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The worst moment of Micah's life was when Ella nearly died in his arms. Her miraculous recovery should have been the start of their future. Unfortunately, a new demonic heritage, the Shadow Agency's corruption and Julian, the vampire who turned Ella, are testing their relationship. Despite hotter-than-ever sex and a variety of new places and positions to explore, Micah begins to wonder if a relationship based on lust can survive for more than a few scorching-hot months.

Ella has forgiven, but not forgotten, the fact that Micah once plunged a dagger through her heart. Everything with Micah is passion, excitement and an uncontrollable desire to explore his body in a variety of very satisfying ways. But as buried secrets, ongoing lies and murderous deceptions pile up, Ella is reminded that she and Micah's relationship was based on a curse. In order to forge a future together, Ella and Micah will have to face down their personal demons—and prove that love and trust are more than just words.

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From Reader Review Dark Secrets for online ebook

Jess says

This was *way* better than the last book. Now I really want more. I love how much the romance was truly developed and realistic in this one. It was not all based on soulmate bonds, but actual experiences and emotions. Besides that, some moments were seriously fucked up... in a good way? ish? I mean it was fucked up in an interesting, plot-twisty, captivating way. There was messed up shit in that book, but you can't help but turn the pages anyway.

Anna-marie Buchner says

Riveting, Breath Holding, Heart Stopping

Dark Secrets Book #3 (Dark Series) by Madeline Pryce

Wow wasn't sure what to expect but let me tell you, from the moment you start this read you are so captivated you totally lose track of time. So make sure when you sit down you have nothing else planned. You Will Not Be Able To Put It Down. Trust me.

The Bond between Ella and Micah was strong or was it, since they didn't have a choice. Was their bond strictly lust or was there something deeper, to the soul and to the heart. Both these two struggle to keep their dark sides down, but with so much thrown at them is it really possible. When a secret Micah has been holding back from Ella comes to the fore front will this destroy them?

When Castro lets the cat out of the bag regarding Micah's mother and her whereabouts the crap hits the fan. The look in Ella's eyes tells Micah how hurt and betrayed she feels. With so many emotions running rampant the situation becomes volatile. With Ella questioning Micah's faithfulness, the upcoming trial, the coronation dinner Ella has to attend with her Sire and Ex-Lover Julian without Micah, her Uncle Roy having a heart attack and Micah nowhere around to comfort her. And of course Julian's reminder that he's there for her and Micah is not. Just seems like everything is coming to a head and explodes out.

When Ella is introduced as the "Queen of the Vampires" on the Arm of Julian (an arrangement agreed upon by Micah to save Ella's life) the turn of events are unbelievable. Julian made a deal with Richard McGregor (the devil himself LOL) and is given the Laminas Animarum "Blade of Souls" to use on Ella to force her by his side and away from Micah, but it backfires and boy does it ever. While reading the scenes that follow, your emotions are all over the place. When Micah feels the death strike and the bond break between he and Ella you will feel every bit of pain he does.

Does Ella get her soul back? With the bond broken is there still a connection between Micah and Ella? Not telling. Will the prophecy come to fruition? Oh yes and one twist I so didn't see coming, Julian appears at the trial and what he does (as much as I hated him) was amazing and puts a different light on everything. Madeline did not disappoint where the sex scenes were concerned. OMG the bathroom/shower scene, the various bedroom scenes are passionate and hot. And we can't forget the devil himself Richard McGregor oh

does he so get his. 5* and what's the title for the next book?

Plamena says

5 Awesome Stars!!!

This is the second installment of Ella and Micah's story. I liked it even more than the first one! The story just gets better with each new book and novella.

“Man. Demon. Fuckup. Protector. Killer. Lover. Hers.”

Dark Secrets is an amazing book. I really enjoyed reading it and I am officially a HUGE Madeline Pryce fan! What I absolutely love about this series is that the story is very intriguing (once you get into it...you can't put it down), the characters are awesome (alpha male + badass heroine), the writing style is great (even though I would have preferred if there was a bit more dialogue) and the steamy parts are just unbelievably HOT!!!

The story:

Ella and Micah's relationship is put on the ultimate test. They both are going through a rough patch.

