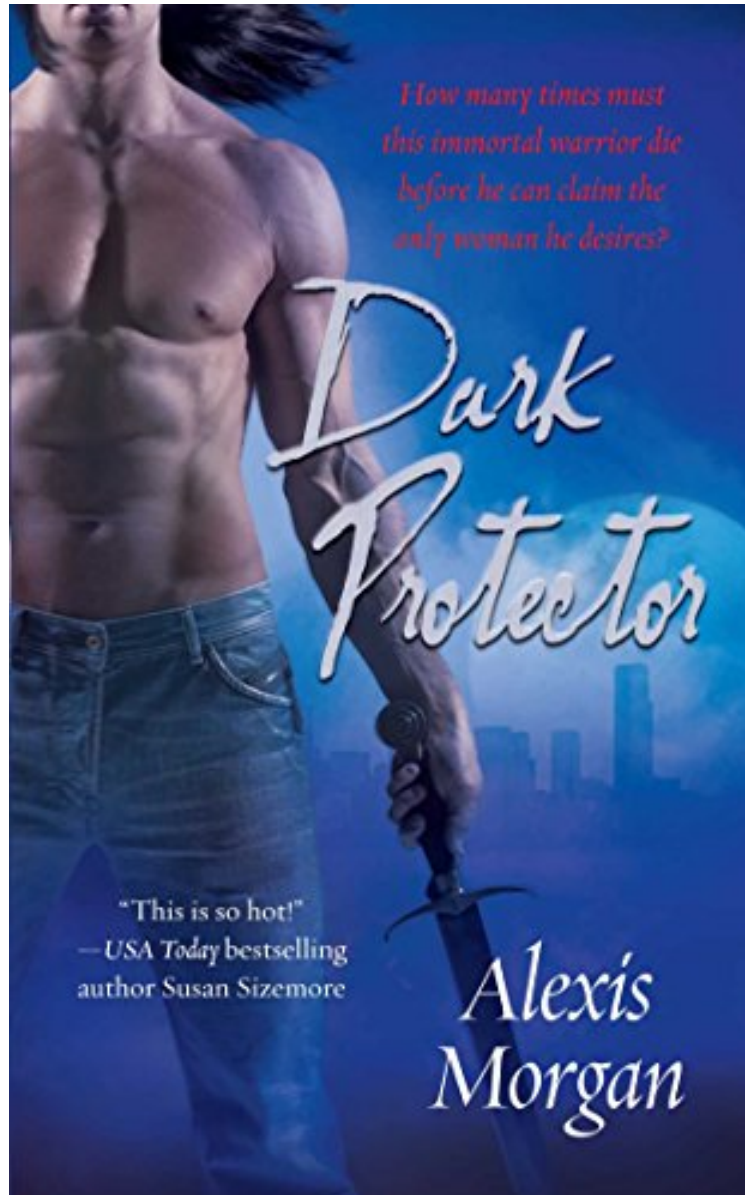


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Von Alexis Morgan : Dark Protector (Paladins of Darkness, Book 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dark Protector (Paladins of Darkness, Book 1):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Promising ...Von cassandraand hopefully a new series to read.Devlin is a Paladin (band of warriors) who has to protect humankind from the Others (which live inside earth, not quite like hell, more like "Jules Verne"). He is stationed in

Seattle and every time an earthquake/vulcano eruption occurs the barrier between the underworld and our world weakens, enabling Others to cross to the human side. Paladins might die in battle but they are revived by a human handler. But with each dying the Paladin loses more of his humanity and finally becomes an "other" himself. Before this happens it's the duty of the Handler to put him down. Devlin is one of the oldest Paladins and therefore close to losing it. But then he falls in love with his Handler Laurel, which is unheard of. To make it worse there is a betrayer who is ordered to kill Devlin permanently and in trying to achieve that kidnaps Laurel. Fight scenes, hot love scenes, suspense: For a first book this one made a very good impression and I'm looking forward to the second installment (and pray that it won't disappoint me). It's a bit of "Journey to the center of the earth", Christine Feehan's "Ghostwalker", there's also some Dark Hunter quality in it. No vampires, were-folk or goblins at the moment. What the Others exactly are is wide open but actually this is a good thing. This book didn't start out with a confusing universe of its own but eases you into the storyline.

