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From Reader Review *Twilight Fulfilled* (Wings in the Night, #18) for online ebook

missy grove says

Glad this book is finally finished

This book was a very long read ,it has been my least favorite book in the series and I finally have got it read .

Mizuki says

The story is pretty much okay, the threat of the vampires v.s. humans all-out war is real and well described enough. However, I just don't have too much patience for it so I skimmed through most of the later part of the story.

Sue "DavinciKittie" Brown-Moore says

TLDR recap:

Utana, father of the vampire race, and an immortal who has been trapped inside the ashes of his body for thousands of years, is on a crusade to purge his sin against the gods by obliterating the origination of that sin... his vampire children, all of them. Brigit Poe, one of the prophesied Twins, the "evil" twin who has been trained to fight and kill with her laser-eyebeams-o-death, has been given a terrible task: kill Utana before he kills all of them. This second offering in the Children of Twilight series by Maggie Shayne starts off slow, but really takes off about halfway through, before barrelling non-stop toward a heart-breaking, explosive conclusion. A GraveTells recommended read!

Title: Twilight Fulfilled

Series: Children of Twilight - book #2 / Wings In the Night - book #18

Author: Maggie Shayne

Prominent Characters: Brigit & Utana

Recommended reader age: 16+

Sexual content level: light-to-moderate

Thoughts:

Brigit is modern, punky, irreverent, tender, and intelligent, and she doesn't need a man to save her... usually.

Utana is old-fashioned (duh, thousands of years old!), has been a king, a priest, and (considered to some) a god, can shoot crazy lasers of destruction from his own eyes, and is working some major mojo in that big sculpted (and apparently revivable) body of his. Needless to say, he doesn't think he needs a woman to save him either, but he hasn't met Brigit yet. Over the last few years, Harlequin has really been busting out of its staid, rusty old ravishing-innocents-and-bodice-rippers stereotype, and *Twilight Fulfilled* is an engaging contemporary, hip paranormal romance in a much beloved series.

This story is told in third-person, but the characterization of the voices is so well done, it reads like first-

person. It starts off as a composite cast story, with several storylines weaving in and out; that's probably what made the first half of the book feel slow for me, and the main reason for the 4.0 rating (would have otherwise been higher). We should take into account that I read *Twilight Fulfilled* without first reading *Twilight Prophecy* (the first book in the Children of Twilight series) or any of the numerous Wings in the Night books, so my observations are from the point of a true newbie to this universe. That will be helpful for readers who, like me, are starting fresh with this one, and probably annoying to readers who are long-time fans of Maggie Shayne's vampires. Something else that was both a positive and a negative for me was Utana's obvious initial trouble with the English language. His stumbling pronunciations and word misuse made for a few fun comedic moments (which, IMO, could have been played on a little more heavily), but also made it difficult for me to identify with him as a character. Ms. Shayne does a great job, though, of progressing his language skills at a believable pace; he may be highly intelligent, but he's no virtuoso and I like that - it makes him more real and he needs it. I mean, seriously, this dude is the original Noah, the father of the vampire race, an ancient Sumerian king and priest, and can wipe out entire blocks with his mega Cyclops gaze... he definitely isn't your average easily-relatable hero-next-door type!

Something else that was very notable, and may actually be a detriment for Ms. Shayne's more devout monotheistic fans, was the emotional and psychological debates (rather obviously) hidden within the dialogue and characters' thoughts. I don't know whether the views expressed in this story are Ms. Shayne's or simply what came to her with the characters, but she certainly does a convincing job of debating against the one-all-powerful-deity-who-oversees-everything-and-demands-war-and-carnage philosophy. In case that last bit has anyone feeling a bit put-off, the message doesn't come off as atheist, but rather only that men shouldn't presume to know the minds of their gods or to speak for them in text (and rely on those written words), and should independently make decisions without shackling themselves to unfounded restrictions and expectations.

