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A succubus. A wizard. A deadly addiction.

Sex kills. Hard to believe, but that's what we're dealing with. A succubus is on the loose. She's dark, hungry, and ancient. In a world of monsters, age is power, and she has both. Something is pushing her to feed on my kind, and if I don't figure it out and stop her, she will kill all of us. I have to stop her, and learn to control the demonic power within me. It's twisting me, tainting me, I can feel its power growing. Dealing with a demon got me into this, let's see if it can get me out.

I am the monster that hunts monsters.

This book contains violence and adult language.

Dark Descent Details

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From Reader Review Dark Descent for online ebook

Montzalee Wittmann says

Dark Descent (Codex Blair Book 3) by Izzy Shows is the third book in the series but can be read as a stand alone. In this book, our gal who is a monster hunter, is after a succubus. This is not so easy as it sounds. It takes a demon, another incubus, her friend, and Fred her imp to figure out how to stop this beast. It is full of action and craziness. Great plot, characters, dialogue, and situations. I love this series! There is lots of magic, strong female character, action, mystery, and lots of fun. I was given this story to read and the review was voluntary.

Runningrabbit says

Of Dark & Light

I enjoy this series but I feel at this stage it needs an injection of fresh ideas and new characters. Some of the scenarios are getting over used and repetitive and requires a lift to prevent the series from going stale.

Waneta says

Solid read, if cliché

Dark Descent is a good installment in the Codex Blair series. It felt more focused on Blair's relationships with those around her than on the "big bad" of the book. The story was intriguing enough to keep reading, though the writing on this one was iffy. The phrase "I didn't trust him as far as I could throw him" was used at least a dozen times, all about the same character. Repetitions like that were annoying, as is Blair's continued infatuation with Emily, but the banter with Malphas made up for it. I'll be reading the next book soon.

Lila Lockhart says

Rarely do I read an urban fantasy novel that I absolutely adore. This book was one of the few exceptions.

I read this book as a standalone. Whilst it is the third in the series, it is quite readable on it's own. That being said, I am very keen on digging into the first two books, as I adore Blair and this fantastic world that Shows is spinning. It also sounds like there's a lot of context to be gleamed from the first two books, which would make this book even more enjoyable.

There's a lot of depth in the development of the characters and world. I'm very curious to learn more about Blair's upbringing, and to see more of Mal in upcoming novels.

As a fan of Firefly, I couldn't help but love the references to Mal and Serenity. Whilst I'm not certain if these

were intentional, they made me feel all warm and fuzzy, all the same.

This novel is well paced, fun, and allows room for reflection. There is something very personal and innovative in these pages, that I feel is often missed within this genre. My only real gripe is there wasn't quite as much romance as I would like - thought hopefully we will see some more in the future! Mal is one sassy man, and I would certainly like to see some more of him as this series progresses.

I would highly recommend this series to lovers of urban fantasy, and I look forward to going back and reading the first two books in this series.

Julia Stephanie says

She has got to be the most unlikable character ever. I enjoy the overall story but the content itself makes me want to strangle someone. I feel like there was a lot of repetition on points which made me roll me eyes in annoyance. I don't remember feeling this annoyed with the previous two so hoping the next one isn't a let down.

GG says

I received a free copy of this book and was asked to provide an honest review. Considering how much I enjoyed the first two books in the series, I was happy to do so.

Dark Descent continues the Codex Blair story in a positive way. Blair is settling more into her role of defending London and its people from magical dangers. This time it's a succubus. Interestingly enough, considering the foe, there is not a great deal of graphic sensuality or sex. It doesn't seem to be that type of succubus. There are scenes in strip clubs and other establishments, but Izzy Shows doesn't take the easy way out and focus on graphic writing. Instead, she builds the story's tension, and the tension/attraction between Mal and Blair, through some strong displays of writing.

Supporting characters Raven, Fred, Mal, Emily, and others are back and become more developed each showing. As a reader, I continue to see more depth in how they interact with each other and Blair. (Sidenote - Mal and Emily's interactions are great fun!)

Blair has few to any unexpressed snarky thoughts, but in this book she tries to rein them in. Really, really tries. I felt for her and wondered if she was going to blow a fictional gasket or not. Blair continues to occasionally make bad choices and rue them over and over again. If this keeps up, she's going to need a very understanding therapist soon.

This is an enjoyable series and each book seems to be getting better.

Amber slater says

Another great read

Each story entails another journey for Blair, discovering herself and the magic she is capable of. Her group of misfit friends assisting her on each journey to save those in need and helping Blair to tone her powers and not succumb to the demon powers she struggles not to tap into.

meghann says

This is the third book in this series, and it keeps getting better and better. I love how quickly the author is releasing each of these books. I never have to wait long to find out what Blair is up against next. I really enjoyed how much of Mal was in this book. His and Blair's interactions are amazing, and I kind of want her to make bad choices with him. Things were really picking up at the very end, and I'm so excited about the new character and how she will feature in the next book. It's going to be sooo good.

Thanks to the author for providing me a free ARC of this book. My opinions are my own.

Arlene says

Not sure..

I enjoyed the first two but the back and forth angst and self dislike isn't getting better and it's rather boring this time around... Story line was alright, but seemed disjointed

Tabi Wares says

The author's endings are getting better! This is easily the best book of the series so far! I'm enjoying getting into more of the lore of the series too.

And, minor spoiler alert, Lillai needs to work on her funky attitude. She is needlessly hostile and I don't get it.

Stephanie Willett-marion says

Disappointed

I hate giving bad reviews because I know I could never write a book but the reviews are why I choose a book sometimes. I'm honestly surprised I read up to book 3. Details are not very good and left me bored and my mind wonder. I think you have a great story line but these books have been a slow process for me. This is the last one I will be reading but good luck in your writing.

Fran says

Book three had a twist ending which I usually do not like but this one made me stop and go OH MY GOD!!! I must read more!!!! Dang the leaving you hanging! However the book is amazing! Blair is still super amazing and this time around has to learn to play well with others. The succubus they are after is uber butt kicking and not easy to deal with. I liked the group involvement. It was different than her usual lone wolf thing, which is cool but its nice to mix it up once in awhile. I cannot wait to read book four!

Judi says

Getting tired of the negative internal dialog

I am not sure if I will keep reading this series. Several times during this book I found it hard to tolerate Blaire's negativity. I know she didn't have the best life growing up and is not comfortable around people but at some point she has to start believing in herself and in her handful of friends. That's really my only complaint. I actually stated skipping parts when she seemed to be getting stated on another rant about how she's not good enough or how everything is her fault, blah, blah, blah.

Jana Gundy says

Another thrilling story

Every book gets deeper into a fascinating world and it sucks me in till it has ended and I'm needing more. Blair is such a complex heroine that there is always something to learn about her. All of the secondary characters are real and enjoyable. Each story is a thrill on its own and I love each challenge Blair faces.

Tracy Carroll says

Changes

In each book Blair changes and in this book she is foot only fighting a succubus, she is also fighting herself. How will this progress for Blair and you wonder how much the mark is impacting her life, her choices, and her personality. I am left wondering how much longer Blair and Shawn can makes things work since they are from two vastly different worlds. I'm beginning to think that Blair may be better off with Malphas. This was an engaging story, my only complaint is some of it was repetitive in regards to Blair's thoughts. I also am wanting to hear more of Fred's story and see him more involved. For so E reason I like the little imp and want to know more. I also wonder if Blair hasn't taken on Malpha's rage and by doing so may be his salvation to no longer being Fallen. Just a thought. If you like urban fantasy, especially authors like Kim Harrison, then you'll definitely like this series.

