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RITA Award-winning author Kresley Cole continues her bestselling *Immortals After Dark* series with this electrifying tale of a ruthless demon mercenary and the lovely young halfling who enchants him.

A seductive beauty he can never have, yet can't resist...Cadeon Woede will stop at nothing to atone for the one wrong that will haunt him forever. But once he secures the key to his redemption, the halfling Holly Ashwin, Cade finds that the woman he thought he could use for his own ends and then forget haunts him as much as his past.

A tormented warrior she should fear, but can't deny...

Raised as a human, Holly never knew that some frightening legends are real until she encounters a brutal demon who inexplicably guards her like a treasure. Thrust into a sensual new world of myth and power, with him as her protector, she begins to crave the demon's wicked touch.

Surrender to dark desires...

Yet just when he earns Holly's trust, will Cade be forced to betray the only woman who can sate his wildest needs -- and claim his heart?

Dark Desires After Dusk Details

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From Reader Review Dark Desires After Dusk for online ebook

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

Mild Spoilers

3.5 Stars This one was not as good for me as the others I have read in this series.

I had a very hard time connecting to Holly or Cade. Holly got on my nerves with her I don't cuss I don't have sexual feelings of any kind I have a boyfriend of two year but I don't even kiss him on the mouth oh and I don't eat or drink anything the isn't prepackaged and I if i touch the rim of my drinks it ruined. I don't see her appeal. Even if I could get past that Cade lied the whole story and His betrayals were hard to get over. I understand that in the story he was between a rock and a hard place but it just don't make for a very romantic story..... I really liked cade in other books but not so much in this one. I didn't hate him but I wouldn't want him for my man. I am a sucker for babies in love stories so I did rate it a little higher because of the baby. Also the ending seemed rushed. I am off to the next one and I hope it is better than this one

WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

3.5 stars

Sophia Triad says

Cadeon Woede (Demon) & Holly Ashwin (Human/Valkyrie)

What I have learned from this book about demons:

1. Demons love to corrupt young virgins.
2. Demons always lie to get what they want, i.e. *"Never trust a demon, love..."*
3. Demons don't kiss and tell, i.e. *"What happens with the demon, stays with the demon."*
4. Demons have *"lickable horns"*; according to Valkyrie Nix.

The story of

-the naïve halfling Holly Ashwin who thought that she was a human until she wasn't a human anymore and
-the cocky demon Cadeon Woede who though that he was a ruthless, heartless demon until he wasn't
ruthless and heartless anymore.

Or the story of the shy virgin and the naughty bastard

Exina says

He stripped off her top, then his shirt.

“Are you coming on to me to get back at him?”

“Probably.” Down went his zipper.

“I’m okay with that.”

Dark Desires After Dusk is another amazing installment of the Immortals After Dark series: it is full of humor, love, sensuality, and thrilling adventures.

Cadeon is an irresistible character. He is cocky and playful. He is an unscrupulous mercenary, but at the same time he is infinitely devoted and thoughtful. The way he handles Holly’s disease is really great. He is in a very complicated situation, has to make a serious decision, and he is all alone to do it. My heart bled for him, for his sufferings, loss, and guilt.

Holly’s character, her OCD, and her development are absolutely credible (except (view spoiler)...). The change between her behavior at the beginning of the story and the way she embraces the newly revealed aspects of her personality at the end is significant. She doesn’t freak out (much), and as she gets deeper and deeper into the world of the Lore, she realizes that she wants to belong to it.

She is not alone with this, by the way, and I’m so glad there is this **latent Valkyrie** thing, because it means I could be one! I mean, I have all the necessary characteristics: I love jewelry, fashion, and I can scream. It could happen. So I’m definitely going to face the next lightning storm in my garden...

The erotic scenes are hot and creative, but the main value of the novel is the dynamic and nonstop action: it is fully elaborated, purposeful, and thrilling.

Originally posted on my blog on July 20, 2012.

My favorite quotes.

~IreneOust~ says

I FINALLY figured out WHY I enjoy PNR/fantasy genre as much as I do: because when it comes to this genre, pretty much ANYTHING goes and you never once (or at least I never did) question HOW or WHY. Now, add to this already great fact Kresley Cole's ability to tell a story she weaves so masterfully about a couple that is, once again, very unique and just overall fabulous, sprinkle the sexual tension that only Kresley can do and you got yourself a winner with every single installment [in this series].