Another interesting psychological observation, that I haven't seen in a PNR book to date, is that perhaps the old standby behead-em-burn-em-scatter-the-ashes method of executing a vampire might be killing these creatures, good and evil, in body only. If a vampire is truly immortal, then you cannot kill him, right? So what happens to the spirit when the body is destroyed? Wouldn't it go mad after thousands of years of sensory deprivation? Do they never get to "pass on" to whatever life is next? Interesting indeed! Sorta makes me view vampire hunters in a whole new, less than flattering, light.

On other characters, J.W. is really memorable and likeable, and this isn't even his story! *Twilight Prophecy* is definitely going on my 2011 Reading List!

Memorable quotes:

No one ever said love was easy...

She was supposed to kill him, not wound him and then worry about whether he was feeling it.

Protection-proschmection, go for the throat!

"I felt compelled to protect you. And I suppose that's natural too, given that I... took a little sip from your..." She made the mistake of looking at his shoulder and then his neck as she spoke to him. "Your great big, corded, hard, salty neck."

Justification for war?

She wanted to convince this man that religion was not a good enough reason for genocide.

Then again, it was one of the main reasons why anyone had ever committed such an atrocity or gone to war in the history of mankind.

On how Utana became immortal...

"Maybe the gods wanted you to start a new race. Or maybe it was something you ate."

If you like *Twilight Fulfilled* and the rest of the *Children of Twilight* and *Wings in the Night* series...

If you enjoyed *Twilight Fulfilled* for its long, family-like history of related vampire novels, you may also like the books in Christine Feehan's *The Dark* (Carpathian) series (beginning with *Dark Prince*). The *Dark* series has more than twenty consecutive novels published and links most of the characters together with close ties of family and friendship.

If you enjoyed *Twilight Fulfilled* for its intense climax and spunky heroine/hero chemistry, you may also enjoy the *Night Huntress* (starting with *Halfway to the Grave*) novels by Jeaniene Frost. Ms. Frost's Cat is, like Brigit, a kick-ass vampire-human hybrid with an independent streak and a weakness for a sculpted male chest. And *Bones*... well, *Bones* fans would agree that PNR heroes don't get much better than *Bones*. *grin*

Final thoughts:

Whew, that was a lot of "thoughts", yeah? If I didn't lose you at the religious part (hey, I don't write it, I just review it!) and you've made it this far, I recommend reading this book. Would I read *Twilight Prophecy* first? Definitely. For starters, you're going to spoil some of the events of the initial *Children of Twilight* book if you don't read it first. Secondly, there's a lot of groundwork for this story laid down in the first novel, and the explosive ending will probably have a much greater impact if you've followed the story from the start.

Speaking of explosive conclusions, *Twilight Fulfilled* has one of the most charismatic endings in a book that I've read in a long time. It starts picking up steam about half-way through, and becomes nearly impossible to put down as it progresses. Utana and Brigit may not have known each other long, but you REALLY want things to work out for them! If this series is not already on your reading list, put it up there somewhere near the top - the part you're actually going to read (yeah, you know you're guilty!). If you were already looking forward to this new Maggie Shayne novel and have been a fan of her vampire world since the *Wings of the Night* series, you will not be disappointed! *Twilight Fulfilled* is a GraveTells "Recommended!" novel.

Rating: *Twilight Fulfilled*

4.0 Hearts: **Recommended!**

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Pre-order Twilight Fulfilled on Amazon (*Available on 9/20/2011*)

<http://www.maggieshayne.com/> (Maggie Shayne's website)

<http://www.christinefeehan.com/> (The Dark series website)

<http://jeanienefrost.com/> (The Night Huntress series website)

Levia says

OMG wow! This was epic. Amazing. Some was expected, other parts were hilarious. All was seriously awesome.

Cheeyee says

Review At: I Read, I Think, I Share

Review Date: 26 July 2011

Review URL: <http://littlemermybooks.blogspot.com/2011/07/twilight-fulfilled-by-maggie-shayne.html>

When I saw this book is available in Net Galley I was so happy and can't help to request it right away. After reading Twilight Prophecy, I was very much looking forward to read the sequel. And this book 2 Twilight Fulfilled, does not disappoint me at all. Instead it is better than the first book.

