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Lark



Synopsis

The last time she checked, Mia Carrington was pretty sure that she was a normal girl with a completely ordinary life. She goes to high school, has a crush on the gorgeous and mysterious new boy in town, and has strange dreams that she can't help but feel are real somehow. Okay, so maybe she's not all that normal after all. A freak accident changes Mia's life forever when she is thrown into another world and left to deal with the revelation that she is the daughter of the King of the Light Elves. Throw in an ominous prophecy predicting that Mia will break a curse unleashing the Dark Elves on the world and well, things don't look too good. There is danger lurking at every corner in this strange world and Mia isn't sure who she can trust. The only thing she is certain of is that the Dark Elves know about her, and they will stop at nothing until they have her.

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Customer Reviews

Lark takes you on a journey of self discovery. Mia, a normal High School girl, discovers she is the

illegitimate daughter of the Light Elf King born to a human mother. After a car accident that should have killed her co-worker, the mysterious Greyson St Clair (who is her "just friends and no more" friend/protector) transports them both to Alfheimr, the home of the Light Elves where she meets her real father and learns of her true self and of the Light and Dark Elves. Trouble ensues and the dashing Jacoby, who at first seems to be a Dark Elf himself, but when he saves Mia she realizes he's not as bad as he seems. Mia, caught between two worlds; Half Elf and Half human, and between two boys, Greyson and Jacoby. She struggles to find the balance and to figure out a way to save her father's kingdom and win the hearts of the Light Elves and show them they she could be worthy of the crown. This well written, well thought out debut YA novel by Erica Cope sucks you in with a dream Mia has and you can't wait to read more about it and learn who the mysterious voice is behind it all. And why can Greyson be only friends? I love a mystery and Erica keeps you guessing through the whole book as she unravels the world she has so beautifully created. I love all the side comments Mia says in her head, it makes her a real character with real emotions and you can't help but laugh with her the whole way through. Erica creates a supporting cast of characters that only enhance the story. While I did find this book a little reminiscent of Amanda Hocking's Trylle Trilogy; Lark quickly takes a turn and takes a life of its own you can't help but love. (PS, I loved the Trylle Trilogy so the comparison is a positive one) All in all, I really loved this book. It was light hearted, fun, and quippy. I'm guessing its part of a trilogy and I'm so looking forward to the next book, but I liked that Lark wrapped up nicely without a major cliffhanger at the end.

Mia is ready for her senior year! She has a job she likes, does well in school, and was even voted cheerleading captain. In addition to all of that, she met Grey. He seems to pay attention to no one else, but her. They even both work at the movie theater together. Despite this, Grey insists that they are good friends. Mia cannot help but wonder, "What if?" She thinks she knows Grey so well, but after an accident that should have resulted in a trip to the hospital, she learns that there is much more to him than meets the eye. It turns out, that the world is a lot bigger, and dangerous than Mia realized. Her biological father that ran out on her mother before Mia was born, finally comes back into the picture. Turns out he is actually an elf king! As if things couldn't get any crazier, turns out Mia could be part of an ancient prophecy that could result in the dark elves being able to escape the underworld. Wow, no pressure right? I really enjoyed Lark! The plot of this book is actually very similar to Amanda Hocking's Trylle trilogy. The same kind of stuff happens, but I think that Cope is actually going to take a different route in the rest of the series. Just because they are similar, does not mean that Lark is not worth reading! I loved the Trylle trilogy, and think that Lark is just as good!!

Mia is a very relatable character. She describes herself as somewhat of an introvert that loves to read. I mean how can that not be relatable? A Few Awesome Quotes: "We both know that the movie theater is probably number two on the avid reader's dream job list, number one being the library, of course." "I'm pretty certain Senior-itis does in fact exist and that the disease is currently running rampant through my veins." "This Jacoby character, regardless of how dreamy he may appear, is aiding and abetting my captivity. Not exactly the kind of guy you want to bring home to meet mom."

I have read a lot of YA novels that I have liked. But I could only get 1/2 through this one. The heroine is a little too gullible, trusting and naive. Everyone but her is beyond gorgeous. She is typically plain, shy and her favorite past-time is reading classic novels. Yet every guy wants her. Also typically she had no idea about her supernatural origins. But quickly learns she is God's gift to the light world and end to the dark world. The author is also guilty of a lot of telling and not showing in the story. The heroine trains every day but we never see it. She is having a big confrontation with the bad guy. She blacks out, is saved and we are told later in a few sentences some of what happened.

This was a great first book with a lot of exciting moments. The beginning with Mia and Grey sucked me right in. When Mia finds out who she is, the story went to a whole other level. Then she is kidnapped and you are introduced to Jacoby and you don't really know where his loyalty lies. To bring Mia, Grey and Jacoby all together makes for some good reading and you really don't know who you want to see Mia end up with. Look forward to reading the rest of the series.

I was searching for a new book to read while waiting for the next book in the Witchblood series to come out and came across Lark. I bought it and as soon as I started to read it I didn't want to put it down. Automatically I fell in love with the main characters and I like the alternate world the author has created. If you are looking for a good book to read you should definitely consider giving this one a try. I put it in my top 10 favorite books. If you liked the Witchblood series, the Immortal Instruments/Infernal devices series, the House of Night series or the Brightest kind of Darkness series then I'm sure you'll love this book too! I can hardly wait for the next book to come out! I'm sure it's going to be amazing too!

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