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Dark Heirloom: A Vampire Urban Fantasy (An Ema Marx Novel Book 1)



Synopsis

Vampires. Shifters. Nephilim. Ema Marx is their savior, but she can't believe the bloodsuckers exist. Or that she's one of them. Sure, night vision and super strength are cool, but when an ancient premonition threatens her life, Ema just wants to get the hell out of dodge. Or in this case, the mysterious castle she wakes up in. Jalmari is a vampire prince with a bad attitude. He wants nothing to do with Ema, until he discovers she's a threat to his throne. Now he's out for blood. Ema's survival hangs on her ability to stay one step ahead of Jalmari while curbing her own morbid thirst. Can she save herself, or will she succumb to a dangerous destiny? Dark Heirloom is the first installment of the award-winning Ema Marx series. If you like strong female heroes, lots of action, and a hint of romance, then you'll love J.D. Brown's gripping urban fantasy world. Pick up this page turner today! Bonus: This edition includes the bonus chapter Jesu's Revelation and a sneak peek at book two Dark Liaison. Other books in this series include: Dark Heirloom (book 1) Dark Liaison (book 2) Athena's Oracle (book 2.5) Dark Becoming (book 3) The Warriress (book 3.5) Dark Ascension (book 4 - coming soon)

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Customer Reviews

Once I started reading this book I could not put it down. J.D. Brown has created an amazing vampire world in her Ema Marx novels. Despite the many vampire novels I have read, Brown has created a vampire story unlike any other. The story is steady and allows the reader to really take in the world unfolding in front of them. She delves into vampire races, abilities, beliefs, and so much more. Ema is an amazing character who despite turning vampire is still very human. When Ema finds herself kidnapped and halfway across the Earth, she does what any human would, she tries to escape. During her stay with her kidnappers, she learns that she is a vampire and must learn how to live like one. Little does she know a premonition has been foretold of who she will become.

I received an ARC from the author and have chosen to review it. I really enjoyed this book it was a different take on paranormal creatures that I hadn't read before. At times the storyline would get very slow with Ema trying investigating her powers and trying to figure out which clan she belonged to. Also some of the wording and the language would get confusing at times just because it was something I had ever heard of before. It did eventually pick up the pace and it got really good. I can't wait to see what happens with the characters as the series continues.

This book was excellent ! I enjoyed the prequel Athena's Oracle, but had a problem with a few spelling errors, or rather the repeated error in word choice, like waste instead of waist, and 3 other words also in error. This book didn't have that error. Well written and very enjoyable. Can't spend any more time writing this review, am off to start the next one ! Can't wait !!

I enjoyed this book. It definitely started off with a lot of heart pounding action as Emma was being chased through alleys by a dark assailant. Fortunately, a neighbor turned the light on and yelled out of the window. Emma's assailant left but it really shook Emma up. Now her true adventure begins. She meets her 3 people , wakes up in a different country and learns what she has become. Jesu becomes her friend and swears to protect her. I found this book interesting and full of thrills and some laughs. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. It's a great read.

This is my second time reading this book, but I recently read Athena's Oracle, so I had a different perspective after this read I still loved the story and the sassiness of Ema; I was still hooked into the story line just like the first time I read it. I loved reading about her discovery and use of her powers. I

disliked Leena just like I did the first time I read it and wondered on this read how did she get to be the way she was from where she was in Athena's Oracle. I understand that time changes people and 2000 years is a lot of time, but for me, it was only a day and the personality was so much different. However, I loved the love between Leena and Jalmari, even though they were drifting apart. I was sad with the way things ended. This is my sole gripe on this book: Jalmari/Apollyon relationship. How did Apollyon get so much power over Jalmari wherein Jalmari was calling him master and was being commanded to do things and HAD to act. I thought only vampires had sires and had that type of master/servant relationship. I thought Vampyres did not have a sire because they were born. This was also the explanation given to Ema for the reason she so is suited to be queen. So this entire dynamic threw me off and I hope the author can offer an explanation. I would also love to have more of an explanation on the apple core and Apollyon. I felt that could be explained a little because I was confused. The last few pages felt rushed (or it could have been the way I was reading), but there was A LOT jammed into the end. I wanted more. I hope some of these things are explained further in the next few books.

With vivid descriptions that pull the reader into the story, I eagerly turned the pages. Knowing that with each page I got closer to the end even though I did not want this journey to end! Emma Marx didn't ask to be a vampire but she is. Her beginning will grab you and you want to hold on and go with her! This book was on my reading list for a year and why I didn't move it up.....well I'm kicking myself for that!!! Wanna bet what book is next? Dark Liaison for sure!! A great story puts the reader right there and I loved every page! Thanks!

oh my godness. Vampires and Vampyres. yes my friends there is a difference. This story take up on and adventure into the darkness with Ema. She find all kinds of things out about her family and more.

J.D. Brown spins a great tale!! The world she builds is complex and wonderfully different from other vampire books. This is a great book and I look forward to reading the rest in the series!!

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