While the first book was more about James, this book two was on his twin sister, Brigit. James used his healing power to revive Utanapishtim from his ashes. But then the soon after that they realized it's a mistake to revive him. So the vampire race sent Brigit, the destroyer, to destroy Utanapishtim to save the vampire race. But something unexpected happened between them. And things get complicated when US government stepped into the battle and more secrets were being revealed.

I found the story very fascinating. It captivates my interest from beginning till the end. The pace is good. There are quite a number of supporting characters added in the story with clearly defined role and they never over shadow the two main characters. The intense emotion of the characters is well projected too. The plot is good. The twists and turns just made me can't stop turning the pages. I like the ending. I wonder is there any more upcoming books in this series.

I enjoy reading it very much. I rate this book 4 out of 5 stars.

Note: I receive the ARC of this book from the publisher Harlequin via Net Gallery. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

Pamela Todd says

Twilight Fulfilled is the 18th instalment of Maggie Shayne's hit series. This book focuses on Brigit Poe – vampire half-blood. Brigit and her twin brother James are the only two of their kind, and neither aren't without their...charms. James is the 'good twin' who has the power to heal. Brigit is the 'bad twin' and has the power to destroy. To shoot death lasers out of her eyes, to be exact.

When the first immortal, Utana, was resurrected, he believes he must destroy his race of vampires to earn favour with the gods. Only Brigit can stop him before he eliminates her entire family.

When Utana and Brigit meet, sparks literally fly. Plus a few cars, trees, general debris. But more than that the spark of passion ignites between them. Utana is sworn to destroy Brigit and her kin, Brigit sworn to protect her own.

Twilight Fulfilled was a pleasurable read, an original story with charming characters. I enjoyed watching the development of Utana and Brigit's romance and as they struggled to come to terms with what it meant for both of them.

Any fans of Maggie Shayne will devour this book whole.

Jess the Romanceaholic says

This is a Quickie Review. For the full review, please visit [The Romanceaholic](#).

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Steam Level: Steamy

Official Blurb:

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Yes, yes, YES! I was so happy to get my greedy little hands on this book, because I've been excited about it ever since I heard that Utanapishtim (the Big Bad from Twilight Prophecy, and pronounced "ooo-tah-nah-pish-tim" for those like me whose brains melted the first time they read it) was going to be the hero paired with the "evil twin", Brigit.

After all that had gone down in Twilight Prophecy, I couldn't fathom how Ms. Shayne could possibly redeem Utana, but she did a fantastic job of making him a sympathetic character without castrating the great Warrior King. He's still insufferably pompous and arrogant, old fashioned and misogynistic (because, really, he's freaking Noah from the Great Flood for cryin' out loud -- a metrosexual this guy is not), and yet he also grieves deeply for the deaths of his vampire "children" and the fact that he must kill them all to appease his gods.

Now, earlier I said that this series both works well as a standalone and is better read in order. Let me clarify - I think that as far as the entire Wings in the Night series goes, it stands perfectly well on its own. I actually came to the series quite late myself (book 17) and didn't feel as though I'd missed the information necessary for me to keep up. However, I do suggest reading Twilight Prophecy first for two main reasons. First, it's important to see the dynamic between the Mongrel Twins (James and Brigit), and second, it's the first half of Utana's story. Granted, Ms. Shayne does a very good job of explaining the vital portions missed if you don't want to go back and read the other one first, but even so, I personally would suggest reading these last two in order.

In short, I loved it. While the ending was still open enough to leave the option of future installments of the series, nothing was left feeling "unfinished", and I believed in the HEA, which is very important to me in any romance novel.

In the end, I really enjoyed this one. Utana is sexy and powerful and delicious and yet is still deeply flawed, and is able to eventually own up to his mistakes. Brigit finally breaks free of her Evil Twin designation, and weathers such betrayal and heartbreak over the course of the novel, but still remains true to herself. The sensuality was exactly what it needed to be, and the actual romance itself, although fast, was actually quite believable.

Recommended for fans of old-fashioned alphas finally finding their equal, of heroines convinced of their unworthiness finally realizing their true powers, and of a romance that overcomes even the largest of obstacles.

