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The long-awaited sequel to the bestselling, award-winning King Hall: the revolution is here, but the most dangerous attack may come from within...

The safe, comfortable world of Lily Ruckler and her fellow Mystical Kings and Queens is rocked to the core by the attacks at King Hall. Not only does Lily have to kill the Commoners attacking her people, she also has to assume the mantle of leadership, and bring the surviving Mysticals to King Cave.

It should have been too much, but she is not alone. Ezra becomes her rock, her best friend, the one person who understands. As Pearl and Jack struggle with inconsolable loss, Ezra and Lily work to keep the Mys community safe in their new home, and plan a deadly retaliation.

Their friendship saves them both...but it also draws attention. Whispers. Judgment. It's not normal for Shifters and Vampires to be friends, and when a horrifying truth is revealed, their relationship morphs from unusual to unspeakable. Lily is good at keeping secrets that could get her killed. Is she willing to risk Ezra's life as well?

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Wanderlust says

My feel's during the book & after -

Lisa says

I'm not going to go into details about the plot or highlight any part of the story here. It's already been done by other reviewers. Rather I'm just going to give my impressions and feelings about King Cave. ***This book was fabulous!*** ...and here's why:

(In no particular order and SPOILER-FREE assuming you read King Hall)

1) **Ezra and Lily**

Lily

Ezra

Their relationship was perfect, flawed but perfect. In romance books, I rarely equally like the two main characters of the romance. One usually steals my heart a little more than the other (usually the guy, because hey, I'm a gal) But both Lily and Ezra equally endeared themselves to me. From their strength and perseverance, unwavering love and absolute commitment to each other, I both LOVED them together and as individuals.

And bonus! --> **NO miscommunication anywhere to be seen!** I was so ecstatic. Finally, a relationship that can develop without insipid, silly communication disorders. I *knew* it could be done!

2) **The romance:** If you could guess from #1 above this, King Cave is a romance novel, and it is an adult romance novel. King Hall was a straight up fantasy with some sexual tension thrown in (it was certainly assumed that some type of romance would develop in coming books). But goodness, where the heat level of KH was a 1 (for sexual tension only), KC was a solid 8 out of 10 heat.

Sex scenes. They were very well done, and there were plenty. So for those disappointed that KH lacked sex, it was made up for in KC. In spades.

3) **The paranormal:** Ms. Dawn takes the generic hallmarks of the paranormal genre regarding different species characteristics and tweeks them to fit perfectly into the world she has created. From the Mages to Elementals to Shifters to Vampires, all are done very well.

I also found it fascinating that she paired a shifter and vampire together in a romance. I've seen it done a few other times, but I think I like Ms. Dawns' coupling the best. The battle for dominance was great, and believable in the paranormal world. (I won't go into specifics - no spoilers. But for those fans of paranormals, know it is done very well) This also speaks to the strength of Ezra and Lily as both individuals and as a couple.

4) **The secondary characters:** After the main characters, the secondaries can make or break a story. ALL of the secondary characters portrayed in King Cave were necessary, well-developed and really added to the overall flavoring of King Cave. Without any of them, I think this book would not have been as good.

5) **The length:** This was a long and extensive novel by current standards, over 400 print pages. I was pleasantly surprised as I love to have in-depth character developments - and King Cave delivered on this front. The length also allowed for a lot, I mean a lot to happen. So get ready.

6) **Action-packed:** When I say action-packed, I don't mean only literal fighting, running, jumping, or "action". I also mean that there was rarely a lull in the story. From plot reveals, to character developments, shocking/surprising events, and yes, the regular action too, things kept happening. Now sometimes this can overwhelm a story, but Ms. Dawn did an excellent job keeping things streamlined. I had no problem following along and keeping everything straight. And I was never bored. For over 400 pages, I didn't skim once.

7) **The test:** And the absolute best test to know whether or not I truly enjoyed a book and it deserves 5+ stars is whether or not I can pick another book to read directly after it. Presently, I have no interest in reading another book. I am fully content to sit here and ruminate over the fabulousness that was King Cave; to sift through the events, the relationships, to think about what is to come. I have a mile-high pile of other books on my TBR, and I have no intention of touching one anytime soon. This is more than a book hangover, more like a love affair.

Things to know:

- This is the second book in the Forever Evermore series. If you haven't read King Hall, read it first, then rush to King Cave. You will not be disappointed.

- For those grammar Nazis and editing police out there (like me :)), I am happy to report that there were only a few typos in King Cave. No major mistakes, no spelling issues, etc. I do believe that this series has a publisher and is extensively edited.

****Songs****

My song pick for the Forever Evermore series:

Radioactive by Imagine Dragons

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO_Wx...

