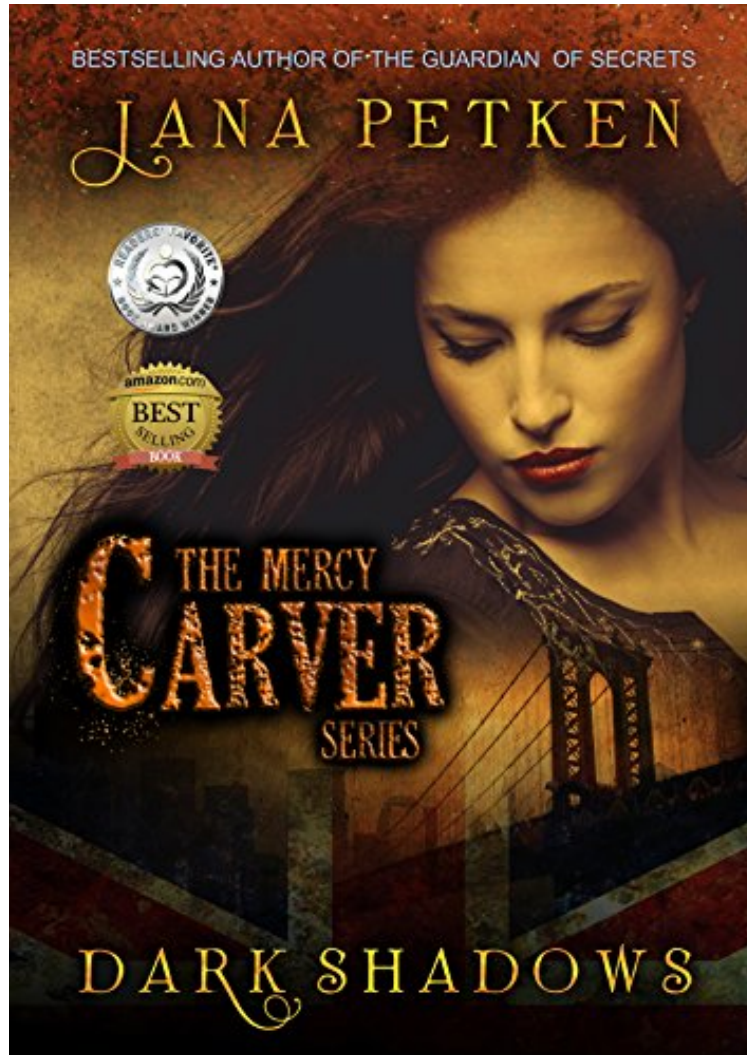


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**Von Jana Petken : Dark Shadows (The Mercy Carver Series Book 1) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dark Shadows (The Mercy Carver Series Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An engrossing sagaVon Jim GoforthAnybody who follows any of my reviews might be aware that historical fiction is not exactly my normal genre of choice, though I do like to make a habit of reading a wide array of things aside from just my favourite genres.With that said, I decided to check out Dark Shadows (The Mercy Carver Series Book 1) by Jana Petken, on the strength of her earlier novel The Guardian of Secrets and discovered, that much like that book, this one is a grand achievement in historical fiction.Spanning well over five hundred pages Dark Shadows is a big book with a