A very cheerful 4.5/5 Stars

Kathy says

Setting: Mostly in Maine, vampire home & psychiatric hospital converted for use to imprison the Chosen, and Virginia, to a diplomatic safe luxury house.

Theme: Truth, gods and prophecy, manipulation, rights, love

Characters:

Brigit Poe - JW's twin - seen as the 'bad twin'... 1/4th vampire, 3/4ths human... has many vampire strengths, but sun is okay as well as regular food... she can direct energy to blow up things...she is a warrior, strong, determined, embracing her vampiric side. She is sent to fulfill the prophecy, to kill Utana to protect the remaining vampires.

James J.W. - the 'good twin'... 3/4ths human... has many vampire strengths, but sun is okay as well as regular food... he can direct energy in the healing of people... he is a doctor, who uses his vampiric skills as little as possible... in the last book he found his true love, and in trying to fulfill a Babylonian prophecy of resurrection Utanapishtim, the creator of the vampires 3,000 years ago - to bring life to his ashes in an urn in a museum, he does 'heal' Utana, but brings back a crazed man, who has been in sensory deprivation for thousands of years, and manipulated by Nash and a crazy anti vampire book, he believes that to get back on the good side of his gods, he must destroy the vampires- and he makes good inroads into doing so.

Utana , Ziasudra in Sumerian, Utanapishtim in Babylonian -but JW brings back a crazed man, who has been in sensory deprivation for thousands of years, and manipulated by Nash and a crazy anti vampire book, he believes that to get back on the good side of his gods, he must destroy the vampires- and he makes good inroads into doing so. But in this book, we find a man who is collecting the pieces of himself, he regrets death that he brings, he is trying to understand the world and the language (it helps that he can touch and object and assimilate all information about it)... and he feels an attraction and connection to Brigit...

Eric & Tamara; Rhiannon & Roland; Jameson & Angelica; Edge & Amber Lily; Sarafina& Willem - vampires of the previous books who have survived, and are trying to make plans for a future.

Melinda & Jane - Melinda is a 7 year old, gifted Chosen; with insight to people's motives and sees a bit into the future... her mother is her protector... and they willingly go to the 'detention camp' under the belief that the vampires would do her harm if they stayed home. Instead they find themselves in a pleasant detention camp, and Melinda can see that they mean to use them to do harm.

Special Agent Nash Gravenham-Bail – evil... DPI/CIA... he manipulated the twins to resurrect Utana by altering Babylon tablets... he plans on using Utana to destroy all of the vampires... and he started the Americans on the rampage against vampires – knowing that humans would also die like in the witch hunts... and he tracks Utana, and sets him up in luxury, pretending to treat him like a king.

Summary –

Utana is hurting... he's confused, he's hungry and wet, he doesn't know the language well... and he goes into a fancy restaurant, where they refuse to serve him... but he pushes his way in, takes a try of covered food, pushing more people around... finds an open van door, and goes inside to get out of the rain and to eat... he really enjoys the food... but he feels the SWAT team gathering outside... and he steps out, and with energy from his eyes he kills them all... and he feels terrible remorse, but ...

Brigit the vampire's best hope to kill Utana, sending him back into oblivion... She tracks to the van, and 'relives' his emotions as he got the food, ate it, and killed the team... feeling his confusion, his hunger, his sadness at the death... and then he is there, and they fight, exchanging electric bolts... Utana finds he cannot kill her... and she gets one good zap to him in the gut... and he takes her power (though she doesn't know it)... she retreats, and watches as Nash picks him up...

And Nash sets him up, and though Utana is also imprisoned, he doesn't know it... Nash and staff address him as royalty, flattering him... he asks for dancers, and Brigit sees it as her 'in' to the compound...

And Utana recognizes her, and protects her, and asks for her to be his personal maid... and they talk, and they kiss, and... Though both acknowledge the other as enemy, and both plans to kill the other, bit by bit, they realize they can't hurt the other... Utana 'bargains' with the gods to save her... and ultimately realizes that even if it means he goes back to limbo, he cannot kill her. And Brigit uses their time to try to logically convince him that he is misinterpreting what the gods want... that perhaps it is his destiny to save the vampires, or to meet her, or...

