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Years ago, family loyalty caused Fain Hauk to give up everything he loved: His military career. His planet. His fiancée. Even his name.

Now decades later, everything has changed. He's built a new life out of the ashes of his old, and he's vowed to never let anything threaten his loved ones again.

But when old enemies align themselves with new ones, he's caught in the middle of a brutal war. And when fate throws his former fiancée back into his world and she has her own agenda that includes taking his head for what he did to her years ago, more than just his life is at stake. The fate of the Ichidian universe and that of his brothers-in-arms hangs in the balance. Winner take all.

It's killed or be killed, and never has the battle been more fierce...

Or more fun.

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Ivy says

5 stars

Another good book in the League series. Glad to finally read Fain and Galene's story. Also glad that Fain found out that Talyn was his son. Nice to see all the other characters back. Hope Fain and Galene have a long and happy life together. Also hope they will be able to rescue Jullien and get Andaria back. Can't wait to read *Born of Legend*!!!

Pamela(AllHoney) says

The tenth book in *The League* series by Sherrilyn Kenyon. Twenty-something years before Fain Hauk of the Warring Blood Clan of Hauk, was rejected by his fiancée. When he marries a human, his family rejects him and he is cast out of his home. Now, as a Travali he is elected to assist the Andarion Prime Commander with negotiations. But the Prime Commander is Galene Batur of the Winged Blood Clan of Batur, his ex-fiancée. Can they put the past behind them for the sake of the Alliances?

I have learned that Sherrilyn Kenyon loves to write tortured heroes. (And a few tortured heroines!) I know that each and every story will have scenes that are hard for me to take. Still I love them. But truly, compare to some of her other heroes, Fain didn't have it quite so bad. He didn't have it great by any means though. Galene was a strong woman who came to hate Fain for what she believed he had done. She faced tough times herself. But she soldiered on. I'm glad she didn't kill Fain, even if she felt she had good reasons.

The story had a lot going on. Lots of characters making appearances. New ones introduced. The stage was set for future books. Because of this I did feel Fain and Galene didn't get as much page time as I'd have liked. But I didn't feel like the romance suffered. I just wanted more! And of course, the cliffhanger at the end just frustrated me. Now I have to wait for the next book in the series. Grrr. FYI, to those who have not read this series, I do recommend reading the series in order.

Amber says

Tavali Space Pirate Fain Hauk is assigned to be an escort to Commander Batur and her Second in Command Talyn Batur not knowing that they are his wife and son when the League and Andarion Government places a hit on their family and friends. Will they be able to survive and be able to save everyone? Read and find out.

This was a pretty good installment of the League series by Sherrilyn Kenyon. There is tons of action, romance, and more. Definitely check this series out if you like all I have stated plus Space Pirates. This book is available at your local library and wherever books are sold.

Colleen says

I absolutely adore Fain! After reading Born of Fury and learning about the depth of Fain's character. I have always had a soft spot for this big Andarion that hides his vulnerable self behind sarcasm.

Why, oh why do we have to wait!

Maria Itliong says

Sherrilyn Kenyon did it again. I loved her League Series, Dark-Hunters Series and Chronicles of Nick. Born of betrayal is the story of Fain and Galene and this book made me cry and laugh with their antics and dialogue. Now I can't wait for the next book in these series since it's the story of Nykyrian's brother Jullien.

valee says

I simply adore this series, there's no other like it. I've been in love with the Hauk brothers from the beginning, so I knew I would really enjoy reading Fain's story. It was great how we got to give closure to many things that had been unanswered till now. Also we've been reading about Fain through all the previous books, but we never got to read his story in detail. It was everything I wanted it to be. Fain finally gets everything he deserves and has been dreaming of since he was a boy.

In this installment we get to read about him crossing paths with his childhood's fiancée, the love of his life which he had abandoned in order to save his brother's life. In a world where destruction, war and unfairness are common coin, we get to see how Fain starts reconstructing his life once again. The only problem was that Galene was more inclined to shot him in the head than forgiving him. Luckily Fain is a resourceful kind of guy, even though wining a wife and a son altogether wasn't proving to be easy.

Reading about Fain achieving his goals and turning his life upside-down was great. I truly enjoyed this read and the world building behind the story. As usual this amazing and original world is like anything I have read before and I enjoy every detail and character. I could read books in this series forever. Unheard world, travels through the galaxy, unknown species and numerous different cultures, what's not to love about the Sentella and their huge family?

