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The Darke Academy is now in Istanbul, and wherever the Academy goes, death is never far

behind Death has followed the Darke Academy to the ancient city of Istanbul, where an unseen hunter is on the loose. Scholarship girl Cassie Bell is fascinated by the city's beauty, but there's no time for her to relax. Torn between an old flame and a new romance, she must also choose between the select world of the Few and her loyalty towards her best friends—and all the time a killer is stalking the Few. As Cassie is about to discover, no one is above suspicion. Sometimes, the people you love can be the most dangerous enemies of all.

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Veronika says

The book had everything I needed.. The spark of passion, mysterious adventure and absorptive plot. I couldn't stop reading.. This serie is just AWESOME!!! No more words..

Monika Kašáková says

Možno je to len mnou, možno tým množstvom kníh, ktoré som čítala a mám s čím porovnávať, možno nebola dobrá konštelácia hviezd, pre čítanie tejto knihy a možno je to naozaj v tomto prípade krok späť.

Opäť sa nachádzame v prostredí luxusnej Darkovej akadémie, ktorá sa tentoraz presunula do exotického Istanbulu. Keď si Cassie začala myslieť, že je konečne pokoj a má možnosť začať normálne žiť - "normálne" vrámci Vyvolených - zistí, že jej to zrejme nie je súdené a bude sa musieť znova potýkať so zlom a desivými tajomstvami, ktorých odhalenie vás môže stáť život.

Akadémia, ktorá je každý semester v inej krajine. Na škole tlupa Vyvolených - nadprirodzených stvorení, pred ktorými majú všetci rešpekt a nik nevie, čo sú zač. Každý si tam robí čo chce. A riaditeľ celej školy je najväčšia podivnosť zo všetkých. Prečo by preboha dával niekto svoje dieťa na takúto divnú školu? Už len to stretnutie s riaditeľom, by ma asi odhovorilo a nehovorím ani o tom, čo všetko sa tam už odohralo. Nevieť ako vy, ale mne to celé príde neskutočné a neuveriteľné. Ja viem, je to vymyslený príbeh o bytostiach, ktoré neexistujú. Prečo by som v tom mala hľadať logiku? Ale každý príbeh predsa stojí na nejakom základe. Aj obyčajný príbeh o červenej vlčičke má svoju logiku. Rozprávajúci vlk všetkých zje - príde poľovník - rozreže mu bruchu - všetkých zachráni - vlkovi tam nahádza kamene a tie ho nakoniec prevalia do studne. Je to len rozprávka pre deti, ale má to zaujímavý dej, zápletku, napätie, happyend a hlavne pointu, ktorá má zmysel. Nemôžem si pomôcť, ale mne v tejto sérii stále niečo chýba. Pripadá mi to, ako keby mala autorka počas písania zatiahnutú ručnú brzdu a bráni jej to ísť na plný plyn. Nevieť sa s vyvolenými a celým prostredím akadémie vžiť. Jednoducho povedané, nerozumiem tomu. Asi som dobre nepochopila, čo sú Vyvolení zač, inak si to neviem vysvetliť.

Cassie sa správa miestami rozumne, miestami nechápem jej správanie. Akoby mala dve tváre a autorka sa nevie rozhodnúť, ktorá Cassie sa jej viac páči. A to teraz nemyslím ducha Cassie, s ktorým pravidelne bojuje, ale jej osobné zmýšľanie. Najviac ma rozčuľovala v prípade Isabelli, kedy od nej stále očakávala, že zabudne na Jakea, akoby sa nič nestalo a ona sama stále myslela na toho divného Ranjita. Ranjit! To je kapitola sama o sebe. Toho chalana nemám rada už od prvého momentu, kedy sa v sérii objavil. On je tiež jeden z prípadov, keď neviem, kde si ho mám zaradiť. Do akej kategórie. Akoby nemal vlastnú osobnosť. Ničím ma nezaujal. A toto sa mi stalo u viacerých postáv. Pochopila by som to pri vedľajších, ale nie pri hlavných postavách. Vedľajšie sú paradoxne viac zaujímavé ako samotná Cassie a Ranjit. Taká Isabella, Jake či Richard, si ma získali hneď. Aj milostný vzťah Cassie a Ranjita pôsobil umelo a násilivo. V Rozdelených dušiach bola tá výhoda, že sa rozišli a Ranjit sa v knihe skoro vôbec nevyskytoval. Celkom sa mi začalo pozdávať, že Cassie si konečne uvedomila existenciu aj iných chlapcov ako Ranjit, a tak sa nám tu začína čítať dobrý začiatok na milostný trojuholník.