Ella's life had changed drastically- she is now the Vampire Queen (she doesn't want this 'position' but she doesn't have any choice), she feels moody and guilty; she has lost the connection with the mate (Micah) and doesn't know how to go back to her old self.

“She'd been so out of it lately, moody and emotional—nothing like my girl. Then again, I hadn't been acting like her man either.”

Micah has found out that his mother is still alive and is held against her will in a hospital where people are using her as a guinea pig. He plans to save her and to kill the person responsible for all his troubles- Richard. He is too afraid to tell Ella what is going on in his head so he keeps his distance from her. He is also more than pissed that his mate has to attend an event with her ex-lover and sire- Julian. But Ella learns his secrets and is more than ready to help him. But it won't be that easy. Their enemies have a plan how to destroy them. But in order for Ella and Micah to go against them, they both will have to face their personal demons first.

I loved, loved, loved it!!! I seriously enjoyed every word. Ella and Micah are becoming one of my favorite book couples! No matter what happens to them their love never fails. I just can't wait for the next book in the

series!!!

““Come back to me,” I whispered”.
“Always.”

Kiki Sidira says

Well, what can I say?

Madeline's Dark series, are definitely worth reading again and again!

This one is more intense, in every aspect. The secrets are darker, the emotions stronger, the consequences harsher.

I certainly enjoyed the ride, which left me an emotional mess afterwards (but who cares!) and gladly re-read the book!

I liked the way the plot was laid out, with the ups and downs, changing whatever we could possibly think as the outcome, in less than a heartbeat!

I loved the way Madeline skipped from one point of view to another, thus offering us a variety of emotions and thoughts, in situations that would, otherwise, have us guessing. I went from troubled to released to hurt to confused and absolutely adored every second of it!

Jenni Copeland Belanger says

book 2 in the series. if you love vampire stories this is one you must read. It is the next chapter of the lives of Ella and Micah. Not happy with were there relationship is at, the tribulations continue. Micah feels like Ella is not telling everything, while Ella is rising as the Vampire Queen. Is their love only because of the curse or is there more? Never forget Julian who turned Ella to begin with. filled with HOT moments and Sex, and strife. If this is your Genre, you will enjoy reading this book.

Norma Mills says

First off, this book was given to me as part of a Read& Review for an honest review.

Just when you thought the series could not get better... IT DOES! I have been biting my nails to get a copy of the second book in the Dark Series and I was N-O-T disappointed! The development of Hannah was great, and watching Ella and Micah deal with their own demons (pun intended), I will not say who/what/how, since I feel any hint will give away the best parts, but it was great to see wrenches thrown into the cog! It is hard to do a review without being able to say things because I feel an idea or even one word about something will give it away, but... DAMN!!!

Nevermind the sex.. HOT HOT HOT! Fifty Shades has NOTHING on this series!!! It is good... It is mind blowing... and once again, my husband is very happy I have read this series!!!! If you are even remotely

prudeish.. DONT READ THIS! If you love hot, steamy, dream sex... READ NOW!

Sunny says

ARC REVIEW: 4.5 stars

I had a little anxiety before I started this book. I really, really, enjoyed *Dark Cravings* and I wondered which direction the author would take this story. Book two in a series is a little tricky, especially if it is a sequel to a romance. After all, the hero and heroine are already together. The conflict introduced to separate our pair has to be such that either or both sides are redeemable. We already love them together, what will happen to them to separate their love? I am happy to say that Madeline Pryce delivers and then some.

Ella is struggling with her new role as a vampire queen. Her primal nature is to conquer and control with no regard to blood and death. But her humanity keeps her darker sided balanced. But for how long? What kind of leader will Ella be and will there be room for Micah? Micah is seeking the truth behind a newly revealed family secret. It haunts him and impacts his self-esteem. This journey casts uncertainty to Micah and Ella's relationship.

The writing is crisp. The tone is both serious and humorous; the pace is quick and intense; the love scenes are erotic. I thought the hospital scene in the original book was hot, but this has one of the most intense shower scenes I can remember reading. It is fiercely passionate and emotional.