The only thing I felt lacking in this book was the fact that, as we already knew very well all the main characters, the element of surprise was missing. No suspense, no emotion from what was to come, no getting to know the characters and their stories. But still, it was a great ending and a story that needed to be told.

P.S. Why do I have the feeling we already read about Nyk's daughter? I tried searching the previous installments but couldn't find anything. But I feel like we already read about her. I liked how she couldn't stop checking Gavarian out.

Aimee says

There is an extended preview in SON OF NO ONE, and I am ALREADY dying for this one! Cannot wait to see how Fain and Galene get together...

AL says

Let's just say this series is a phenomenon. Ms. Kenyon tested all of my emotions in this book. It was not only the story of Fain Hauk and the Andarion woman he pledged to, Galene Batur but also involved everyone else we have met. Galene Batur was assigned to lead the Alliance with Fain Hauk, an army of all the nation who sided to be against The League. As we know a war has begun in the previous book and in this book, few years has passed. The League against the Sentella and its allies continues. Old enemies of the Andarion royal family appeared with their own agenda to dethrone the Tadara and brought down the palace that wiped families and friends out who were in it. Secrecy continues. Twists and turns that kept me on the edge of my very seat. Anxiousness and learning so much about the Tavali nation and their tradition including a man named Trajen Thaumarturgus, leader of the True Black Flag Nation, the first of the Tavali clan, known by all Tavali nations as a phantom or ghost and awed by joined the war (view spoiler)

This book was CRAZY GOOD. Unexpected outcomes! Such as learning about a side of Jullien that no one has never seen or heard. Kenyon showed us the life Jullien had and how it was not what we knew but entirely something else. After the downfall of the old Tadara, Jullien left and hid himself (view spoiler)

This book had many cute, sad, funny and incredibly inspiring moments. Laughed many times. Loved the talk between Fain and Venik. The interaction between Fain and his son, Talyn would make you smile, tear up and laugh as Talyn is just like his father. My heart broke for Fain when he found out he has a son. And also how Fain can't give (view spoiler) This family has endured so much pain and lost that it's enough. But alas, they are together now. I love how the ending Thia and Gavarian hit it off. Good thing Nykyrian wasn't there or otherwise Gavarian would have been a toast! Amazing story. Made me sad that I finished it. I absolutely cannot wait for the next book! It's Ushara's and Dagger's.

Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says

3.5 Stars

Leaving Galene Batur was one of the hardest things Fain Hauk has had to do, and he's had to do a lot. But, he had no choice, it was either break of their betrothal and his brother lives, or marry Galene and his brother dies. However, he had no idea the consequences of his decision until he sees her again...with the son he never knew even existed. Neither Galene or Fain's life has been easy in the years since their last disastrous meeting, but The League is attacking and they must put aside old hurts to keep those they love safe and perhaps even rekindle what they left behind, before life got in the way.

I feel like I have been waiting forever for Fain Hauk's book, ever since he first appeared I have been dying to know what has happened in his past, we have gotten brief glimpses, but it isn't until now that we see the full

tragic story. Of course, this is a Sherrilyn Kenyon book, it's bound to be tragic and torturous in some way, and yes I do write that with an affectionately exasperated sigh, I've said it before and I will repeat, Kenyon has some kind of sadistic streak going through her. I can't think of one single character of hers that doesn't have a fucked up past, I swear if she ever has a single character who is well adjusted and hasn't been either, beaten, tortured, raped, shunned, kidnapped or abused I might die of pure shock.

I was in no danger of dying of shock with *Born of Betrayal* Fain and Galene ticked off enough on the above list to be a standard Kenyon character. That disappointed me a little bit, mainly because I wanted Fain to stand out in this series in some way sadly he didn't, like I said he was a standard Kenyon character in a standard Kenyon story, which as much as I enjoy I wanted more for him. However, I obviously like Kenyon's standard, after all this is book 8 (or 9 depends where you check!) in this series and I am still reading.

