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Aodhan clutched uselessly at his head, groaning. He knew it was useless, because the voice was not inside his head. It followed him, skimming across buildings and land. It had followed him since he was sixteen, and it still followed him today, like a memory too horrific to be forgotten...

Aodhan is a shadow-demon, hardened and cold after years of being alone, after his love, his Entwined, was cruelly taken away from him. He has closed his heart to the world, and now spends his life ridding the world of men like those who took his beloved away, an immortal hit-man...

Arianwen Harris is a young DCI, working for York City Police. When a known criminal is found viciously killed, she finds herself trailing a hit-man who has seemed to escape clutches again and again...but she begins to find herself drawn to his dark charms and roguish good looks...

As their two worlds collide, Aodhan and Arianwen find themselves coming together to escape a far greater enemy, one that threatens to create a world far worse than the one they live in. As they battle to hold back the oncoming forces, fate has another plan; one to draw them together and heal their broken pasts together...

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Teracia says

This story grabs you by the throat and doesn't let you go. Dark and a tad more graphic than I'm used to, but none of that mattered. The pace of the story keeps you engrossed from start to finish. You will love this story and fall for the characters quickly. READ IT. you will not be sorry !

Louisa says

What do a Yorkshire Homicide Detective and A Demon have in common more than you might think when their worlds collided.

Born a demon to human parents Aodhan's life has been mainly lived in the shadows since his beloved was murdered by other demons.

He has taken to killing humans that hurt and murder others, This is how his path crosses DCI Arianwen Harris when his name crops up during a murder investigation. One thing leads to another and Aodhan kidnaps Arianwen heads off to his homeland in Scotland.

The police though are not the only ones on the couple's trail and will the spark between them ignite or be snuffed out by ghost from Aodhan's Past.

Aodhan does speak Scottish in book at while it may take a bit of getting used to, I left it added authenticity to the story.

This is the first book I have read by Miranda Stork but for sure won't be the last.

Caroline says

Vigilante of Shadows is a fabulous read!

It has a really good plot, that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Plenty of suspense and of course I would expect nothing less than a very sexy lead male. The characters are all very real and you can feel yourself in the story as the descriptions of people and places are wonderfully detailed.

I loved this and so it gets five stars :)

Ingie says

Review written January 5, 2016

3.8 Stars - Wow, what a surprising thrilling (and well worth your coins - \$2 WSfV) m/f PNR audiobook

I'm truly impressed. It was just on a chance I stumbled over this well told (written) paranormal novel — with a bit of both thriller and fantasy feeling but also with romantic scenes and all those romances characteristics I love.

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Vigilante of Shadows is set in a present time northern Britain. It started quite horrifying, bloody and pretty dark but then turned out to be a adventurous and intense romance tale. I truly enjoyed (and dare to recommend). ~ Three and a half stars and some extra star-sparkles for all in all a very well and amusing narrated audiobook.

Arianwen Harris is a nowadays British DCI, working for York City Police in *Yorkshire*. When solving a horrible murder case (done with an axe) she meet **Aodhan Drummond**, a suspect mysterious tall handsome Scottish "Highlander" man. ~ Also a 800 year old (lonely), strong and dangerous *daemon*. A man with his own mission to help people to get rid off evil murderer and nasty villains without hearts, care or love.

When Aodhan, suspected of murder, soon is locked up in a small interrogation room he feels kind of cornered and threatened. On a quick impulse he takes the young beautiful female police officer captured as a hostages. ~ **An escape journey to Scotland in the north starts.** Of course with a tracker line of hunting colleagues and policemen.

‘Arianwen Harris nearly did a double take as she saw the man in front of her open the door. He was staggeringly tall and broad, only dressed in dark jeans and black leather boots that came to his knees. His bare chest rippled with muscle, moving as he leaned against the doorframe.’

With every hours *Vigilante of Shadows* more and more turnes out to be a sizzling grand love story. I honestly expected something much darker, a more frightening fantasy, or a bloody cruel police thriller than an ultimately so beautiful romantic fairy tale.