And when they realize that Nash is suspicious of her, and they catch hints that the Chosen at the psychiatrist hospital to lure the vampires – by hurting the Chosen, which will 'call' the vampire's protective presence. And though Brigit wants his promise that he will not hurt any vampire, he cannot yet give it, but he does promise to a truce to hurt no one until they have rescued the Chosen. He gives her JW's healing power (when they were in the complex)... a then starts to explain that their powers were exactly the same, just one uses for healing the other for power.

And her family and friends are slow to see him the way she does (but ultimately they do)... and unfortunately Nash steps up his time table and captures both Utana and Brigit – drugging Utana, and threatening to hurt Brigit unless he does as told. Brigit mindspeaks and tells him she's immortal, and she can take whatever pain, not to comply... She uses her power to get out of her restraints... she gets her brother to save Miranda and mother and nurse... and Utana, rather than killing the vampires (and the Chosen that are 'attached' to the electric fence and zapped to call the vampires), blows up the propane tanks in the basement of the hospital, bringing it down on them all... and JW, using power in a new way, clears the debris to get to Utana... and the group take his broken body and a passed out Brigit back home... and JW tells Brigit she must heal Utana... which she does, which he had been depending on... and they all move to Transylvania, to live happily ever after... ahhhh

Paranormal Romance says

Known to her kind as the evil twin, possessing the power to kill and destroy while her brother possesses the ability to help and to heal, the heroine has always felt like the only way to be useful to her family was to be their assassin. To stop the humans from destroying their kind, an ancient was resurrected- this immortal the first of their kind and the father to them all. But everything's gone wrong. He awoken insane from his five thousand year imprisonment and convinced the gods have cursed him for his sins, he thinks the only way to free himself is to slaughter every vampire. So, the being meant to be their savior is actually their biggest threat. So the heroine is sent to kill him. But he is insanely strong and worse than his powers is his strange power of her. A woman who never knew mercy or forgiveness is suddenly haunted by the innocence in the enemies eyes. Inside of him she can see a good man, confused and lost in a knew world, he's in pain and that hurt resonates within her for some reason. So, even though they do battle, neither can bring themselves to kill the other. Not to be swayed from her mission though, the heroine follows the ancient one, determined to do what needs to be done and kill him. The hero is a deeply religious man, once a king and priest he is driven to do horrible unspeakable things to his children all because he's been convinced his gods had decreed it to be so. The knowledge of what he's done sickens him but it's what he must do. Then he meets the heroine. Though she's his enemy sent to kill him he can't stop himself from falling for her. She tried to convince him

that he's being used by the humans, that if his gods were as great as he claims them to be, they could never ask him to kill an entire race of beings. Torn between his beliefs and the sense his woman is making, the hero knows that no matter what happens allowing the heroine to be hurt or killed is something he'll never allow. To him she's like a goddess, strong beautiful and passionate and she belongs to him. When it becomes clear that the enemy isn't the vampires or the gods but rather the human government, the heroine must convince her family that the hero isn't the monster they think him to be. And together they must save the Chosen and themselves in the process. I was pleasantly surprised with this book. Typically this author is a 3 star rater but I can say that I was kind of in love with this story. The hero was such a complex yet strangely basic character. On one hand he is extremely powerful and larger than life yet he is childlike in the way he explores this new world he finds himself in. He is quick to deliver justice to those who wrong him yet he feels each and every act of violence like a shard of glass in his soul. The same could be said for the heroine. She was bad ass, powerful enough to handle herself in a fight with an ancient being yet she can recognize goodness in her enemy and when given the chance to take him out, she realizes she could no sooner kill him than any other innocent. Together they had a great chemistry and though they went through a rough patch in the beginning what with the whole trying to kill each other thing, eventually they developed a deep and lasting love that I adored. Best of the series by far and it's given me inspiration to read the other books of the series.

