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*The Guardians of Eternity are facing a final battle to save their world—but battles of the heart may be the most difficult to fight...*

Cyn, the vampire clan chief of Ireland, is an unabashed hedonist whose beauty is surpassed only by his insatiable appetite for pleasure. It's no wonder he's furious when he's transported from the magical land of the pureblooded feys to his desolate medieval castle—only to have his very existence thrown into a chaos that even he cannot charm his way out of...

Most women may be all but powerless against Cyn, but Fallon, a sharp-witted fairy princess, is less than beguiled by the silver-tongued vampire. She's a serious soul with no time for the sort of games he plays—especially when they learn that someone is trying to close the veil that separates the dimensions. But seduction may prove the most powerful force of all, as attraction ignites between the unlikely pair even as worlds are colliding around them...

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## N.J. Walters says

All good things must come to an end and so it is with Alexandra Ivy's Guardian's of Eternity series. WHEN DARKNESS ENDS is the final book and it doesn't disappoint.

I've been reading about the Guardians of Eternity since book one and have come to love all the characters that populate that world, including one of the best sidekicks in all romance--Levet. I'm happy to say Levet is back once again to help save the day, as only the lovable but inept gargoyle can. I'm sorry to see the series end, but am glad that the author has given us such a wonderful book to finish what has been a truly amazing series.

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## Cass says

Cyn - Alexandra Ivy - VF when I realized that it was the final book in the Guardians of Eternity series.

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## Stephanie G says

The Guardians are facing a final battle to save their world but for Cyn and Fallon seduction may prove the most powerful force of all, as their attraction ignites even as the worlds are colliding around them in this breathtaking paranormal romance.

Cyn and Fallon are forced to team up to discover just what force is strong enough to close the veils that separate the dimensions and the reader can't help but get caught up in all the fiery clashes that happen between this combustible couple. Their attraction may seem as certain as it is hot but there's quite a few obstacles in the way not to mention their struggle against said attraction which adds quite a bit of spice, humor and emotional turmoil to their romance. The fast paced and smooth flowing plot thrills readers with lots of suspense, action and passion while all the strong captivating characters continue to hold readers captive.

There is never a dull moment as there is lots of tension and excitement throughout the story not only between Cyna and Fallon but with other character as well. Anticipation builds as the danger escalates and they all begin to realize just what the enemy has planned and vivid imagery brings the story to life and plants the reader right in the middle of all that excitement keeping expectations high while the spine tingling events ensure that the reader can't put the book down.

I can't believe that this is the final Guardians of Eternity book, it has certainly been one of my favorites since I fell in love with Styxx and of course all the others as well including Levet, but at the same time I think the Guardians deserve time to enjoy their happily ever afters without a villain trying to end it all. That being said, I think that Alexandra Ivy brought this series to a wonderful conclusion with a spectacular final battle. I also want to congratulate Levet on his new business venture, sounds like he can have quite a bit of fun with that.

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## **Lisa - (Aussie Girl) says**

As one of my original paranormal romance series I was a bit sad to see this finally ending although it was probably time. When Darkness Ends followed the Guardians of Eternity formula with the book's featured couple Cyn the Irish vampire Clan Chief and the Chatri Princess Fallon overcoming their differences with a HEA (plus a bonus HEA with Tonya the Imp and Prince Magnus who nearly stole the show) the Guardians successfully fighting another big bad trying to take over the world and Levet, the vertically challenged gargoyle's usual amusing presence. It was quite enjoyable although perhaps I would have liked to see more of the ensemble cast coming together in a spectacular battle to finish the series it did end on a feel good note - now I'm wondering where she will go with her self-published spinoff series , Dragons of Eternity coming soon.

3.5 - 4 stars.

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## **Sophia says**

In this final installment, Cyn, the berserker-vampire, and Fallon, the pure-blood fey princess, are sucked into a race to prevent a new danger from destroying the world as they know it. The sparks fly between them making them a fun couple to read. And bonus, there is a secondary romance that is equally entertaining. This one didn't quite have that epic feel or that tone of saying goodbye that final books in a series can have until the very last moment in the epilogue. I was actually okay that it was just business as normal-passionate lovers and saving the world stuff.

