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Dragonmark: Dark-Hunter, Book 27



Synopsis

Centuries ago, Illarion was betrayed - a dragon made human against his will, then forced to serve humanity as a dragonmount in their army, and to fight for them in barbaric wars, even while he hated everything about them. Enslaved and separated from everyone he knew and from his own dragon brothers, he was forced into exile in a fey realm where he lost the only thing he ever really loved. Now he has a chance to regain what's been lost - to have the one thing he covets most. But only if he gives up his brothers and forsakes the oaths he holds most dear. Yet what terrifies him most isn't the cost his happiness might incur, it's the fact that there is just enough human in his dragon's heart that he might actually be willing to pay it and betray everything and everyone - to see the entire world burn....

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Customer Reviews

I have been a fan of the Dark-Hunters since Night Pleasures came out, have spent countless hours discussing the series, have recommended it high and low to lovers of both romance and fantasy. And I have never, ever been more disappointed both in a book and in an author. Dragonmark was a \$14.99 ebook. Over 75% of the story is sections (not every section she pasted had Illarion in it!) straight up copy/pasted from Son of No One and Dragonbane. Styxx was a wonderful story that showed a parallel perspective on familiar scenes from the series. Dragonmark is freaking 75% chapters we have already read with almost ZERO additional information interspersed in the words we've already read. She didn't even bother to rewrite the scenes from Illarion's perspective. This

was straight up copy and pasted, slapped on a novelette about how Illarion and Edilyn met the first time. There is only one chapter that takes place after Dragonbane. One. I can't believe that this book was NOT ONLY \$14.99 as an ebook, but that it wasn't a novella in the first place. I intend to write to her publisher and to iBooks. I know there is little chance of a refund, but this is ABSOLUTELY INSANE. Anyone like to take a crack at explaining how and why this happened?

I have read every one of her books. Several multiple times. I did not appreciate paying so much money to reread a mash-up of previous books. This was a novella at best filling in some holes left behind in the previous 2 books. The very short new material at the end could have been included at the beginning of the next book in the series. Anyone reading it as a stand alone may be satisfied, however, anyone following the series will be disappointed. This book has 28 chapters and an Epilogue. Chapters 1-13, 27-28, and the Epilogue were new material. Please note that chapters 27-epilogue were only pages long. All of the rest of the book were scenes cut from Son of No One and Dragonbane which had the protagonist Illarion present. Unfortunately they were unmodified and remained in the original points of view of Cadogan and Maximillian. Every once in a while a few sentences were inserted to transition between cuts containing Illarion's point of view. This was distracting because I found myself losing track of Illarion. There was no attempt to give the reader a new understanding of the scenes by providing Illarion's thoughts or emotions. Most of the scenes remained focused on others while Illarion played a tangential role. Some of the scenes were completely unnecessary. It seemed as if the author did a word search and added any scene in which he was mentioned. Other scenes were completely left out which destroyed continuity. Finally, the timeline was jumbled. It went from the past, the present, the very distant past, with a return to the present. The recap of the very distant past was unnecessary and was already part of someone else's story. It added nothing to this story and led nowhere. I am very disappointed and angry that the author did not take the effort to change the point of view to that of the protagonist. She made no effort to make the parts flow. This book is disjointed and awkward. Sherrilyn Kenyon should be ashamed. She takes advantage of her fans by charging the full price of a novel without the effort or content we are paying for.

I've never given SK a negative review. I love both her DH books and her Avalon series under another name. I was looking forward to this book for that reason. I would never pay, nor think an author who has such a loyal fanbase and the talent to back it up would ask her readers to pay a full hardback release price for a book that has to be at least 75 percent copy and pasted. Maybe there is

subtle word differences. I'm not wasting my time to go look. This book was mostly duplicated scenes from the other two in this part of the storyline. I cannot, in good conscience recommend this book at this price to another. It is little more than a short story that has been stretched out with filler from the previous books in order to categorize it as a novel. I am likely going to ask for a refund due to misrepresentation. It's sad. Years were glossed over in a single sentence that could have covered their story. Her time away could have been more than a footnote. So many options to tell what was a beautiful love story, but instead the readers and the characters were betrayed by the author and editors. Speaking of which, a few name mix-ups on the editing too. I'm really disappointed in this one. Check it out from your library, or wait for it at a used bookstore. There's going to be a lot of disgruntled long-time readers on this one.

Just lost the review I had written, will attempt to rewrite later but suffice to say I would wait till it comes down in price. Disappointing from such a wonderful author. Especially the fact that a large portion of the book is copied from previous books (with minor changes that don't affect the story). As someone with very little money I had to choose between this and Harry Potter and for the first time I regret buying an Kenyon book :(

For the price, it was a rip off to have 87% of this book from previous works WORD FOR WORD! I feel abused by Ms Kenyon's arrogance as a beloved author that her fans who wouldn't notice her plagiarism from previous books! Very disappointed

I've never felt so ripped off from a book in my life. What publisher even thought this was acceptable? Regurgitated passages from other books, some new content and a half-assed plot is what this book contains. I'd like that money and time in my life back.

I am a huge fan of Sherrilyn Kenyon and her dark hunter series is one of my favorites but this book is nothing but parts of older books, almost word for word, copied and added in to Illyrian's story. \$16 for this ebook that was copied from her other books was a total waste and I am thoroughly disappointed. Wish I could get a refund. She could have just condensed Illyrian's story into a novella and gotten better reviews for it.

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