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The end of an Empire, The rise of a Queen

Emory Fae enjoys leading a quiet, normal life. That is until two mysterious, and handsome soldiers show up at her apartment, and the life she knew is instantly whisked away. Memphis Carter and Brokk Foster come from the magical and war ridden world of Kiero, and upon Emory's arrival she will discover she is the long lost heir to the Royal Line and is thrown into the Black Dawn Rebellion with a dynamic role to ignite the rebels and reclaim her throne.

With both men being darkly woven in her past Emory uncovers hidden secrets, a power held long dormant, and will soon realize there are worse things than supernatural humans, love, loss, betrayal, and a Mad King.

Some things are better left in the shadows.

Black Dawn Details

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From Reader Review *Black Dawn* for online ebook

Melleny says

4.75 Stars **

If you would like to see all my thoughts on this book, be sure to check out the review on my blog:

www.abooktropolis01.blogspot.co.za

But here is a snippet and overview of what I thought:

Overall, I really really enjoyed this book and found myself flying through it. There was definitely a hiccup or two but I think that it will be resolved in the prequel as well as the sequel that is coming out middle of this year and the start of next year respectively. I am excited to see how the author plays with the story and the characters. I am definitely hoping that the next few books are a little bit more fleshed out just so that I can enjoy the world a bit more.

Thank you so much Mallory and Xpresso Book Tours for this opportunity! I absolutely enjoyed myself and can't wait for more!

Anja says

3 REBELLIOUS STARS

The plot and world of *Black Dawn* sounded really interesting and unique when I read the blurb, but I honestly think the execution could have been better.

This story is about Emory Fae, a girl whisked away from her normal life and brought to an alternate world called Kiero, where she discovers she is basically a queen with superpowers. She joins the rebellion that tries to overthrow the evil current ruler.

Sounds interesting right? But because this book is extremely short and consisted of non-stop action, I couldn't really connect to any of the characters and I didn't particularly *like* any of them. Everything felt very rushed. Emory is supposed to change the course of the battle but to me, she was weak and I don't see why her powers are supposed to be so extraordinary. She didn't contribute a lot to the story and the action. Also, the insta-love were completely unnecessary and felt forced. We all know I much prefer a slow burn over this!

This could have been so much better if only this was longer and there was more character development. I loved the world and the concept, and I hope the sequel and prequel will be better!

Received a free copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for my honest review.

Alycia says

First of all, thank you to Mallory McCartney for sending me an ARC of her book. It was a real pleasure to discover your world!

I have to say that at the beginning of the novel, I had some difficulties to understand where we were going. We are immediately put into the plot and we have to discover who is who and which role each character plays. Very quickly, the plot becomes really interesting and we finally understand how the characters are linked to each other. What I really like about this story is the fact that fantasy is a major part of it but it is well used. Indeed, there are lots of creatures and magical powers but, as it is well written, we can think it is real. I don't know if I'm clear but the writing makes us believe as readers that these creatures could be real. Moreover, I really loved the fact that this story reminds of *Harry Potter*, as it is about an academy and magical powers. However, this is a completely original story, don't misunderstand me. Moreover, the characters are strong ones and have several secrets to hide which gives suspense to the story and gives us the will to read more and more to finally know the end. Now that I have finished this first book, I literally need to read the sequel because I need answers!

In one word, preorder your copy of *Black Dawn* because I'm sure you'll love it!

Nadine says

Black Dawn is a poorly constructed novel about a seemingly normal young woman pulled from her life into the middle of a rebellion.

The biggest issue with this novel is that everything is left vague or not explained. The world building is nonexistent, the magic system/abilities is poorly explained nor will it ever be explained since the characters themselves admit they don't know where the magic comes from, and the history of the world itself is barely explained. The reader is then left with a story about a rebellion and a missing queen that has no backstory or basis for the reader to begin to understand the complex political movements of the world or the complicated relationships between the characters. About half way through the novel, I realized nothing is earned. Not the relationships, the magic system, the emotions between characters, or the big reveals and twists because of the lack of information.

The main character, Emory, is given her memories back after having them wiped and sent to earth through time travel to protect her. Again, this was never fully explained. She's given back her memories, but the process of regaining them is slow. While she is still confused about her kidnapping and the new world she's been thrust into, she decides to help the rebellion. A romance plot is then shoehorned into the story causing jealousy and motive for the plot to move forward. Emory and all the other characters are not developed and read like cardboard cutouts of characters. The lack of development stems from the lack of information about the world, magic system, and history. Each of the characters' developments and motives relate directly to their pasts and since, as mentioned previously, it's not explained, so it all falls flat.

