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In the autumn of 1915, Eleanore Jones is on the verge of becoming who she was always meant to be: a drákon of stunning beauty and strength. She has discovered she is not the last dragon in the world, as she'd long thought: not one but two drákon brothers vie for her heart. And just as Lora begins to embrace her destiny, yet another drákon enters her life—another female who, like her, has disguised herself as a student at the prestigious Iverson School for Girls. It's no coincidence. Secrets come unraveled; time comes undone. Soon all four of the drákon caught in Iverson's mysterious, enchanted world are going to have to confront a new enemy: an army of dragons, come to steal Lora away—and destroy anyone who attempts to stop them.

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?Eiko says

It's been close to 4 years since the previous book of the Sweetest Dark Series was released in 2013, and I had a feeling where the book was going. Being a fan of Ms. Abe's works I kept reading and re-reading her series whenever I was in a book stump and nothing would hold my interest. And I was surprised to find that every single time I re-read the books I always found something new I hadn't paid much attention to. This goes the same for Time Weaver, it ties things up with her adult Drakon series very well, and I was saddened to find out the fates of the protagonists of that book. There were a few things that tied up very well, but I wish there was a bit more explanation for some of the things, maybe it was my language barrier that didn't allow me to see beyond what the written words said, or perhaps it simply wasn't made clear. (view spoiler) Also, I felt that the connection that was taking root in the first book with both Armand and Jesse was coming along more natural for Eleanore, and the second book was very strongly placing them both together emotionally to the point they forged an attachment. But I didn't feel that strong connection in this one, almost as if Armand was more of an afterthought. Just because the emotional parts that's the very essence of Ms. Abe's works was a bit absent I would dock one star from this, but her prose is as always majestic and almost like a poem really. The delicious buildup is present, and the character development is as well. Definitely recommend it to anybody that loves dragons, fantasy, history, and romance <3

Bonny says

What a wonderful book

There are only two bad things I have to say about this book. 1 it took too long for it to come out. I'd just about forgot the story. 2 There are like three points I thought the book was over. Although, I liked them all. If you have read the others the you definitely need to read this book. If you've not read this series then please do yourself the right thing and start at the beginning. And of you haven't read any of the Dragon books, it wouldn't hurt to start at the very begging with The Smoke Thief.

Lauren says

Enjoyable, but I hated that it ended.

Jaclyn says

There is a cover!!!!! SQUUEEEEEEEE. one step closer to reading the book now:)

Jenn says

A tender conclusion to a beautiful series.

After such a long wait for the release of THE FIERCEST JOY, I took my time and reread through the previous two books before diving in to read straight through to the early morning hours. It's a strong personal belief that coffee was founded for just such causes as a good book immersion morning-after medication. Shana Abe has this beautiful ability to form a connection with her readers to the beauty, truth, and whit of her characters. The true ingeniousness of this story is how easy the reader can slip into a full immersion of the world. I did have one small complaint and that was the lack of storyline with Aubrey. It felt like his character had so much potential for life and then fell flat. I doubt that it would happen, but a short novella focused on Aubrey would quickly solve this issue. Overall it was a beautifully written conclusion to an enchanting series that I'm proud to have shelved in my book collection.

Jess (freaks over books) says

FINALLY. FINALLY, after YEARS waiting for the conclusion of the spectacular Drakon series, finally I have answers. This was a great conclusion to the series, it wrapped up everything perfectly and answered so many questions I had. The only issues I had are minor; a love triangle in Sweetest Dark, betwee Lora, Jesse and Armand, made sense, and in the Deepest Night, you could sense the love and trust building up between Armand and Lora, and I was so excited for this book to build on their love, a book where they can finally be together. That is why the beginning confused me, with the strange awkwardness concerning Aubrey; they rescued him at the end of the second book, why now is Lora conflicted about her feelings concerning the two brothers? I just felt it took away from the romantic conclusion I have been waiting for between Lora and Armand, but in the end, that complaint is small, I love how Shana connected this book back to Time Weaver, I was so excited to see Honor again, and a snippet of Rue and Kit. I know it is farfetched, but I would love for SHana to someday write a book explaining more about Rue and Kit's time in Japan, and to expand on their son's condition. I also could not for the life of me remember why the Langford family was hunting Honor and what her betrayal was, I might have to revisit some of the older books to see if I can answer that. I know Shana probably wants to move on to other things, but I still feel like there are avenues to be explored in this series, I am excited to see what she comes up with next.

