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Claudette Duchamp was born into a life shadowed by fear. Ever since she can remember her family has been running. Running from a man named Victor Bonnaire and the men in his employ, the Devil's Bane.

Her family has a secret. One her parents refuse to tell Claudette or her twin brother, Blake. It has something to do with why Victor pursues them. And something to do with her dreams...

For Claudette has begun to feel a strange stirring in her heart. A wildness that is both thrilling and frightening. Soon, she will uncover the truth of her family's haunted legacy. She will discover the world that lies on the other side of midnight. She will take her place in the shadows and embrace the darkness within.

## **Claudette in the Shadows Details**

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### Killian says

It was hard to rate this simply because I don't think it is meant to be read without having already read the series that it precedes. I think that had I known Claudette as part of the narrative of the series, I would have understood and liked her more. As it was, I spent the first half of this novella confused about whether I was even supposed to like her or not. I have a feeling that she might not be a "good guy" in the series. She seemed quite the sociopath at moments. The world building also suffered from the short format. How quickly Claudette buys in to the whole thing was a bit off too, not to mention why their parents weren't straight with them on what they were from the beginning. Since Claudette almost gets trapped/killed/something when she travels for the first time and then (view spoiler), you'd think her parents would be more concerned with her knowing what she is/can do. Otherwise, she might have just disappeared one day and not come back.

Probably not going to check out the series. The writing and plot just weren't my cup of tea.

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### Toyah says

Was a good quick read but a little disappointing. It told the story of claudette's first love and how Claudette and Blake came to learn about what they are and how to use some of their powers such as travelling. It gave insight of how claudette thinks and feels and went briefly into their heritage and The Dark World. Worth reading if you've read the other books but I was very disappointed that it didn't disclose more information on their past, especially Ariman's, and other Dark World secrets, as I was left very curious about these things after finishing the second book.

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### Ayah says

You can also read this review on my blog here:  
<http://theoutrageousjourney.weebly.co...>

I received an ARC of M.J Hearle's Claudette in the Shadows in exchange of an honest review . The book is a prequel to the Winter Saga.

Claudette in the clouds is more like a short story that gives a hint of the stories of the main characters of the Winter Saga. Claudette and her family seem to be on the run from The Bane, which according to her father are dangerous. But the question is why, what is her father hiding from her and could her brother's restless nights due to nightmares have any connection to it?

Since my background on the main characters is limited to this prequel only, I am not sure if the characters have somehow changed to better or worse, but my first impression on Claudette is that she is kind of

emotionless.

M.J. Hearle will take you to another world with all of the interesting characters and places that you have never seen. I am can't wait to grab the first book in the series and start diving into the World of shadows. I give this book 4 out of 5 stars \*\*\*.

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### **Shaheen says**

*Claudette in the Shadows* is a quick, thrilling read centered on Claudette, whose family is on the run from a mysterious group called The Bane. Claudette doesn't know why, but she's never been inclined to find out until now.

Nightmares plague her twin brother Blake, and one night Claudette finds out why. In the midst of a magical night involving world-hopping and exquisite magic, she finds out that her family has an incredible legacy, and her brother is having a hard time coming to terms with it.

Claudette is frighteningly cold and unfeeling, and I felt a deep thrill of fear every time the book alludes to her lack of emotion. This girl has some serious problems. I think she's also incredibly susceptible to bad decision-making; there were many times when she couldn't see outside of her self-centered bubble and understand that her family is just trying to keep her safe. Just like teenagers everywhere, I guess, but with Claudette there's a dark stain on everything that happens to her.

I'm not sure how the prequel ties in to the original stories told in *Winter's Shadow* and *Winter's Light*, but Hearle's writing has definitely impressed me and am looking forward to diving into the first full length novel. *Claudette in the Shadows* is a great platform for people to introduce themselves to the dark, magical world the author has created.

A copy of this book was provided by the publisher for review.  
You can read more of my reviews at **Speculating on SpecFic** .

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### **Rachel (The Rest Is Still Unwritten) says**

**\*\*Read in October 2013\*\***

*Thank you to Pan Macmillan Australia for providing me with an ecopy of this to read and review!*

Find my complete review and more on my blog here: <http://rachybee-the-rest-is-still-unw...>

*Claudette in the Shadows* is a quick and deliciously well written prequel to M.J. Hearle's Winter Saga and is the perfect introduction to those unfamiliar with the series or another opportunity for fans to dive back into the rich world of the Winter Saga!

Set before the events of *Winters Shadow*, the first book in the series, *Claudette in the Shadows* features Claudette Duchamp, the sister of male lead and love interest Blake, and someone we only glimpsed briefly in previous books. Hearle takes the opportunity to tell Claudette's tale and he tells it well indeed. In the

tradition of his previous books Hearle's writing is deep and lyrical. His haunting prose will thrill with it's gothic aura and floating pace.

This story is undeniably beautifully told. The haunting tone and dark overall theme make Claudette in the Shadows a very intriguing story to read. Though in no way a kind character it seems fitting that we should read Claudette's tale. Her terrifying presence in the series ended all too soon and here we finally glimpse her decent into darkness. Hers was a story that admittedly needed to be told.

Briefly detailing the life of the Duchamp family before any of the events leading up to Winters Shadow, Claudette in the Shadows allows us a glimpse into their life, as well as Blake and Claudette's discovery of their heritage and abilities.

A perfect short read, Claudette in the Shadows offers readers the chance to discover Claudette Duchamp like never before in this beautifully written novella!

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