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Marik Radkov believed the only thing left from his tortured past was the physical scars that adorned his body. But when he is stranded on a foreign planet, and held captive by an enticing blue eyed stranger, he is forced to face his past once more. To survive, he must subdue his lust, while keeping the mysterious and sexy woman from snaring his heart.

After escaping a violent assault of her home planet, Princess Nadua has been hiding on the cold planet Undewla for four hundred years, all but losing hope that her people will return for her. When the threat of a rebellion arises, Nadua must decide if she can trust the ruthless demon who strokes a desire she thought was long dead.

## **The Demon Slave Details**

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## From Reader Review The Demon Slave for online ebook

### **Kat says**

I don't buy books...but I bought this one. Great new author! I was captivated with a sample of the first book, couldn't put it down once I got the whole book in hand, and the second was the same. The second couldn't compete with how great the first book was but it for sure kept the momentum going. A bit confused still with one scene but it was so good I just didn't care.

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### **Michelle says**

This is the 2nd part to a series, but you could almost read this one as a standalone with a little background knowledge of the underlying main story line, as the story is surrounding 2 different characters than the main ones in the first part. This one takes us to a frozen planet in search of another of the princesses/sisters who have been separated from their people due to an invasion. We also get more introduced to another demon and his personality and background. Fey does not disappoint. Loved the main characters....there's the usual steam she adds to her books...the story line flows along fairly smoothly....I ended up purchasing the 3rd book before I was done with this one as I knew I'd immediately want to keep going to see what happened next. This series was my first in the paranormal romance genre, and it has certainly gotten me hooked!

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### **Penelope Frost says**

4.5 stars. Maybe not as good as the first book, but great none the less. Can't wait to read the third book, and I can say I have high expectations for it.

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### **?I?E???? says**

3.5 stars

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### **Caitlin says**

I was excited to read book 2 of the Shadow Quest series by Kiersten Fay since I so greatly enjoyed book 1, Demon Possession, when I read it last year. However, I was disappointed with the scope and character development here. Demon Slave did a good job of continuing the major plot line established in book 1 but lacked the depth that I so enjoyed.

Marik, who I liked as a supporting character in Demon Possession, often annoyed me as the hero in this book. His actions and thoughts, along with Nadua's (his love interest/counterpart), were irritating. They were so stubborn and distrusting. I could concede some understanding on Marik's part based on the history established in book 1, but Nadua's constant mistrust, anger, and temper-tantrums seemed to come out of

nowhere. She had lived a relatively easy life especially in comparison to her sister Anya.

Overall, the story was just too short, vague, and unfinished. It read like a pointless filler episode of a long running TV series where you just go, "Why the heck did they have to include this?" It was a sad let down after my excited reception of the beginning of the series. At least I wasn't deterred from finishing the series based on this book because Demon Retribution more than made up for what was lacking here.

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### **GingerOrange says**

Romance:2

Steaminess:2.5

Action/suspense:1

Overall:2

Uninteresting.

Nadua, Marik and every other character in this book felt very two dimensional. Nothing interesting or unique about them. I've read too many stories with these exact same character profiles. The romance was inauthentic and started from physical romance; which is understandable. But the author didn't build anything else from that. So it felt emotionally shallow.

Besides that, I think it was a complete missed opportunity when the author neglected to dig into Marik's past. He's been through substantial trauma and a little character growth could have gone a long way in connecting me to his character. The whole plot line was predictable beyond belief. The action and sexual scenes weren't well written.

Overall, boring and I don't think I'll remember this story beyond next week.

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### **KelticKat says**

Another trip on the Marada in the depth of space. This time most of the action finds us on the ice covered planet of undewla (I can't help picturing the Ice Plant of Hoth - yep, geek girl strikes again). This planet is where we find the 2nd of our three sisters in this series.

Nadua, was sent here by her father to escape the take over of their home planet. Nadua was taken in by the king and has since ruled in proxy for the young soon to be Queen, Ava. Nadua is brave, a bit of Kick A\*\* warrior. I have to admit I really liked Nadua - although her confusion and stubbornness regarding her feelings for Marik was about to get old - when she finally realized she loved him.

Marik - I mean who doesn't love a big tough strong man that can cook? He is immediately taken by Nadua but believes his past of being a captive and forced to fight in a gladiator like setting makes him unworthy of her.