My song pick for King Cave is for Lily and Ezra:

Everlong (acoustic version) by The Foo Fighters

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eO_15...

Happy Reading!

♥ Lisa

King Tomb

See my review for King Hall: <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Monique V says

So I rarely DNF a book but this just wasn't spiking my interest enough. It got kind of boring and it's a shame since I loved the first book. It's also way too long.

Roobie says

?4 stars?

It's the beauty that helps us return from the harshness. If it wasn't there, we would have nothing to live for.

My heart... :(Why would you do thaaat?

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*I yawned, eyes on the bed. "Just call me, smart ass."*

*He chuckled softly. "I'm Ezra Zeller, it's nice to meet you, Smart Ass."*

A man after my own heart :D

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## Anne says

Reading King Cave has made me a better parent. You heard me, reading this has done more for my maternal skills than all of those Parenting books written by so-called 'experts'.

*Mainly because I've never read any of them. I meant to, I swear! But they just looked so boring...*

So how did a book about magical creatures make me a better mom?

Well, I am now far more tolerant of my girls screeching, squealing, and crying every time one of those poofy-headed boy bands comes out with a new video. *\*shudder\**

I used to point out that the one in the middle is quite obviously gay and could care less about the panties being thrown at him. The one on the far right is going to blow all of his money and end up living in a trailer park. But that's still better than the one on the end, who's probably going to end up face-down in a pool of his own vomit in five years.

That was the old me.

Now? I just smile, pat my sweet babies on the head, and tell them that one of those guys might end up being a Justin.

Why the change of heart?

Because I had a similarly goofy reaction to getting King Cave.

I did this embarrassing tappy dance, I grinned till my cheeks hurt, and I made giggly sounds.

*There were also rumors of a weird humming noise coming from my general vicinity while I was reading...but I think my kids were just trying to mess with my head.*

*I'm not kidding. They do shit like that to me all of the time.*

Anyway, I was beyond excited to get my grubby little paws on this, because absolutely loved King Hall. If you haven't read it yet, you honestly don't know what you're missing. Read it!

But then I got nervous. What if my expectations were too high? What if the first book was a fluke? I mean, I've got too much stuff to read as it is, so it's not very often that I actively stalk a book's release date.

And I stalked this one.

*Oh God! The creeper hanging out in the bushes at Barnes & Noble?! It was me! Noooo! I thought it was all just a bad dream!*

*But that does explain the sudden appearance of all of those kitschy new bookmarks...*

So. Now that we've established that I ramble, let's get on with this review.

King Cave picks up at the exact moment the last book left off. King Hall is under attack, Pearl and Jack are unconscious, and everything is going up in flames.

Let me tell you something, this book takes off right out of the gate and never stops. It's packed full of twists, turns, and shocking revelations. **Packed!** It's also got something that was notably absent in the first book. Sex.

*Oh Ezra...*

Sweet lord, he is the smexiest thing ever! I'm totally calling dibs on him as my book-boyfriend, so the rest of you bitches can just back it up!

*See, I was wondering if maybe Ms. Dawn didn't write it into the last book because it wasn't her forte.*

*Apparently that was not the reason. And in fact, it might actually be the cause of the mysterious humming noises. Just a theory...*

Alright, back to the twisty-turny stuff. Every time something BIG would happen I'd be like, *Aha! So that's the THING! The BIG THING that happens in this story to change everything!*

**Bzzzt! Wrong!**

Because then the next huge shocker would come outta nowhere and knock me on my ass. It never stopped! By the time I got to the end, I was shaking like a freaking leaf!

*Although, I've never actually seen a leaf shake. Quiver? Yes. But not really shake. However, it wouldn't really be PC of me to say I was shaking like a fat kid in a candy store, so we'll just go with the leaf analogy. Anyhoo, I don't like to give spoilers, but I've just got to give you guys a hint.*

Ezra and Lilly.

EZRA and LILLY!

And you know what, that's not even the tip of the iceberg! *That's* right, ladies and gentlemen! That is a teeny-tiny piece of crap spoiler that doesn't even begin to touch the scope of this amazing plot.

*Oh shit. The kids were right! I'm making this obnoxious humming noise. What the hell?!*

So what have we learned here today?

1. These books are so awesome that they are going to be part of my exclusive Hardback collection.
2. I would leave my husband for Ezra.
3. I may need to see someone about the fact that I unconsciously make annoying noises.
4. If you haven't picked up on this series yet, you need to remedy that situation immediately!
5. Um. There's not really a 5, but the list just kinda looked like it needed an extra number.

But seriously, go get this book.