Born of Betrayal as you may have guessed from the blurb is a second chance romance, Fain and Galene haven't seen each other for a long time, but right from the start you can see there are strong feelings still from both sides. Even if those feelings start off as slightly hostile...! I really enjoyed watching them soften towards one another as the truth of their shared past comes out and they both reconnect, it wasn't quite the explosive romance I wanted, but it was nice. It was also adorable to see Fain trying to get into his long lost son's good books, something Talyn, who you may remember is the hero from the previous book *Born of Defiance*, is having none of.

There was also a bit of a revelation in this book about an old enemy, which really shocked me and has me impatient to read the next book to see what will happen next. This is a good book in this series even though I was slightly disappointed with it, mainly because I have been looking forward to Fain's book for so long and the romance wasn't as passionate as I imagined it would be. However, I will be reading the next one as soon as I can get my hands on it!

Gary says

five out of five so much is happening in this book the war is definitely on there are ups and downs I loved this book and the whole series can't wait for the next one

Jen Davis says

At a time where I am feeling very disconnected from Sherrilyn Kenyon's Dark Hunter series, I am happy to report that I enjoyed this latest League book. I did have some issues, but I liked both main characters and their second chance at love story, especially with their grown son a major player in the story.

This is finally Fain's book, and Kenyon primed us well with Talyn's story in the last installment. We've seen the fallout from Fain's decision to leave Galene all those years ago. Her social standing was ruined and their son lived a life beneath even the lowest castes of society, since he had no paternal lineage. Fain went off and married a human woman, despite his betrothal to Galene and, well, everyone ended up suffering for it.

Kenyon loves taking scenarios that seem to be one thing, then showing us that they were really something else. Like with *Darling*. Or *Styx*. Now we see the real circumstances that took Fain away from Galene. It

wasn't that he loved his human, but rather, he was forced to leave Galene to save lives. And when he finds out about Talyn --and the fallout from his absence-- it rocks him to the core.

Fain and Galene are thrown together again on a mission where they must work together and they have a lot to work through. Neither ever really knew what the other endured, but the love that was between them has never died. They have to overcome years of heartbreak and hard knocks to make their way back to each other. Throw Talyn in the mix and a constant threat to the lives of Fain's loved ones --and things don't slow down for a moment.

I really believed in the emotional connection between Fain and Galene. I also felt the deep hurt he inflicted -- as well as the equally deep remorse he felt as a result. Talyn's loyalty to his mother and anger over his father's choice to leave gave a great additional layer to the dynamic. I liked that we finally got what felt like a missing part of the story in the last book.

Old favorites like Nyk, Jayne and the Sentella play a big role in the second half, which I loved. But here is where it also started to get hairy. There are so many characters, I found myself starting to get lost... which is what has driven me away from the Dark Hunter books (though not to that extreme just yet.) There are just too many names to keep straight --not the past core couples, but all of their family members and friends, plus connections we never even knew about. It's even dicier when you think about what you know from the second generation flash forwards from Born of Ice and "Fire and Ice." Kenyon's website has a great character guide, but I don't want to have to consult reference material every time I read one of her books.

My other complaint is really the familiar misery each hero seems to have. He was mistreated and abused. His heroine is the only woman who has ever made him feel worthwhile. Plus now, Kenyon's new bonus theme of "the untold story you never knew the truth about." She does all of this well, but the themes and tones are just becoming too familiar.

All that said, there is a reason Kenyon has found success with this formula. Despite the familiarity... despite the overwhelming number of characters... I liked the book. I was happy with the ending. And I was intrigued by where she is going for the next book. Even though it's a hero whose story we thought we knew but were totally wrong about. And who was never loved and everyone hates him but the woman he loves. But I'll deal with that when I get to Born of Legend.

Rating: B

**ARC provided by publisher*

Sara Kate says

In so excited to FINALLY read Fain's story!! This book was jammed pack with so much action! I cried and gasped out loud and laughed and swooned. The League has to be on my top ten list of all time favorite series. Each book is a wonderful surprise and with all the "false alarms" made me realize how emotionally invested I am in this world and its characters. Loved every moment of this one!

Gianna says

Just finished reading my advanced copy of Born of Betrayal and as always Kenyon does not dissapoint! I'm not going to go into details, but will say I laughed, was at the edge of my seat, and even got misty eyed in certain points! All of the League books are amazing. As I read the last page I was upset that it was done, and wanted the next book immediatly. Oh well...I begin impatiently waiting for the next one!

