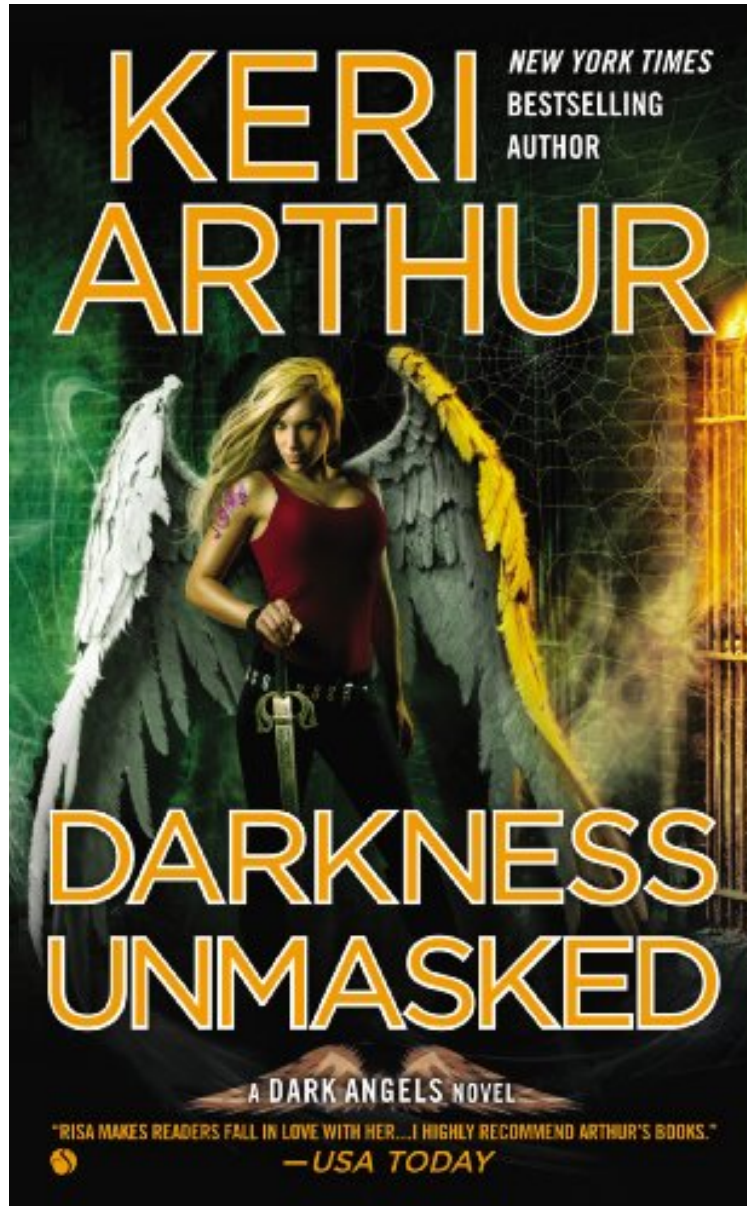


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**Von Keri Arthur : Darkness Unmasked: A Dark Angels Novel** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Darkness Unmasked: A Dark Angels Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A virtual thriller insane serial killer, high stakes and an only slightly annoying heroineVon MinaNote: Darkness Hunts is the 4th

