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Aislynn is accustomed to watching for the enemy. Her parents have instructed her from the time she was young to look for people with the signs: greater than normal strength, eyes that sometimes glow green, and the ability to jump long distances. Over the years, Aislynn has come to view her parents' fears as quirks and unfounded paranoia. They think life is like a horror novel with dangerous things lurking in shadows. But Aislynn just wants a normal high school life--maybe even one with a little romance.

When Aislynn's mother dies under suspicious conditions, her father doubles his restrictions. But all his precautions can't stop the boy with glowing green eyes from finding Aislynn. She realizes too late she's been drafted into an ancient Egyptian war, one where Horus and Set still struggle for control and people aren't who or what they seem to be. Danger will find her, whether she's prepared or not.

This urban fantasy takes you around the world: from Arizona to Oxford, England, with stops on the snowy peaks of the Arctic and the ancient ruins of Egypt.

Son of War, Daughter of Chaos is a teen paranormal romance so chock-full of action and suspense, young adults will have to fight their parents to read it!

Son of War, Daughter of Chaos Details

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Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

I was driving along last week on our road trip from Utah to Rhode Island, when this book popped into my head. It'd been awhile since I read it and thought I'd see if I liked it as much a second time around. And yes, I did!

The book opens with Aislynn starting at a new high school, but this move is different than all the other times her family has had to move. This time she finally starts to believe that her father's paranoia over "the enemy" may actually be true. I liked Aislynn, she was easy to relate to and you could understand how she was so torn. I liked her perspective on things; she was literally right in the middle, which made her able to see the good and the bad from both sides. I like how she finally takes charge and thought she was brave for what she ends up having to do.

I loved the romance in this, there is a lot going on so it's not really the main focus, but I loved it. I was worried there for awhile, but I loved how everything wrapped up. (view spoiler)

I think this is my favorite of Rallisons paranormal series, it was original and fun. I liked the take on Horusians and Setites (especially the Setites, that mythology seemed so much more believable and I wish I could write more about it.) Overall, a really fun read. There HAS to be a sequel, I want more!

Content

Romance: Clean, mild kissing

Language: None

Violence: Mild

Religious: None

Other:

Sasha (seetheworldwithbooks) says

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JANETTE, YOU ARE ONE HELL OF A GENIUS!!!! To all tenagers out there, BUY HER BOOK NOW!!!! I guarentee you her books are all amazing! Especially this one since its soooooo amazing!!!!#fangirl mode: ON

Dane, i fucking love you ♥♥♥♥

Katie W says

I was immediately drawn into this story because of the likable characters and the fast-paced storyline.

Aislynn is used to moving around and dealing with an overprotective dad and brother, but a kiss in the rain with her crush, Dane, changes everything. She finds herself in the middle of an ancient war, whether she likes it or not.

Stories like this just reinforce that I don't have much creativity flowing through my veins. There were so many elements that took me by surprise and the twists and turns kept me on edge--which side is bad and which is good?

At first, I thought that Aislynn's dad was absolutely insane. You know, the kind of guy who would wear a tinfoil hat to keep the aliens at bay. I think she humored him, probably thinking similar things, but he's smarter than he seems. There are definite reasons to his madness.

I love the relationship that Aislynn and her brother, Roark, share. He's so protective of her and she really loves and worships him. I especially love how strong Aislynn becomes, even in the face of danger. I really love the chemistry between Aislynn and Dane--what a swoon-worthy guy! This quote says it all, "I'm going to regret it if I kiss you," he said. "The problem is, I'm also going to regret it if I don't." Who wouldn't swoon over that? I really, really hope there's another book coming soon--I need more of this story!

Content: no language; some moderate violence--fighting, war-type violence, flesh eating bugs with some description, death--none of it is extremely graphic; kissing.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review

Melanie says

I love Janette Rallison's books so had high expectations going in and once again, she didn't disappoint! Aislynn thinks her father goes overboard when he secures their home like a fortress every time they move and keeps warning her about people with flashing green eyes and other physical abnormalities. She looked diligently for people matching that description when she was young, but she's tired of it. As far as she's concerned, she's a typical teenager trying to fit in and catch the attention of Dane, the boy she's had a crush on for a while. He finally appears to like her back and they share an amazing kiss in the rain but shortly after that something happens that changes everything.

Aislynn tries to figure out what's going on and the real story of the night her mother died. Did it really happen as she'd always been told? She also learns the history between the Horusians and the Setites and where she fits in with them. There's so much more to tell but I won't so you can experience this for yourself!

