella's Father? Will Light prevail?

I really love this series and can't wait for Broken. It is unique with witches, vampires and magic, plus the good versus evil war, but what is unique is the story and prophesy that still needs to be fulfilled. Both Chosen and Forsaken revolve around strong female characters, but they still have their vulnerability. With each page the characters evolve and grow into their potential. I loved the combination of Ella and Kaitriana in this book and Kaitriana's querkyness that makes everybody smile. This is a must read!

Johnnie-Marie Howard says

I loved every moment of this story, If you read the first one you really should read this one. This one opens your eyes up to the Darks of the realm. Unlike the first story that showed you the Lights It kinda like Team Light or Team Dark towards the middle close to the end, you don't know which side to choose. It was written really great!! The cover art is also great I think the cover really helps give you a shot at what Ella is all about and what she looks like.

This is a Must Read. I couldn't put it down for anything, my only exception for not reading this story was work and sleep. If I could have done without those I don't think Their could be enough of the story. lol. I really enjoyed this one more so then the first story. I think this one was written about the same but it had more details about everything that Ella was going through.

****I received this story for free in exchange for an honest review****

Jillian (NetGalley Addict) says

This book was part of a blog tour I received a copy for my honest review

I am not going to recap the story because the synopsis does a great job of it, I am going to dive straight into my review. Ella sad past has made her stronger, yet she still has this sense of vulnerability about her. She gets stronger throughout the book and I liked how she began to grow into her own. Nicholas was an

interesting character at first I saw him as the big bad man, but I was pleasantly surprised when I was shown all is not what it seems. The two characters being separated, love that shouldn't be and will their love be enough all come together to create an enjoyable book. The plotline was interesting and I loved the Realm world that the author has created. Forsaken is one of those books that has it all a hot romance, a mystery, action and a paranormal world. I really enjoyed this book and have become hopelessly addicted to this series, I can't wait for the next book to come out. Side note kudos to the author for creating a great series that I want to keep reading.

Chantale Canadian Book Addict says

I read the first book in this series a short while ago and I couldn't wait to read this one.

I absolutely love this book. Very well done and got me hooked from the very beginning and now I can't wait to read the next book in this series.

I highly recommend both books .

Kurt Bartling says

I'm not sure what to say about this book. I wasn't sure I wanted to continue the series after the first one (Chosen). I read Forsaken to see if it got better. It didn't, yet I'm going to continue. I really like Fleener's writing, but the stories in books 1 and 2 were ... how do I say it? I had to step away several times because I was getting so frustrated.

First off, "Forsaken" is essentially "Chosen" in plot and purpose. The male leads are A-holes, that treat their soul-mates as submissives, like Billionaire BDSMers, without the S&M. Cole basically sexually assaults Ella for the first 100pages. He's affiliated with the Dark, she says "no", he ignores her, she succumbs to his sexual manipulations. I really wanted to like Ella, but she turned in Ella-sue so quickly. If it wasn't for the last 50-pages I'd drop the books. I like Fleener's writing, and the premise for book-3 looks promising.

Second issue, the a primary "Dark/Evil" antagonists seem completely unworthy. Cardboard characters, and too easily thwarted.

Third, all the females characters are too easily distracted/controlled by their desires. Christ, the antagonists are fighting with the wrong tools. Take off your shirt, drop troug and win the frickin war.

Which leads to my biggest gripe ... other then the rising of the queens and the good versus evil crap, I see no underlying plot. The two main characters spend the first third of the book in bed (quite literally), then they venture out, kick ass way to easily (with little development or fan fare), separate and then come back together. The Kings series by Walden and the Carpathian series by Feehan are done better then the Ancients of Light, but I like Fleener's writing, so I'm going to hold out for one more.

*** Booksessed * Bec says**

Book provided by the author.

As with Chosen, the first in the series, readers are pulled in to this magical world. The characters were

brilliant, feisty Red and domineering Cole and I liked that we got to see Lorcan and Kat again. The plot was really imaginative, it hooks you from the beginning, I couldn't put it down. I think I have an idea who the next book will be about, I can see sparks flying already lol.

A brilliant must read

Ash says

M disappointed with this book. Didn't like it much. I found Nicholas to be selfish and Ella to be weak. I was expecting some great magical action from Ella, she being a queen and all but there was hardly anything in the book. I started hating it from the point when the hero hid truth from the heroine and then accused her of betraying him and humiliated her in front of everyone. I was like when the hero knew he had not told her trivial facts then how was she supposed to know anything and on top of that heroine forgave him easily when he said sorry and jumped into bed with him and that was it for me. However much harder I tried to finish the book I just couldn't enjoy it anymore.

Only saving grace was Kat and her antics and Lorcan and Nicholas' friend, Dunkirk (who by the way had more sense than the hero).

Avril Haughey says

Just love this series. Good and evil, light and dark, the eternal quandary! Very interesting new slant. Have just picked up book two too. Looking forward to another good read.