*Huge thanks to NetGalley for a digital arc of this book in return for an honest review.*

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## Michelle Dee says

### DNF

*Contains spoilers that are so obvious I refuse to really think of them as spoilers.*

I can really sum up my thoughts on this book in a few succinct phrases...

*Ezra and Lily had sex. I lost interest. The end.*

...and that's basically it. But I feel I should explain why I disliked this book so much when I gave the it's predecessor *King Hall* a 4.

To be honest, the main reason I was interested in this series was to see what would happen between Ezra and Lily. Okay, I *knew* what would happen, obviously. I mean, an author does not make her female lead have semi-awkward sexual encounters with *only* one other male lead. But, as stated in my review for *King Hall*, I really liked that their relationship was a pure *friendship* in the first novel. I also liked the premise of the storyline and thought it showed potential.

Based on that mostly positive experience, these were my hopes for the second installation of this series:

1) Ezra and Lily's relationship would continue to be a slow burn, and would slowly - naturally - transition from friendship to *something more*. And the entire time I would be devouring pages in breathless anticipation, just waiting for *that moment* when the heat between them finally exploded into a wonderful, emotional, sexual recognition of their feelings.

2) The issues I had with the stark simplicity of a complicated plot (yeah, I know it doesn't make sense, but everything just has a feeling of *conveniency* about it) would be ironed out as said plot evolved into a living, breathing *thing* that would carry me through the books to come (heard this wasn't some mere 3-book trilogy).

3) My misgivings about the relationship between ruler and subject would be obliterated as the author strove to portray a fuller, wholer image of the society in which these Mysticals lived while showing how they handled the crisis that had just befallen them.

This is what I got:

1) After all the *platonic* build up of Ezra and Lily's friendship, I was desperate for that slow burn of sexual tension, the one that would eat away at them until, in a moment of desperation and need, they would collide in a blaze of sex. Instead, I got sex 20% into the book with a minimal foundation for it and, like, 10% anticipation. It was basically this: they are conveniently imprisoned in a cave, conveniently sharing a room, Lily conveniently runs into Hot Buff Alpha Shifter 3.0 and they instantly decide to have sex later, conveniently making Ezra jealous, and after said sex Lily conveniently runs into Ezra post-his-own-sex and this conveniently makes her jealous (when she never was before even though he slept with a plethora of girls in the first book - what changed, other than the location). Then there is a vaguely described week of them fighting each other, since they *can't handle their feelings*, which is *totes* responsible for two future rulers to do (I mean, for serious now? Are you twelve). Then she conveniently sees him naked and *oh em gee just can't hold in the feels* and they end up having sex because, ew, they could smell each other's arousal. Of course, their relationship at this point is purely physical and she, of course, lays some pretty strict ground rules - like not dominating her in public when she's graciously ruling her adoring subjects, but it's only *now* that she decides to think of her subjects, of course, when for the entirety of the first book and second thus far she had barely thought of them at all, and when she did it was with badly concealed disdain for their *neediness* and *weakness* (oh, gross! Is it contagious?) - and I just *know* those rules will conveniently be broken to conveniently cause some emotional conflict between them and they'll go through the whole juvenile thing of trying - but ultimately failing - to move on, especially when something bad will conveniently happen to one of the people involved. Okay, see where I'm going with this? What started as an unpredictable romance became mind-numbingly predictable in the space of a hundred or so pages. For reals. Main drawcard of the series? Obliterated.

2) Notice my use of the word 'conveniently' in my previous spiel? Yeah, that's because that one word can describe the entire plot. I bet Scarlett Dawn is patting herself on the back for the wily inclusion of Mages who *conveniently* have a spell to allow for anything she wants to happen without explanation. The room they were in at the school didn't explode when the rest of area did? Magically spelled and warded, *of course*. Need an excuse to thrust all the main characters together to make shit happen? Spelled room, *duh*. Main female is bad at hand-to-hand combat but needs to look badass and useful during the opening battle scene? Spelled gun with limitless silver bullets, *obviously*. Jack and Pearl just lost their mates and should be emotionally crippled, but for the sake of the action they need to be functional? Spell for that, too, *silly*. Need I go on?