This story is part of a series and builds on the book before it so this one would not make a good standalone or story out of order. Surrounded by a familiar group of supporting cast including another unexpected pair of fiery lovers, the series that has gone on for several years winds down to the end. Fortunately, the author is preparing a spin-off series told in the Guardians of Eternity world.

The story opens with Cyn and Fallon waking up in the caves below his hidden lair in Ireland. Both regard each other suspiciously assuming the other one was responsible for kidnapping them out of the other dimension. They soon learn that someone else is responsible. They are given a mission by the ruling council of demons to find out who is seeking to control the council's power by using a compulsion spell. They reluctantly partner up as they dance around the attraction that pulls these opposites toward each other.

Cyn is a rough, alpha berserker turned centuries-old vampire who answers only to the King of all Vampires while Fallon is a refined, protected and naive pure fey princess. They must combine his knowledge of ancient history and vampire strength with her fey magic scrying and power skills to defeat a cunning enemy who has been setting up his coup for a long time. In the process, they go from hostile to hot sexy times to concern that they don't stand a chance of being together.

Alongside Cyn and Fallon's work, Fallon's promised fiance' has come to find her and has presumed on Styx to assist his efforts since it is thought that Cyn had something to do with her disappearance. Styx pushes off the arrogant fey prince onto Tonya the Imp. Tonya gives stuffy Magnus a run for his money as they work from the other end to defeat the new threat in the world.

As I mentioned, this one didn't feel like the last book in a series. I expected it too so experienced a little let-down until I adjusted and just went along for a favorite series adventure. Like others in the series, these are more action-oriented than character-driven. The romance also follows a familiar path with that tension caused between an alpha male and an independent female with some sort of forbidden aspect that in this case is caused by their species. It's like a cozy feel of familiarity as a result and not a complaint. Truthfully, the last few books as exciting as they have been, have been a sort of long denouement tying up the plot threads from throughout this series. I liked how the author did that, bringing things down slowly, but still offering exciting adventures and romances along the way.

Cyn and Fallon were a likeable enough pair, but I confess to only moderate feelings toward them and their romance. I was more into the action part of the plot not that there was anything wrong with the romance. It doesn't hurt that there are several familiar characters in the back-up roles that are more of interest to me: Styx the King, Levet the Gargoyle, fellow vampire Viper and Dante, Tonya the Imp, and a new player in Magnus the fey prince. Speaking of Magnus, he and Tonya get up another sassy romance and have their own storyline separate from Cyn and Fallon. These two cracked me up the way he came down all lord of the manor on her and she just told him off and did as she pleased.

All in all, I enjoyed the story and I was into it though it didn't wow me in the tradition of series enders. The series has been a strong favorite and I wholeheartedly recommend it to paranormal romance lovers who like some grit, some spice, lots of action and a world full of nearly every paranormal race imaginable.

My thanks to Kensington and Net Galley for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Vashti says**

In the words of Cyn, the hero of this book..Awesome,Fucking Awesome!!!! What a ride this series has been,I am glad to have hopped on this train for the journey.

This couple,Cyn ,a vampire beserker clan chief ,and Fallon ,a Chatri princess were the perfect couple to end this series with.Some past heros make appearances to once again save the world from a bad guy and my beloved Levert was in the action too.How he loves to rile the heros.Wonderful second romance characters who had plenty of chemistry with each other.

Loved that the hero was all about his mate ,now this is my kind of hero,crazy in love,jealous and possessive.Reading the last few paragraphs,I felt sad that this series ended,but Alexandra Ivy did a wonderful job with a fitting ending.There was nothing that I did not love in this book ,so a full 5\*\*\* read for me.

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### **Vanessa theJeepDiva says**

Say it isn't so, the final Guardians of Eternity book. I've loved this series from the very beginning.

Alexandra Ivy has created a paranormal world that doesn't just focus on one otherworldly species. She has brought in so many different species that it has allowed for each book to remain fresh and exciting. The various villains have kept that going as well. When Darkness Ends brings together a Chatri princess and a clan chief vampire with the pairing of Cyn and Fallon.