Melanie says

This is the first review I have bothered to actually put some thought into so keep that in mind. These books have been AMAZING.

This wonderful book covers deep romance, wicked battles, bad ass magic and a thick plot.

First, I would like to say that I think one of the reasons we love this book, is the romance. Not only are the characters in love, but they are so passionate for each other that it captures you and you long for that type of relationship. I think all women would LOVE to be loved the way Lorcan loves Kat and Nicholas loves Ella. It's a type of bond that is both sexually and mentally committed on a level I am not sure exists in the human world today. I do believe that was my favorite part of the book.

Second, the book somehow takes me into the Realm itself. I find myself so entirely thrust into the book, that I can be sitting at work and have to shake myself back to reality. Literally. It doesn't take much to travel there and when I am there, I never want to leave!

I highly recommend this to any chick looking to escape the mundane world we currently live in. It's a great vacation... and hardly cost a thing!

Rachel says

4.5

The first 17 chapters are set primarily in Chicago where you meet Ella, a non-practicing Fire Caste witch with a fiery personality and Nicholas (aka Cole), a dark vampire warrior. The storyline slows down a little in the middle of this first part as the romance heats up. This section reminded me a little bit of *Pretty Woman* minus the stripper.

The following 30 chapters are mostly set in the Realm. Ella and Nicholas' story becomes intertwined with Lorcan and Kaitriana. This is where I had trouble putting the book down until I finished it.

I must confess I am getting a little addicted to this series. When I read the first book I didn't realize these were paranormal romance novels so I was a little taken back by the "romance" aspect. I am not a huge romance novel reader, but this is one of the best ones I have read. **I usually associate romance novel with not having much of a storyline outside the romance, but this book is so much more than just your typical romance.**

This book has witty dialogue, lovable characters (*I love Dunkirk*) and a captivating plot. This author creates a world that I can't wait to get sucked into.

I really hope I am not going to have to wait a year till book 3, *Broken* is released. The main protagonists in *Broken* are Kylie and Sayer.

****SPOILERS-QUESTIONS I HAD AFTER FINISHING FORSAKEN****

1. Kylie says, "Do not challenge me, Warrior. Maeve will not allow me to engage you." According to my googling, Maeve is the Warrior Queen of Faeries. How is she going to play into the storyline?
2. Who is Calliope? Kylie says to Broderick, "Your precious Calliope killed us all!"
3. Who changed Kylie into a vampire?
4. Are all the Queens going to be related to Myrrdyn?
5. What is the deal with Sayer and Kylie? He seems to be in love with her, but I don't know.
6. Is Cade going to be one of main protagonist in one of books? He sure sounds sexy enough to be.
7. Are Lilly and Dunkirk going to get together? I thought she liked witches?

Candy says

FORSAKEN took me totally by surprise. I read mostly YA and some NA books, but I try to steer clear of adult books because the graphic details of relationships between characters are not really my cup of tea. So I

was a little shaken by the details of Cole and Ella's first encounter. I quickly recovered from my frazzled state and kept reading. It was a great read once I got past being uncomfortable with certain details. It is a constant battle between Dark and Light with much romance mixed into the already fragile condition of the Realm. I look forward to the next installment of the ANCIENTS OF LIGHT Series to see the rise of all the Queens and find out which side will prevail.

You see, the Vampire created for a Dark purpose, while the Witch was created to counteract that Darkness with Light. The Witch's purpose was to destroy the evil wreaking havoc on mankind, known as the Vampire. However, in CHOSEN Book#1, Vampire and Witch ally to serve the Light together against the Dark. For just being a Vampire or Witch no longer determines your allegiance, both sides have been aligned with both creatures. Now a war is raging for one side to end the other for all time. But who will win? According to a prophecy long foretold, the Queens will rise to give strength to the Light that will overcome the Dark. Ella never felt much of a connection to her Fire Caste due to the fact they shunned her mother for not divulging who Ella's father was. This causes her mother to raise her in the world outside of the Realm until her powers develop to the point of no longer being able to be concealed from humans. Though her mother returns her to the Realm for her safety, Ella leaves to start her own life outside the Realm as soon as her mother dies and she is of age. She pours her heart and soul into school, work and her friends. Though she enjoys flirting when out with her friends, she has little time or desire to commit to any guy. That is, until she meets Cole. She senses he is a Dark Vampire, but she cannot stop herself from entertaining his advancements. She is captivated by him. She convinces herself no foul no harm, but Cole may not be who he claims to be and may not exactly have her best interest in mind. He has his own agenda. Will he be her undoing or can she capture his heart and bring him back to the Light?

Nicholas, Warrior of Dark has been watching and waiting for the Fire Queen to emerge. He has a plan to capture and control her. Little does he know that his "little Witch" will capture his heart as well as he capturing hers. The question now is, can they be together yet hold on to their own allegiances or must one forsake their allegiance and cross over to the other side? This crucial decision can be the turning point of the war.