Darkphoenix says

Update:

So, sometime ago I wrote to Shana Abe on Facebook and considering that she hadn't really active online in the recent past, I wasn't very optimistic about getting a reply. But the most awesome thing happened, she did reply and said categorically that there will be a third book in the Sweetest Dark series. So that was a huge relief but there still might be some waiting before we get it.. So happy she replies:D

When will there be updates? There isn't even a definitive release date yet, only that it will release in 2014. Well 2014 just started so there's still a long way to go, for all we know, it could release in December!! (Although, I seriously hope that's not the case!)

Alicia says

FUCKING FINALLYYYYYYYYYYY!!!

I have waited four fucking YEARS for this conclusion!!! FOUR YEARS!

In that time I read literally ever Drakon book I could get my hands on - even the ones that weren't even all that great or the kind of book I'm into!

Because I HAD TO KNOW WHAT THE FUCK HAPPENED to Lora and Mandy. I HAD TO KNOW!

Welp, now I fuckin' know.

I also know what happened to a lot of Drakons from the other books, and that's cool too.

I literally can't even review this shit because I am so fucking glad i finally got to read it. It doesn't matter if it was good, bad, weird, confusing, or sappy at all. It scratched a four year itch and that satisfaction alone earns 5 stars.

THANK YOU!

Kat Valentine says

What a epic read!!! I love Abe's drakon's such beautiful deadly creature's!!! I have been hooked on her mythical dragon's since picking up The Smoke thief and have read all the drakon books.when she started The Sweetest dark series I didn't know if I was gonna enjoy it because of it being a young adult spin off,but I should have known that it wouldn't matter Abe is one hell of a storyteller and these new young dragons were as beautiful,cunning and deadly as the rest of their race. Fiercest joy is a enchanting read I couldn't put it down once I started reading,Abe has out done her self!!! Long live THE DRAKON!!!

Aqsa says

WHAT THE FUCK THERE'S A THIRD ONE IM SCREAMING ???????

OH MY GODDDDDD I CAN'T WAIT

ARMAND ♥

Tegan says

Update 8/26/17: HOW DID I MISS THE RELEASE OF THIS?! Just ordered on Amazon! AHH!!!

Update 9/13/16: A title?! A cover!! Yess!!! C'mon synopsis and date! The GIF below still stands!

Yay! There's gonna be a third one!!

Niki Hawkes - The Obsessive Bookseller says

[4.5 stars] Lovely <- that's how I would describe this trilogy. RTC

Maddie says

I feel like this book had a lot of potential to have a really great dragon fighting scene. But it sort of plummeted, a lot like the parts about Lora's family. That basically disappears, and you never find out what happened to the girl at the end. Is she alive or did she weave some time into history? The ending wasn't the greatest but I'm glad it had that turn around otherwise I would have been mad. I also didn't like how Aubrey settled everything at the end. Seems a boring way out----back to the fact that it should have had a fight scene

Rana says

I waited SO LONG for this book. FINALLY.

Honestly I wasn't expecting this last book to be so sad?? I cried ALOT.

I'm glad we got a HEA but like I still felt sad haha. If you read it you'll know what I mean.

Lastly, Armand is perfect. And I think The Deepest Night will always be my fave in the series.

Terry (Ter05 TwiMoms/ MundieMoms) says

The third book in the spinoff trilogy from Shana Abe's Drakon series that I love. Taking place during WWII in Britain, the world of the Drakon appears to be gone and yet there are three young people who have found out they were not what they thought they were. One is Eleanor who is an orphan who attends an exclusive private school as a charity student and the other two are brothers, the sons of the Duke who supports the school. Since this is the third book, I am not going to go into the story except to say it is a totally unique one

combining the stars, dragons who shape shift into humans, music from gemstones and love. Love of Jesse who died and is a star in the heavens, love of Lora for both of the brothers and all that ties them together. I did miss all the world of the Drakon series and it came back like a cold icy wind in the second half of this book.

I think I will read this again soon, because in thinking about it there is more to the story than what is on the surface. This is definitely not a religous book, but is the boy that is now a star in a way an angel? When Lora makes a huge decision/sacrifice was her destiny preordained and now she has changed it. There is a time when she realizes that is true. Is the future set to happen, but we do have the freedom of choice to change that future?

Beautiful writing - wonderful descriptions of flying as smoke and flying as a dragon.

"GOING TO SMOKE is just as it sounds. You lose your human body, all it's human weight and all of your human problems. You become something more and something less than what you were, because you are the sinuous mystical vapor of DRAKON, and you soar where you want to, and you se and hear and even feel a very little - but not much.

Dragon smoke, sheer and twisting. Swifter than birds, wilder than the wind. All that may catch you now is yet another dragon."