Aby som len nekritizovala, prejdem na to, čo sa mi na tejto sérii páči. Je písaná jednoducho a vecne. Ničím

sa tam autorka zbyto?ne nezdržiava a neobkecáva. Ide priamo k veci. Konkrétne, v Rozdelených dušiach sa mi pá?il záver knihy, ktorý bol naozaj prekvapujúci, ?i priam šokujúci. A tu aj kon?ím s chválou. Ke? som sa do série púš?ala, bola som plná o?akávaní. Nápad s Vyvolenými ma oslovil a chcela som sa dozvedie? viac. Bohužia?, teraz mi to pripadá ako autorkina premrhaná šanca. Asi sa budem opä? opakova?, ale príbeh je ve?mi chaotický a ako celok mi nedáva zmysel. Príde mi to, akoby to autorka nemala dopredu vôbec premyslené a príbeh vymýš?ala za pochodu. ?o ju napadne to tam dá a nijako nerieši detaily a súvislosti. Ve?mi slabo využitý potenciál Vyvolených a ich samotné bytie. I ke? sme mali možnos? v tomto diely nazrie? trochu do ich histórie, ani tak som im viac neporozumela. Pri tejto histórií mi napadla jedna myšlienka. Pre?o vlastne Vyvolení chodia stále do školy, ke? majú v sebe tých starých duchov. Ve? oni hádam všetko už musia vedie? a hlavne o tej histórií? ?i?

Ina says

Nothing is like the same and it never will be. Cassie is trying to forget all about Ranjit. He has let her down too many times and he's been acting all weird lately. So, she doesn't want to waste more time on him. She's done and wants to move on without him. She is also worried about her friend, and Isabella's boyfriend, Jake, who's been gone from the Academy since last term when he walked away from them in anger. She hasn't seen him since and that makes her feel bad. But at least she has her roomie Isabella and Richard to spend her days with.

In this term, the Dark Academy is in Istanbul and Cassie thinks it's a fantastic and beautiful city. There is a lot to discover. But the city doesn't feel safe when some students suddenly disappears and makes the rest of the students worried and scared. What's going on. And The Few (a group of the most respected, beautiful and the best students) is worried when they don't get to know more than their fellow students. 'Cause they are sure that Sir Alric Darke knows what's going on or know something he won't tell - but why doesn't he share it with them? The Few is students that Sir Alric Darke trust the most and the same the other way around. But when Sir Alric Darke hardly mention anything about the situation about the missing students, the Few gets very worried and demands to know what the hell is going on.

Cassie gets more and more worried when Ranjit is one of the students that doesn't show up. He's known for skipping classes and can be gone for days before he comes back - but he always come back sometime, but when he's gone longer than usual - she's almost sure that something is wrong. But should she really care since Ranjit has let her down so many times and has moved on without him, or at least tried. And what is Isabella, her roomie and best friend, keeping away from her? She is pretty sure that Isabella is having a secret about something but what? Cassie feels like she can't trust anyone anymore. Will everything turn back to normal or will everything get worse?

Blood Ties is the third book (and hopefully not the last!) book in the series. It took me a long time to get into the urban fantasy genre. After I read the first book of Twilight (which was really bad and boring) I just got fed up about modern vampires and other supernatural beings. But after a year or two I wanted to go back to the genre and hopefully find something new and different. Something fascinating. And I did. I discovered the book covers of the Darke Academy one day earlier this year at a book store and I thought the covers looked really cool and the books sounded interesting. I ended up buying the two books in the series to see if I enjoyed and get number three later. And to my surprise. I got really hooked!

