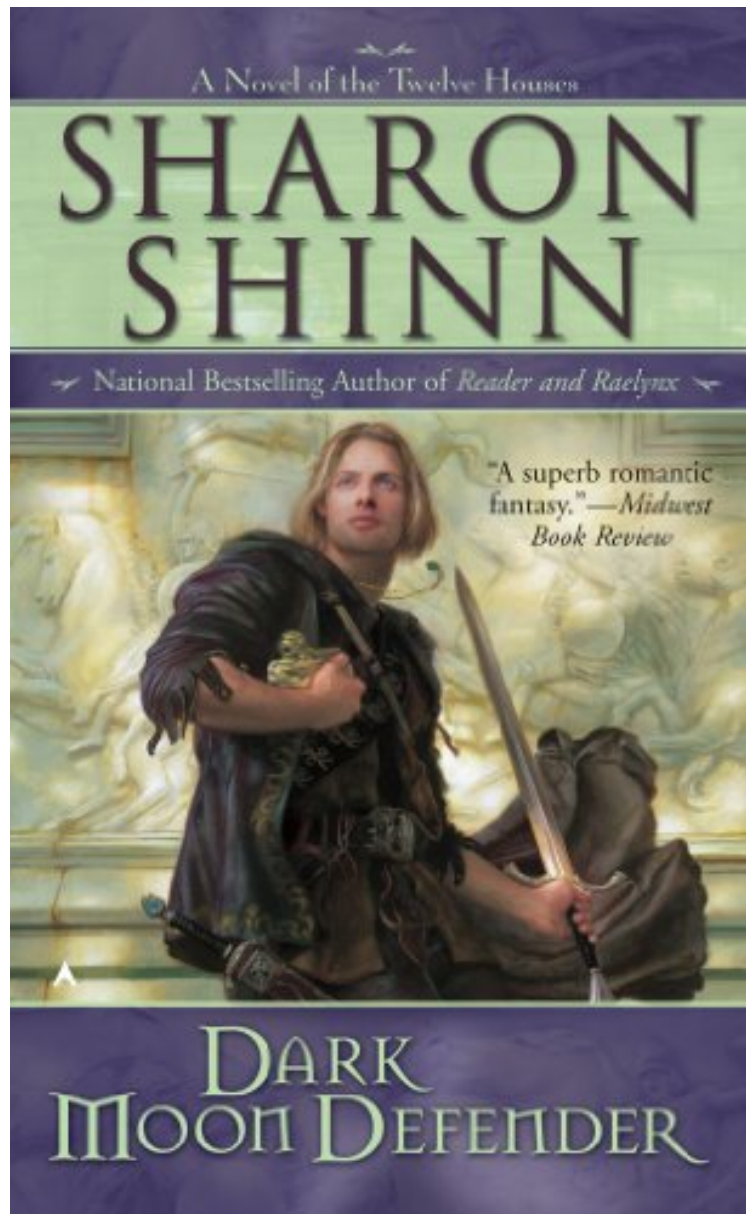


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Von Sharon Shinn : Dark Moon Defender before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dark Moon Defender:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mrchenstunde fr ErwachseneVon Fantasy FanSharon Shinns dritter Band aus der Reihe der Twelve Houses ist