Overall, Black Dawn is a poorly written novel with little to no character development or world building. I will definitely not be continuing this series.

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Sheila Goicea says

See this full review on my blog along with others at: shesgoingbookcrazy.com

I received this copy from the publisher via NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.

Well this was a nice little find! I say "little," because this is on the shorter end for a fantasy read. I'm used to at least three-hundred pages for a fantasy. But, I enjoyed it all the same!

Naturally with a shorter read, there isn't as much detail in world building and character development. However, the writing style and the way the story advanced made this lack of information *work*. I will always take more if I can get it, but the information that was given was enough to keep the plot moving forward and engaged me as the reader.

The beginning of the story begins on Earth, where we meet our heroine Emory Reia Fae. A girl who grew up in an orphanage gets a reality check when two men who have haunted her nightmares for years suddenly show up in her house.

She is spirited away to the world on which she was born--Kiero--where she re-learns her past. Not only does she originate from Kiero, she also learns that she is the rightful heir to the throne. But her lineage was overthrown by a vile man known as Adair. Emory joins up with the Black Dawn rebellion to earn back her rightful spot on the throne, and to overturn the damage Adair has done to their world.

With having a history on Kiero, Emory also discovers that her past holds some dark secrets--some her own doing, but some by other people. With a difficult past, and tumultuous future, Emory must relearn who she is and the power she holds in order to follow the purpose laid out before her.

Black Dawn is an interesting plot written from multiple characters' perspectives, so the reader gets a glimpse of both warring sides and their motives. The end is left wide open, allowing for a sequel to follow. I just heard that there will be a prequel of Black Dawn coming out sometime in July 2018, so be looking out for that!

Overall, this was a great, fast-paced read. I'm looking forward for more in all areas, to get a better picture of this world and what all is happening in it. **My favorite aspect of it was that it was very clean!**

Vulgarity: None!

Sexual content: Kissing only.

Violence: Some, but not very graphic.

3.5 stars.

A big thanks to the publisher for providing me with a copy of this book!

Anastasia ? says

Full Review on my blog

a copy was provided by NetGalley

This book just proves how I judge a book by its cover. Black Dawn is gifted with such a mesmerizing cover, it is impossible not to catch your eye and make you want to know more about what lies beyond the cover.

Black Dawn is a very short dystopian/YA fantasy. It was slow go and confusing at the beginning, since it started in an awkward place and like 100 POVs. Honestly, this book has an interesting story. It has a very great concept too. It just fell short on the narrating and some other part.

Black Dawn tells the story Emory, Memphis and Brokk. Emory is the long lost queen and she must save her people from Adair, their mad king.

Emory didn't know she was a queen or that she had a special ability until Memphis and Brokk brought her back to Kiero. It's hard for her to believe everything they say because she doesn't have her memories of what happened in Kiero when she was younger... Memphis and Brokk are trying to help her by giving her, her old memories, and are trying to convince her to fight Adair, but will she believe them?

This story is full of secrets, betrayal, love and loss! There were so many plot twists, it had me glued to the pages wondering just what would happen next.

Some parts were...mehh. I really wish there was more character development...

Black Dawn also reminded me of The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer and The Starlight Gods by Yumoyori Wilson, I mean the whole "kidnaped princess" / "hide the princesses on a different planet" thing was really similar to those two series, but otherwise Black Dawn was kinda unique, maybe. But now that I'm thinking about it, it's really like The Starlight Gods series, with the "bad guy" trying to take over the world or whatever, and the "princess" is the only hope. Ooh on that note it also kinda reminds me of Crimson Ash by Haley Sulich in a few ways.

Overall, this book was good. Really it is. It just fell short for me. There are parts that I actually like but there are more parts that I dislike. I would still recommend it.

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Jaime (Two Chicks on Books) says

This was so good! What an awesome fantasy! It's an adult book because the characters are older but I can definitely see YA crossover appeal! I need book 2 now!!

Candace Robinson says

So, last night I did a reread of this book since there will be a prequel coming out after the summer, and my

daughter will be out for summer break stopping me from doing anything! I also had to sit down ACOWAR for a bit after getting mad before I pick it back up! This book was even better the second time around, and I feel like the way the author describes things, I feel like I'm right there! Loved the characters, especially Brokk! He's my little precious baby that I want to hold and cuddle. There are different character perspectives which help you get a feel of the different situations and each character is different and never feels like I am reading the same character but with a different heading name. The end had me aching for book 2 even more.