Cyn and Fallon meet in Hunt the Darkness. The assignment that the Oracles place upon them is what puts them working together. One of the Oracles realizes that something is not right among them. While there is a

pretty good hunch as to what is amiss they need some outside assistance to right the wrongs. Fallon's royal Chatri blood has given her the ability to scry in a way which most others cannot. The Oracles need this to find out exactly who or what is behind what is going on among them.

For a vampire Cyn has been raised (from a foundling) by a different set of parents. It has given him a historical knowledge of species other than vampires. The Oracles know that he can assist Fallon with putting a stop to what is going on with the Oracles. Cyn's top priority soon becomes Fallon. He realizes almost immediately that she is his mate and he doesn't exactly fight it, his past comes back to bite him more often than not.

Fallon and Cyn as a romantic pairing makes for a super sexy read. He respects her and sees her as a female he wants in his life. He treats her like a person. Fallon has spent her whole life being treated as a special object that one must obtain to elevate one's social standing. Fallon has an interesting mix of intelligence, wit, and innocence.

Readers who have followed this series from the beginning like me will love that some of their favorite past characters make an appearance while having small roles. And of course Levet is there to play matchmaker and save the day.

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### **Marta Cox says**

Oh no it's the final book in this series and it's been such a fun journey. I suppose all good things have to come to an end and this roller coaster of a ride feels suiting some how. Yes it's finally the turn of the vampire Cyn to fall in love and boy does he fall hard! Never has a vampire struggled more not( yes you read that right) not to claim his Mate and the object of his affections? Well step up Fallon, Chatri and ancient pure blood of the fey realm oh and did I mention she's a princess? A princess with a very arrogant and demanding fiancée and now here she is in Cyn's world and they are supposed to work together? Something truly evil is going on and one of the much revered Oracles believes that Cyn and Fallon ( with a little help from our favourite gargoyle) can prevent Armageddon . Hey that's not what Cyn had planned for today but the longer he spends time with Fallon the more the fate of the world links them together. So a hedonistic vampire and as cool as a cucumber Princess now what could possibly go wrong? Yes chalk is about to meet cheese ! Lots going on here and previous stories all get tied neatly up too. It's been a thrill filled series peopled with interesting characters and it was sheer joy to see old favourites appear in this book. It seems that all these books impinge upon saving the world somehow but Ms Ivy ties it all neatly up with this book and there's even a sweet epilogue . This series has captured many readers imagination with it's mixture of paranormal , romance, danger and of course humour. I'm truly sad this has ended but loved how it all made sense. Ms Ivy take a bow and give your characters a well deserved break as they have truly entertained this reader for many a long night! Oh and I love the cover! I was gifted a copy of this in exchange for an honest review

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### **Sofia T. (♥ Dimitri Belikov) says**

**“I’ve waited for you for longer than you could ever possibly imagine”**

I think I say this for every Alexandra Ivy book but it feels like I’ve waited forever for this book. I know it hasn’t been that long but every time I’m waiting for a Guardians of Eternity book to come out, time doesn’t seem to pass. I believe that the main reason I feel this way is because I know that I’m going to love the characters and the book. I’, also not a very patient person when it comes to book!

Cyn, the vampire clan chief of Ireland and Fallon, Sally's sister and the Chatri princess are in a lot of trouble. The Oracles are being manipulated by a strange threat and Siljar demands that Fallon and Cyn find and eliminate the threat before it's too late. Someone pulls the strings, he wants to control the Oracles and make them cast a spell that will eventually result in the death of all demons. Cyn and Fallon will have to figure out who the threat is or else they all will be doomed.

This was... I have no words! It was just fabulous. It captured my attention from the very beginning and in the end it made me feel nostalgic. Cyn and Fallon were the best couple. Even from the previous book there was something between them that it just couldn't be ignored. Their competitive relationship, their arrogance and stubbornness, their determination and protectiveness were what captivated me.

Cyn was a great leader but when he was around Fallon he forgot everything. The bond between them was a strong one even if they denied its existence. You could tell they were in sync from the very beginning.

