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Dianne Duvall portrays a world of temptation, loyalty, and heartbreak. . .a world where danger and desire walk hand in hand. . .

Ami isn't much for trusting strangers. She has a hard time trusting anyone. But she's no coward, and she's no pushover in the protection department either. So when she comes across a mysterious warrior taking on eight deranged vampires on his own, she doesn't hesitate to save his bacon. Of course, that was before she realized what one little rescue would get her into. . .

Marcus Graden has been an Immortal protector of humanity for eight hundred years, and he's not interested in backup. From the moment Ami arrives in his life, he can't deny that she's strong, smart, and extremely skilled at watching his back. But she's also destroying his protective solitude and stirring desires he can't bear to awaken. After all, whatever her secrets--how can she defeat death itself?

"A thrilling and chilling new paranormal series. Fantastic!" --*Romantic Times*

"These dark, kick-ass guardians can protect me any day!" --Alexandra Ivy

## Night Reigns Details

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# From Reader Review Night Reigns for online ebook

**Crystal ♥ RBtWBC says**

## 4.5 Stars

Dianne Duvall delivers scorching romance, gut-wrenching emotions, and heart-racing danger and suspense in her latest Immortal Guardian's novel, Night Reigns!

In the first novel, Darkness Dawns, readers were left with the mystery of what exactly Ami was and what part she will play in the series as well as Marcus's depression over the loss of the woman he loved. When Seth, the leader of the Immortal Guardians, places Ami as Marcus' second all of our questions are slowly answered.

Not human and not immortal, but something definitely different, Ami can more than take care of herself and watch Marcus Grayden's back. And though Marcus proves quite a challenge living with, by constantly trying to drive her away, Ami is determined to succeed and be the best second there is. Once Marcus sees that Ami can hold her own however he starts to respect her abilities and having her by his side in a fight somehow feels right. But can he chance caring for someone again while knowing that one day she will die and leave him? Ami hides a crucial secret though that could change everything in her budding relationship with Marcus. Will she ever be able to fully trust him enough to open up to him, or will it be too late?

Dianne Duvall is, without a doubt, my favorite debut author of 2011 and a rising star in the paranormal genre!

I absolutely loved the first novel in this series, Darkness Dawns, and was absurdly happy to find such consistency in writing with the series in this second novel. Dianne knows how to lure you in and captivate you in this exciting world of action and passion until the very last page! With dark, sexy and intriguing Immortals battling murderous and mysterious vampire villains the action never stopped and together, Marcus and Ami were one kick-ass team! Though Roland and Seth still claim a good portion of my heart Marcus definitely found his way in there with this story; perfectly flawed with a tortured soul - how could you not love this brooding hero? And Ami tops the list of butt-kicking paranormal romance heroine's, saving the life of our capable hero on more than one occasion. Together these two have a blistering sensuality and are a lasting fit. Dianne has created a riveting story with its creative premises and memorable characters that was a wonderfully satisfying read. The Immortal Guardians are addictive and I can't wait to read the next in the series! The cast of characters Dianne has brought forth are each incredibly intriguing and I cannot get enough of them; I need more, more, more!

Though Night Reigns has some continuing story lines from the first novel, it is set up well to read as a stand-alone. However I of course would recommend reading the series in order just for the fact that they are both superb reads!

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**Erika says**

5 stars!!

Wow did I love this book! It was so good! I am very grateful to my Goodreads friend Jessica who suggested the series. It is just what I have been looking for!

The heroes and heroines are amazing people. I have gotten tired of reading about selfish characters, and this book, (just like the first), are filled with people (well, many of them non-human) who are motivated by love for each other and the desire to protect innocent people. In this book, Marcus the hero, is simply divine. He is protective, brave as hell, strong, smart, noble, trustworthy....and possessive (not in an over-the-top way) of the heroine, Ami. Ami is an amazing, amazing heroine. She is sweet, totally kick-ass, kind, unselfish and ..... has a huge secret. I was waiting with bated breath to find out who/what she was.

The underlying storyline of this series grew by leaps and bounds with this book and I am really looking forward to the rest of the series.

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### **Cyndi says**

Another good one in the series! I enjoyed Marcus and Ami. They were both sweet to each other and I liked their relationship. A few minor complaints: I didn't like that Marcus had loved or been obsessed with another woman for 800 years. The reason I didn't DNF is that he was never more than friends with this OW. What he felt for Ami was completely different, but I didn't like that he thought he was in love with OW for that long. I also didn't like the little statements or thoughts that Marcus had about his sexual past. Obviously his feelings for the OW didn't stop him from sleeping around- he mentioned that he had slept with many women and had an "intimate arrangement" with a woman that always wore fancy matching lingerie sets. That's TMI in my opinion. I don't want to know these things. Anyway- I still liked it :)

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### **Lyndi W. says**

I feel like we're not really resolving things here.