I don't have much to say that I haven't already said about this series in my previous reviews other than I am

adding Cade and Holly to my ever growing list of Kresley's 'swoon-worthy heroes and kick ass heroines that love them'. And the fact that, once again, I can NOT wait to dive into the next book, which is what I am doing IMMEDIATELY!

If you are a fantasy genre lover and/or a lover of alpha heroes who fall head over heels in love with some of THE best heroines you'll ever read about, this series is NOT to be missed! You HAVE to experience this beautifully crafted world filled with some of the most entertaining, funny, sexy, sword wielding creatures told via Kresley Cole's amazing writing!

Cheers!

Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

4 IAD Stars

I won't review the book because I am too bored right now. I will just say something because it's been nagging me since I started re-reading this book. Why the hell is Rydstrom thought to be the "good brother".

I can honestly remember that I liked Ry by the end of his book but in this one? He is a total tool. His brother was in part to blame for losing his throne. I get it, Cade didn't want to be the king's replacement and prefers to stay with his foster family that needs him(which by the way I find completely logical after they fostered him out). It proves to be a bad decision because the throne is snatched and his family is slaughtered. In my opinion Cade has already paid for his "mistake" a hundred times over already since he lost almost everyone he loved. Ry has no right to hold the guilt over his head for 9 freakin' centuries. Get over it already.

And let's visit the honorable and noble's Ry's decisions in this book for a while. Rydstrom decides that sacrificing an innocent young woman to a sorcerer to be raped and impregnated with a child that makes the girl from Orphan seem like an angel, is acceptable collateral damage to get his throne back, even though this means the woman will be doomed and his brother will be miserable forever.

Really? I get that a whole kingdom depends on it but the "good" guy wouldn't find this acceptable. He would fight to find another way.

That's all, no more Anti-Rydstrom ranting, I'm off to re-read his book and forgive him!

P says

“Gods, I love it when you talk mathy to me.”

Cadeon Woede was very hot in the last book, but frankly, he's kinda bleak for me when it comes to this book. Dark Desires After Dusk promised the butterflies in my stomach when I started reading the very first chapter, Cadeon's appearance stole my breath away and Holly was the heroine that I liked very much, she's so typical and easygoing, especially I loved her mind when the problems plow her.

“One last question.”

“Very well, dearling.”

“Can I trust Cadeon?”

Nix gave her a sunny smile with blank golden eyes. “As far as you can throw him.”

By the way, the whole story was quite predictable, it did point out where the ending would be. I appreciated the action scenes, though. Kresley Cole put many of them in this book and that lead the story to the climax with a steady pace. Holly is so human whose heart is tough as steel, she doesn't give up easily with Cadeon being around her and wating something from her.

“I’ve got a fortune in gold. Ah, was that a flicker in your eye? Do you like me better now that you know I’m rich?” He curled his finger under her chin. “Because I’m all right with that.”

Cade is a jerk for me for what he's done. He doesn't deserve to be forgiven, but nah I knew it's the end of this book, therefore, it's time to make his wish happen even though it didn't feel natural for me at all. However, I'm looking forward to his brother's book that must be hot because he does steals the scene whenever he takes part in this book.

<https://goo.gl/IReCih>

Kat Kennedy says

Meh. It was okay.

Since I don't have anything else to say, here's some mancandy:

Bwhahahaha! Kidding!

Okay, because I feel bad about tricking you like that, I'll give you...

A vampire viking taking a hot bath.

Forgiven?

Candace says

As much as I'm loving this series, I have to admit that I didn't love this book as much as the others. I liked it, but it was one of those middle of the road, "okay" types of reads for me. The heroine, Holly, in particular, didn't speak to me. The fact that I've been reading the books back to back might be a factor also. Since the storylines are very similar, it could just be that it's getting a little redundant. In any case, I just didn't connect with this story like I have the others.

This book centers on Holly, a not quite transitioned immortal, who is the "vessel". She is prophesied to bear a child that will be incredibly powerful and has the potential to turn the tides in the immortal war between good vs. evil. Of course, whether her child will fall on the side of good or evil is largely thought to depend upon the father.