I love how quickly the storyline moved and it never felt slow to me. I couldn't figure out who the good guys and bad guys were. There's some romance (and great kissing scenes!) and I was rooting for a relationship that seemed unlikely to work. There's also lots of traveling, an ancient war, mythological and paranormal elements and twists and turns that kept me guessing until the end. The ending is satisfying but there's still more story that can be told. I'm really hoping for a second book!!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Mel's Shelves

Janette says

I can honestly say that I've read this book many times, and each time it got better (because I rewrote it.)

Valerie Waters says

Wow! Wow! Wow!!! Loved it!!!! Dane....swoon. I loved this book and how She took her life into her own hands. I wish there was already a second book!

mich says

This was pretty interesting and had a kinda cute romance. The mythology really bogged it down though (the mythology itself was interesting but the way it was told wasn't - there were long stretches that read like a fricken book report - NOT cool). The pacing was really wonky also.

2.5 stars

Sherwood Smith says

This YA fantasy has a whole lot of my favorite tropes, like secrets, secret history, and Teens Getting Powers. It takes a bit of time to get going, as Aislynn, her overly protective brother Roark, and her dad move from place to place. Aislynn just wants to lead a normal life and go to college to study botany, but good luck with that what with her dad's total paranoia, their bullet proof house, ultra protected cell phones, and the fact that she never gets to go out on a date what with her glowering brother and suspicious dad always giving anyone new the third degree.

Aislynn puts up with it until she meets Dane, a super cute guy at her new high school, who shows an interest in her--then blows cold again. She's intrigued enough to sneak around her dad's rules (which he never explains) until suddenly, everything she thought she knew . . . isn't true.

Then the story takes off, high tension, with chases, powers, and above all, complex characters who refuse to fall into black hats and white hats. Aislynn not only struggles with the high octane emotions of teenage romance, she struggles with ethical questions, moral questions, and oh yes, scientific questions, all of which are life and death matters.

This during some chases around the world.

I thoroughly enjoyed the book, though this is the second one I've read in a month that left me at the end kind of bewildered. The main relationship question suddenly resolves, but everything else is left up in the air--sort of resolved, but did not feel resolved, especially as bigger questions remained. It felt as if the second half of the story was poised to begin.

I don't know enough about Egyptian mythology to know if it was used correctly, but I liked the world Rallison built, and I really liked that there are no easy answers, but a sense of the numinous arising out of some fairly dark observations about human behavior, superpowers notwithstanding.

The only complaint was being constantly poked out of immersion by all the slapdash copyedit errors: grammar and tense fluffs, punctuation glitches, some copyedit comments not removed, "Jane Austin" instead of Austen, and stuff like "hocking" when "hawking" was meant. The book deserves better.

Alisa says

5+ stars -- If I could give this book more than 5 stars, I would!

Aislynn Brogan was born into an ancient war that she knows nothing about until she is a junior in high school. She always thought her parents' obsessive distrust of strangers was a quirk. When her mother died 8 months ago her older brother Roark became overprotective. She is falling in love with Roark's friend, Dane Breckinridge and Roark is not happy about it. Roark doesn't trust Dane and thinks that Dane asks too many questions.

The Horusians and the Setites are ancient enemies. The Setites have found the fountain of youth. All they have to do is kill 3 humans a year to create the elixir that keeps them from aging -- and because they kill dangerous criminals to create the elixir, they feel like they are providing a service to humanity. But they are being hunted by the Horusians who think the Setites are cold-blooded murderers and will do anything to stop them. The Horusians value what they believe is right over love.

Aislynn discovers that she is the daughter of a Setite father and a Horusian mother. She has traits of both and there are people she loves on both sides, but she doesn't completely fit in with either group. Her ex-boyfriend Dane is Horusian, and she has a kind-of fiancé Jack who is a Setite. She sees the good and bad in both groups, and just wants to be able to live her life in peace - even if it means turning her back on the only man she has ever loved and her family. If only her life could really be that simple...

While this book had a great ending, I really, really want this story to continue in a sequel! I would be the first in line to buy the sequel!