Another of the many things that struck me as downright *weird* was the complete and utter emotional



disconnect the characters, particularly Lily, had with some pretty damn disturbing events. Take, for example, Lily's briefly mentioned history with her barely-mentioned Uncle, an association which came to light at the end of the first book. Okay, right. So she has been *tortured* and *sexually abused* by her *Uncle* and this did not warrant more than a mere few sentences of acknowledgement throughout the *entire first novel* and zero mention in the second? And killing him was just a fun flash in the pan? If this was a *normal* book, that would have been the crux the female lead's entire character would be built on! There's denial and then there's *inhuman*. Lily falls directly into the latter category, a sentiment that was only strengthened by her callous mowing down of Coms as she drove her Hummer to safety. Okay, I get that you're angry and that killing lots of Coms would feel like some pretty sweet revenge, but dear Christ, woman! Allow for a bit of horror at the situation to penetrate your overwhelming bad-assery! I feel like Dawn spent too much time trying to make Lily a hardass and not enough time making her real. Same deal with Ezra, who suffers from Male Hero Perfection Syndrome. Please, it is not possible to be good at *everything* and have the biggest dick known to mankind, so big it hurt poor Lily's overused vagina and so long it basically touched her tubes...you know, the ones that had been tied on an impulsive, emotional whim *the day before*.

3) I so loved how the entire subjugative race of Mysticals had a collective personality. Oh, except the too-gorgeous-to-be-real Vampire bitches who were only around to fuck and the suddenly-appearing, *convenient* Shifter Alphas who were, of course, immediately attracted to Lily and, fortunately for them, held her gaze long enough not to be completely written off as irrelevant and derided as weak. Now, this aspect of the first book bugged me a little, but not enough to make me rant. This is me ranting: a *true* ruler does not just do what is best for her or what she - in her infinite wisdom - thinks is best for the collective. She ventures off her high horse and into the throngs of plebs and deigns to find out what they *actually* need. Unfortunately, she and Ezra spend more time focusing on themselves and each other (a week sequestered away in their bedroom having animalistic sexy time in the middle of a crisis, anyone?) than focusing on the *major* political catastrophe happening to their people. Well done. If I were their subjects I'd be a little apprehensive about my future rulers too, but the author *conveniently* (oh look, there's that word again) makes them all collectively distrust the idea of a racially mixed couple so we all have an excuse to dislike them as much as Lily and Ezra do. Because it's *wrong* to hate on the rulers, *obvs*. And Pearl and Jack *conveniently* (for Ezra and Lily, not them) lost their mates so they are *conveniently* out of action for the entire 50 pages it takes Ezra and Lily to bang and then are *conveniently* functional again. Because the entire world revolves around the dictates of Lily and Ezra's sex life. As it should be, for *sures*.

So basically (because this review is obviously the definition of basic) this sequel takes everything bad from the first book and makes it at least 3.5 times worse. Then it takes everything kind of good from the first book and makes it worse than the bad stuff. Because fuck progress.

*Final Note:* The word 'bestie', or its clever plural form 'besties', was used far too often. Once is too much. Once should never happen.

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## **Beth says**

*King Cave* rocked my world. It is a rare and spectacular read when a book sticks with me long after I'm done. Scarlett Dawn's writing had me pondering the what ifs and maybes long after I was finished reading. It did start slowly but the pace quickly picked up and I was utterly memorized by Lily's love, life, friends and plight. Drove to tears, laughed out loud and felt my heart clench with the tensions, *King Cave* is going down as a favorite read. OMG, the ending had me reeling...literally blew me away...all I can say is please write fast because you left me craving, starving for more...

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## Brandi says

As you may know I loved the first book in this series, even though I had some issues with it, and I was lucky enough to get to beta read this book recently; my first! While I still have a few issues, I can't help but love these characters. What can I say, I'm an emotional reader, lol.

The story picks up where we left off in King Hall with the battle raging all around our main characters. After they eventually make their way to the haven known as King Cave, things start to get really interesting.

A few important points to know about this book is that it's **long**, as in, it could be easily broken up into two books. It doesn't feature all four of the main characters, but rather focuses on Ezra and Lilly. There still isn't as much focus on the political turmoil wreaking havoc in the world.

Hitting on the first point, if you're like me, and love a character driven story that reads like "a-day-in-the-life-of", then the length isn't too much of an issue. Since I didn't read the final version I can't say if the few issues I had with this will be smoothed out or not, but all in all, I like a long book if it's filled with people I care about. Lilly and Ezra finally - thank you! - made strides towards ending their painfully obvious sexual tension, and I *loved it*. I love sex in my books, I've never beaten around the bush with that, and especially considering that the first book didn't read with the maturity needed to pull off the "new adult" sub-genre, it was great to finally see the story take on the adult tones I wanted. This is definitely not a story for a younger audience.

My second gripe about this story, and maybe my biggest actually, is that we don't get to see enough of Jack

and Pearl. They went through a traumatic event at the end of the first book, and I wanted to see more of their lives in the aftermath of that, but they're very much on the sideline. It made me sad because it was the four of them that I fell in love with, and while I can't get enough of Ezra (and Lilly, lol), I wanted to spend time with them as well. Instead of four friends being really close, we have two groups of two, with less intimacy between both. There was a not-quite-surprising-but-wonderful twist involved in the friendship dynamic that I very much missed out on witnessing. I didn't want to know the way I did, I wanted to experience it too. The fact that they're not as involved is a detriment for me, but it doesn't make the story any less fantastic, it just makes it different from the way it started out as. I hope that makes sense... Basically, I missed them a great deal, but I still really liked the story.