Cue the suspenseful! Poor virginal Holly is being hunted by immortal factions from both sides. This OCD, sheltered, twenty-something university instructor is about to have her tidy life turned upside down.

If you've read the earlier books in the series, you probably remember Cadeon as the cursed demon that is viewed as responsible for the loss of his brother's crown. As a result, he has been forbidden joy in his life, including the claiming of his mate. His entire life revolves around regaining the throne that he lost.

Cadeon has been watching over Holly for quite some time. He recognizes her as his female, but aside from his punishment, the fact that she is human makes her off-limits for any immortal. When she is determined to be the vessel, he knows he must protect her.

After coming to her rescue, Cadeon takes Holly on the run. He wants to keep her, but he has other responsibilities that must take precedent. He has spent nearly a millennium trying to redeem himself in the eyes of others and he cannot give up his cause easily.

Overall, this was a good story. It didn't appeal to me as much as the earlier books, but it was still okay. There was more action/adventure this time around and plenty of tension. So far, this has been my least favorite of the books in this series, but I will definitely be continuing on with it. At the same time, it's still far better than many of the books I've read.

Sammy Loves Books says

Hot Damn, I loved it!! Cade was Yummy as Sin

He gets 4.5 Sexy, Cocky Stars!!!

Cade

Cade has been blessed with impossibly green eyes and thick locks of blonde hair. He's hot, and yummy, and women are falling over themselves to get in his bed. But his life has been far from blessed. Cade has been living with the guilt of losing his brother's crown over nine hundred years ago. That guilt has led him to a dark place where he is willing to do Anything to get his brother's crown back.

Demons are constantly in search of their fated mate, but mates are hard to find. The only way to determine one's mate is to have sex with them. So as you can imagine, demons tend to sleep around...A LOT. And Cade is known as a man whore even amongst demons. But all that changed when he met Holly.

Holly, math geek

Holly is a human, math geek, germ-a-phobe, and math tutor at the local college. She doesn't wear makeup, dresses conservatively in long skirts, wears her hair in a bun, and always wears a pearl necklace and glasses. The sports jocks that she tutors have the total hots for her. No matter how hard she tries to hide her sexiness, she turns heads. Men drool as if she is wearing a micro mini and thigh highs.

Holly has a dark side that she fights hard to keep a tight reign on. She denies herself sex because she is afraid to lose control. Her germ-a phobia and type A personality are out of control. But her life is about to change and All Hell is about to break lose!!

"You...you *fraternized* with those animals? Does your 'breed' kidnap women as well?"

"Kidnap women? I can hardly keep the chits off the jock as it is, pet."

Cade is sex on a stick, but Holly has no interest in him and it is driving him mad. He has looked for his mate for over nine hundred years only to be denied. How could fate be so cruel. He just wants to throw her over his shoulder caveman style!!!

I absolutely loved watching these two fall in love. Cade was so used to women falling at his feet that he was not prepared for Holly. She is SO quirky and odd that I couldn't help but love her. I loved watching her transform from an oddball to a total badass. Oh and when Holly finally accepts Cade into her life. These horny lovers couldn't keep their hands off each other.

"Later, I'm gonna do you nice and slow, but right now I just need to bend you over things and see what this sexy little body of yours can do..."

This has to be my favorite book of this series so far. It was action packed from start to finish. Cade was so sexy and I loved his cocky ass personality. Plus he had sexy ass horns that were great for grabbing hold of during sex. It was also wonderful to watch him learn some humility. I especially loved watching him cater to Holly's quirking and bizarre needs. Holly ends up on a journey of growth. She was originally a product of a sheltered environment. She was a caterpillar on the cusp of blossoming into a butterfly.

I highly recommend reading this series in order because all one story leads into the next and there is an overall plot that continues to grow. Characters also reappear throughout the series and it would be confusing as hell to try and read out of order.

Kresley Cole has done an Amazing job at creating this paranormal world, and I am Loving it!!