I enjoyed the direction the author took this story. She drew me in, took me to a fantastic and satisfying place and then, BAM! She knocked me for a loop. It is a highly entertaining read and I found myself smiling (when I wasn't gasping in surprise) throughout the entire book.

An ultimately satisfying sequel, *Dark Secrets* is a perfect companion in this potent PNR series. I would not recommend it as a stand alone, but it is essential as a sequel.

Kirsty Bicknell says

Is it fair of me to compare *Dark Secrets* with its prequel, *Dark Cravings*? The first book is only one of three that I have rated with 6 hearts on my blog, *All in One Place*, and I hoped that I would feel as excited by this installment, but unfortunately, this wasn't the case.

Madeline Pryce's writing still flows perfectly and the secrets her paranormal world is hiding are compelling, but the story itself is full of angst, which makes reading drag at times.

I was disappointed that there is little character development, apart from in Hannah, who reveals a strong set of new talents. I wanted to see more of the badass Ella I loved in *Dark Cravings*, but instead she has retreated into a shell and I found the changes which happen to her later in the book disturbing. Although I understand why she acts like such, and I know that it ultimately makes her stronger, I felt some of the scenes Madeline Pryce imagines are unnecessarily shocking.

And Micah? My sexy hero is now beyond brooding and even ignoring his mating bond. The information he discovers about his familial background adds another dimension to the plot and the anger Micah experiences because of this, increases the power of his demon side.

Because of the nature of Ella and Micah's paranormal genes Madeline Pryce again writes several intense and

rule-breaking sex scenes. The couple sees this as a demonstration of their love for one another and my favourite quote from Micah is still "MINE", I was unconvinced, hoping to see their relationship move on. Although I am fully aware that this an EROTIC paranormal romance and sex is a normal part of every relationship, I felt that at least one of the sex scenes was just 'there', serving no actual purpose. I am still really interested in Eli and I think the revelations about him could easily be explored in his own story, showing him controlling his new identity, away from the alcoholic man whose he is now! Dark Secrets is full with paranormal action and new discoveries. Madeline Pryce has a brilliant control over the plot; the reader is always one step ahead of the characters, preempting events because of the dual narration by Ella and Micah. I think in Dark Promises we will witness an explosion of incidents, which leaves me eager to read the series' climax!

Jeanny says

Immediately after reading the first book in this duo-logy (? + novella) I purchased the second & truly I don't regret it. This book invoked some serious reactions from me. It ranged from annoyance (especially with all the me crap the protagonist went through), suspicion, confusion, surprise (Julian really surprised me when he decided to make a bargain with Richard) to anger & on & on. It was equally fast paced as the first & just as complex a plot. I rate this book 4 stars only bc I am not a fan of babies & marriage. I guess i'm just a bit nonconformist when it comes to my fiction...

I've yet to read the novella involving Hannah & honestly she's not interesting to me. So I don't foresee me picking that up. However should my suspicions infact not be accurate & my suspected duo-logy be a series I'd likely pick up book 3. If it ends here even with the few loose threads I'm ok with it. It wrapped up rather nicely.

Ms. Ali Cat says

REVIEW:

Ella and Micah are settling into their new relationship and with new love comes all those horrible insecurities that make people act like they have emotionally transmitted diseases. Both lovers are feeling raw, itchy, sore, suspect and there is some burning when they get pissy. In the case of Ella and Micah there are fireballs bouncing around rooms and walls going up in flames. Things aren't all rainbows and unicorn crap in the demon, vampire romance theater--it's more pain-bows and bullshit.

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There's More:

Madeline Pryce has just released the cover of her upcoming Dark Series novel Dark Secrets. Dark Secrets is the second book in this series and continues the story of Ella and Micah and their hummidy-hummah hot and spicy love that is full of biting, snarking and lovely slapping and tickling. Dark Secrets will be released on July 11, 2014 from Ellora's Cave.

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Sherry Fundin says

Spoiler alert: Dark Secrets, Book II in the Dark Series, Ella's story continues.

Dark Secrets is a fast paced, action packed paranormal romance novel.

Ella had worked for The Shadow Agency as a vampire hunter. She had killed without thought.