Speaking of how I can't get enough of Ezra:

As far as the political upheaval, I was really bothered by the whole thing in the first book, and that didn't exactly abate in this one, but after reading this one, I think I understand better why the author chose not to have as much focus on it. The war, and reasons for it, are still very much in the background, almost like an afterthought, but it's just the nature of this particular story. It's a conflict, but it's not the central conflict moving the plot. It didn't annoy me *quite* as much this time as it did last time, and I hope the synopsis reflects this better this time around. I can't help but wonder at the Mysticals for putting up with the humans though, since they have such greater powers, and I wish the reasons for the humans hating the Mys' made more sense, but again, I still loved the story, so it's clearly not something I got too hung up on, lol.

I really love the author's style, and the characters she's crafted. I think that this story focuses on love, adversity, friendship, and the power of knowing yourself and what you value. There is a lot of humor in here that had me giggling out loud, as well as a few times where I felt like my heart was breaking. There's a scene towards the end that got me good :(. I'm not sure how many novels are planned in the series, but I'm in it for the long haul.

\*\*\*\*And now, because the author is awesome, I get to treat you all to a teaser from the book! I love me some teasers, lol. I liked this scene in particular because I think it was one of the turning points for Lilly in being seen as worthy of her title. I *wish* you could hear the bomb she drops on them after this!!\*\*\*\*

**The video started again on the golden cube, and I closed my eyes, listening to the magnified sound. Once more, my head cocked as their leader got to the particularly loud rant. I heard it again, and threw up a hand. "Elder Harcourt, stop." The sound went off, the video pausing, as my eyes flew open to the Elders I had spoken with. "Did you hear it?"**

**As one, all three of them shook their heads.**

**"Shit," I muttered, pushing up from my seat, staring at the image. Feeling incredibly stupid, three more powerful men not having heard it, but still, I know I had heard it. "I think..." I stalled, clearing my throat, jaw clenching as everyone stared at me expectantly. "Okay, I think I know two things about the man in question." I stared at the image, and not the intimidating Elders and Kings around me. "One, I believe the man in question is Philip Masterson."**

**I saw everyone still around the table, and I quickly explained for those who weren't in the**

know. "He's a Congressman in the United States. I know him personally, since he tried to rape me a few months ago. I recognize his voice." My gaze went to King Kincaid's wide gaze. "It's him. I know it is. And it also explains the timing of his disappearance."

"Goddamn motherfucker," King Nelson muttered, eyes solid on the screen. A pause. "Antonio, you followed him. Did you see any signs that it could be him?"

Antonio's gaze was glowing a bit as he stared at the screen. "I saw nothing out of the ordinary at the time, but Lil's right. It's his voice now that she mentioned it." Golden eyes swung to me, his grin feral. "I believe you have something else to say."

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## Vanessa says

Wow....no words right now. Review to come...holy....yeah.

### **\*\*FULL REVIEW\*\***

*"Pushing past the last of the Coms, all of them falling because of the large group of Mysticals surrounding us, I turned and shouted, "Everyone, be quiet and listen up!" I knew how to run. This is what I had been trained to do my entire life. Our escape was my show to command."*

Lily, Ezra, Jack and Pearl. The four King/Queen Prodigies are quickly learning what life is like in charge...with the worst of their reign yet to begin.

Picking up where *King Hall* left off with a big, fat, WTF? I was so excited to read *King Cave*; and I knew I was in for a ride from the very first chapter. The war has begun, Coms and Mys alike are dying left and right, but why? Who upset the Coms so much that they are going buck-wild to start a war that they undoubtedly cannot win? Someone is working from the inside...and when the Prodigies find out, heads will roll...let's just hope that they aren't ousted first.

*"Any hybrids who have escaped the Executioner are capable of breeding with Commoners." His yellow eyebrows furrowed. "Their offspring are as the Com stated. They are ravenous Beasts that usually kill the mother from inside the womb. The pregnancy rarely goes to full-term. Ages ago this wasn't so much an issue, because the Beast usually died along with the mother, but" a glance at Elder Harcourt, then he again spoke the words strangely, "with technological advances in prenatal care," his eyes met everyone's shocked ones, "the Beasts can be born, even if the mother dies."*

Yep. As if they didn't have enough to worry about with the Coms attacking the Mysticals. They are breeding them now too, in order to create a complete monster-killing-machine. Laws were put in place long ago to protect both communities from this sort of thing happening but times change, people hide, hybrids are still living (and awakening), mating, and in Lily's case, Queen. Things can only get worse...especially when she realizes that her dormant side has fallen for someone new.