Lola says

A great read, especially for lovers of Vampires! Sink your fangs into this series! However, best start from the beginning than jump to this book straight away.

Allow me to run you up to speed in what has previously happened in the prequel to Twilight Fulfilled and a bit of history about the Series that created these two books.

Twilight Fulfilled is a story that continues on from Twilight Prophecy.

The two books combined are called "Children of Twilight" and are about twins J.W (James William) and Briget Poe the children of Amber Lily and Edge Poe from "Wings of Night Series" - Following me so far? Twilight Prophecy is about the "Good Twin" J.W who has the gift of healing and raised Utana, the first immortal from the dead thinking it was to save his vampire race, what they didn't know is the DPI (Department of Paranormal Investigations a Division of the CIA) had been plotting this for a very long time hoping to kill vampires for good and J.W did just that, raising the great flood survivor and first immortal from the dead, his power was so great, he can kill with fire beams from his eyes and touch anything and be able to learn from it. With his power of what I call, Touch&Learn he reads a book that was lying around written by DPI that says vampires are bad and goes around killing them thinking that the Gods wanted him to do this so he could finally go to the Land of Dead or Heaven - The DPI couldn't be more happy with this plan going exactly the way they want it.

Now, Twilight Fulfilled is about Bridget the "Evil Twin" who has the gift of killing, her power works just like Utana's. Up until now we know that Bridget is a warrior, she has power and a temper, this is what we learn from the previous book from her brother J.W who talks about her as if she has no fear.

But in Twilight Fulfilled it is all about Bridget and as the only one who has powers equal to Utana she is sent off to save her family from the death that Utana would bring upon them and that J.W sentenced them to thinking he was doing the right thing. In the beginning we see the girl who J.W describes and we feel a sense of relief that help is coming for our favourite Vampires. But we also see another side to her, as the story progresses the Evil Twin finds herself at crossroads. Of course I won't reveal why, or how, that you will have to read for yourself but I can give you a small summary.

When it is one's job to kill and its building up on their shoulders, what happens when you find yourself failing? and failing fast?

That is, what I find, a quick summary of what the two main characters in this book are going through. Throughout the book we feel the pain, the failure, the agony that is on their shoulders, the job that must be completed and when it is your Gods and Family you have to kill for how can you not fail them? Utana must kill Bridget and the entire Vampire species for his Gods and Bridget must kill Utana to ensure the survival of the Vampire Species, which happens to be her parents, grandparents and aunts and uncles left.

Most of the Wings of Night series, surviving main characters known as "Elders" in this series, Rhiannon/Roland, Eric/Tamara, Angel/Jameson, Edge/Amber Lily, Damian/Shannon all make an appearance in the storyline.

You will find yourself torn between what is morally acceptable and morally wrong...

Happy Reading,
Lola

Isabel Luna says

Este es el último libro de la saga (hasta donde yo sé no se han publicado más) y me gustó mucho la intensidad del romance entre Bridget y Utana, aunque él sea muy idiota por momento y ella muy malcriada. Queda reforzada mi idea de que la historia de Will fue muy forzada, casi escrita con el único objetivo de darle a este libro una precuela. Pero definitivamente no me gustó lo siguiente: no hay casi interacción con los vampiros mayores, que en mi opinión deberían haber tenido más presencia. No sabemos que fue de Roxy, Melinda y su mamá, y si no hay otro libro, nos quedamos en la nebulosa; y por último: en serio el mundo se quedó tan tranquilo después de saber que los vampiros existen????

OnlyReading says

Une lecture sympathique mais qui, honnêtement manque d'originalité de mon point de vu. Le suspense est génial et continue jusqu'au dernier moment mais j'ai trouvée la fin un peu expédiée. Une super lecture quand même !