When I was done with the first book "Secret Lives" I was glad to have book two "Blood Ties" nearby And when I was in the middle of book two I just had to get number three. I have just fell in love with the

characters, especially Cassie, Sir Alric Duke, and Richard. They are loveable characters even though they are extremely different.

Even though I had kind of figured out what was going to happen at the end of *Divided Souls*, I wasn't disappointed. I got more disappointed to know that book four isn't published yet but I hope it will happen. 'Cause I'm totally in love with this series and there's so much more I want to know about many characters and their situations. So, I hope this is not the end for Darke Academy. I would like to be a student there myself.

So, if you haven't read the Darke Academy yet, I highly recommend you to. It's a great series and a mysterious world to escape in. I easily forgot the time and place when I read it and before I knew it. It was over. Now I'm crossing my fingers and hoping there will come more books from this series. It can't be over yet.

Mitchii says

Ok... how should I put it. The ending was ok. I'm not sure if this series is halted/discontinued or this is *really* the final book. But if it does, what a shame. I didn't like it. You know what my least favorite ending - open ended. And this one is one of them. I really like if there's some resolution with story. So I was kinda upset... and disappointed.

Melanie says

This was just ok, it's the 3rd book in the series and I have read them all. The 1st book was ok, 2nd book was a step up with a good storyline but it's back to just being ok with the 3rd. The majority of the book was boring and only picked up speed in the last few chapters, I liked the ending but that was about it. I didn't 'feel for' the characters and by the 3rd book I should, I didn't care that they were both pining for their exes and when they were having their 'moments' with said exes I didn't care again which is really unusual for me because I like to feel how they feel, the chemistry and emotions especially in the relationships but it just wasn't happening. There is a hint of a bigger series spanning storyline but that should have been well established by now and the whole absorbing the life force and old spirit sharing the mind/body isn't very interesting and sometimes I was confused as to who was speaking in that body Cassie or Estelle. I only read these because my sister buys them and we read each other's books otherwise I would have probably given them a miss.

Marie-Reine says

Jedan od rijetkih serijala koji me nije razočarao. Iz knjige u knjigu, ako ne napreduje, barem zadržava poželjni nivo i kvalitet. Priča je dobra, zabavna, lako se čita, likovi su poprilično razrađeni. Jedva čekam pročitati i posljednji dio, te vidjeti šta će se desiti na kraju.

Evelin says

<http://readandwatchlikeme.blogspot.de...>

Hl. hrdinkou je Cassie Bellová, ktorá má v sebe iba polku ducha a to zapríčiňuje isté "chyby". Estelle sa s ňou rozpráva, navádza ju na svoje túžby, prebúdza v nej hnev, ale takisto sa u nej prejavila telekinéza (schopnosť pohybovať vecami mysľou). Veľmi sa mi páčilo, že je Cassie odlišná. Musí sa trápiť s namysleným duchom a ešte riešiť aj svoje problémy. Keďže nie je bohatá, veľa ľudí ju odsudzuje a vyháňa, ona sa ale drží dobre a vie, komu má dôverovať. Páči sa mi, že je taká reálna a nerobí ani unáhlené závery ani nepravdivé obvinenia. Dokonca aj jej milostný život nie je samá ružová záhrada. Randžit sa s ňou rozišiel, čo znáša veľmi zle, ale snaží sa ísť ďalej.

Veľkým problémom knihy sú Randžit a Jake. Treba sa o nich stále strachovať a tým pádom je tento diel o niečo depresívnejší. Nie je to však nič na škodu, práve naopak, perfektne som precítila tú atmosféru strachu a napätia. Len mi bolo ťúto chuderky Isabelly.