*"I was starting to feel hope bloom amongst my fear of losing him. Hope for another man. Someone*

*besides Dominic. Someone I didn't want others touching. Hell, I didn't even want them looking at him, or him gazing at them, hungry for all his attention directed at me. And it freaked me out only a little."*

But how far will they go to prove that two Mysticals from different factions can be in love without magic? And can they really keep it a secret...even from their best friends? Stresses run high as The Kings and Elders prepare for War, and when Lily's secret is threatened, she once again does the only thing she knows to do.

Run.

But you can't run away from responsibility...

Now, she has to stay and fight. Fight not only for her Kingdom, but for herself and the love she has formed with another. Problem is, she may not be strong enough.

*"Shoving my vitality into his Core, I released my life for his, loving him. Him."*

OH MY GOSH!!! This book was incredible! IN-CRED-I-BLE!!!! I have never been more fascinated with characters' lives EVER. Reading this book was everything I hoped it would be and I was just as upset when I finished this one as I was when I finished the first book. It has another WTF ending that only Scarlett can deliver...such sweet, sweet, torture. I mean, when they leave...when they arrive...hook up...break up...leave again...come back...fight...forget...remember...seriously, I can't even...WOW! It's all in the details. The love shown in *King Cave* is evident through every single page, and I am completely IN LOVE.

**\*\*5 Please Remember Me Stars\*\***

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## Traci says

I totally love this series, it's my new favorite, and I can't wait for more! If you are looking for something new and exciting to read, I highly recommend this series to you!

King Cave is the second book in the Forever Evermore trilogies and it picks up right where King Hall left off. This book is packed full of excitement, so much so that I couldn't put it down and was late to work because I *needed* to know what was happening.

Lily continues to be the voice and focal point of this book, but her besties Ezra, Pearl, and Jack get front billing as well. When I finished this book the first time, it felt as if Pearl and Jack took a backseat to Ezra and Lily's developing romance. However, when I reread it (much slower) it didn't seem that way anymore. It's just that their peppiness seemed to be lost, which if you've read King Hall you know why. I felt this situation was handled quite well by the author Scarlett Dawn, as it added significantly to the emotional depth of the characters and the storyline of Mys vs Com.

I'm not big on spoilers, so I'm not going to give any major details of the story away... But I will say that after finishing King Cave, I feel like I'm sitting behind a wall with a tiny little crack that allows only the smallest amount of light to shine through. I can see the light and some colors ahead, but I don't know how we will get through that wall and what will be waiting for us on the otherside.

I tend to get super involved with characters, and these are some of my favorites. I'd love to read a prequel about each of the main 4's life prior to becoming Prodigies. I'd also love to read about Cahal's and Antonio's group during the first war... maybe we could even have all of Antonio's story with *visions*, but that would have to be after the rest of this story is told.

Of course now that I've finished reading King Cave, I'll be impatiently waiting for the next book, but I am very thankful for the advanced copy I received for my honest review.

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## **Jennifer says**

King Cave is the second book in author Scarlett Dawn's Forever Evermore series. The first book King Hall is on my favorites list and I was so excited to continue these characters' journeys with them. I did not expect anything that King Cave threw at me, which made me so happy! I love it when stories remain unpredictable. When I realized the overall direction this book was taking, I slowed my pace and intentionally read little by little because I didn't want it to end. It was a test of my control for sure but I was determined to make this reading experience last. So much transpires in this story. Lily, Ezra, Jack, and Pearl remain bonded and with everything that is thrown at these characters, they need each other like never before. There is humor, heartbreak, action, suspense, love, conflict, you name it King Cave has it. Lily and Ezra's story takes the lead in this installment and their experiences brought both smiles and tears to my face. I viewed the ending of King Cave as a cliffhanger and it left me feeling anxious for these characters and yet somewhat hopeful. This book is not perfect, but the story is perfect for me: a reader who loves to lose herself in an engrossing noncontemporary story. King Cave provides everything that makes my favorite books...favorites, and I need the next installment King Tomb right now!!! Scarlett Dawn please keep writing, you're great at this storytelling thing!