Content: Clean, no swearing, mild violence

Teresa Sporrer says

Das Buch ist echt scheiße ... Sorry, aber anders kann ich es nicht beschreiben. Die Charaktere sind doof, die Liebesgeschichte ist sowas von komisch UND DAS SCHLIMMSTE: Das mit der ägyptischen Mthologie passt auch nicht. Schon als geschrieben wurde, dass Tefnut, die Regengöttin ist, wurde mir schlecht. Die Ägypter kannten keine Regengöttinnen, wenn schon, dann Fruchtbarkeitsgötinnen. Tefnut ist zudem das Feuer. Es hie mal, dass sie die Feuchtigkeit symbolisiere, aber die Ägyptologen haben da nen Scheiß zusammengereimt.
Nja, kA war scheiße.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

Am I allowed to whine first in a review? Is that uncool? Well, I've just got to whine a little teeny bit. I'll tell you why. Whenever I read a book by Janette Rallison (or C.J. Hill) I walk away frustrated because I know the next book will take FOREVER to come out. The wait between books seems SO, SO long. (best whiny voice here) Why can't they just come out sooner so I don't have to wait so long?! Why are there no promises of a next book already in the works? Why?

Okay. Whine over.

I only say all that because I love this book. My daughter loves this book. We had a sob fest over the fact that we'd have to wait so long get the next book- if there even will be one. (oh. did I say the whining was over? oops. my bad.) It's the same deal with the Slayer series. You know? I need the next books faster than they are coming out. What can I do to help that process along? Send the author chocolate? Or maybe just write really awesome reviews so everyone else will want to read the books too and then we'll all join up together and WHINE. It probably won't work. The author has five kids and she's probably immune anyway. It happens with kids.

This book is paranormal with an Egyptian twist on vampires. They aren't vampires, but yeah, they kinda are. I loved all the Egyptian stuff, it was cool. I could imagine easily every setting that the story took me from the hot Arizona monsoon (I've lived through those) to the sand in Egypt (I haven't been there) and on the east coast beach. I feel like I traveled the world in this book. I even went to Antarctica and England!

I loved the struggle Aislynn had between what was right and what was wrong for the two warring groups. Those lines seemed so blurred to her- especially when love and loyalty came into play. It was interesting to me how I felt that confusion too. I love when the female leads are smart girls, resourceful and also compassionate. That is exactly what I got with Aislynn.

This book has awesome pacing. I was compelled to keep reading. I didn't want to put it down and I was maybe just slightly annoyed when I had to in order to feed the children. :) I love books that leave me wanting more. The action and romance was evenly distributed to give the book a balanced feel. My favorite scenes were the ones with rain references. Oh, kissing in the rain is hot. H-O-T.

So, yeah. Another fantastic book by Janette Rallison. Who, if she has any compassion and mercy in her heart will begin writing the next book today. :)

Content: Clean

Chantele Sedgwick says

LOVED this one! Such a unique story! Loved the characters, the world, everything. I really hope there's a sequel! (I usually don't say that...hahaha.)

Shauna says

I LOVE Janette Rallison's books!
I read everything I can from her...LOVE THEM!
This book is FANTASTIC!

What if you weren't really who you thought you were?

Aislynn thinks her dad is really overprotective and kind of crazy.

He is always moving the family around and always telling them to watch for the enemy...those who ask a lot of questions, have eyes that glow green and seem stronger than anyone else.

Then she meets Dane, he likes her back...she takes him home while her father is out...and his eyes turn green...

Could everything her father ever taught her be true?

And what about her mother's death? Is it more than she knows about?

Come with Aislynn as she explores Egyptian tombs, camps among glaciers, fights man-eating scarabs, runs for her life...

And proves whether she believes more in love...or what's right and wrong.

A GREAT STORY!
VERY WELL WRITTEN!
A BOOK YOU CAN'T PUT DOWN!

Donna Hatch says

I enjoy all of Janette Rallison's books but this one of her best! Filled with her usual wry humor and wit, not to mention plenty of hot guys and romance, this one had more adventure and intrigue than her usual books. It felt a lot more like her books published under the pen name CJ Hill--high adventure, high stakes, with a hint of paranormal. The love triangle only added to the conflict and left me wondering who I would choose if two totally hot, awesome guys like them wanted me. It starts off as a teen romance, but there are little hints of much more to come. And then when that "much more" happens, the book leads readers on a breathless chase all over the world. This is a must read for teens and adults.

Jacob Proffitt says

I got tired of waiting for the story to start. At Chapter 6, 16% of the way in, it still hasn't gone anywhere. Yeah, I get it, Aishlynn is frustrated trying to date. Dane is dreamy. Only we know from the blurb that there's more to him and I couldn't care less about the standard teen angst. Don't get me wrong, I have a soft-spot for YA romance and teen angst. But I came into this with expectations of the supernatural showing up and at this

point it's all tease, tease, tease.

I've loved a number of Rallison's teen romances. If this had been another, I'd probably . . . still be sick of waiting for things to get started already, actually. If nothing has changed for anybody in the story at 16% in, you have a pace problem...