Bolo skvelé, že autorka si zachovala spôsob objavovania nových tajomstiev a záhad. Tak ako v predchádzajúcich dieloch, zaoberala sa najprv jedným problémom a po vyriešení tam vložila nový. Nezabudla však pripomenúť ten starý problém a nakoniec spolu všetko krásne súviselo. Niektoré veci som odhadla hne, boli ošividné, len Cassie ich nevidela, ale v mnohom som sa úplne zmýlila a bola som z toho rozčarovaná.

Bola som v šoku aj zo zistenia, že je v tejto knihe toľko mŕtvych. Autorka sa nebojí pozabíjať nevinných, aby dosiahla vysoký stupeň napätia a smútku. Bola som veľmi prekvapená koncom, pretože som tipovala úplne iného vraha a bola som z toho celého smutná. Zároveň som musela uznať veľké plus autorke, že ma takto vtiahla do príbehu, dovolila mi obľúbiť si hrdinov a potom mi naservírovala balíček kapesníkov. Nápad s Vyvolenými je originálny a zvláštny a bola som nesmierne rada, že sme sa konečne dozvedeli niečo z histórie. Sú tam určité záhadné artefakty a tá honba za tajomstvami a vyriešeniami sa mi veľmi páčila. Vždy som mala o ňom špekulovať.

Autorka napísala úžasnú knihu, urobila na mňa veľký dojem a rozhodne patrí táto séria k mojim obľúbeným a nesmierne sa teším na posledný diel série. Každý, kto začal túto sériu čítať, si nesmie nechať ujsť zvyšné diely. Ktorí ešte nezačali - mali by ste to napraviť.

Patty says

I really hope she does write a fourth and final book... would love to find out what happens with ranjit and cassie.

Naomi says

In my opinion this book wasn't quite as good as the rest but it wasn't boring.

Gen says

This review is also posted on my blog Book Savvy:
<http://abookaweekbloggers.blogspot.co...>

Divided Souls is a gripping and superb continuation of the Darke Academy series!

Set in the largest, most historic and exciting city of Istanbul, Turkey it follows scholarship girl, Cassie, on the thrilling adventure of a lifetime. I

n the end of her first term at the Darke Academy she was implanted with a donor's soul against her will but the ceremony was interrupted part way through and now she is trapped as being part 'few' for the rest of her life. Being stuck with another bitchy and VERY opinionated woman inside your head isn't easy and even becoming overly attractive and gaining powerful connections often can't compensate for the frustrating Estelle.

This is Cassie's third term at the academy and with her best friend Isabella by her side, she can take on anything, except facing her brooding yet charming and breath-taking ex boyfriend Ranjit Singh that is.

Gabriella Poole continues to take you on the roller-coaster journey and certainly keeps everything interesting. She opens in a really enticing way that I really enjoyed, it left me wanting to see why the characters were in the position in which they were.

From the first few opening scenes I reconnected with the characters immediately, it was as though being reunited with old friends.

The style in which the Darke Academy series is written is one that I enjoy reading, it is easy to become absorbed in the world along with the characters and the setting is both vivid and exciting.

The story line that Divided Souls follows isn't one that I found to be too Cliched in many aspects, not all, just many. The classic love triangle-esque aspect was, I thought, tastefully done and didn't drag on for too long. The love interests were handled in a tasteful and quite delicate way, which did not enter into being irritating or slutty (cheating) in any way.

If any characters annoy me from this novel it is Isabella's, I know and fully understand how unique and difficult her situation is but she really makes NO effort to fit in or to stop complaining so much about her situation. I adore Richard!! His personality is original and he is a genuinely likable character of which I cannot help but be fond of and feel sorry for. He is sweet and genuinely concerned about those that he cares about and would walk through burning fire for them.

I really found Divided Souls to be a great novel and will begin Lost Spirits ASAP

Resti says

i dont really know how i feel about this series. at first, i thought it was about vampires. but turn out different. it was okay actually. but i kind of disappointed.

i like the ending. but, there're too many dead students. there're some unanswered questions.such as: first, what is the relationship between Ranjit's and Cassie's demon or souls?? then, what happen to Ranjit?? How is Isabell after Jake's dead?? why Darke forbidden Ranji and Cassie's relationship?

although I prefer Cassie with Jake than Ranjit or Richard. hehehe

I hope there's the last book that explaine everything.

