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Born Of Legend: The League, Book 9



Synopsis

"It's official Take a Psycho to Work Day. Why else would I be here?" Hunted. Hated. Betrayed. Dagger Ixur is on the run for his life. As one of the most recognizable members of his royal house, he has a bounty on his head that guarantees him no quarter from any friend or even family. But surrender isn't in him. He will fight to the bitter end. A resolve that is sorely tested when he narrowly escapes a trap that leaves him severely wounded. With what he believes is his dying breath, he saves a boy born to an extinct race from a group out to enslave the kid for his legendary abilities. Ushara Altaan has spent her entire life hating those born to nobility. After all, it was a royal house that drove her entire species into virtual extinction. As a rare Andarion Fyreblood, she is sworn to end the existence of any royal she finds. But when Dagger saves her son's life, she is torn between her people and a debt that can never be repaid. Yet worse than Dagger's family that's still out to end hers, are the League assassins after him who will stop at nothing to claim the lives of her Tavali family. The only hope she has to save them all is to put their future and her faith into the hands of the very enemy whose grandmother personally extinguished Ushara's legendary lineage. But in *Born of Legend*, how can she ever trust Dagger when he is a disinherited outlaw whose very name is synonymous with betrayal?

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Customer Reviews

Can I give a book SIX stars? Sherrilyn Kenyon's League series has long been my favorite of all her series. When I heard she was expanding the original trilogy, I was SO excited and happy. And most of those books have lived up to my expectations, earning 4 or 5 stars in my mental rating system.

This book, however - If I could give it a 6-star review, I would. In fact, it just might have knocked the original trio off the top as my favorite (not sure, I'll have to re-read the entire series to be sure :-)) I find there are often three main themes running through Ms. Kenyon's work: 1) every being (human or otherwise) has flaws, 2) there are always at least two sides to every story, and 3) no one is beyond forgiveness and redemption. In this book, I believe she fully illustrates all three themes better than in any of her others (even the Acheron/Styx twin series from the Dark Hunter series). Firstly, the characters in this series are a product of the environment and times they inhabit - a BRUTAL, violent world where assassination and death are common and frequent. Honor, true friendship, trust, and loyalty are rare. Supposed friends will sell each other out for the right price. Even families can't trust each other - especially among the higher echelons of power, and they don't hesitate to wipe each other out for gain. Parents often don't like their children, and vice versa, and child abuse - it happens and mostly, no one bats an eye or cares. You have to understand that to understand how parents could so love one child and so horribly mistreat another. Favored children are pampered and spoiled, un-favored children are lucky to be alive. Each of Ms. Kenyon's books makes a "superhero" of the main character.

Originally Reviewed For: Bodice Rippers, Femme Fatales and Fantasy*****BEWARE SPOILERS AHEAD*****Maybe not extreme spoilers but things of definite note. Born of Legend is Book 9 in the amazing Sherrilyn Kenyon's League Series. In many ways it has leapfrogged to the top of my favorite Kenyon Series. Maybe because it remains true to the beginning.. and maybe because it's just that good. We all know you can't have a Kenyon hero without him having a tortured soul, it's just not possible. Each hero has to overcome some pretty nasty stuff. And on occasion (Styx) he also has to overcome our preconceived notions. Yep, Sherrie manages to redeem the unredeemable. I bring that up because Born of Legend also redeems the unredeemable. Julian En Anatole.. And it was an amazing ride. This time, Sherrie gets it near perfect! In Styx it was almost overkill and Zanax was definitely required and there were times when I hated Ash.. yeah not goo. But This time... It was less overkill and more emotional. More an adult who has to deal with the remnants of an abusive childhood, both physical and emotional. A child who was neglected, drugged and turned into the scapegoat of a nation. But Julian, AKA Dagger, rose above it all. Became the man he dreamed of being. Was he perfect? Nope... We start Born of Legend when Julian was on his last hope, he was determined to die and he decided to do so by saving a child. That one action truly changed his life. Introduced him to the woman who became his "Darling Star" his guiding light, his very reason for being. And in turn helped him to overcome a dark

and desperate past to be the man he dreamed of. But more than that, he became a true legend.

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