The Forever Evermore series includes the following installments:

- #1: King Hall
- #2: King Cave
- #3: King Tomb (yet to be released)

### **My favorite quotes:**

*"It's hard to believe beauty can still exist when the world is so bleak...It's the beauty that helps us return from the harshness. If it wasn't there, we would have nothing to live for."*

*"Most relationships are odd at some point."*

*"I'm all disgusting and stinky. If I'm going to," Christ, "have a meal with your parents, I would prefer to be clean." I paused. "And possibly drunk."*

*"I've learned, Lily, that in this shithole of a life, each person has to live with the costs of their own actions. Someone may tell you to do something, in fact, order you to do something, but in the end, it's always your choice how you handle the situation."*

*"Live Hard or Die Bored."*

Note: This series falls in the paranormal/new adult genre. King Cave includes adult content and is not for young readers.

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## Meg says

**~ This review does contain spoilers AND a gigantic thank you to Escape Publishing for providing me with the opportunity to read this books ~**

*“It’s the beauty that helps us return from the harshness. If it wasn’t there, we would have nothing to live for.”*

*Scarlett Dawn / King Cave*

I must admit that I am sort of bubbling with excitement to finally write this review. Is that something that people say? Well it sure is if you have ever read a Scarlett Dawn book. If I was an emoticon it would be the one with a gigantic toothy grin. You’re imagining it right now aren’t you.

So the second book in this series picks up right where the first one, King Hall, left off. We have the four prodigies escaping King Hall after the Coms attacked, and they are trying to save as many of their people as possible. They eventually are taken to King Cave where they are to regroup and begin to wage a war against the Rebellion. There was a traitor within their ranks, the man who attacked Lily ends up being the leader of the Rebellion, Antonio is able to see the future, Lily makes a deal with the devil, there are weddings and heartache, and good old fashion blood shed. It was a riveting sequel with so many things to love about it!!

I believe I have mentioned it before, but these novels do read like a TV show. And I actually enjoy it. It means that we as readers are able to focus on our lovely main characters and witness their relationships developing, whilst still appreciating the wider picture with the grim reaper working overtime.

For a large chunk of this novel..like maybe 80% of it, we focus on Ezra and Lily as their relationship blossoms into something so wonderful. They initially find comfort in each other as a support system, whilst Jack and Pearl are mending their broken hearts. This quickly turns into something physical, whereby both agree to not get attached because they aren’t at a place where they would be able to manage it. And then it just turns into stop your heart, smile like you mean it, are you bending down on your knee for that reason L.O.V.E!! It is so fantastic and so well written their relationship growth that you just are in awe.

Towards the beginning Lily actually falls pregnant. It isn’t that I have an issue with this, it is just that I am unable to relate. I don’t have a child, nor do I want one in the near future, so when I read stories where the main character becomes pregnant I tend to lose interest. Because I no longer relate. This didn’t happen to me in this one, and when the event reoccurs at the end of the novel to my surprise I was actually really happy with this turn of events.

In the final chapters the four all lose their memories because a law was passed that doesn’t allow cross races mixing, because they realised that if hybrids have children with humans then they turn into these weird, destructive creatures. Both pairs of royalty are now married, and it is because of the law that ensures married couples aren’t allowed to be separated from each other for more than two years, that there is hope they will be together once again. Normally in series when one character loses their memory, it just puts a damper on the whole series. This being said, with the way that Dawn has positioned the story I have really high hopes for the next book.

I'm looking forward to see how Lily responds to meeting Ezra again, but not really again, in the next book. And how her deal with Clarise actually pans out.

I love all of the elements in this series, and I could actually see it being a very successful TV show. Someone should snap the rights up!! This book actually made me laugh out loud, like within every chapter. And the one thing that was lacking in the first book (in regards to the New Adult genre..\*wink\* \*wink\*) was seriously in swing in this one!! You shall look forward to it, i'm sure.

Happy Reading!!

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**Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says**

**??????\*Ezra is the FUCKING best\*??????**

### **Second re-read: 09.01.2018**

My review got deleted when my laptop turned itself off, so I'm too angry and annoyed to write another 'proper' one. Anyway, the book centers around the born Mystical 'Mys' hybrid (which is forbidden), **Lily 'Lil' Shitz Ruckler** (19, or 20?) and the other Prodigies (the soon-to-be Kings and Queens, of the Mystical world) - the wicked Vampire, **Ezra Cahal Zeller** (22?), the wild-child Mage, **Pearl Cooper** (how old?) and the playboy Elemental, **Jack Collins** (how old?). Lily and Ezra suddenly find themselves changed regarding their feeling towards each other, which makes thing highly dangerous... **Overall, this book is the best in the series, without a doubt.** The sex is hot as fuck, the build-up is great and the story is interesting. However, it's a bit long and I don't know why, or what, but something is stopping me from *loving* it, though I *like* it very much. Also, I seriously won't mind a book about **Elder Antonio 'Tony' Farrar** (how old?) and **Cahal Zeller** (how old?).

