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Dryad-Born (Whispers From Mirrowen Book 2)



Synopsis

The struggle to save the plague-ridden kingdoms continues in this captivating second novel in the Whispers from Mirrowen series. The orphan Phae has kept her innate ability secret since she was young. Not only does she possess the dangerous fireblood, but she can also steal the memories of anyone who looks into her eyes. Phae has no idea that her combination of powers is extraordinary. She is the unwitting key to discovering the secret origin of the plagues—and she is also now a target. The ruthless Arch-Rike of Kenatos has sent his most menacing servant—the Quiet Kishion—to destroy her. As Phae struggles to wield her powers and escape her pursuers, a team of allies has already been dispatched on a quest to end the plagues. Some face the horrors in the Arch-Rike's secret lair, while others search for the fabled lost Shatalin temple. The determined allies must square off against the Arch-Rike, who is ever steadfast in his aim to kill Phae—and let the plagues rage on.

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Customer Reviews

Enthralling read. Wheeler is constantly keeping the reader guessing as to the motives and loyalties

of his characters. He has thrown in enough plot twists to keep us distrustful. He has gathered a broad spectrum of characters by this second book but manages to keep us caring for each. There is plenty of action to propel the story forward but these books are more based in philosophy and reason. I enjoy the challenge of solving the puzzle with the pieces he gives the characters and hope to arrive at the correct conclusion before they do! I especially like the subtle relationship developments between the characters. The only one that seems a little unrealistic is the relationship between Phae and her father. I don't know what it would be like to meet a father after 16 years but I imagine she would have strong and conflicting emotions. Wheeler does address it but not in depth. However, it doesn't distract from the story, on the contrary, a thick dwelling on it would weigh the story down. He focuses where the focus needs to be, with furthering the complicated plot, revealing slowly the pieces of information needed to unravel the mystery around the arch-Rike Wheeler also manages to skillfully insert gems of wisdom without sounding preachy. I enjoyed his vast collection of clever sayings used by the Romani. It's hard to keep track of all his different cultures but they are reasonably well fleshed out. Some of his cultures respect life, others knowledge. He weaves a complicated example of the interconnectedness of nations and economies. This is a great series. I highly recommend it.

THIS MAY CONTAIN A SPOILER, SO READ AT YOUR OWN RISK.>>>After trying very hard NOT to finish this book, not because I didn't love every single word, but because I never wanted it to end ... I'm done. This book was so darn good! I am in love with so many characters in this series that I will just mention my top 5 in no particular order. Annon, Phae, Nizeera, Hettie and my super favorite, The Kishion. Once again Mr. Wheeler manages to weave a story that is so addicting, that it took all my resolve to put the book down and take care of my house! Even though I was caught up in the story, laundry needed to be done, dinner cooked and a wonderful husband to talk to and so on. I almost wished I could lock myself in my room and not come out until I was done. Alas ... that was not possible. I actually started to get upset when I saw how close I was to the end. I can't say enough good things about this book. You come to care so much for these characters and their quest (if you will) that when you finish each book, you are left wanting more. I am so in love with the Kishion and I can't wait to find out what his memories are and how they are tied to Phae. I love Mr. Wheelers writing style and the characters he creates. Even the villains! You just love to really dislike them! The book ends with a cliffhanger, but I've become used to this with this author. LOL. I rated this book 5 stars because that was all I was allowed to give! This is series I will come back to again and again. As I always say, I'm not an eloquent writer and this is why I don't really write reviews. I

just say what I feel and I can honestly say that I LOVED this book and I will be checking monthly until book 3 is offered, so I can make sure it arrives in my mailbox ASAP!

This story expanded and grew more exciting. So many layers of character depth. I particularly enjoyed the evolution of the Quiet Kishion through Phae. Well done sequel. I'll be starting book three immediately.

I found this book very engrossing and couldn't put it down I don't understand why Book 1 was so boring and hard to keep reading I have over 15 of Mr Wheelers books and book 1 of this series was not only hard to read it's the first I will recommend others not read. You can start with book 2 this one and feel you are starting at the beginning. I can't wait for book 3

Enjoyed this book and the further development of the characters. Found some parts a stretch even for my imagination. But enjoy the story line and the multiple perspectives from the different characters. Sometimes didn't feel there was enough character information as there was so many characters and backstory to provide. Overall, well written and enjoyable.

Jeff W wheeler always takes me on an amazing journey. I do not always feel happy about the direction but am always entertained. Five stars for how thought provoking his story is. His characters bring much self reflection and I am always a better person for having read his books.

Love this series and how it makes you think about things going on in today's world. How history is bound to repeat itself if we do not think beyond that which is told to us by others and written down as history. There is always a different truth depending upon the telling.

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