Have to say this series is one of my favorites - that's why I keep signing up for the voyages.

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### **Melanie says**

I loved this book! Kiersten Fay's Shadow Quest series is now cemented as one of my favorites - right up there with IAD, LotU, Demonica, Alien Huntress... well you get the idea :)

While you can easily see Fay's influence from other paranormal/sci-fi romance series (see my fav's listed above) she does a great job of making it seem fresh and exciting all over again. Many of her alien species share characteristics with well-loved paranormal creatures, but her story arc is unfolding as an amazing space opera which is keeping me on the edge of my seat. While reading both 'Demon Possession' and 'Demon Slave' I suffered (quite happily!) with the dichotomy of not wanting to put them down and pacing myself because I didn't want them to end.

This book picks up where 'Demon Possession' (no, I just can't shorten it to DP!!) left off - Marik, the gruff former slave turned cook Demon has been captured by the indigenous inhabitants of an inhospitable winter planet (planet Hoff anyone?) while looking for Analia's (the heroine in the last novel) sister, Nadua. She is part of the group that captured Marik and sparks, of course, ensue. Marik is one of my favorite types of hero - a little gruff, tortured/scared (emotionally and physically) and while sexy is endearingly unsure of himself (\*sigh\*). While the book mainly focuses on Marik and Nadua, we are also treated to snippets of life from the other characters that we fell in love with in 'Demon Possession'.... and let me just say, I hope Ethan and Sonya get a book soon, because aye ca rumba! Now I'm anxiously awaiting the next in the Quest, 'Demon Retribution'. Not sure who it features - there was no teaser chapter - but I have a feeling it will be Cale's book... please hurry :)

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NB: 'Demon Slave' was relatively free of those pesky typos that plagued 'Demon Possession'... thank heavens ;)

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### **Zoe says**

The Demon Slave is Book 2 of the Shadow Quest series and unlike some serials, does not loose any of the excitement of Book 1, if anything, the growing development of the characters, enhances the story and set my poor Kindle on overdrive!

At the end of Book 1 we saw Marik captured by the Cyrellian on Undewla, while searching for Anya's sister, Nadua. 'The Demon Slave' is their story and is equally as enthralling and captivating as Sebastian and Anya's - if you loved their story, you will definitely adore Marik and Nadua's! Plus there is a good helping of Sonia and Ethan's growing entanglement too (I cannot wait for their story, it will be smokin' hot!!)

As with all Kiersten Fay stories, the path to our hero and heroines HEA, is littered with; betrayal, misunderstandings, good 'old-fashioned' bad-guys and girls. Don't forget to throw in a few rebels, traitors, a hostile environment, plus a scarred, 'broken' but gorgeous hero, mixed with a fiery, fierce, warrior heroine, and you have the makings of a real page turner.

I cannot wait to read the next installment! Will Cade have tracked down sister number 3? what will happen next between Sonia and Ethan?.....

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### **Pamela(AllHoney) says**

The second book in the *Shadow Quest* series by Kiersten Fay. Marik was captured by blue tinted creatures called Cyrellians on the planet Undewla while searching for Princess Nadua. But one of his captors is unlike the others and dresses in furs. He discovers she is the leader of these people.

I wasn't in love with the heroine for the most part but she got me in the end. Loved Marik, but I loved him from the previous book in the series, *The Demon's Possession*. A good series that kept me interested and made me download the next book.

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### **★ Belle The Bibliophile ★ says**

#### **3.5 'ICY COLD' STARS**

One thing I really loved about *Demon Slave* is the world-building. Everything is explained in very a great detail, I could almost feel the freezing coldness of the Undewla planet. It's got an authentic feel to it -- from the trees to the creatures who could withstand an extreme cold surroundings without bundling themselves with layers of fur -- I could imagine them all very vividly.

Author Kiersten Fay's writing's also is better in this one. There's this scene in a cave with the characters that made me feel claustrophobic. Also, this book is very much angsty than the first one. While this book is mostly written in the main characters' point of view, we also got a lot of scenes in Sonya's and Ethan's POV (YASSSSS!!!) and Bastian's and Anya's POV which I loved immensely.