I felt this mixture of genres just did it so much better most of the time. —(I liked! Two birds with one stone.)— BUT in my opinion would *Vigilante of Shadows* have been a tiny little bit better if the author has kept the feel of a modern detective novel slightly longer. At the end of the book, I lost that feeling almost completely. I sat there and wondered how my female nowadays detective heroine (living an ordinary life before this) so easily stepped into that old mystical paranormal world. I'm not saying it isn't an interesting change in life ... but anyway. (For me it wouldn't have been that simple and easy but maybe I'm just an older boring and to ordinary girl. LoL!)

Not entirely believable in other words. - But gosh I'm not supposed to whine or grizzle, this is imaginative fiction, as I like, and enough interesting and well done to amuse me at least in ten listening hours.

Add another fine male unconventional hero to like

Aodhan, Aodhan, Aodhan — A hero that was irresistible to not swoon for. His charming 'yummy s?xy' Scottish accent just did that extra (Thanks for that, Mr Lloyd-Davies!). (view spoiler)

“Arianwen... why did you lick my neck just now?” Arianwen stopped rubbing her arms, leaning forwards to untie her legs, but she paused at his question, taking a deep breath. “I... I don’t know. I just felt like I had to.” Even as she said this, something clicked in her, something that felt right.

Audiobook edition and narrator

Big applause for an excellent choice of this excellent male narrator. 10:26 hrs narrated very good and sincerely by a audiobook voice I like a lot by now, Matthew Lloyd Davies. Will look for more audiobooks done by him in the future.

In sum; this novel can not be said to be completely predictable in any case. I was surprised again and again. Really fun! ~ Grab this one (\$2) if you like to listening to audiobooks now and then. Well invested coins for you who like adventurous crime and paranormal, love gorgeous alpha Highlanders and enjoy when a male with a husky voice is narrating a m/f romance to you.

I LIKE - ...a bit overwhelmed and pleased

Nadene (Totally Addicted to Reading) says

Very exciting and suspenseful read. Worth every minute spent reading it.

Vigilante of Shadows is a very unique paranormal romance/thriller. Great storyline. The story flowed beautifully from beginning to end. It had me from the very first page and it was able to maintain my interest to the very end. There was some finger biting moments.

The characters were awesome especially the lead male character Aodhan. Wooh! He is one sexy demon.

Aodhan is a shadow demon who has gone through a lot in the past 800 and add years. He left his hometown in Scotland as a result and took on the role of a vigilante.

Arianwen the lead female character was a police officer who was hell bent on catching the culprit behind a recent spate of murders. She could not understand her attraction Aodhan in light of the fact that he was the main suspect.

I would definitely recommend this book to lovers of paranormal stories.

Shelly Thomas says

This book is awesome! Love aodhan and ariawen! So glad that airwen isn't like the usual female characters she isn't a pushover and stands her ground. I started reading this book and couldn't put it down I had to know if aodhan and aria when would end up together and I'm so glad they did. was a little worried when Brigid came back in the picture but glad aodhans friends saw past her lies and showed him what she really was. so

glad I read this book can't wait to read the rest of the series.also the sex scene was hot!!!

Daria says

All in all: LOVED it!

In reading this book I found that the scottish dialect was somewhat problematic for me to comprehend. Partly because Aodhan lines are literally written as how it sounds in real life, and partly because the phraseology's sometimes foreign since english isn't my first language.

When I read a book I get into what I'd call 'narrator-mode' which, for me, sets the mood for the entire book. So if Aodhan speaks with his wonderful accent and I can not understand his way of talking by reading, then I've got somewhat of a problem. When I'm reading I need the characters in the books voices to sound right in my head. Does that make sense? Lol, I don't think I'm the only one making voices in my head while reading books... Anyways, so if I were to listen to this as an audiobook, then I don't think it would be an issue for me.

When the author describes the scenery and atmosphere with her elegant vocabulary, I become engulfed in the story of Aodhan and Arianwen.