hell of a lot of story contained within those pages. It starts off in dramatic fashion, with a prologue section dealing with the birth of the tales eventual protagonist, Mercy Carver herself, and it is pretty obvious to see from the word go and this harrowing childbirth, that Mercys existence is not going to be a straightforward blissful one of tranquillity and simplicity. Death and suicide are on the agenda immediately, and the eventual name bestowed upon baby Mercy doesn't even come from her parents. From this point we move on to 1860 in London, where doomed to be married off to the affluent local grocer Mister Black, more commonly referred to as Big Joe; a slovenly balding fellow, more than double her age, Mercy Carver is about to embark on a story which runs the gamut from fascinating to disturbing, thought provoking to deeply poignant. The author writes with a smooth, easy reading flow and uses engaging narration to relay the tale of Mercys abundant tribulations, and these are indeed many, starting from what is meant to be her wedding day. From London, England to Virginia, North America the tale unfolds with measures of sheer darkness lacing it, scenes of sex and violence and some truly memorable (as well as some truly depraved) characters make their presences felt. The likes of Jacob Stone, Mrs Mallory aka Madame du Pont, Big Joe himself and an entire supporting cast all add weight to the tale, drifting into the central characters orbit and dramatically altering her existence. The imagery is strong, the storytelling is splendid, and over the course of the lengthy tale, a wide range of emotions are going to be unleashed in the reader and its fair to say, one does not have to be an avid fanatic of historical fiction to become thoroughly immersed in Dark Shadows. As this is book one in a series, stay tuned for a follow up. Ill be keeping an eye out for it.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mercy me! Von Sammy K. "Dark Shadows" by Jana Petken is an emotional thrill ride. It starts off in the depths of woe, and keeps you glued to your seat wondering just what will happen to poor Mercy next. The book opens on the day Mercy is born. \*SPOILER\* Her mother dies in child birth, and her father -- stricken with woe -- commits suicide. After a vicar recommends the baby be sent to an orphanage, Mercy's grandparents decide instead to raise her themselves -- naming her after her mother's last words, a cry to God for mercy. If that isn't an emotionally walloping way to start a story, I don't know what is. And the best part is that Ms. Petken's highly descriptive writing pulls you into the world of the story and doesn't let go. It's like you can see every face, every dingy street corner and shack and pub and brothel and ship. From her mournful beginnings, Mercy's story only gets more and more evocative and tragic, with a few precious silver linings of joy. After her grandparents try to pimp her off to a grocer, Mercy moves from the streets of London to the battlefields of Virginia. Finding love amidst war and immeasurable tragedy, Ms. Petken immerses us in the life Mercy builds for herself as a gun-toting heroine and a romantic lover. Madame du Pont, also known as Mrs. Mallory, a brothel owner, was one of the most fascinating characters for me -- because, while brothel owners are a typical trope in these types of stories, Madame du Pont is far from your usual brothel owner. Through her Mercy learns much more than you'd ever expect. This is sweeping, epic storytelling at its best. If you like historical fiction, if you like romance, you won't be disappointed with "Dark Shadows."

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mercy Carver: Born To Suffer Von Thomas Baker Mercy Carver: Dark Shadows, by Jana Petken, is a compelling read. The book's prologue, in which we learn the circumstances of the protagonist's birth, is riveting. We are fully aware that as we read further, Mercy Carver is going to have a life that will be anything but merciful. "Mercy", it seems, is a mockery of the destiny in store for her. Evidently, she has been born to suffer. Going forward, we find her at age 18. She is facing an arranged marriage with, "Big Joe", the old grocer. He is 45, Mercy, his bride to be, was 14 when the marriage was arranged. She has been counseled by her grandmother about her interactions with him: (quote) "Go to his shop every day. Don't be offish with him. Flirt with him. Make him want you." (end of quote) And this gem: "The way to a man's heart was not through his belly. The way to snare a man was to make him want your legs open every day of the week!" And of course Big Joe is a real winner. Let me quote one of his intimate messages to Mercy, on social outings with Mercy and her grandmother: (quote) "I'll be having my fill of you in no time, Mercy. You just make sure you keep that c\*\*t of yours nice and tight for me. Don't let another man's c\*\*k in there, cos if you're not a virgin when I sign those marriage papers, there will be hell to pay." (end of quote) At this point, be clear about one thing. Mercy will suffer. From page first to page last, you will witness her suffering. If you are like me, your turning of the pages will be because you have the need to find out if she can overcome the curse that is upon her, namely, she has been born to suffer. Will she ever find happiness, or will it be only cruelty and harshness and misfortune for her? We all have met such people, with "black clouds" hanging over everything they do in their lives. For me, Mercy Carver reaches out and touches my heart, and holds it in her hands as she struggles with the overwhelming challenges she faces. Reading this book made me reflect on things like bad luck, good luck, fate and destiny. Finally, I recommend Mercy Carver highly to readers who believe we make our own "luck", that our destiny is in our own hands, that what we do matters more than what is done to us. Reviewed by Thomas Jerome Baker Author of How to Coach A Debate Team

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