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### **Denisa says**

[ I mean, c'mon, aliens? Really? (hide spoiler)]

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### **Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says**

Quick review

**Cover:** It's okay.

**Rating** NC-17 for sexiness of it all.

**Thumbs Up** 4.5

**Overall:** Solid good read.

**Characters:** Love them.

**Plot:** Maybe not as good as the first but still excellent.

**Page Turner:** Yes.

**Series Cont.?** Yes.

**Recommend** Yes.

**Book Boyfriend:** Marcus

#### **SUMMARY** (50 word or less)

The cliffhanger at the end of the previous book left me wanting to read this book right away. And well, I think part of the anticipation which isn't immediately gratified, caused some of the let down. But a lot of questions were answered and I'm ready for the next one.

To see my full review and book boyfriend pic, check out my blog post.

<http://mybookboyfriend.blogspot.com/2...>

#### **AUDIO REVIEW**

Kirsten Potter continues to do this series justice. What I like most is that she continued with the choices in voice for the characters from the previous installment. She didn't recreate them because maybe she was more comfortable speaking a certain way. This made it easier to continue with the story although different characters were the main focus.

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#### **AJ says**

Book 2 in the *Immortal Guardians* series, and the action, romance, and paranormal excitement continues! This time focussing on Marcus and Ami.

I really liked Marcus in the first book of this series – *Darkness Dawns*. Of course he's a badass Immortal warrior, but he's also loyal with a big heart and a fantastic sense of humour. He lives his life on the edge – throwing himself into danger with a carefree attitude, but he keeps his emotions close.

When Ami is appointed by Seth to be Marcus' second, Marcus is less than impressed. Sure, he's attracted to the mysterious girl, but his past romantic life is complicated and tragic, he's not interested in being with anybody, and Ami tempts him like no-one else.

Ami has come a long way since the first book. Set 18 months after *Darkness Dawns*, she has mostly recovered from the horrific torture that Seth rescued her from, and has proven herself to be intelligent, strong, and completely accepting of the world that she has been thrown into. She works really hard, and is there for Marcus whenever he needs her (professionally... and personally when he allows), but there is also a vulnerability about her which is really heartbreaking. She is hiding a massive secret, and obviously still suffers from all that she has been through, but she pulls up her big girl panties and just gets on with it, and OMG, the girl is a total badass!

This book is action packed, and I LOVE that Ami just throws herself on in there! It's not just the boys out there fighting vampires, oh hell no! The girls get into it as well, and there are some fantastic fight scenes in this book. And it provides some perfect opportunities for Marcus to get all protective over Ami, and I love it when his soft side comes out!

With Marcus fighting his feelings, there is more of a build-up to the romance compared to the last book, and I really liked that. Not only did it seem more real, but it builds the UST beautifully so that by the time they get together, it's all very intense and super hot.

Like the couple last book, Marcus and Ami are super functional. They are open with each other, they're not afraid to talk about how they're feeling, and even though they occasionally argue (usually about each other's safety), they hash everything out together. It's so refreshing to read a book when you can enjoy the love story, and you know that they are committed, and there is no relationship drama. All of the drama and action is based external to the two of them, and they just get on with it and face it all together. I love that!

And there's a whole lot going on! The vampires are becoming more organised, are attacking in greater numbers, and appear to be led by a self-declared 'vampire king'. I like the multiple POV of these books that allows us a glimpse at the bad guys, as well as random characters throughout the book so we get to experience different facets of what is going on – even those who are introduced for the sole purpose of us watching them get killed. It shows the brutality of the world, and gives the book a darker feel.

And then there's Ami's big secret. Honestly, I was sort of expecting it, but it still comes as a bit of a shock. It adds a new twist to the story though, and with her life continuing to be in danger, it's going to bring a new element to the series.

I love that we're getting to know the cast of characters more! Roland and Sarah are a big part of the story, and I was happy to be able to spend time with them again. We get to know Chris a bit more - I love his no-nonsense attitude, and hope we get to see more of him. Bastien continues to be a conflicted character – I actually really like him, and the sparks are already happening between him and a certain doctor, setting up the next book in the series. I'm really looking forward to his story.

And Ami's relationship with Seth, David and Darnell is absolutely gorgeous! I love how they feel all parental and protective over her, and every time they showed up and called her 'sweetheart' I just melted. And Seth and David being able to read minds leads to some hilarious encounters whenever they are around Marcus.