My Immortals After Dark Reviews:

The Warlord Wants Forever

A Hunger Like No Other

No Rest for the Wicked

Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night

Dark Needs at Night's Edge

Dark Desires After Dusk

Kiss of a Demon King

Untouchable

Pleasure of a Dark Prince

Demon from the Dark

Dreams of a Dark Warrior

Lothaire

Dark Skye

Kristen says

4 1/2 stars

Dark Desires After Dusk is another fantastic book in the Immortals After Dark series.

I loved almost everything about this book. Cade and Holly, the hero and heroine, were simply magical together, and, frankly, a hoot. Holly—with her over-the-top OCD behavior and her nerdish outlook—and Cade—a true but lovable **cad**—were the perfect pair and I couldn't seem to get enough of their offbeat and very provocative relationship.

I'm sure you're wondering why I gave this book a somewhat lower rating if I loved it so much. For me, the ending was a little disappointing and anticlimactic. Basically, the relationship resolution felt rushed and a bit underdeveloped. I wanted more... no, I need a more! Did Cade and Holly get their happy ending? You bet! Still, I wanted more considering all they had been through together. Other than that, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book.

A special SHOUT-OUT to Krisley Cole's quirky and eccentric soothsayer, Nucking Futs Nix's. She is my favorite character of the series and I look forward to her involvement in each book. Call me crazy, but I would love to see Nix get her *man*, Mike Rowe, the host of the American's TV series [Dirty Jobs](#).

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

I devoured *Dark Desires After Dusk* too quickly and now I'm regretting it. Cadeon Woede, the darker and impulsive half the Woede Brothers, is a rage demon. And he's got the cockiness and the swagger that comes along with it!

I have to admit, Cade can be a cocky bastard when he wants to be but there's also that softer side to him as well. This side comes out more often around Holly Ashwin, the obsessive-compulsive mathematician. Holly is adorable with her intense need for everything to be grouped in threes and cleanliness. Since Psychology is my field of study, I can't help but feel bad for Holly. This girl has so many compulsions, it's crazy! Usually, a person with OCD has one compulsive behaviour that takes over their life, but Holly has three!

How did I not know this before? It seems that Cole has found a way to cure OCD. Apparently we Psychology majors are too snobby to realize that the cure is simple: Take a demon with sexy and lickable rock-hard horns as your mate!

Plus, Cade does such an amazing job caring for Holly. He readjusts his actions to make her feel more comfortable. What a gentleman!

We find out that Miss Prim and Proper Holly is more than just a math genius, but she's also the Vessel that is required to get the sword that Cade needs. The sword is the only of its kind that can kill Omort and once his head is separated from his body, Cade can regain his little kingdom Rothkalina back for his brother. So all Cade has to do is trade Holly to the wicked sorcerer for the sword. But of course things are not as simple as that because Holly is Cade's female! Surprise, Surprise! So now the question stands: What does Cade want more?

The chemistry between the two is great, even though they couldn't be more different from one another. Holly is a sweet little virgin who just happens to be half Fury and Valkyrie and Cade is a foul-mouthed bad boy who must control his baser needs. Reading about their bickering is downright entertaining and I can't help but smile at the sexual tension. Damn, that horn job scene with Desh was hilarious!

In the end, I forgave Cade for his actions because he's such a sweet guy. I will admit, I thought the end closed a little too quickly but maybe that was because I wanted to read more about them.

And of course, Nix and Regin make an appearance that is almost enough to steal the spotlight from the couple. They are damn freaking hilarious and I love them for it! I really can't wait to read either of their books!

Favourite Quote:

Regin slapped her knees. "Oh, my gods, look at him running like his life depended on catching us." She slid open the door. "Is this straight outta *Platoon*, or what? Willem!" she cried, holding out one hand. "Run, Willem!" Then she choked on her own laughter.

Pg. 345.

Auntee says

I absolutely loved this latest by Kresley Cole, the story of the demon Cadeon and the half human, half valkyrie Holly.

Cade is such a BAD boy, and he's everything that Holly isn't. He's sexy, brash, foul-mouthed, a slob, uncouth, lusty, and living with 900 years of guilt over losing his brother's kingdom while trying to save his foster family. I felt a lot of empathy for him, especially when he finally found a chance at happiness but knew he could never claim it.

