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A Wyvern dragon shifter. Revenge, lies and a deadly magical challenge

When her parents were murdered eleven years ago, leaving her physically scarred during the event, dragon shifter Astri never learned the identity of their killer. That is until he appears to her in a nightmare.

The powerful Duke Jorgen not only rules the city of Rivenna where she lives, he is also responsible for her parents' death and for the disability she's had to bear most of her life. When the chance arises for her to compete to become Duke's assistant, she realises this is her opportunity for revenge.

But everything in Astri's world comes with a price. Can she overcome her disability and make Duke pay?

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Rains says

I sadly could not finish this book.

I read the summary and was so excited to enter into this world with Astri. I loved the thought of this strong female character (not to mention the DRAGONS! I LOVE DRAGONS!) who starts from the bottom and claws her way up. But that is not how this book plays out.

It is written like it is meant for middle school children. The drama of the book was immature and I was able to foresee what was going to happen before it was even mentioned or hinted at because of how immaturely it was written.

Side note: The guardians actually annoyed me to the point I skimmed over every part they were in.

This book was just such a disappointment from what the summary says it is.

I would prefer to read a fanfic off of the summary than the actual book.

Please do not let this review stop you from deciding for yourself if this book is meant for you.

Thanks

Jessica Bronder says

When Astri was young her parents were killed and she was disfigured. She comes to live with her aunt and uncle and has a horrible life. The only thing really keeping her going was thinking about getting revenge on the person that killed her parents. She gets her chance when he holds a contest to become the Lords assistant and she decides to try to win it to get close to him. But then she starts having second thoughts and doubting that he is the one that really killed her parents. Astri also finds herself falling in love with him.

Astri is physically deformed and has been teased about it her whole life. Because of this and her abusive aunt and uncle she has no confidence. But then she plans on getting revenge for her parent's deaths by competing to kill the killer. But is he really the one that killed her parents? Is she really falling for the killer of her parents?

I understand that Astri has been beat down but it did get to be a bit much. I was getting so frustrated by her being so wishy washy that I ended up skimming to the end of the story. Where is this bad ass with training that you constantly hear about? This book has so much potential but fell flat for me.

I received Wyvern Awakening from Reading Addiction Virtual Book Tours for free. This has in no way influenced my opinion of this book.

Kim O'Daniel says

That in a word was spectacular! I know it's normally romance books I read, and this is a young adult book was simply amazing. It was so well-written and thought out. Just truly a joy to read so much so as I just got book 2. I had to know what happens next.

This is Astri's story. I felt bad for her haven gone through what she did as a child. And man her Aunt and Uncle deserve to be thrown in jail and the key thrown away. Then there are her welsh fairies oops pixies. Big difference and they will tell you so. I so love the little guys. Especially leone he had me laughing at his antics. Oh and her boss the witch, she is really special. She is more of a mom than anything se ever had. Then she has a dream and in it is the face of a man that scarred her and killed her parents. And of course he is a powerful man or so she believes. So she enters his contest to get close to him. But when she thinks she will get her revenge it is bitter sweet as she may very well have the wrong man. Let us hope she does not regret whatever choice she makes.

.Now before I ruin this for you I will leave off here. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I did. If you do like this book, please consider leaving a review. The Authors really like it when you do; they value your opinions too

Sherry says

I wanted Astri to be the strong wyvern that she said she was, wanted to believe that she can kick everyone's butt like she said she could....the keyword here was "wanted". Astri falls short, every single time, of being strong. She gets beaten, cheated and hurt, as in a lot. She's all bark and no bite, and I though Sebastian was the bad one mouthing off all the time. Yet when she's strong enough to overpower her opponents, it's just one sentence describing her win. Where's the all powerful wyvern that I was led to believe she was? All the time getting her revenge, she goes back and forth, back and forth between wanting to kill the guy and getting the hots for him. It's fresh in the beginning, but when she's still wishy-washy towards the end, I've had more than enough of her "struggles" of getting revenge (make up your mind girl!). She had the potential of become so much more, and falls short, as in way too short of that potential. The story was like Astri, a lot of potential but ends up disappointedly short.