Vampires and demons – bad. Humans – good.

Since her death by Lizbeth and her full change from human to vampire, her black and white world has gone gray. Her ability to tell the difference between them was growing dimmer. Now I was the enemy and on trial for my life.

I am the Vampire Queen, since I had killed Lizbeth, the Vampire Queen before me. I inherited all she owned. I now rule vampires and werewolves. The prophecy foretold that the vampire queen and demon son would wreak havoc and destruction and so far Micah and I had fulfilled it. We knew what they were really talking about is the child we were supposed to produce.

Ella and Micah had husband and wife difficulties, just like us mortals. She questioned – does he still want me, does he still love me? Vampires and demons are insecure too.

Madeline's articulate descriptions of the characters allow me to see them in my mind, as if they are standing before me. Her ability to describe the surroundings and action run through my mind as if they are a scene in a movie.

I was pissed when Madeline made Ella a wuss. How can you take a badass hunter/killer and turn her into an insecure, doubting crybaby?

“...your emotions are all over the place, like you swallowed crazy pills or some shit. You aren't my Ella. My Ella fights, kicks, punches and screams. She doesn't cry...”

Pretty much covers my question. I guess if I went from a human, with my job hunting and killing vampires, to becoming a vampire queen with superpowers, I might be afraid and confused. Afraid of what I might do. Afraid I couldn't control myself and my powers. Now she is forced to make a decision. She must act like a queen or step aside.

When Julian made his move – OMG I was blown away. It can't be. So not what I anticipated. I am in a hurry to find out Micah's reaction.

Madeline's writing has me engrossed from page one. The action begins and never ends. My emotions run from happy and laughing to devastated and stunned. Just when I think I know what is coming, she throws a curve ball that makes me shake my head and say, “Well done, Madeline. You got me there.” I love when an author can add that extra something that leaves a lasting impression on me.

I received a Dark Secrets by Madeline Pryce ebook in return for an honest and unbiased review.

Holy fucking shit. Karma – the bitch – had cashed in my meal ticket and tried to send me to hell.

“If this is about leaving the toilet seat up, I’ll stop bitching about it.” “The toilet seat? What? Jesus fucking Christ . I just threw a fireball at you and you’re talking about the crapper?”

Madeline manages to weave some humor in with the dark and violent.

K.K. says

[and perhaps their son's (hide spoiler)]

Cindy says

Favorite Quotes

Dark-red lines dripped in a horizontal gash on Micah’s cheek, caused most likely by the flying debris, but he didn’t seem to notice. Dirt smudged his bare chest, and pieces of wood tangled in his shaggy golden hair.

The shadow inside me—my feral inner

vampire—just as much a part of me as my fangs and beating heart, preened at the sight of sweaty, dirty, alpha male.

Lethal. Deadly. Demon.

Mine.

Micah wore nothing except athletic shorts slung low on his hips, his normal attire when we trained together—something we hadn’t been doing much of lately. The stark, crimson lines of our mating tattoos traced his hip, curved down over defined muscles and disappeared beneath the band of his shorts. Water dripped from his hair, plastering the dark strands in clumps to his forehead and nape. Each breath flexed an impressive show of muscle in his chest and abs. Good to know his assassination attempt hadn’t damaged my hormones.

I moved my gaze from the trail of hair down his stomach to the hand he held fisted at his side. The flesh smoldered. I looked from his smoking fist to the hole where the wall used to be.

I turned back to Micah, used a thumb to gesture behind me. “If this is about leaving the toilet seat up, I’ll stop bitching about it.”

“The toilet seat? What?” He shook his head. “Jesus fucking Christ. I just threw a fireball at you and you’re talking about the crapper? Are you okay?”

“Redecorating again, I see,” Castro said, his British accent sexifying his words.

I glanced at Micah and glared. “He threw a fireball at my head.”

Micah scowled at me, the skin around his eyes wrinkling. “On. Accident.”