I could go on and on about my love for Cyn and Fallon but I really want to talk about the secondary characters. There were plenty characters from the previous books. Almost every character in the series is mentioned but there were only a few who had an important role in the book. Styx, Viper, Dante even Levet were some of the active secondary characters. We also get to meet Fallon's fiancé, Magnus. I have to admit that I wasn't such a huge fan of his in the beginning but as you get to know him better, which you will, you will just love him too. I don't want to say much about his character but he is more arrogant than Cyn and I think that says a lot.

The end made me feel so nostalgic. I can't believe that this is the end of the series. The end of the book was perfect, I had no problem with the book I just can't believe that it's over. The book totally prepares you for the end of the series but still I can't say that I'm not sad. I've been following this series since the first book came out. I always waited for the next book to be released, always loved the stories and every unique character and now I just can't let that feeling go. To say that it was an incredible journey would be an understatement!

When Darkness Ends will totally satisfy you. The last book in the Guardians of Eternity series is nothing but perfect. Action- packed, full of suspense, romance, a sexy arrogant, bad-ass alpha hero and an equally stubborn heroine. This book is a must read (actually the whole series is a must read).

Just read it! Highly recommended!

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## **Cassandra says**

My Thoughts - 5 out of 5 Unicorns - I loved it!!!

\*\*\*Received a copy of the ebook for an honest review

The cover is awesome and Cyn looks completely sexy :)

This is the 12th book in the series, but this doesn't count all the awesome novellas there are too :) I'm

ashamed to admit that I didn't realize until I requested this book how woefully behind I am in this series. I have read the first 6 books and the novella that follows; however this is before I started writing reviews. So I am definitely going to have to break out the books I've already read and review them, and then get my hands on all the books I haven't read yet. Ok, I'm done with my tangent ;)

I really love Alexandra's style because she is a fabulous story teller who weaves these incredible and complex stories, but she also adds in humor and awesome women who won't be put on a pedestal or locked away being told what to do. They stand next to their mates ready to do battle which makes for a fantastic adventure every time.

This is Cyn and Fallon's story with some of my favorites coming along for the ride too (Styx, Dante, Viper, and Levet). Cyn is the domineering male vampire who is a berserker. Fallon is a Chatri princess. The Chatri are the ancient pure blood fae. Fallon has a fiery spirit that she has finally let free. Of course they have been chosen to save the world by the Oracles. I really loved being sucked into their story. I can't wait to come back to this world because silly me forgot how awesome it is.

I highly recommend this series to all paranormals fans because Alexandra has plenty to love for all paranormal enthusiasts and of course if you already love Alexandra Ivy's work, you do not want to miss this one :)

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## **Leigh says**

When Darkness Ends is the final book in the Guardians of Eternity series. Cyn is the Clan Chief of Ireland and Fallon a Fae Princess. As with the previous books they are forced together to save the world. I enjoyed the story and the connection between the two but to be being honest I'm tired of so many threats to the world and would have been happy with the end being the last book. That being said Cyn and Fallon were really enjoyable and Viper is always a plus. Nice ending to an enjoyable series.

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## **Beth says**

If you are going to end a series, what better way to do it but with perfection. The perfect couple, the perfect romance, the perfect past character interaction.

I can honestly say, I didn't want this book to end.

Cyn and Fallon find themselves transported into a mystery surrounding the powerful Oracles. Evil lies in wait. Deeper they delve, the scarier the threat becomes.

Cyn is known for his womanizing while Fallon is struggling with an arranged marriage to an arrogant ass of a Chatri. They might try to skirt around their attraction for each other but when they fall, they fall hard.



This has been a marvelous, riveting and exciting series. I could happily read 12 more books with these characters and still feel like I couldn't get enough. All the loose ends have been neatly and creatively woven into a fabulous conclusion.

Feeling a little bereft with the thoughts of this series coming to a close, I find solace knowing I will revisit the Guardians of Eternity series again and again.

Thank you Alexandra Ivy, for sharing your masterful creativity and imaginings with us all. You made us laugh, you made us cry and you made a short, awkward gargoyle a hero.