This was action packed from the very first page. Review on my blog <https://literarydust.wordpress.com/20...>

Mandy Lai says

A Combination of Modern, Future and Barbarians

4.8/5 stars

Black Dawn is about this girl from a modern world, suddenly was taken by soldiers from another world. She was then discovered to be the heir of the another world. However it is already shattered and people are suffering.

I really like the character developments of the book, everyone are so flawed. That's what a reader needs, flawed characters. I really hate perfect characters they're so annoying. Despite how awesome the characters are, they're still planning on something, a secret.

And the betrayal, every book has a betrayal, but it is so well developed in this one. You can see that coming but maybe you cannot. :) It's such a pleasant thing to read about the struggle of their hearts.

Overall I just really love warrior story, especially a well written one! One thing to complain, this is too short! I need MORE!!!?

Michelle says

****You can see this full review and more at Book Briefs: <https://bookbriefs.net>****

Black Dawn is the first book in a new adult fantasy series by Mallory McCartney. I have classified this book as new adult because the character are in their 20s, but the content is very clean so I can very easily see this also appealing to younger readers and lovers of young adult fantasies. Black Dawn is a really cool story, and is the set up for what looks like it is going to be an awesome series. I really enjoyed book one, but because there was a lot of world building and background setting, I did have some bumps along the road. However, Black Dawn is a story that just kept getting better and better as it went along. And I think I am going to love book two even more than I did book one. Can I please have book two now Mallory??

Black Dawn starts off in multiple perspectives, rapid fire three different people in the first three chapters and throughout the book we get to see even more perspectives, with random chapters thrown in from Nyx and Adair. Because we started out with three chapters from three different characters perspectives, I was a bit jumbled at the beginning of the book. However, after the very quick start the book falls into a pattern of multiple chapters from the main woman's point of view. I liked this more because I was able to better get to know Emory. I really liked Emory, but I felt awful for her, to be dumped in this world that is in turmoil, with

her memories all mixed up must have been really hard. But she didn't waste any time jumping in.

The world in *Black Dawn* was really interesting. The crazy, and very violent King, Adair was a great villain character. And I loved how multifaceted the group of main characters were. There are lots of shades of grey with each of them, and I loved that most of all. Throughout the story, especially towards the end, I found myself wishing the book would slow down from its very rapid pace because I wanted more of the story. I wish this book was about 100 pages longer because I didn't want it to end. I really am hoping that the second book is closer to 300 pages, rather than the 180 this one was. There is so much more that I want to see in this world.

Bottom line: *Black Dawn* is great for young adult and new adult fantasy fans alike. I loved the magic, the world and the characters. If you are looking for a quick, fast paced fantasy read, *Black Dawn* is the book for you. I really enjoyed it.

This review was originally posted on Book Briefs

Natalia says

I was given a free copy of this by the fabulous and sweet author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you again, Mal, for giving me the chance to read your amazing debut novel. It was brilliant!

Here we go!

"To have lost everything but have hope to rebuild the future is the strongest weapon in the world."

Emory Fae is the last living heir of the Fae family, and the answer to the Academy's problems with one man—nay, *self-proclaimed (mad)* king of Kiero, a planet with people who have extraordinary abilities. Only problem? Emory is thought to be dead, but is she really?

Thankfully not, but with her being alive becomes a whole other cluster. Oops.

I'll leave it at that because I don't want to give away too many spoilers. Honestly though? You guys *need* to read this book, especially if you really enjoy *The Mortal Instruments* and *X-Men*, then I'm sure you're going to fall in love with this story and characters as I have. There are devious (and freaking CREEPY) faeries, witches, a gent with the ability to travel through time (and across worlds)

Black Dawn is a pretty fast book for one so short. The story is engaging and I couldn't help but fall in love with the fabulous Brokk (you have to read this to understand why I'm so in love with this gent. MAN.) And I'm very conflicted on how I feel about our baddie Adair. I'm on the fence about him. Sometimes I hated him, sometimes I felt a little sorry for him. Once or twice I thought he should have been locked in a mental asylum. And as for Memphis? Hmmmm. I didn't love him as much as I loved Brokk (and that plot twist! UGH.) Something just bothered me about Memphis. He just ... hmm, I can't put it into words. I kept having this feeling that his role would change throughout the story.