(view spoiler)

The book has a clear linear story line and it's abundantly clear that Miranda Stork knows how to let the tension rise as well as letting it taper off, all the while still keeping my attention and eagerness to be able to reach the proverbial finish line.

And I must say, if a book can hold my interest from start to finish considering my attention span is extremely small, then it's a book worth reading!

Donna Zink says

Vigilante of Shadows draws a person in within the first few pages. Set in England and moves into Scotland with the action. It's well written and Aodhan Drummond is a delicious Demon who also happens to be an ancient Scottish Celtic warrior. What's not to love about this man? His struggles to live by his own standard of honor makes for an interesting situation when he meets Detective Arianwen. A threat from his past becomes an immediate problem for the both of them. A host of supernatural beings make an appearance through out the book. I'm excited to read the next chapter in their story with the next book. Would recommend this book to anyone that likes mystery, betrayal, a little gore (maybe that should be a lot of gore) and a love story that has a different twist.

Maghon Thomas says

Heh!!! I love it when the big bad demon wins the pretty lady. :) What an amazing start to a new series! So, this guy, our leading man, he takes justice to a whole new level. After having his soul mate murdered in front of him, he takes it upon himself to kill all the bad guys in the world, or the ones he can anyway. He's got power, except a cute little human cop totally caught him off guard and locked him in a human prison cell. LOL It's kinda funny if you think about it. First, I wanna know WHERE Ms M gets her names from. They

are crazy but oh so awesome!

Now, Aodhan, yeah pronounce that, I couldn't but they tell you how in the story :), is the totally HAWT bad boy that no one can fix. Not even himself. Not even the shadows that surround him. He's a beautiful disaster waiting to bulldoze right through your heart. Yes, he's definitely a killer, and he likes it, but I still wanted to hug him :) He's loyal, to a serious fault, which he remedies later, he's seriously a little crazy, and yet he's got a kind heart by sheltering all the unwanted at his home. He is one character that kept surprising me with who and what he is. I loved him!

Arianwen, umm still not completely sure how to pronounce her either, which is why everyone gets nicknames!, is hilarious. Ok, she's actually a little bit of a bad ass, but I kept thinking that she would find a way around Aodhan, and she does, except it's not how you think it happens. She is her own force to reckon with and she's sharp and smart, and amazing in her own right. I am so excited to see where she is going to go with her new found knowledge of things. Plus her little surprise at the end of the book.

The plot is quite unique. Mainly because the writing makes it so. It was supposed to be a murder mystery case for a cop, and instead, it turns into a save the world before the bad guys destroy it supernatural world of awesome. It's dark, and gritty, and full of excitement, wonder, mystery, and of course HAWT supernatural creatures that have your head spinning :) I loved everything about this story and I can't wait for the next book!! 5 SERIOUSLY HAWT DEMON PAWS!

Taylor says

This is quite simply the best surprise I've had for a long time. Quality shines from every word and, my god, the talent nearly blinds you. From world building to characterisation to dialogue to simple narrative drive and setting the author doesn't put a foot wrong. The one thing I would change is the author's choice to write the main character in Scottish dialect, BUT that is a personal bugbear of mine as I live in Scotland and it invariably drives me insane to read it in text and have rhythm and emphasis in the wrong place - something that this author is not guilty of, btw, but I still had to work to get past it for the past couple of chapters. Time is taken to build characters and backstory and this pays off in spades - the connection between the main characters is beautifully built and the fact that we are shown not told this only adds to the enjoyment of the story and the tension as the plot unfolds. Another delightful surprise is the unique choices the author has made in creating this preternatural world. The origins of the male character in particular were carefully thought out and constructed and the original concept is refreshing and enough on its own to encourage you to buy the next in series. I cannot say enough good things about this book and can't put anymore here as I would be dipping into spoiler territory and I wouldn't want to deprive another reader of a second of enjoyment that I had from this book. This is a shining example of the genre and I cannot stress enough how much it needs to be read. Thank you so much for a gorgeous read and I look forward to getting the next book.

