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It's a final showdown for control of the Starfire. Raea and Elis's bond is strong, but the Shirukan intend to use it to force her hand to give up the Starfire shard. To complicate matters, a shadow from Elis's past has returned, claiming to help; but when he betrays Elis to the Shirukan, Raea must figure out whom she can trust before it's too late. All of Inar'Ahben is counting on them to keep the Starfire out of the wrong hands, but the Starfire has other ideas. They leave Raea with only one choice-make the ultimate sacrifice or risk losing everything to the Shirat Empire.

## Forever Dark Details

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## **From Reader Review Forever Dark for online ebook**

### **Amanda Savig says**

Oh my goodness!!!!!! I love it!!! I am so sad though when I finished it! It was still a fantastic read even though its over, but I am looking forward to Soriel! Fantastic!

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### **Linda Harley says**

Of the entire series, this book was the most enjoyable. It had a great balance of action, romance and mystery all woven together. The story was predictable with now big surprises, but a few twists were included here and there to keep the reader interested. Raea and Elsis' bonding is almost complete. They have to stand together in a big show down with the Shirukan. There is betrayal of friends, a wedding, heartache and pain all thrown into the mix of things. In the end Raea is forced to chose between love and what she was born to do. In all good stories she makes the nobler choice. I often wonder what would happen in stories, where the main character does the unexpected and doesn't choose to save the planet. Now that story I would like to read. Would the planet be destroyed, or would they have to go through an even harder trial and life passage because they made one bad decision that would influence all of existence. Anyways, I go off topic, but needless to say this book made me think about those possibilities and as a writer we constantly have to ask ourselves. What if? Great stories are born by breaking the molds of what people belief. Although not the end of the series, I believe this is where I will part, since I'm happy with the conclusion and can go on to imagine the rest.

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### **TerriAnn M. Brochu says**

I loved it and it was sad that it end but it end great.. I couldn't put it down. Read in one and half.. Thanks for a great story..

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### **Tori Reul says**

What a great ending to this series.

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### **Emmanuelle says**

Wonderful finish to the Dark Angel Chronicles. The characters we have to come to love (and hate) are all included in this finale. Unknowns are resolved. The ending couldn't have been better written. And yet, you are left wanting more :)

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### **Joy says**

Wonderful ending. I really enjoyed this series.

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### **Liz says**

What a great ending! It made me want more though, at least for some of the other characters. I really enjoyed the entire series and I loved this ending. Everything for Elis and Rhaea couldn't have ended better.

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### **Jennifer says**

**This review is also posted at The Bawdy Book Blog.**

Forever Dark is forever my favorite of the Dark Angel Chronicles!

It's come down to the Big Day for Elis and Raea: the wedding. They've come a long way from the high school teenagers they were when they first met a mere five months before to the brave Keepers they are today. They've suffered through heart-break and loss, kidnappings, assaults...and they've come out ahead. They've found each other and that's all that truly matters.

In Forever Dark, Elis and Raea are completing the bonding process and planning to leave for college, when they mysteriously end up back on Inar 'Abhen. Elis is shocked to find his one-time friend, Toril, behind their kidnapping, claiming to be a traitor to the Empire. Refusing to have a mind-scan, they don't know whether or not to believe him, though his actions seem sincere.

Then Elis and Toril disappear. And it's up to Raea to find them.

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed Forever Dark! It wrapped up the Dark Angel Chronicles just SO WELL. Melanie Nilles did an exquisite job capitalizing on the characters of the other novels in this series and incorporating them all into the final chapter of the story, so-to-speak. The character development from the first book through Forever Dark is so well done and believable that when I sit back and think about how far they have come, well...it just knocks my socks right off. Raea has come from a woe-is-me teenager without many cares in the world to a smart (alright, alright, she's always been smart), responsible young woman who knows her duty to the Starfire. Elis, after suffering through terrible tragedies involving his immediate family, has realized that life is what you make of it, and with Raea by his side, he can face anything.

Wait, these people are teenagers? Yes, Virginia, they are. And damn, upstanding ones at that. (But, you know, interesting ones, not the boring kind your grandma probably talks about)

One would suppose that since Elis and Raea get married in Forever Dark that there may be some sexual content. A lot of authors seem to be doing it these days (pun intended), but Nilles manages to gracefully talk about the subject without getting into the nitty, gritty details. And notice it's after they're married? I ain't gonna lie, I like a little "romp-me-Barrons" sex scenes, and I'm not a prude, but it's nice to have a traditional romance once in awhile. I really enjoyed this aspect of the novel, it felt sweet and real.

The overall plot of the novel is quick and a page-turner. I had a hard time putting it down for things like eating...and sleeping. I absolutely had to know what happened next. It was very easy to read and keep up with, and its characters – all of them, including villains, new and old – were fun to get to know. I think readers of this series will enjoy the old characters that come back in Forever Dark, for good or bad, and the

new characters that get introduced. And they will certainly delight in where the story takes them. Because I did!

Fans of this series will rejoice in the ending and, while it is a science-fiction/fantasy blend, dare I say fans of other angel books, by authors like Cynthia Hand, will also like this novel. It's got a little bit of everything for the young adult reader inside you.

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### **Cindy says**

I struggled some in reading the first three books in this series and I put off reading this book for a while. However, I wish I hadn't. It was so action packed that I didn't struggle to get through it at all. Definitely the best of the four books in the series! I sat on the edge of my seat plenty of times throughout the story and smiled a huge smile at the end.

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### **Laurie Hopkins says**

#### **Excellent**

I really enjoyed this series. Elis and Rae are great characters, their bond carries them through so much. Friendships and family motivate to do so much.

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### **Giselle Biviano says**

This was a really cool book but I REALLY HATE WAITING FOR A BOOK!!! especially in a good series and i find it so exhilarating when the next book comes out.. This book was awesome for the next book of the series of Starfire angels (bad title i know).

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### **Pamela says**

Loved the adventure and high drama in this continuing story of Rhae and Elis. Bonded at last and still in danger it was a great story! Will there be a continuing story for these two?

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### **Beverley says**

enjoyed

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### **Sharlen says**

This one left my mind racing, thinking of all the possibilities for what lies ahead!

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**Tracy says**

The story continues to grow. Good things to come an we know more bad will follow

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