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## Michelle the Romance Witch says

4.5 stars. loved every second... full review coming soon to my blog.

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## Izy says

*ARC was generously provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review*

**Rating~ 4-4.25 Stars.**

So here we are, at the last book of the Guardians of eternity series (a spin-off is coming soon though :) *Burned by Darkness* ), I really have enjoyed the series a lot, some books more than others as is the nature of book series.

**Cyn** is the vampire clan chief of Ireland, also a **baserker** (how cool is that, a baserker vampire) and before meeting the love of his life was a man slut.

**Fallon** is a **Chatri (fey) princess**, a very proud, otherwise engaged and yearning for freedom and adventure princess.

Cyn and Fallon are taken from the Chatri world and bought back to earth by the oracle who needs their help and their skills to locate the person who is messing with the Commission.

Both the characters were previously introduced in the series and both of them are unique so I was looking forward to their story and it did not disappoint. They were sparks from the first time they met which was in the last book, Cyn was dumbfounded when he saw Fallon, that scene made me laugh (yes, I reread that bit before starting this book). Their interactions were a joy to read, mainly because they have that **how-dare-you-I-hate-you-but-I-kinda-lust-after-you-and-I'll-die-before-I-let-you-know-that** vibe going on which ofcourse later turned into love, which I really enjoyed.

There's also a secondary romance between **Prince Magnus** (fiancé of Fallon) and **Tonya, an Imp** (in charge of one of Viper's clubs). They had great chemistry too, with the Prince being all arrogant and Tonya not bowing down to him because of his 'status'.

There was quite a bit of **suspense, tension and adventure** in the book as the characters race to find to stop the enemy from killing every demon on the planet. We also have some cameos from previous characters for e.g Styxx, Dante and viper and some mentions of the King of Were Salvatore and his house being invaded by women because of the birth of his children. I would have liked to see more of the older cast members especially the female ones.

My first issue was that the book should have been a bit longer so that we could have more of updates on the previous protagonists in the series and more of Cyn and Fallon but because of the overall plot (and the secondary romance) they got **lesser scenes** in the book and I wanted more of them, they were pretty interesting. And my second issue was; as I mentioned earlier about the secondary romance, I believe that Magnus and Tonya should have gotten their own novella atleast because they were equally interesting and deserved a **more paced romance** than the rushed one we got.

**Overall**, it was a fun read and a good end to an engaging series and I'm looking forward to the dragon spin off *Burned by Darkness* coming in late June.

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## Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

### ~ 4.5 When Darkness Ends Stars ~

*When Darkness Ends* is the final book in the *Guardians of Eternity* series by Alexandria Ivy.

What a delightful ending to a wondrous series. This novel can be read as a stand-alone, but if you are planning on reading the rest of the series then you should save this one for last. AIvy gives us a wonderful recap of what has happened to our characters in the last year and all the things they have gone through to avoid disaster and find love. Throughout this series the women have all been excellent compliments to their mate with a fierce and independent streak to drive any man bat shit crazy. The same goes for these men. They can be exasperating, but they are fierce and protective of what they hold dear.

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. Fallon and Cyn, were perfect for each other. These two tease and taunt,

giving us some fun scenes to read about. When they come together the chemistry is combustible. Fallon and Cyn's strength, stubbornness, and resolve were what caught my eye. They protect with such determination and steadfastness.

The plot is developed. Giving the characters one last threat to deal with and the return of some of our favorite characters from previous novels. No matter what disaster is coming, these men and women (*vampires, werewolves, demons, fey*) stick together to form new bonds and find love with their one true mate. Levet is not left out. He brings his usual humor to the pages. I felt very nostalgic having all these older characters come back.

Alvy wrapped everything up nicely at the end, with a sweet epilogue showing everyone happy, settled, and safe. Some fans maybe sad Levet never got an HEA. I actually loved how the author ended the novel with him and all the others. It was a perfect ending to a wonderful series.

*Don't miss out on this final installment of the Guardians of Eternity. It will leave you feeling content. This has been a fun series to read full of romance, sexy arrogant alphas, and stubborn heroines. I recommended pick up this series.*

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