Fanny says

La Ultima Profecía es el libro numero 18 de la saga Wings In The Night creada por la autora Maggie Shayne y narra la historia de Brigid y Utanapishtim (el primer humano convertido en vampiro). Este libro fue una verdadera sorpresa, hace unos dias cuando comence a leer el libro anterior a este estaba un poco desilucionada con la serie, no solo porque Bloodline fue una gran decepcion sino tambien porque hacia

tanto tiempo que tenia *aparcadas* estas lecturas que me daba un poco de pereza volver a meterme en el mundo de estos vampiros, no porque fuera una mala serie, todo lo contrario sino porque se me hacia un poco cuesta arriba volver a recordar todas las historias de los protagonistas anteriores, pero luego no fue para nada el caso, estos dos ultimos libros se pueden leer como independientes, no hace falta leer toda la serie, aunque yo la recomiendo muchisimoo.

La lectura se me paso volando, a penas en dos tardes me la devore. Es ligera, entretenida y con mucha accion, quizas el unico pero que le pondria es que la relacion entre los protagonistas me supo a poco. Espero que este no sea el ultimo libro de la saga, yo quiero mas historias de estos vampiros.

4 Estrellas!!

Megan says

Book 18 in the Wings in the Night series (the last one)

Wow. Just wow. If the previous book, Twilight Prophecy was epic, than this is a masterpiece. For those of us who have been following this series from the beginning (early 90s) to read the final book in the series is just heart-breaking. Fortunately, what's not heart-breaking is how wonderful this book is. I have never read anything better by Ms. Shayne. This is truly a marvelous book. The plot, action, characters (new and our old favorites), and the way Ms. Shayne wove the tale- truly magic. I don't know how many more positive adjectives I can use to describe how much I love this book. Ms. Shayne's Wings in the Night series is engrossing, and to cumulate everything she has written in these last two books was simply magic. Now if I can just fill the void in my heart that this series has left. I'm sure you're laughing right now, but I've been with this series from the very beginning. Now that it is over I feel like a piece of me is missing. I love all the characters that Ms. Shayne has created. I guess I'll just have to go back to the beginning and read them over again. :o)

Before I begin my summary I need to add that in previous newsletters by Ms. Shayne she has stated that this is the end (for now) to her vampire series. She is not currently contracted out by the same publisher for any more vampire books. However, she did state that she loves her vampires and will never fully turn her back on them. Now, this leaves the possibility for more in the future (albeit very distant future). But, with how beautiful the last two books were, how can you improve on perfection? I am not holding out hope for more of this series. But, perhaps Ms. Shayne will, in the future, start a new vampire series. This fan will be crossing her fingers...

Detailed Spoiler Summary:

This Brigit Poe's story, James' twin, and part-human, part-vampire. Brigit has always been considered the bad or evil twin because of her power. While James wields the power to heal, Brigit wields the power to destroy. And it is because of this power that it's Brigit's destiny to destroy Utanapishtim, the first immortal who thus created the first vampire- Damian (aka Gilgamesh). Utana believes he angered the gods by creating vampires in the first place and his only chance for redemption is to kill them all (which we learned in the previous book, so I'll try not to upchuck all that information). If you need more background information, see my review of the previous book.

We are almost immediately delved into the action in the book as Brigit sets out after Utana first thing. It's pretty interesting watching them try to fry each other with their eye blasts. However, Utana gets away for a

time, as he is convinced by the DPI bad guy to come with him and be on his side since he wants to eradicate vampires as well. Nash Gravenham-Bail (said DPI bad guy) takes Utana to a hidden mansion where he is basically worshiped for the king/priest he used to be and lives the life of luxury. Brigit sneaks in posed as a belly-dancer in order to get close to Utana. However, her plan back-fired as she entrances Utana with her dancing, which doesn't matter because he recognized who she was from the very beginning. Utana keeps Brigit as a slave of sorts in his room (he stole her powers the same way he took James'). However, how can Brigit even try to kill someone she is falling in love with?

I'm very proud at how far Utanapishtim's character has grown. I have to admit, I thought he was a donkey's hind end in the previous book. He is much more than what he seems... much, much more. And much more intelligent than I gave him credit for. Utana also finds that he is falling for Brigit and starts to question what he thought he knew. How can he kill the family of the woman he loves?