Kristalia says

Final rating: 6/5 stars

This is game changing book we have been expecting for a while - and it's direct sequel of Born of Defiance, even though it happens much much later - but events and people who are in this book are closely related to the BoD. There is also a conclusion to Talyn and Felicia's story (which is everything I had ever wanted) and these two books are best to be read one after another as soon as possible because they form a single story.

So far, this is my my absolute favorite book in the whole League series because it was half about the couple and half about what is happening in the Universe at the moment (and there was a lot going on), thus giving us insight in new characters we should be keeping our eyes on, and old characters who have redeemed for their past actions (one of them is in the next book).

There were a lot of shock bombs in this book - I *definitely* didn't expect so many plot twists. After a while I stopped being shocked as I waited for more bombs to strike me down. And that was great!

This was definitely an emotional ride and I cried and my heart squeezed in my chest when I got around 60%... But it was amazing sequel and I loved it (view spoiler).

STORY & CHARACTERS:

The story continues many years later after Talyn and Felicia's book (in other words, present time).

Cairistiona's mother, Eriadne is captured, Jullien is on the run but the threat still remains. The war against the League is coming - and they are not the only threat for safety of everyone who has declared the war on League.

The Alliance has decided to appoint Galene Batur as the leader of the forces. That includes Phrixian, Caronese, Qillaq, Andarion and Tavalii forces. Tavalii is a nation that has been at war with Andarions for years but the threat League represents is a common ground for the two nations. What Galene didn't expect is that Tavalii representative would be none other but her arch-enemy - none other than Fain: the Andarion who broke their pledge to marry a human and who brought nothing but misery to Talyn and Galene's life. So she does the only thing reasonable - she shoots him the moment she sees his face. What a touching (asdjadk what the f is going on are you insane is anyone of you sane what - everyone screams and panic until they figure out Fain is still alive) between the two.

contains very light spoilers

◆ ***Fain Hawk*** a Rogue pilot in Tavalian army. Having lost everything he cared about, he ended up in Tavali forces (and not by his own choice). Tavalian nation is a place where everyone can be something based on their abilities and strength - where status is earned and not given by birthright. But these years haven't been kind to Fain - two years after he lost his human wife, Omira, to her suicide, he was captured by Tavali and enslaved, even (view spoiler). Now, he rose in rank and by saving his master's (Braxen Venik's) life, he is now a member of Venik family, as well as a member of Royal family (recently) - the moment Cairie adopted Dancer, she adopted Fain as well. But Dancer is the only family member who still accepts him and loves him after everything that happened. What he didn't expect is to meet Galene again in his life. The very woman he left when they were teens, a moment after which he was made an Outcast. Worst of all, he didn't even know that he has a son - and even worse - they fought on the opposite sides for many years and never noticed.

I liked Fain while I was reading the previous books. I didn't expect to love Fain as much as I do after reading his book, in fact - i started loving him even more. Even though he left Galene, he never - ever - stopped loving her. In fact, he had no other choice but to leave her (and it was completely justified). So after reading everything he said, I figured out he *deserves* his second chance. Especially with Galene. Most of all, he was kind, honorable and even tolerable to Galene's whims. But his guilt ate him inside - especially after he found out what happened to Galene and their son.

◆ ***Galene Batur*** advanced much in her life. After being heartbroken by Fain, and birthing their son, Talyn, she tried as much as possible to help Talyn through his life being that his status as a lack-Vest (an outcast father) earned him a lot of degradation and trouble. After Eriadne was captured, she rose in status and now she became a leader of Alliance's forces (courtesy of Nykyrian). But one thing didn't change - there was only one man whom she loved and whom she always will. Never in her life had she wanted anyone else, except for Fain. For her Talyn was the center of her tiny world after they were both abandoned by her's and Fain's family. Now she both despises Fain for what he did but can't help but feel happy that their paths crossed again. But forgiveness doesn't come easily, especially not from someone as jaded as her.

If there was something that made me dislike Galene, it was her judgmental nature - one that manifests as soon as one word she doesn't like is said. She is so quick to judge Fain, that he had a lot of hard time having to beg her to listen to him. She comes so quickly to conclusions, gets even angrier and is bound to hurt the target of her anger in rapid succession. But overall, despite her main fault, she was interesting, strong and capable woman, clear set on destroying everything that hurts her precious family.