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Moderne Paladine
Von Sabrina Paladine, Menschen, deren DNA sie dazu befähigt, schlimmste Verletzungen und sogar den Tod zu überstehen, schützen die Barriere, eine Energieschranke zur Welt der Other, deren Bewohner danach trachten, in unsere Welt zu gelangen, und dabei die Gewalt und Schlechtigkeit ihrer Welt mitbringen. Wann immer Vulkane ausbrechen, oder die Erde bebt, ist die Barriere in Gefahr und die Paladine müssen bereitstehen, die Other zurückzutreiben. Der Preis für ihren Einsatz ist hoch, denn mit jedem Tod und anschließender Wiederbelebung verlieren sie ein Stück Menschlichkeit, bis sie sich schließlich nicht mehr von ihren Gegnern unterscheiden und selbst zur Gefahr werden. Devlin ist der Anführer und auch der Älteste der Paladine. Bei ihm schreitet der Verlust seiner Menschlichkeit langsamer voran als bei seinen Gefährten. Dr. Laurel Young, die dafür zuständig ist, die Paladine zu behandeln und wiederzubeleben, ist fest entschlossen, herauszufinden, was ihn von den anderen Paladinen unterscheidet, um auch denen eine bessere Überlebenschance zu bieten. Devlin ist keineswegs abgeneigt, im Mittelpunkt von Laurels Interesse zu stehen, hat sie ihn doch schon immer fasziniert. Doch dann scheint es jemand aus seinem Umfeld darauf angelegt zu haben, Devlin endgültig zu beseitigen und seine Gefühle für Laurel scheinen dazu das beste Mittel zu sein.

Alexis Morgans Paladine erinnern entfernt an Christine Feehans Carpathian, die auch befürchten müssen, zu dem zu werden, was sie bekämpfen. Anstelle auf sich alleingestellter Einzelgänger mit barmenschlichen Fähigkeiten trifft man hier jedoch auf eine Gruppe von Kriegerern, die zwar Individualisten sind, aber gemeinsam ihre Aufgabe bewältigen. Unterstützt werden sie von moderner Medizin und Technik, die aber auch gleichzeitig dafür sorgt, dass Paladine, die ihre Menschlichkeit verlieren, rechtzeitig erkannt und "aus dem Verkehr gezogen werden". Die Welt der Other, wie auch deren Gründe, in unsere Welt einzudringen, bleiben nebulös, es gibt aber zumindest Hinweise darauf, dass hier (hoffentlich) in einem der nächsten Bände Aufklärung erfolgt. "Dark Protector" ist spannend und interessant, wirkt aber teilweise etwas naiv, etwa, wenn behauptet wird, dass die Other für das Ozonloch verantwortlich sind. Nichtsdestotrotz hat Alexis Morgan hier eine Welt mit viel Potential geschaffen, die mit weiteren Bänden hoffentlich überzeugender und vielschichtiger wird.

5 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another urban fantasy - but a so-so one
Von Helen Hancox In the rash of urban fantasy books at the moment there's a lot of sameness. I had hopes that "Dark Protector" might be the beginning of a series that was a little different, like (for example) J R Ward's Black Dagger Brotherhood, which is a fresh look at the vampire genre. "Dark Protector" is the first in a series about the Paladins, semi-humans who exist to protect the barrier between our world and the dark world of 'The Others' who try to cross into our world periodically and who do it harm. The Paladins fight with swords and knives against 'The Others' whenever they break through the barrier (which is related to seismic and volcanic activity in our world) and if they are killed in the fighting they come alive again after a couple of days. Unfortunately the more times a Paladin dies, the less human they become until eventually one day they will wake up as one of 'The Others' and have to be euthanased. Devlin Bane is one of the oldest Paladins - he's treading perilously close to the edge of losing his humanity and becoming one of the Others. The story starts when he is revived by his Handler, Dr Laurel Young, after a rather unusual fight with a couple of the Others. And from that point on things don't go according to plan as he tries to work out what's going on, discovers someone is plotting against him from the human side, and gets involved with Laurel Young, his Doctor and the woman who will have to end his life when he loses his humanity. We are introduced, in this story, to several of the other Paladins, most of whom will no doubt feature in subsequent books. The world of this story is an interesting one with a traditional battle between good and evil, with the evil sometimes coming from your own side. At the end of the book there was an interesting loose end about the intrinsic evil of the Others which may serve to muddy the water but had possibilities but is evidently only going to be explored in subsequent books. Unfortunately for this book, and despite the interesting and different premise on which it's based, there wasn't enough meat to it. The romance seems more about lust than love and it's hard to see quite where it's going long term, the mystery aspect of the renegade human never really grabbed my attention and there were some slow parts of the book. The fighting between Paladins and Others isn't really described very well (which could have added interest to the story) and although the characters are good, they also felt a little one-dimensional. Dr Young is that common-in-fiction completely wonderful doctor who will do anything to help a patient, and yet she also breaks one of the basic rules about the doctor-patient relationship. I didn't feel that this book lived up to its possibilities and I didn't find myself caring enough about any of the characters to feel that this had been a worthwhile read. It's not badly written, it's just

too run-of-the-mill in an overcrowded genre.

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