Pammy says

I received this book as a gift from the author. What an awesome read!!! From the first page to the last page it was like being on a rollercoaster. I loved the Scottish dialect (I read the Outlander series, so I was able to read it with no problem). The chemistry between Aodhan and Arianwen was electric from the minute they

met. I loved the way we got the backstory on both characters. It was a wee bit graphic for my taste, but the story compensated for that. I highly recommend this book, what a thrill!!! Keep up the good work Mirnada!!! :)

Tara Wood says

Get in, sit down, shut up, and hang on! That's pretty much what I have to say to anyone contemplating reading *Vigilante of Shadows* by Miranda Stork. She's already one of my favorite authors (as well as a dear friend), so I was super excited to finally have some time to sit and devour her newest offering.

I was not disappointed. I was forcefully grabbed from the get-go, and shoved into a story so fast, I could have gotten whiplash. Aodhan is my new fictional crush. Dark, dangerous, unapologetic, and beautifully flawed. Yep, he had me, horns and all. The more of his story that was revealed, the more I wanted to keep reading. The heroine, Arianwen, was perfect in her role as a straight-laced, pragmatic DCI looking to solve a case. The last thing she expected was exactly what she got. Her attempts to reconcile the happenings around her and her growing attraction to Aodhan felt real and believable in a story where myths and legends run rampant.

And that was the other eye-opening element to this book. Stork takes snippets of Celtic mythology and weaves them into a contemporary tale like nobody's business. Having already been familiar with this side of her writing (i.e. CONNER and ERIN), it was so exciting to see her take a new direction and make the old seem new again. Not to mention that she has the setup here for a smashing new series.

Two disclaimers: If you are faint of heart, be prepared. There is violence. There is gore. I loved it! But, it may be a bit squicky for some, so tread carefully if that turns you off. I found the level of violence necessary to enhance those darker elements of the story and of Aodhan's nature. Second, the dialects may be tricky if you're not familiar with UK jargon or accents. My advice is, slow down, sound it out, and for the love of God, give it a chance, and KEEP READING! Once you get it, I promise, it makes the story even better. It truly immerses you in the tale.

Overall, this book and the story sucked me in. I cannot wait for the next book in this series. Great things are coming from Miranda Stork. Be on the lookout.

Five shiny stars out of five shiny stars.

Linda says

Aodhan is a shadow demon, living under the radar and killing scum, vigilante style. When the police start to investigate him, he soon feels the snare tighten.

Arianwen is a DCI, working on the case of the serial killer, when she finds herself drawn to Aodhan, more than she should.

When Aodhan kidnaps her and takes her to Scotland, the problems start piling up. Someone is after Aodhan, and soon Arianwen is also targeted, the police is chasing them both, and Aodhan's old past is back to haunt

him

Demons, PNR. A very cinematic book, you can almost see the movie before your eyes. The beginning was a bit questionable for me, how a trained police officer just forgets all her duties and goes along with him. She did voice her opinion just when i was about to snort at it all, and the ending was filled with action and progress. I feel a second book coming since there was some lose ends. A bit on the gruesome side with the killings and the blood.

InD'tale Magazine says

“Vigilante of Shadows” is a high speed romantic thrill ride that will grab readers from the beginning and have one engaged until the very end!

Read full review in the 2013 Dec/Jan Holiday issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Doris says

*I was given a complementary copy in exchange for an honest review.

WOWZA!!!! I completely love this!!! Having been a fan since reading Conner I was super excited to get my hands on this! Miranda Stork has such a way of drawing you into the universe that she has created!

Aodhan is such a dark character and you instantly feel his anguish over loosing his first love, so now he combs the earth and punishes the bad guys, like the ones that took her away. Then his hard, bad self meets Arianwen, a police officer who is charged with catching the killer- him!

Well..... hot sauce on a biscuit you know that she is drawn to him and he is opening up to her and OMGee.....

If you are concerned with violent parts this is not the book for you though. I suggest this one for 16+ due to some of the violent parts, but they are really tastefully done.

GET THIS BOOK!!!

~Dowie