Erin says

I really wanted to like this one because the premise sounded good, but...

The writing doesn't flow. The world isn't built. The dialogue is stilted. It tells instead of showing. The characters are whiny and annoying.

I actually gritted my teeth and skimmed through the last third because I was hoping it would end up being okay. It wasn't. It's not a good book. I can't suggest it to anyone.

Crystal says

First book in a series and I can't wait to read the next one.

One of the best books I've read this year. This is one of those books that when you start reading it, you can't put it down.

She's the last of her kind.

Astri is injured in an attack that killed her parents when she was a child and moved in with relatives that are

humans. Her relatives were so mean that she was forced to live in the basement because of her screaming from the nightmares. She also had to come up with money to pay her uncle every month for living quarters and the bills she made when she was in the hospital.

After 11 years, she leaves the family to go live at the castle to be a part of a contest to become the assistant to the Duke. If you want more, and I suggest you do, go check this story out!!

C. Gonzales says

This was a good sized book and it was a very fast paced read in addition to it. It kept me wanting to continue, it was fun and addictive. There wasn't any time to have my mind wandering. From the get go, there was lots of things happening at once.

The writing style was simple and the narration was easy to follow. The imagery had me immersed in the realm introduced by the author. The characters were rich and well portrayed. The smooth flow of the tale kept me stable even through the surprising twists and turns taken in the story.

I can say that the author has done a commendable job of writing a fantastic setting and a adventure rich story for fantasy lovers.

SJ says

I love received a free copy of this book and voluntarily decided to review it

This is an exciting tale about Astri, a wyvern shifter who was disfigured when her parents were killed

She is shunned and ridiculed all her life because of her disfigurement and wants to get her own back on the person who inflicted her injury and killed her parents. She soon gets the chance to fulfil her wish

The story is extremely well written, different to anything else I have read, the author draws you in to this mystical world with excitement, danger and a great plot

I really enjoyed this book and look forward to reading the next book. This is the first book I have read by this amazing author and it will not be the last. I highly recommend this book, it is a real page turner

Georgia Cameron says

I'm all for strong, complicated heroines, but this chick can't make up her mind

Here's my beef: I like strong female leads, especially those who are damaged in some way and working through it.

This seemed really promising: she's got facial scarring, terrible guardians, self image issues.

But she cannot make up her mind about ANYTHING. First, she's free from her past. Then she isn't. She's convinced she knows who killed her parents. Then she isn't. She thinks she attracted to someone, then she isn't. Or wait, maybe she is? Maybe she isn't

The character inconsistencies were really hard to stick with. Also, it felt like someone really young wrote this because the plot developments feel so canned. She literally remembers nothing of her parents...oh, wait, except this one time they were talking politics. She literally has nothing of her parents....oh wait, except a good necklace when she needs it (that was conveniently never mentioned) and then also a good cup (which conveniently is also never mentioned, but happens to have magic enough to save the king's life.)

It had promise. But the plot was all over the place (oh yeah, did we mention unicorns conveniently can help her with the theory she has been agonizing over, and then she just finds one....stuff like that).

I wanted this flawed girl to grow into a bitch was woman. Instead I feel like I just listened to a high schooler try and recount their last two weeks of life drama, with the same amount of maturity and ability to stay on topic.

Emma Carlin says

I kept wanting this book to get better but it never did...

I first suspected I was going to be disappointed in the first few pages. The author kept repeating the same information over and over again. I swear it felt like "I started having visions when I moved into my aunt and uncle's house" (paraphrased) was repeated 5-6 times in the first chapter or two.

Additionally, I hate the main character. Her only consistency that she never stands up for herself. Her will is weak and flips around. She also talks about all this training she has but never shows any of these 'mad skills'. (Also she actually starts bawling and beating her fist on the ground at one point.)

Additionally, much of the writing is confusing even in little things such as how she travels from one place to another.

Finally, the big plot twist at the end is obvious from the very beginning.

Don't waste your time on this book.

Runningrabbit says

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I've read a lot of Joanna's work so when a new book comes out I usually give it a go. This one doesn't disappoint and I will certainly be on to the next novel, which gladly isn't too far away.