As for the new character, Princess Nadua. I really disliked her at first. Her immediate distrust for Marik who was only trying to save her annoyed me so much that I contemplated DNF'ing it a few times. But I stayed strong (lol) and thank god I did because she did get better after that but I still don't like her. Her distrust towards Marik and Demons alike is very understandable but it annoyed me that she caused trouble for Marik... so.. whatever.

Rex, Ava and Wren are a wonderful addition to the series because I loved them all so much! Even better than Nadua to be honest! But we can't all have nice things. Haha.

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### **KMM says**

Man, I'm not sure why I'm even giving this book two stars... Wistfulness, I suppose. This one totally killed the series for me. I liked the first one just fine, though sometimes the characters were so daft it was painful and it was riddled with editing errors. In this one, the errors have been dramatically reduced. It is literally the only improvement made.

Demon Slave was, incredibly, a DNF for me- probably one of maybe three books ever. I was seven tenths of the way through the book when I threw my hands into the air with a hysterical "REALLY?!" and couldn't go on. THAT'S BAD, when the end is in sight, you're that far in, and you can't even give the book a pity finish. Nadua, this is your fault.

Ok, the male protagonist wasn't exactly a shining star either. He was kind of dense and caveman-like in his pursuit of an uppity bitch. It did not escape my notice that the Marik from the first book and the Marik from this book are almost completely different people. The Marik in this book is too busy grunting and gyrating to have an actual formed personality. It's as if the author wanted to stuff this book SO FULL of drama and angst that she employed bad plot devices (chapters upon chapters of meaningless misunderstandings, lack of proper communication, pridefulness without reason, mental black-outs, and let us not forget random hot secks between every character possible- all of whom are TORTURED for some reason or other) rather than actual character development. But, I digress. Marik could not have single-handedly made this book as hard to stomach as it was. The real reason that this book is terrible is NADUA.

I love a strong female protagonist. Notice I said strong female, not "a bitch devoid of feelings." Nadua is created from a female archetype that could best be titled "The woman everyone hates for a very good reason." She's unapproachable, selfish, and doesn't earn her arrogance. It's not like she's a super badass or anything, so she needs to calm the hell down. She's ill-mannered. She's rash and simple-minded. She doesn't stop to puzzle things out at any point. She is a woman who is so pigheaded and self-absorbed that she KNOWS she's right. Even when she's dead wrong, she's right. She's so busy shrieking wild accusations, spit flying and arms waving, that she literally can't see shit that is RIGHT in front of her. Then, suddenly, it's time for SEX! Then she's pissed, dumb, and mean as a snake again right afterwards.

Also, jeez, ANYA wasn't close enough to ANALIA? Like, you wouldn't think to yourself "oh hey I DO happen to have a sister with a somewhat similar name that I haven't seen in 400 years. She may have gained a nickname in that time."

When I was most of the way through the book it sort of hit me that yeah, sure, there were some faceless minions trying to kill her in the beginning and some minimal dastardly plotting going on, but the biggest enemy in this book is Nadua herself. Throughout the huge majority of it, the only real conflict is that some demons are stuck in a cave with a huge bitch.

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### **Sónia Tigol says**

I just love this book. It was a amazing reading. Demon Slave, incorporated much of the main characters from Demon Possession, but is mainly the story of Marik and Nadua (Anya's sister). The book did a good job of continuing the story from the first book with different characters added to the mix. I like that we have several other story lines to look forward. That makes you look forward for the next couple of books. I found it hard to put this book down. I'm very anxious to find out what happens next. THIS BOOK WAS F\*KING AMAZING. FIVE STARS

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### **Lyndi W. says**

WHY DO THE HEROINES ALWAYS HAVE TO BE STUBBORN, PRIDEFUL BITCHES? It is NOT entertaining and I'm shocked that authors think it appealing for their main character to be so rude, disdainful, and **mean!**

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### **Patti says**

Overall rating: 5

This author did a stellar job of making sure a reader could experience every facet of this heart pounding tale! Reading became obsessive while following the ever changing relationship between Marik and Nadua. I actively wanted to shout at the characters for their blindness of heart. The turmoil between worlds, warring factions, devious relatives, lost souls, this tale truly reeks of action and excitement! This is book 2 of a greater saga, however it can be enjoyed on its own as well. Needless to say, you definitely will want to read all of this series! All of my reviews are always voluntarily written.

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