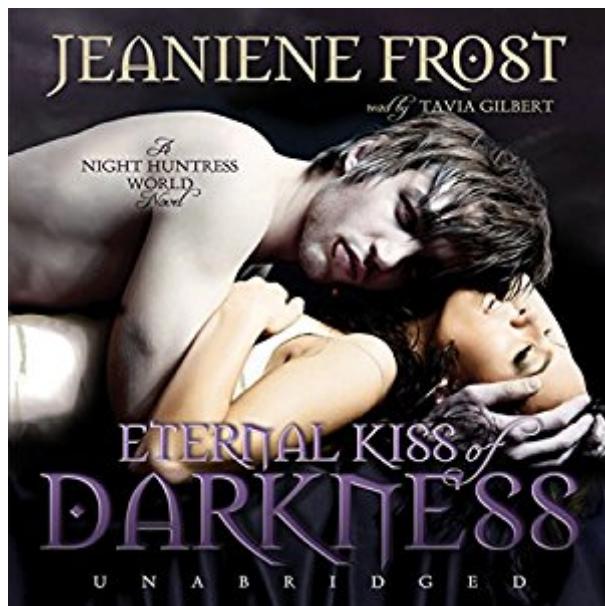


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Synopsis

An immortal war has been brewing in the darkness ... and now one woman has stumbled into the shadows. Chicago private investigator Kira Graceling should have just kept on walking. But her sense of duty refused to let her ignore the moans of pain coming from inside a warehouse just before dawn. Suddenly she finds herself in a world she's only imagined in her worst nightmares. At the center is Mencheres, a breathtaking Master vampire who thought he'd seen it all. Then Kira appears—this fearless, beautiful human who braved death to rescue him. Though he burns for her, keeping Kira in his world means risking her life. Yet sending her away is unthinkable. With danger closing in, Mencheres must choose either the woman he craves or embracing the darkest magic to defeat an enemy bent on his eternal destruction.

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Customer Reviews

"Just because some of us make a mistake in love once doesn't mean we're doomed to repeat it." The last time Mencheres loved a woman it led to a war between vampires and almost killed everyone else he held dear. After her death he is finally free after over a thousand years of a marriage in name only. To say he is conflicted about the part he played in the death of his wife is an understatement. In an odd happenstance Mencheres meets Kira when she risked her life to save his not knowing that he is a pretty powerful vampire. It was supposed to be easy, green eye her and take her memory away and go on however Kira was immune to his green eye and so now they will wait together until he is able to take her memories. But the more time they spend together the more

he is conflicted by his desire to stay with her competing with his knowledge that he is soon supposed to die. I liked seeing a different side of Mencheres. He is so powerful that is has been forever since he has gotten to know anyone on even ground. Most people are drawn to his power but Kira seems to see him as a man and he hasn't had that for millennia. I loved how strong Kira is, she is bluntly honest most of the time too. She doesn't hem and haw and inner dialog to death about her feelings. She is straight and to the point. It was so interesting to see how well they complimented each other and their love story is cute. Kira is also protective of Mencheres which is funny since we all know what a badass he is. "Bubbles. On a scale of one to ten, a bubble bath has to rank zero as far as things I'd expect an older-than-dirt-badass vampire to indulge in. The only thing that would surprise me more would be if you pulled out a rubber ducky." Mencheres has a long time feud with Radjedef a law guardian that wants Mencheres gifts and will stop at nothing to get them now that he is without his visions. With the help of some of our favorite characters Cat, Bones and Vlad they will try to thwart his plans. This is a fun look at one of the side characters from the Night Huntress series. I will say it will be far less enjoyable if you haven't already read the first 4 books of the Night Huntress series as I don't really think it is a standalone novel. It is a fast read with enjoyable cameos from your favorite characters. Vlad is always good for some comic relief. If you are a fan of the other Night Huntress books then this is definitely right up your alley even though it is still not quite as strong as the original series imo.

I was hesitant to read this book because I have never really been a fan of Mencheres. But of course it's always different when the story is told from their POV (as opposed to the Night Huntress series told from Cat's POV). It's been so long since I've read the Night Huntress books I can't quite remember where it fits into the series itself but Mencheres, after more than four thousand years living, want to end it all. His visions of the future have ceased to come to him and he sees this as a sign that it's time for him to end it. He is in pursuit of doing this very thing when Kira comes upon him. She hears the fight Mencheres is in with a group of ghouls and assumes it is a normal person needing help. When she comes upon the fight she is mortally wounded and Mencheres decides to save her life. So his original plan is put off course. He is immediately captivated by Kira. One of the reasons being that he can't figure out why he can't read her mind or influence it. The reason for this is never explained. In fact, one of the things for me, that was sort of just thrown in the mix but never really addressed is the fact that Kira appears to be an empath. She can sense emotions. We don't know if they are just emotions of those she is closest to or everyone. It appears it's only those she's closest to because one of the people she "senses" is her sister Tina, who has a long-term illness. I

understand an author not spoon feeding everything to a reader, letting us come up with our own conclusions, but I thought that throwing it in there without even other characters commenting on it was rather strange. It's not too difficult to figure out where the story goes. There is a main conflict that Mencheres has with another vampire, plus he has to work out his feelings for Kira, along with his own feelings of ending his life. I liked the book more than I thought I would and I liked that it filled in the rest of the Night Huntress story up to this point. It's still one of my favorite series and I enjoy the side stories with secondary characters. You don't necessarily have to have read the main series in order to pick up this book. So if you are interested in the author you could very well start here to get an idea of the writing.

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