I loved Ella, I did, but the bond between us was suffocating at times. I couldn’t breathe without her knowing about it. My mother was alive and a part of a breeding program if Castro’s information from two weeks ago was accurate. I was a demon. How could I tell Ella I was a product of rape? She’d never look at me the same. My mother had probably suffered god only knew what so that I could be born. My very existence spoke of pain and violence. I couldn’t wrap my mind around it and I sure as fuck didn’t want to talk about it. So I’d avoided it—avoided her.

Mistake. She'd looked at me as if I'd kicked her in the stomach. Newsflash, this crap wasn't a piece of cake for me either. The last two weeks had been hell. Not touching her, not taking her, not feeling her writhing beneath me while she made those sweet-as-fuck sounds was agony. The longer I went without losing myself inside her, the hotter I burned. Today I'd reached my limit. Fuck. I'd thrown a goddamn fireball at her, watched with horror as she stood there staring death in the face. There'd been a moment, a split-second choice I'd seen in her eyes when she'd decided to succumb to the dark. She'd been so out of it lately, moody and emotional—nothing like my girl. Then again, I hadn't been acting like her man either.

This book was given in exchange for an honest review.

Micah and Ella are at a junction and are torn between love and their duty. They are not sure if it is love or lust, they need to know if it is a true mate bond or something else. They both feel each is keeping secrets. They both need to come to terms with their lives. There are several problems that they need to solve. Shadow Agency trying to bring Ella down, Julian wants Ella for himself, Ella wants to protect Hannah and Hannah does not need Ella to protect her, Will Ella and Micah figure out their relationship in time? Or will Julian and the Shadow Agency destroy them? How will Ella being the Vampire Queen come into play? Reading the story is the only way to find out.

I love Ms. Pryce's stories, she never disappoints you. This story like her others will keep you on the edge of your seat and wanting more. There is hot, wild, and steam sex. If you can't handle reading about it then this is not the story for you. The plot is easy to follow; the characters are developing more and more with each story. I am so ready for the next book in the series.

FIVE VAMP ANGELS

EndlessReading says

OMG! Love, Love, Love!!!

UPDATE:

Firstly I want to thank Madeline for kindly providing me with a copy of "Dark Secrets" to read and review for this blog tour.

Things will no longer be the same for Micah & Ella as she is now the Vampire Queen and the Shadow Agency are after her for a crime she didn't commit, they think she bit a human....little do they know that Micah isn't a human....he's far from it...he's a fricking HOT ASS demon!!!!!!

This guy is sexy as hell, the sex scenes between him & Ella just keep getting raunchier and raunchier as his demon side is coming to the surface...

Julian is up to his wicked ways also....after Micah made a deal with him when he saved Ella's life she has to be by his side for functions and balls.....will he win her heart back?

Will she cave into his love again?

We thought things were going to well for everyone, until Micah learns the truth of his parents....all isn't as it

would seem, lies have been told, secrets have been kept and things between Ella & Micah are strained because of the secrets.....

When a tragedy occurs and Micah is no where to be found, Ella turns to the one who is there for her, the one who professes his undying love for her....Julian...

There are lots of twists and turns in this story, there's love and laughter, but pain and torture too.

I LOVED the psycho Ella, yes, she needs to be more like this in the next book....maybe Pryce will make her....after all she is the Vampire Queen...

What will happen now between Micah and Ella?

Will she be the Vampire Queen she's meant to be?

Will Micah's demon side continue to push to the forefront?

Will Eli get his HEA?

Angie says

~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads Review Team~

This is the second book in the series, if you haven't read Dark Cravings and Dark Innocence you should read those before reading Dark Secrets. Micah and Ella have been together several months and things are getting tense. They each wonder if the bond between them is the only thing keeping them together or if they really would be together without the bond. Julian is once again causing issues and so is Richard. Micah is keeping secrets from Ella and she is devastated, she fears he has cheated on her when that is further from the truth. These two must learn to trust each other and their feelings for each other in order to not only survive but stay together. This was an awesome story yet again! It is my new favorite paranormal series and I can't wait to read Castro's story next!

Characters: so well written you can feel, smell and taste everything the characters are going through

Sex: off the charts hot!

Religious: no

Would I recommend to others: yes

More than one book in the series: yes

Genre: Paranormal Romance

Would I read more by this author: yes

~Wicked Reads Review Team~