The characters are complex with support characters drawn out in less detail. If you're looking for a romance, that hasn't evolved yet but the novel is heading there.

The plot is nothing new, but the work is well written and definitely worth picking up. The only thing that annoyed me was the pace - I found it way to slow and will confess to some skimming. The environment and atmosphere were clearly defined but continually reinforced with too much detail and not enough oomph. Remember, this is my opinion and most others don't seem to have a problem with it. I will say that I hope

this doesn't turn into a drawn out agonizing romance and actually starts getting somewhere soon.

Claire says

This review originally appeared on BrizzleLass Books.

As soon as I read that Astri was a dragon shifter I knew I wanted to read this book. You all know by now I'm a sucker for a dragon! This book had far more depth than I was expecting though and while leaning more to the paranormal side than the fantasy as I'd expected it was a gripping read and a book I read in one sitting.

Astri was badly injured when a fire spell backfired as she tried to defend herself against the dragon mage who killed her parents when she was a young child. Left very badly scarred from this she is now living with her human aunt and uncle in the city of Rivenna. There was an almost Cinderella like feel to this part of the story with her relatives ashamed of who she was and denying their familial link, they made her sleep in the basement, had her running chores and she had to work to pay them back for paying her hospital bills all those years ago, a debt in all likelihood she had paid off many times over.

Astri is certain after prophetic dreams that the man responsible for her parents death and her disfigurement is the Duke of Rivenna, Jorgen, when the opportunity to compete to become his assistant comes up Astri sees it as her perfect opportunity to get close enough to exact revenge. As Astri went through the trial we get to see her strength not only as a person but as a dragon, the last in her line. She is the youngest and the woman competing in this brutal competition and has to stand up to a lot of discrimination as a result.

Astri is clever and doesn't always take the obvious route to completing her tasks, she puts thought into the best way through and takes into consideration the fact she is smaller and weaker in certain situations to find ways to overcome her hurdles. She also gets to know Jorgen who appears to want to take the time to get to know her and this makes her question what she believes. Could someone who is kind to her be the same person who tried to kill her.

There are many twists along the way and it is confusing to know who to trust for you as a reader as well as Astri.

The writing is comfortable and enjoyable, it flows perfectly making the time pass quickly so that before you know it you've reached the end of the story and are craving the next installment. I do hope book two is as good as this!

Sending a huge thanks to Joanna Mazurkiewicz and RABT Book Tours for the ARC so that I could read and honestly review this novel.

Samantha Turley says

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Shaly says

****ARC RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW****

I really wanted to like Astri, her life has not been an easy one and with family like her aunt and uncle, well they leave much to be desired. They're horrible people. The thing is that while Astri delivered a good game, positive speeches and millions of pep talks, at the end of the day she always failed to deliver. She basically failed at everything, she was such a pathetic creature. She let everyone take advantage of her and never defended herself. The one time she tried to defend herself against her aunt and uncle turned out as usual...a failure. I understand she wanted to be the bigger person and that's admirable, but sometimes you just have to kick some ass and Astri was just notoriously bad at that.

Overall it was a very engaging story, despite Astri just being a frustrating character, I was still glued to the book, hoping and praying that this girl would finally do something worthy of herself but at the end, the little so called victory just wasn't enough to get me to like this sad girl. Plus this book ends on a whopper of a cliffhanger, that just sucks!!

Angela says

Astri is defined by her scar and it truly holds her back socially for most of her life. She grew up in essentially the same situation Harry Potter grew up. But Harry wasn't a cool dragon, 21-years-old and completely superficial. So much potential, but I felt like this book was made for tweens. It lacked world-building and descriptions. The writing style and dialogue was extremely simple, and Astri's wish-washy, slow thought process was extremely frustrating.

If you believe you found the person who killed your parents, you would not think about how attractive they are, all the time. That wouldn't even be on your radar except maybe to use to your advantage. On that note, why would she consider using her womanly whiles to distract him, when she has the lowest self esteem on the planet? That doesn't add up with her personality and issues.

The best part of the book was in the mountain with the wild shifters when she toughened up. She was ruthless and I wish it wasn't spoiled by guilt.