installment in the Dark Angels series, in which each book contributes to an overall story arc. So this is not a really good place to start the series and I recommend to stop here and read *Darkness Unbound* instead. Review I'm relieved I'm still annoyed by Risa's way to deal with Lucian and her ex Jak the douche. But there's light at the end of the virtual tunnel and since especially the Lucian-thread is brought to a temporarily conclusion, I'm hopeful that in the next book in this series, Risa will be her wonderful self again. First of all, the book is essentially a thriller in a UF-dress. A mad astral traveler kills women, claiming it were his birthright and life-task. That alone wouldn't make it Risa's problem, but then it's one of her life's characteristics that trouble finds her. And so when she travels the astral plane for the first time to interview the ghost of Mr. Logan, the late lawyer of Mr. Nadler, the consortium's elusive head, she stumbles upon the killer. Just when he is about to kill someone. The killer is intrigued by fierce Risa and makes his personal quest, aka the killing-spree, a challenge. His skills against hers. Very old-school murder mystery like, he requests Risa being his contact at the Directorate and this is how she gets sucked into her uncle Rhoan's official investigation. As with all good thrillers, there is a lot of danger for Risa and her friends during this murder case and the net the villain weaves is ever tightening around them all until the ultimate showdown in which I plain loved Risa and her hilarious talking demon sword! Another thing I appreciated were the answers and further clues to the overall quest for the portal's keys. There wasn't any real acting on it, but getting to know the real ends Risa's Aedh father works towards, was illuminating to say the least. This and some other revelation about the keys and the portals leaves Risa and Azriel with of course even more problems and no viable solution. So this very easily could have been a four to five star read and if it is not, well at least not for me, that is due to Risa's still overwhelming lack of common sense as far as Lucian is concerned. Well, at least for the first half of the book. There are mild spoilers ahead, so read next paragraph at your own risk. There are some explanations on why Risa is so drawn to Lucian and they're not of her making. But how she reacts to revelations anyone except her saw coming, makes her look stupid. I mean, the signs piled up, Azriel told her constantly just to be discarded, she herself had those niggling feelings. So why she makes those cow-eyes when there is no more way to ignore just how much she was used, is anyone's guess. I neither get the surprise and the hurt, nor that he gets away with just a slap on the hands. But at least, she gathers what is left of her spine and has her grand exit. All in all, it's a more than decent addition to the series and it's really mostly my own strong averseness to heroines acting in the too-dumb-to-live-way. I'm pretty sure the series will profit, if the need s\*\*\*-part is toned down a bit. Especially with the intense moments with a certain reaper, er, warrior.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 3,5 stars for lots of awesomeness in this book and a heroine still making incredibly stupid decisions... Von Mina

Note: this is the 5th installment in the Dark Angels series, in which each book contributes to an overall story arc. So this is not a good place to start the series and if you're new to it, I recommend to go back to *Darkness Unbound*. Review I'm torn about *Darkness Unmasked*. In many respects this book is great UF: the very well done world building that is so consistent and logic, the variety of interesting characters and the overall plot with Risa the half werewolf / half Aedh forced by many parties [and lots of them sinister] to find the keys to the portals to hell. Then there is the difficult and all the more intense relationship with Azriel the reaper-warrior that is indeed well written, so much so that I believe the feelings and the desperation... I even like the pattern each book follows, although it's kind of repetitive: the main story, aka the search for the keys, combined with any kind of creepy case Risa has to work on either for Madeline Hunter the scary ber-vampire or because of some other inevitable involvement. This time it's Hunter again and the case Risa has to solve is gory and the creature she hunts is worse than your average non-human culprit. At least as far as the grossing-out is concerned. And as with the other books, this case is solved and in the course of that resolution, the depth of Hunter's creepiness is pictured in colors so ugly that I'm really wondering, if she isn't the baddest thing around. The search for the keys makes some progress, although it's tough to follow the revelations of who schemes against whom and who secretly collaborates with whom. Hard to keep it all straight. But then, I really appreciated the progress, even if I would have wished on another outcome, but then, it's still two more books in the series and I'm nothing, if not patient. Then there is action, fights, hilarious demon-sword comments and the overall pacing is just right. On many accounts, this book could even have gotten five stars as a UF-novel. If it weren't for those many moments I couldn't help shaking my head and wonder, how Risa could be so partially stupid!? On one occasion she acts so mind-blowing dense and her actions lead to so much grieve and finally heartbreak that it made me shout out loud in annoyance. Don't get me wrong, she finds out about some treachery that goes so much deeper than she ever imagined [er, well, others did, but OK] and has to suffer through violations so vile it was hard for me to read on and my heart went out to her. And at the same time I hated that she is always so easily captured and trusts so promptly when so many clues hint to potential betrayal... Anyway, prepare to see her suffer more than before. And: look forward to her retaliate in a true heroic way. Wow. That was awesome, mind my words! The end left me reeling alongside Risa, because it changes a great many things and I'm very curious about how this will turn out. I still hope for Risa to stop acting rash and start to think stuff through before acting. And most of all: I hope she starts getting help from the people around her who can and calls in the cavalry early enough.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Amazing!!! Von Rafael You could say that s\*\*\* hits the fan in this book, I totally recommend it!!!

I hope the next one will be out soon :)

Kurzbeschreibung Half-werewolf, half-Aedh Risa Jones is beginning to believe that the only way to find the keys she's been searching for and save her friends is by dying. And when Wolfgang Schmidt, the lover of her boss at the vampire council, is found dead, her worst fears are confirmed. With the first portal of hell permanently open, the energies of the dark path are leaching into the world. Searching for Schmidt's killer and the keys at the same time, Risa and reaper Azriel track a shape-shifting spider spirit capable of changing her form into a seductive woman. But when they finally find the second key, the Aedh Lucian snatches it and disappears. Risa is intent on finding Lucian and fighting him to the death for in her mind, she knows that neither can remain while the other lives....

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