I can't wait for the next installment. I need to know what happens next!!

?Stephanie? says

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This review can be found on my Blog, TeacherofYA's Tumblr, or my Goodreads page

My Review

Credit is definitely due for this amazingly beautiful cover, which sucked me in hardcore. It's stunning. It's why I emailed back and said, "Yes PLEASE" to this book.

I'm still torn about that decision.

I have already forgotten most of the book, and that's never a good sign. But I'll do my best:

We are told the story from several POVs that jump around: we start with Emory briefly, a girl who has been abducted from her apartment by the man in her nightmares. We hear from her briefly before she passes out and is taken away.

Memphis and Brock return Emory to her real world. Apparently she was stashed on Earth for protection, as she is the last in line of a prominent family and is needed for a rebellion of the people against the evil ruler. This world of Kiero is a world of magic and is ruled by King Adair, a man who used to be friends with Emory, Memphis and Brock's family but became power-hungry.

Memphis is in love with Emory. So is Brock. Emory wakes up and has her memories restored: she remembers the rebellion and she remembers who she is...and she is eager to get the rebellion (named Black Dawn) into shape to stop Adair.

(I was totally confused at this point bc of the POV shifts...I normally don't mind them but one min I was in Emory's head and the next minute I'm in Memphis's head, and he seems like he is supposed to be a bad guy but his thoughts don't sound bad...then we are in Brock's head and he really missed Emory but because of some memory-tampering by Memphis, Emory is scared of Brock, which to me seems like a really shitty thing to do). Are you following? Ok...I wasn't. I almost DNFed the whole book at this point bc I had no connection to the characters and had no idea who to root for as I didn't care about anyone too much.

THEN, it's like the story finds its groove and we can understand what's going on...and some crazy cool stuff goes down but the book is only 180 pages and it ends by the time you really start feeling it.

The author (pictured right) tells me that a sequel is in the works hopefully – if there's enough of a demand. I'd like to continue the series, but I forget it more and more each day. When I finished it the first time, the

cliffhanger had me in its grip and I was clamoring for more. But it's not sticking with me. The book actually reads like it's a sequel to something else: it's good, but it takes most of the book to get good, and then you're left with that empty "what do I do now?" feeling.

I can't really recommend this for any educational reading and I am going to simply give Black Dawn ★★☆☆. It's an okay read, and it does become extremely creative with its path at the end...but unless something follows it up soon, I can see Black Dawn fading from the memories of most readers.

Esther says

This book started out as a very promising read. Fast paced, with a wide variety of characters and an interesting new world. Towards the end, the book felt very rushed and I wished it would've been 100 pages longer, so some things would be explained a bit better. This book could've easily gotten 4 stars, if it didn't feel so rushed.

A longer review can be found at [Bite Into Books](#)

Not a bad book, I liked the different POV's and the world was very promising as well. The story felt rushed at the ending of the book and it left me with a sour taste, I was very confused. This also makes me shy away from maybe a second book, since my TBR is huge already and I'm not really curious what is going to happen with the characters in this book.

Sabrina says

Checkout my full review + giveaway on my blog! <http://omgbooksandmorebooks.blogspot....>

Black Dawn is an excellent short read. This story is told in 3 different perspectives and I found this to add more to the story. Each character is multifaceted. There was never a dull moment. Though I felt the ending was a bit rushed and I wished it was slowed down a bit. I would say this is a New Adult considering the age of the characters but those who normally read YA would enjoy Black Dawn.

There are so many elements that I love about this book. The characters, the character development, setting, the X-Men vibe and more. I wish this book was 300+ pages but I hope the sequel will be of great length.

Carrie says

Black Dawn by Mallory McCartney is a young adult fantasy read with a touch of romance added into the story. A young woman has been living her life not knowing that she is from a distant land that is plagued in war until she is pulled right into the middle of it all. The story is told by alternating the point of view between several of the characters with each chapter in the book.

I can easily sum up my feelings with this one in one simple complaint, the book is relatively short so I don't think it was what was there that brought my rating down but what wasn't. The story drops readers right into the action and ongoing conflict and I quietly waited for things to be explained more but there wasn't much in

the way of world/character building. The lack of information made the story sort of hard to follow and become connected to.

There were also a lot of good elements in this one for a fantasy but again I would still have liked it all to be explored more than it was. The characters could kind of blend when switching the point of view until getting to know what was going on but it's one that once feeling a bit more comfortable it's over. Not necessarily a bad read overall but one that just felt OK in the end.

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