Holly, the beautiful virgin PhD. candidate with OCD, was so repressed, I didn't think there could ever be a relationship between her and Cade. But to the author's credit, she had Holly resist Cade's charms for most of the book; she had a real love/hate relationship with him. She was attracted to him and she wanted him, yet she hated that she did.

I loved how Cade taught Holly how to protect herself and how to fight, and helped ease her transition into becoming a Valkyrie. I loved all the little thoughtful things he did for her to accommodate her OCD too. Loved the teasing and the sexual bantering between the two--lots of sexual tension in this one. And once again the

actual sex scenes were few, but extremely erotic. And when Holly finally let loose, there wasn't a better (sexual) match for Cade!

I found this one a little more gruesome and horror-like, especially at the ending when they had to battle all the disgusting creatures in the little Northwest Territories town, where Holly finally proved herself as a formidable Valkyrie. It was non-stop action!

And although Cade did betray Holly, I wanted her to forgive him (I did), and I absolutely loved how he still made allowances for her OCD when he presented her with her future home. Underneath all his alpha-ness, Cade was really a sweet guy!

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. As a matter of fact, it went by too fast. I had been captivated with Cade since *Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night*, and I was holding my breath for his book. But the wait was richly rewarded. Holly is a perfect heroine for him. She brings out the protective side in Cade, but also the playful side. And if anyone needs to live a little, it's Holly. I loved the whole plotline and found it wildly romantic. This book was also a good action book with scenes that show that Holly is a powerful woman in her own right. I just adore Cade, even more than I did before. He is sexy beyond belief, and very funny also. I loved his devotion to Holly, and how he challenged her but cared for her at the same time. It was great to see Holly come into the woman she was meant to be. She learns that it is a good thing to trust one's instincts as well as one's intellect. She also learns to acknowledge her sensual nature, and what better teacher than Cade. Cade and Holly had some serious chemistry, but there was also a deep emotional connection. This book just further increased my love of this series. With each book, I more eagerly await more books in the *Immortals After Dark* series. Kresley Cole's imagination is incredible, teamed with some excellent research. So I end by saying, take this ride wild, but you might want a cold drink and a fan while you read it.

Carmel (Rabid Reads) says

Reviewed by: Rabid Reads.

After three superb installments, this series hit a bit of a snag with book 4, but I wasn't going to hold that against Kresley Cole or Robert Petkoff, and I'm glad I didn't because *DARK DESIRES AFTER DUSK* was glorious! One of the things that I love most about *IMMORTALS AFTER DARK* is that you meet some of the protagonists beforehand because on top of giving you something to look forward to, it also helps to get readers invested in each character's eventual outcome.

Holly wasn't the first heroine whom I've encountered that's been afflicted with OCD, however she was by far the most likable. Ashwin has lead a very PG life as a result of her condition which in turn is the reason why her transformation to Valkyrie was unusually delayed. Intense emotions and warriors are practically synonymous, so when a group of immortals attempt to kidnap her, it frees her combatant side. I think Cade's attitude in relation to Holly's disorder went a long way towards endearing her to me because he not only understood her limitations, but respected them, and that sensitized me to her plight instead of making it into a baffling annoyance.

As fetching as some of the female leads have been, let's face it, I listen to this series for the men (and Petkoff's narration, but I'll get to that), and Cadeon Woede was delectable. I liked that he wanted to do right by his brother, and to a lesser degree, his mate. His loyalties were first, and foremost to Rydstrom, although that didn't stop him from teaching Holly how to fight. Nix's behind the scenes meddling continues to amuse, and with all of this talk of vessels, the Ascension, and the demons going to war, it's not unreasonable to assume that I'll be in the loop on all things IAD when #14 comes out because this series just keeps getting better!

You can tell that Robert Petkoff recorded the first ten novels in close proximity to one another by his ever increasing proficiency with Cole's characters and writing. He was fully immersed in this universe for quite some time while bringing the audiobook versions of this series up to speed, and that fact comes through in his delivery, accents, and fervor. I enjoyed his rendition of the rage demon aspects of Cade's personality, and applaud his commitment to the steamier parts of these stories.

DARK DESIRES AFTER DUSK put the MMMmmm in demons. ~4.5 stars