Nisareen says

At the end of Blood Ties, Cassie had started to adapt to her new found status as a member of the Few. Isabelle had chosen to be her life source and she was learning to control Estelle's evil machinations to make her whole again. Jake's mysterious disappearance led them to an old enemy, Katerina and Cassie was able to thwart their plans to feed Jake to the Living Soil when she allowed the missing part of Estelle to enter her body. A furious Jake left them when he learned that Isabelle was Cassie's life source. Ranjit also dealt Cassie a blow when he revealed that their spirits share a treacherous history and it's too dangerous for them to pursue a relationship. In Divided Souls, the third installment of the Darke Academy series, the students see the Academy move to Istanbul. Cassie and Isabelle are both suffering from the after affects of their broken relationships and try to console each other. Cassie is stunned when Ranjit after weeks apart declares his loves for her and claims he's found a way for them to be together.

Soon after members of the Few start turning up dead and Ranjit too seems to have disappeared. Cassie begins to suspect Jake's involvement as he still has the knife capable of killing the Few in his possession. This theory brings her at odds with Isabelle who has been secretly communicating with Jake behind Cassie's back. When Isabelle moves out of their dorm, Cassie feels isolated and finds solace with Richard who still appears to have feelings for her. Before long Cassie finds herself torn between Richard and Ranjit as well as her loyalty towards her best friends and the Few. Who is the killer stalking the Few and what is Sir Alric hiding?

This book wasn't as good as the first two books although it did offer more insight into the Darke Academy's origins. While the plot with the mystery stalker killing members of the Few was interesting, some of the relationship angst was a trifle boring. I was shocked when the culprit turned out to be Ranjit of all people although in hindsight I should have guessed earlier due to Ranjit's uncharacteristic behaviour. Cassie lacked the maturity to realise Ranjit's feelings for her at times despite his attempts to make her understand. It's tragic that Ranjit's pursuit for a remedy came at such great cost. I had suspected Jake as the killer. Jake's death however was tragic even though his blind hatred towards the Few had driven him beyond reason at times.

One of the highlights of the book was that we got to see more of Richard and get to know him better. When Ranjit revealed that Richard had diverted him on the night he was supposed to meet Jessica I was appalled although I'd long suspected that Richard had been the culprit. Richard's assertion that he was unaware of Katerina and Keiko's plans for Jessica redeemed him as he regretted what he did. I'm looking forward to seeing how the author concludes the series in the next installment, Lost Spirits.

MischaS_ says

nevím, co jsem čekala. Akademii jsem nikdy nepovažovala za nějakou světobornou knihu. Ale byla tak nějak milá. Jenomže když ji řeknete po Zelená jako Smaragd nebo po Proze, tak se nedá než srovnávat. Cassie je na pár facek. Isabella ji směle následuje. Ranjita jsem nikdy neměla ráda. Jediný, kdo zachraňuje situaci, je zlatíčko Richard.

Ještě taková poznámka, a? jsou lidi jakkoliv inteligentní, tak si neumí dát ani pořádné heslo. Hanba. Jestli to půjde pořádně stejným tempem, tak příští díl dostane jen 2*, že muž bych se ani nedivila.

Lady Entropy says

Cheguei à conclusão que um MONTE desta geração de livros (sobrenaturais ou não) YA é escrita como bolos (devia tentar escrever um), por receita:

Ingredientes:

- Escola privada SUPER cara e exclusiva (ou local estranho e aborrecido)
- Protagonista pobre, e não pertence à elite (sabor "Cabra" ou "Mosquinha Morta" -- ou como a Bella Swan, a horrível mistura "Mosquinha Morta Cabra")
- Gang de snobs e meninas ricas que fazem a vida miserável à protagonista e que não têm nada que se aproveite, apesar que seres humanos geralmente TÊM-no.
- Melhor Amiga que é Exótica e meia Louca, também uma outcast (e podre de rica)
- Segunda melhor Amiga que é distraída mas um génio.
- Gajo bom e misterioso, com grandes poderes, como love interest.
- Gajo bom e malvado, que se apaixona também pela protagonista.
- Raça sobrenatural, com características vampíricas, ainda que não sejam vampiros -- ou que convenientemente não tenham TODAS as características.