*"It's the beauty that helps us return from the harshness. If it wasn't there, we would have nothing to live for."*

### **Quick basic facts:**

**Genre:** - (New Adult) Paranormal Romance.

**Series:** - Series, Book Two.

**Love triangle?** - (view spoiler)

**Cheating?** - (view spoiler)

**HEA?** - (view spoiler)

**Favorite character?** - Ezra Cahal Zeller.

**Would I read more by this author/or of series?** - Yes.

**Would I recommend this book/series?** - Yes.

**Will I read this again in the future?** - Probably.

**New Rating** - 3.5/3 stars.

### **Re-read: 12.01.16:**

Damn, that ending is still fucking killing me. There are so many heartbreaking scenes in this book that I don't know where to put myself. It's all just...*heartbreaking*. Still adore this book and sure I'll end up re-reading it yet again in the future :)!



## **First read review:**

(First time making a character picture, so no hate :P)

Ohh boy.. This book had me hot and wet, that's for sure! I loved it! Usually, #1 in a series is always best, but 'King Cave' is actually a huge improvement. Book #1 you got to know the characters, but in #2 something actually happen! In book one, there was no sex, well there was sex but you didn't get to read about it... :/ But let's just say that 'King Cave' had hell of a lot of it.. And not just vanilla sex, but hot, raw, wild and sweaty sex that pretty much had me craving for more! 'King Cave' had it all, action, love, sorrow, friendship, betrayals, loss, magic.. and on and on... The sadness in this book had my heart breaking in two, specially the end.. I had no idea where to put myself. The reason this book doesn't get a full four or five stars is that it's quite long. There was a lot of unnecessary stuff, and it could have happen more in the book. Other than that, it was really worth reading. Scarlett Dawn is an excellent author, and i'm looking forward to read more from her.

The characters are awesome! I loved them. Lily, Ezra, Jack and Pearl's relationship was amazing. The connection between them was huge, and no matter what, unbreakable. There is a lot of sexual frustration between the characters, so much you just want to pull your hair out, and than bam, you get pretty satisfied. Lily, my sweet Lily, has been trough a lot. Losing not just her mother, but her mate as well. She gets challenged, and have to prove herself, yet she still stand strong and brave. Perhaps a little reckless, and wild but still sweet and nice, and a perfect friend. Lily really surprised me in this book. She went from being lost and scared, ready to run away to an amazing leader. That shouldn't surprise me considering the amazing support she has.

***“Open your eyes, sweetheart. I want you to see who’s fucking you senseless.”***

Erza.. Where do i start? Damn, he's... Swoon worthy man.. Just saying. Sexy, dominant, caring, loving, amazing.. A man who knows what he wants and pretty much takes it, don't really follow the rules, and such an amazing friend. He has lost his mate as well, but heals as well as Lily by the love they get from friends and family. Ezra's tough, he's not afraid to jump into a fight, even though there is a chance he'll die.

***In the condemned hush, he twisted his wrist and entwined our fingers together.***

I love how Lily and Ezra helps each other.. moving on? They help each other heal, and to believe again, in love. I can't wait for more of them. I have to say, that i also fell in love with Antonio.. I mean, who cannot? He's ruthless, powerful, smart, and not quite sane, but still the love he has for Lily is heartbreaking! The father-daughter relationship was perfect! I loved it, and i want more there scenes with those two.

'King Cave' ended in a way that pretty much had you go crazy and angry, to have a mental break down.. The characters have to go through so much pain that it pretty much pains me to no end. I really that book #3, that when i cry, they will be happy tears. Book #3 cannot come sooner.

**Rate: 4/3 stars**

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**Ari Reavis says**

THE FEELS!!!! I was hoping for more romance than book 1, but this book surpassed my expectations. Not only was the love between Lily and (don't wanna name him and spoil it) great and totally believable, but it was fierce, passionate, and beautiful. Their sex was enough to warrant a few cold showers. The action was once again one of the best aspects of the story. The side characters were great in good and bad ways. Pearl and Jack were still loyal and the bond precious. Some of the elders were funny and surprised you with their views, while others were placed firmly on my 'can't wait to read about you dying' list. The end broke my heart, but I have so many hopes for book 3.

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## **Bookaholic (reads every mortal thing) says**

### **4.5**

Holy shit, this was *awesome*.

So freaking awesome, I forgot to take notes. And that only happens when a book is either *extremely* bad or *extremely* good. I don't trust my memory (and I really don't think I can write this review anyway, notes or no), so I'm just going to roughly go over the main highlights-

**-Great writing.**

**-Great Characters.**

**-Awesome friendships.**

**-Adorable relationships.**

**-Crazy pace (which is easy to follow).**

**-Believable romance.**

**-Really, really cool action.**

Do I really need to say anything else?

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