Brigit and Utana are separated after they escape the mansion when James comes for Brigit- Utana takes off in her car. Utana goes to the DPI compound in Virginia where the government is gathering all the Chosen. He wants to free the innocent humans. Brigit and James follow him just in time to see him enter the DPI compound with Nash, leaving the impression he was working with them all the time. However, Utana was not working with Nash and thus drugs and tortures Utana. Meanwhile, Brigit is trying to convince her twin and the rest of her family (and past vampires from the series) that Utana is beginning to see the light and he really doesn't *want* to kill vampires, his mind has just been warped from living in ashes for 5,000 years. During this time is when Brigit gives James back his power of healing.

The family learns that Brigit is in love with Utana and Rhiannon forces her to choose between him and her family. Brigit goes after Utana. Unfortunately, she gets trapped as well, but she (for a short time) gets free and enlists the help of Roxy (a Chosen who is posing as a nurse at the DPI facility and who we were introduced to in Demon's Kiss, Lover's Bite, and Angle's Pain. Roxy is a good friend of Reaper from Angle's Pain and the oldest living Chosen. Roxy was trying to help Melinda (a Chosen with strong psychic powers) and her mom Jane. However, when Brigit tries to sneak out of Utana's prison for the second time she is ambushed and captured by Nash.

Nash has tied up Brigit and the rest of the Chosen (except Roxy, Melinda, and Jane) to the fence surrounding the compound which can be electrified. In order to force Utana to use his power to kill the vampires he has told Utana he will kill Brigit and the Chosen if he doesn't kill the vampires. Can you feel the climax of the book yet? Through their bond (also because Brigit drank from Utana) she tries to tell him not to do it, she doesn't care if she dies. Just before Utana can do anything James arrives and Brigit tells him to get Roxy, Melinda, and Jane out of the compound first (which he does successfully). However, Utana cannot bring himself to murder the children which he in essence created. He therefore directs his eye frying powers on the gas line and destroys the entire DPI building including Nash and himself.

The rest of the vampires arrive on the scene and help the Chosen (James eventually got Rhiannon and the rest of the family to come around to Utana). James finds Utana's remains and brings him home with them while Brigit is basically in an emotional coma. James reminds Brigit of what Utana told her earlier, that she still has her powers, and both James and Brigit's powers are the same. They can both heal and destroy. So, if it has to be anyone trying to bring Utana back to life it has to be her. Fortunately, it works, so they have their happily ever after! Unfortunately, the vampire race as a whole doesn't have quite the same HEA. All the vampires are thought destroyed by the US government, so they flee to Transylvania (I mean, who would look for vampires in Transylvania, right?)

It was nice to see or hear of most of Ms. Shayne's vampires again, Amber-Lily, Edge, Rhiannon, Roland,

Eric, Damian, Dante, Donovan, and Dracula, even if Rhiannon was really the only one who said anything important. The only loose end that I wanted resolved is from Embrace the Twilight which is Sarafina and Will Stone's story- Will is a mortal, and not even one of the Chosen. So, how do they live happily ever after for eternity? That questions still has not been answered.

Saturnus says

Efter att James Poe, som enligt profetian ska rädda vampyrerna, misslyckades, vet alla att det är Brigits tur. Brigits är James tvillingsyster, och trots att dom är tvillingarna är dom totalt olika. Hela deras liv har James varit den gode tvillingen, medan Brigit har varit förstöraren. Så när det nu är hon som ska rädda det sista vampyrerna som är kvar blir ingen mera shockad över det hela äb brigid själv.

Brigid förbereder sig nu på att ta upp striden med Utanapishtim. Men aldrig hade hon förväntat sig känslorna som växte fram i deras första möte. Och aldrig hade hon trott att när hon äntligen skulle få en chans att bevisa att hon är lika bra som hennes bror att hon skulle avböja den. På grund av känslor. Inte Brigid. Inte Brigid "förstöraren" Poe.

Efter tretton böcker och två år av läsande är det här nu sista boken om Maggie Shaynes vampyrer. Serien har alltid varit bra och alltid kommit med överaskningar, och Mörkets Sista Strid var en fantastisk bok att avsluta "Vingslag i Natten" med.
