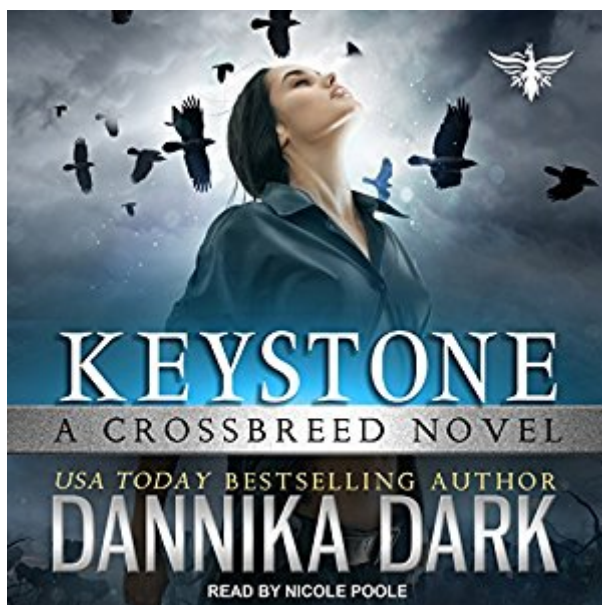


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# Keystone: Crossbreed Series, Book 1



## Synopsis

When the road forks, how do you know which path is the right one? Raven Black hunts evildoers for fun, but her vigilante justice isn't the only reason she's hiding from the law. Half vampire, half mage, she's spent years living as a rogue to stay alive. When a Russian shifter offers her a job in his covert organization hunting outlaws, dignity and a respectable career are finally within her grasp. The catch? Her new partner is Christian Poe - a smug, handsome vampire whom she'd rather stake than go on a stakeout with. They're hot on the trail of a human killer who will stop at nothing to get what he wants. One misstep during her probationary period could jeopardize Raven's chance at redemption, and her partner would love nothing more than to see her fail. Dark secrets, unexpected twists, and a blurred line between good and evil will keep you on the edge of your seat. Will Raven find the courage to succeed, or will she give in to her dark nature?

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## Customer Reviews

(RabidReads.com)Whenever Dannika Dark publishes a new book it's an event for me. Her stories are always full of romance, humor, suspense, and all sorts of paranormal characters. Perfect recipe for a good time reading! With Keystone, the author continues her foray into her intricately fleshed out Breed world, and introduces us to a half Mage, half Vampire, crossbreed named, Raven Black. And for the Mageri fans out there, she has added Christian Poe from that series, into the mix as a major character. Raven is what is known as a rogue. She is undocumented as far as the Mage world is concerned and wants nothing to do with the vampire side of her heritage. Since she has no

standing in the Breed world she can't work, so she has to scrounge for meals and shelter. She is making it her business to take out the worst of the worst Breed criminals. She gets nothing but the satisfaction of taking one more bad guy out of the world. She has no idea that she is making waves with the criminal element in the breed world. When she is approached by an underground group named, Keystone, to come work with them, she jumps at the chance to finally have a home and get paid for what she already does. Raven is already a good character. She is so real, flawed, but down deep a good person. She's got snark and a bit of an attitude, and at times she isn't the best at taking orders. She's been a rogue for a long time. Now it's time for her to learn to play well with others. Will that happen? I can't wait to see how all that goes as the series progresses. Christian is a member of Keystone and a vampire. He was enigmatic, with a side of bad boy in the Mageri series, but with this book, we see another side of him. Oh, he still has his mysteries, but we do get to see a different Christian. This Christian is more than a little attracted to Raven, and she to him, but he doesn't believe that he has a capacity to love. Wouldn't matter anyway, as they are not allowed to be together due to the Keystone rules. There's also interesting and finely drawn peripheral characters that were part of the Keystone group and I enjoyed getting to know them as well. I am not going to go any farther into the story due to spoilers. I will say that this book is full of life and death moments and plenty of action. To me, the pacing was pretty perfect and the writing outstanding, as always with this author's work. The action was balanced with the moments of Raven going through the whirlwind of finding a new life. And possibly the chance for a bit of romance with Christian? Only time will tell. I am already chomping at the bit for the next book. The author has told us to expect twists and turns in this series and I can't wait to see where it's all going. I have a feeling it's going to be quite the ride and I am excited about the whole thing. Highly recommended to adult urban fantasy, and paranormal romance readers may enjoy this as well.

Keystone is a spin off of the Mageri series in that it takes you into the same breed world. Raven is another strong, capable female lead character that is prevalent in Dark's work. I felt frustrated that Raven seemed to struggle so much. She was impoverished, homeless, friendless. She did not know and was never taught how to use the gifts that were given. When she meets up with the Keystone group, it appears she has found her niche. Unfortunately, she also has some self-defeating characteristics that make team work a challenge for her. Watching her develop bonds and get to know herself better was a treat. Her attraction to her partner, Christian Poe, was a new level of frustration. Not wanting to give away too much, but I am sure the story will continue to grow and

develop in future installments. All the characters were well developed and intriguing. I enjoyed this book and look forward to the next.

Wow! I LOVED this book!!! Raven is such an awesome leading female character and I loved Christian in the Mageri Series, so having him in the book made it all the better for me. I can't wait to listen to it in audio too and hear his Irish accent. Writing was superb, action was plentiful and twists kept me guessing. All in all a definite 5 stars!

I was enthralled from the very first page of this new series by Dannika Dark. Approaching the Breed world from yet another angle, the author brings together a group of fascinating characters in a thrilling new series. I loved Raven and Christian Poe and can't wait for the sequel, as I was, as usual, sorry to leave the Breed world when I finished the novel.

It was a great book that fits into the same world and City as her other series, but lots of new characters. I am just sad that this series just started and I now have to wait to read more. Wonderful book with detailed and interesting characters. Like in many of Dannika's books the love interests are a slowly evolving story and not a quick unrealistic foray.

This is a great beginning to another series. I enjoyed reading the story. It was fascinating. I just wish the audible version was available so I could listen when I could not read. It was so difficult to put the book down. Can't wait for the next book in the series.

Christian was always my favorite character from the Mageri series and I would have been just as happy if Silver has chosen him instead of Logan. I kind of hoped she would (especially after all the blood exchange and neck nuzzling.) I like Raven in this new series, but it didn't seem like we got enough of Christian and she is mostly just fighting her tepid attraction to him, which was a little frustrating at this point since we've waited so long for Christian's story and I very much wanted him to have a HEA (which presumably will happen in upcoming stories). Sometimes these stories (which I love) almost read like a YA story instead of adult immortals. But the characters are great, the story is very interesting, and has a lot of potential and I will purchase every book Dannika Dark writes (even though I am so over all the \*yawn\* wolf shifter scenarios). The only bad thing is once you start reading it you can't stop until you finish.

I absolutely loved the Mageri series and was waiting for more on some of the characters I grew to love. If you liked the chemistry between Silver and the Vampire Christian Poe, you will love this new series that let's us see what he's been up to. Cannot wait for more!!!

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