◆ ***Fain and Galene*** had a lot to get over with - if you read Kenyon's books, especially Darling and Zarya's you would pretty much be correct if you thought they were the main couple of this book. True love is something that is hard to forget - especially if something got in the way of it in the first place. Galene and Fain had to go through a lot of things and challenges to understand they both need each other.

◆ ***Talyn Batur & Felicia*** are back again. After the conclusion of the last book, we found out that their statuses never changed - Talyn still cannot marry Felicia, unless Cairistiona adopts him or Fain does it first. Since he came with Galene on her mission, he meets his father for the first time - and given how much he suffered because he wasn't there - he doesn't hate him for himself, he dislikes him because of what he did to his mother. Now Fain has to prove to both Galene and Talyn to earn their respect again.

Overall, this book had everything that I wanted to see in Talyn and Felicia's book (view spoiler). I was so glad to see Talyn and Felicia happy - as they deserved to be.

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There were a lot of characters in this book. Among them, we get to see Nykyrian (which even has a POV inserted, I was so happy), Maris, Ryn (we find out more about his life and his family), Safir, Syn, Caillen, Dancer, Nero & Hadrian & Jayne (where we find out more significant information about Nero, Hadrian and what they can do and their heritage and family), Qory and Morra, and many more.

But among the new ones we meet Ryn's mother Hermione and the rest of his family (view spoiler); then Venik and his family members who play important parts (view spoiler), and lastly Ushera (view spoiler) who is the main character of the next book. We also find out about Kyr and what drove him to insanity, and we find out what happened to Jullien - at least a part of the whole story (view spoiler). Another interesting addition to the character list is an enigmatic character called Thaumarturgus that no one meets and lives to tale the tale... unless he wants them too. I am highly interested in him and I wish for him to have his own book (as well as Kyr). I probably missed some characters, but now you see - there is a lot of them in this book, which made it even more enjoyable.

OVERALL:

FANTASTIC sequel and everything I ever wanted in the League book. Waiting for the next one will be such a hard thing to do... But I am glad I waited for Fain's book to come out so I read them both in 3 days and I don't regret investing my time in this series. I have read almost 50 Kenyon's books and I just love her stories. All in all, this deserves all 6 stars (exceeding expectations) from me.



MY THE LEAGUE REVIEWS:

- ? Born of Night (The League, #1)
 - ? Cloak & Silence (The League, #7)
 - ? Born of Fury (The League, #8)
 - ? Born of Defiance (The League, #9)
 - ? Born of Betrayal (The League, #10)
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Marta Cox says

We've been teased with the truth about what Fain Hauk has gone through for several books now and now hot on the heels of his son Talyn's book Born of Defiance we finally get all the gory details. He not only sacrificed his own future when he ended his bonding to Galene all those years ago but unknown to Fain he also left her pregnant and unwanted by her own family. The Andarians are a harsh race with strict codes and yet Galene found the strength to pursue her career whilst raising Talyn single handedly. They say love and hate are two sides of the same coin and if that is true then I wouldn't want to be Fain if he ever meets the woman he scorned but you guessed it pain is about to keep coming Fain's way! Galene has earned her role as commander of the alliance forces but it's felt she will need help negotiating

with some factions. Well who should show up but the one male that Galene would happily kill but with war knocking at the door it's time to suck it up and come out on top. Working together means they must both confront the past but there is an insidious presence targeting them determined to aid the League . As old enemies rise up its time for the Sentella to start a head count as it looks like more and more of them are about to lose that which matters the most!

Wow this series is like a juggernaut that just keeps rolling on ! With so many characters and in this instalment we get to see them standing side by side. I won't say too much obviously but for this reader even though I wanted the idea of a happy ending for Fain and Galene it felt just a tad too quick. However this book is not just about the couple but is taking this series in a whole new direction. The author loves to torment her heroes but she also enjoys messing with the readers head and she tries to see if she can make the villain a hero! Expect twists and unexpected allies but be prepared to roll your eyes occasionally I'm afraid. Second chance romance seems to take a slight back seat here but what's truly fabulous is seeing Fain connect with Talyn. I've been waiting for Nero since the first book and the author doesn't disappoint as yes he is here but what is revealed has me salivating not just for his book but also a new character. What can I say? If you love this series then this book will be unmissable

Four and a half from me