Misturar protagonista na escola sem avisar, batendo com vigor. Acrescentar um plot fraco, onde protagonista chega à escola onde não pertence, é imediatamente posta em conflito com as bad girls, e acaba por descobrir poderes superespeciais. Misturar rapaz bonito que tão depressa é mau como mostra estar apaixonado pela protagonista. Acrescentar figuras de autoridade batidas em castelo, deixar cozer por 200 páginas e servir.

Esta receita é horrível. O sabor é demasiado complicado, e adocicado. Há bons livros YA que seguem a fórmula, mas o que os torna bons é como pegam nos ingredientes e os misturam de forma diferente (por exemplo, a série Gallagher Girls), como quando a minha mãe usava chalotas em vez das já costumeiras cebolas, para o sabor ser melhor -- ou até removendo alguns dos ingredientes.

Vou fazer o review dos 3 livros, porque francamente, não vale a pena estar a dedicar-me a cada um deles individualmente. Darke Academy não foge à regra. Uma série sobrenatural de YA, que tenta aproveitar a popularidade das histórias de escolas privadas e do sobrenatural. Tenta também "idealizar" vampiros (que em vez de sangue, bebem energia vital). A protagonista Carrie, é pobre, abandonada pelos pais (e uma cabra resmungona), que, sem se saber porquê é mandada para a Darke Academy para estudar.

Lá, entra em conflito com o gang de Cabras Ricas e Snobs, arranja uma melhor amiga (Isabella) que é toda flamboyant e rica, e apaixonou-se por um rapaz misterioso (Ranjhit) que tão depressa se baba para ela, como a trata abaixo de cão.

Com o passar do tempo, começa a descobrir a existência de uma elite dentro da escola, os Few, bando de gajos ricos e muito misterioso, respeitados por todos, incluindo os profs..

Spoiler! :

Vimos a saber que são vampiros, mas que não são bem vampiros, tem dentro de si os espíritos de seres muito antigos, que necessitam de beber a "força vital" (não sangue) de seres humanos - só que apesar de não

beberem sangue têm caninos afiados. Não se sabe porquê.

A heroína é transformada por acidente, e, para além de ficar linda de morrer (faz parte do Pacote de Transformação), fica também super poderosa porque a sua transformação é interrompida, e torna-se, eventualmente, uma espécie de rainha dos Few, por causa dos seus "Poderes" maiores que os de toda a gente.

E passamos os livros com ela a lutar contra:

- as figuras de autoridade (o director da escola, de quem tenho muita pena, porque ele passa a vida a ajudá-la)
- as snobs lindas que a odeiam
- a sua "inner beast"

O primeiro livro é a chegada dela à escola e a descoberta dos Few e a sua transformação.

O segundo livro lida com os poderes da heroína e ela a lidar com a vida de Few - e conflitos amorosos.

O terceiro livro envolve a morte de alguns alunos Few.

Em suma: demasiado angst, demasiada mary-sue, plot indiferente, só o director da escola, a escola, e melhor amiga da heroína se salvam - nem o Gajo Bom é interessante.

A evitar.

Jemma Louise King says

I loved this book the 1st was a really good starter. then the 2nd omg ranjit what a dick. then the 3rd it was really cool i couldnt decide who was the murderer i kept sayin it couldnt be ranjit he was so sweet but then so was jake. but anyway cnt wait for a 4th book. this is way better thn twilight << everyone still says twilight is the best series out there i sooooooooo do not agree =D