erschieden und ich habe ihn sofort gelesen. Leider kann man ja viel schneller lesen als schreiben und das Lesen eines solchen Fantasyromans ist für mich nicht nur eitel Freude. Auf der einen Seite baut Frau Shinn so geschickt eine unterschwellige Spannung auf, dass ich unbedingt wissen will, wie es weiter geht, aber je schneller ich lese, desto eher bin ich mit dem Buch fertig und muss dann mindestens ein Jahr oder auch zwei auf eine Fortsetzung warten, die hoffentlich noch kommt. In *Dark Moon Defender* spielt Justin, ein Reiter des Königs, die Hauptrolle. Er hilft einer Novizin aus dem Konvent der Lestra, einer Sekte, die die Mondgöttin verehrt, und wie es die Autorin so will, verlieben sich die beiden ineinander. Das ist eigentlich eine unmögliche und zugleich sehr gefährliche Sache, denn Novizinnen dürfen nichts mit Männern zu tun haben, vor allem nicht mit solchen, die Gegner der Lestra sind. Außerdem kommt diese spezielle Novizin noch aus dem Lirrenland, in dem Väter und Brüder zuerst streng über weibliche Wesen wachen und keine Bewerber von außerhalb akzeptieren. Und schließlich ist diese Novizin auch noch eine Mystikerin, ohne es zuerst zu wissen, also eine von der Lestra verfolgte und ermordete Spezies. Es geht also mal wieder rund, aber, wie im Märchen, wird schließlich, auch mit Hilfe von Justins Freunden und Kampfgefährten, alles gut. Nicht zuletzt deshalb ist das Lesen solcher Bücher einfach erholsam, weil im wirklichen Leben eben nicht alles glücklich endet.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The fantasy story of the unlikely group of friends continues to entertain and Justin's part in it is another wonderful addition. Von MinaNote: this is the 3rd installment of the Twelve Houses fantasy series and although the author explains stuff to get into the plot with or without knowledge of the previous books, I wouldn't recommend to start reading here. I'd rather start with *Mystic and Rider*. Review Since in the last book, Kira made me review my prejudices against her as protagonist [instead of Senneth] by being awesome and interesting, I could tone down my apprehension of Justin being the lead in *Dark Moon Defender* a bit. True, he is not the most complex of characters, being a soldier through and through, but he, too, did a lot of character growing since he met the others of his group of unlikely friends. So he is not as one-dimensional here as he was at the beginning of *Mystic and Rider*. He recognized where he erred, where he had had the world painted too much in black and white and that there is more to life than doing whatever jobs his king assigns him. And at the beginning of *Dark Moon Defender*, he knows exactly that there are worse assignments than guarding highborn ladies and/or mystics: he is stationed in Neft, the city closest to the Lumanen Convent, where infamous Coralinda Gisseltess lives with her novices and priestesses and guards. Justin is to observe who is coming, going and verify that it's the fanatics here that condone and even order the execution of mystics. And Justin hates his job. Right until he by chance meets Ellynor, a novice at the convent who somehow ended up there accompanying her wayward cousin. They are actually Lirren girls [and if you've read the other books, you know how these girls never marry outsiders and the fierce brothers and fathers and so on...] and therefore have not much information about Gillengaria, the Houses or even the fanaticism of the religion of the Pale Mother the Gisseltess Lady devised. Their goddess is the Dark Watcher and this concept was very interestingly shown here. How Ellynor is able to heal and to conceal herself in darkness by communicating with the goddess. But then, this exact love for the Dark Watcher is highly dangerous in the very heart of the Pale Lady's worshipping sisterhood. As is Ellynor's ability to do magic that marks her as mystic, even if she doesn't know it. So if you've ever read any fantasy and/or romance, you'll be able to roughly deduce what will happen. And you'd be right up until a point, because predictability or no, S. Shinn again built in some twists and turns that weren't very obvious and no one will be surprised that they mostly revolve around Senneth. Yes, the gang is back and there were even a few chapters from Senneth's POV, which made me very happy especially one scene at Brassens Manor. Won't spoil it, but it made my eyes water... Came unexpected... Well, so Justin and Ellynor fall in love, everything very star-crossed lovers and there is the constant danger for Ellynor being found out at the convent [my my, are these fanatics creepy and cruel...]. And yes, the overall story arc is driven forward, if not as much as I'd have hoped. But the plot is gripping and Justin a better lead than I'd have given him credit for. My complaint is for Ellynor, since she is very much the damsel in distress and being used to Senneth and Kirra, that made me appreciate her a lot less. And when she shows some spine, she does so to do some very stupid things. Really, she is not my favorite character here. But as you can see with the rating that didn't impede my good reading experience, so I can forgive it. The next book will be Cammon's and I really hope the situation in Gillengaria and with the Gisseltess is wrapped up one way or another there.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Recommend the series... Von Susan StormWell-worth reading, I enjoyed the entire series, as a visit to another possible reality, yet moving on a human level as well... for fans of fantasy and science fiction a well written series....

Kurzbeschreibung The third Novel of the Twelve Houses from the national bestselling author. In this story of hidden magic and forbidden love, the King's Rider Justin befriends Ellynor, a young novice at a convent-only to discover that she is a mystic being manipulated by the fanatical Daughters of the Pale Moon into hunting down and killing other mystics. From Publishers Weekly In Shinn's intrigue-filled third Twelve Houses fantasy (after *The Thirteenth House* and *Mystic and Rider*), Justin, one of the elite King's Riders who serve King Baryn of Gillengaria, finds plenty to be concerned about after going undercover as a stableman to learn about threats to Baryn's rule. Noblewoman Coralinda

Gisseltess, head of the Lumanen Convent of the Daughters of the Pale Mother (a moon goddess), has begun her own campaign against mystics, preaching that their magic is an abomination to the goddess. Then Justin meets Ellynor Alowa of Lirren, a young novice from the convent, and loses his heart to her. Things get complicated when Ellynor is denounced as a mystic because of her healing abilities. Rescuing Ellynor from being burned at the stake won't be easy, but if Justin succeeds, he'll then have to deal with the taboo against Lirren women marrying outside their clans. Once again Shinn expertly mixes romance with traditional fantasy for a satisfying read. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Kurzbeschreibung The third Novel of the Twelve Houses from the national bestselling author. In this story of hidden magic and forbidden love, the King's Rider Justin befriends Ellynor, a young novice at a convent-only to discover that she is a mystic being manipulated by the fanatical Daughters of the Pale Moon into hunting down and killing other mystics.