This is a great continuation to the series. I'm getting really invested in all of these characters, and I'm excited to read on.

4 stars.

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**Val...Shameless.Skanky.B\*tchy. says**

### **3.75 Stars**

I don't know what it is about me and the books in this series...I am really enjoying them, but - for some reason - something is keeping me from thinking they are "ermagherd AWESOME" so far.

I don't know what it is.

I think it's that the "rules" of this world aren't as...established in my mind as I would like them to be.

**Disclaimer: I am about to embark upon an explanation that will most likely make NO fucking sense.**

But I'm gonna give it the old college try anyway.

And I tried REALLY hard in college.

But I digress...anyway...

Here's my beef.

The "powers" of the Immortal Guardians seems super crazy awesome one moment...and then they are suddenly vulnerable to something in another moment that I feel like they shouldn't be, if that makes sense.

Also, one of the main characters, the leader of the Immortal Guardians - Seth - is supposed to be REALLY powerful.

Like, superhero crazy powerful.

More powerful than all of the Immortal Guardians.

We don't know what he is *really* as that hasn't been revealed to us yet (although I have my suspicions..) - but anyway, he's like SERIOUSLY powerful.

And therein lies a problem for me.

I feel as if all of these obstacles the Immortal Guardians run into - while mostly easy for them to handle, but not *too* easy, mind you - are problems that Seth should be able to solve with a snap of his fingers.

Because, you know, REALLY FUCKING POWERFUL.

And perhaps the author realizes that too - knows that Seth can easily solve all of the problems arising in these stories and thus, completely negating the whole purpose of these stories, that is - because, even though he is in charge of the IG's...even though he is supposedly orchestrating all of their activity...whenever a BIG moment happens...

Seth is of course magically tied up with some other "BIG EVENT" at the last moment that prevents him from being their during the "BIG BATTLE" and coming to their aid.

In other words: He's nowhere to be found.

I know what you are thinking....

I guess what I'm trying to say is...it's like watching someone cleaning up a pile of sand grain by grain...

...when there's a fucking vacuum sitting right next to them.

Something else that I found...suspect...was the revealing of Ami's backstory.

When her "origins" are revealed to us, my reaction was...varied.

But whatevs, I'll take it.

Other than that, like I said, I really enjoy this author's writing and I like the world she has built here.

I just think the above...issues....are keeping me from 100% loving these books.

But I am still looking forward to tackling book three.

And now that I have thoroughly confused everyone...

Fine me at:

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## **Laurie Garrison says**

Dianne Duvall delivers another action pack romance in book two of the Immortal Guardians series. If you read book one and loved it you sure can't miss this one.

What is Ami? That's what we was left with in book one. In this book you get Ami dumped on Marcus as his second and you don't get a clue about what Ami is until mid way, then things starts unwrapping about what she is. One thing about Ami is she is strong and can fight right along with an Immortal and it doesn't take Marcus long to figure out she's different. These two fit together really well and the tension between is really hot, but it takes them a bit to really get going. I really enjoyed the wait.



The downside for me was the Immortals fighting with each other. Some of it seemed really childish. Still overall a great paranormal romance read that not to be missed.

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## **Beate says**

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## **Malinda says**

4.5-5 stars

This was a great story. I've read the first book in the series Darkness Dawns which I loved and this book is a great addition to the series. I really liked Marcus in book #1 and was happy to get to read his book.

Ami is a nice woman with a strange/painful past. She's been separated from all she knew and ended up in a horrible situation that Seth and David (the 2 oldest Immortals) end up saving her from. It takes a while but she slowly begins to get back to herself and recover from her trials. When she becomes strong enough both emotionally and physically, Seth assigns her to be a second (a helper) to an immortal that he believes (slightly erroneously) she's never met before.

Marcus is an Immortal that's 800 years old. He loved a woman once but lost her and now he just lives life, killing vampires and nothing else. He's tired of his life and enjoys his solitude where he stewes in his discontentment. Seth (being the oldest and wisest of the Immortals) sees that Marcus needs something to help bring him out of his funk and decides to assign Ami as his second, thinking it'll do both of them some good. Marcus isn't so sure and goes out of his way to avoid Ami when she first becomes his second.

Ami isn't a shrinking violet (no matter her painful past) and is determined to do the job that Seth set for her to do. It would be easier for her if Marcus wasn't so intent on avoiding her. Marcus isn't mean to Ami but every time he's in her presence he's uncomfortable because he's finding he wants her. This serious attraction, paired with the fact that she's nice and sweet and he can't help but like her makes it very hard on him so he avoids her. This doesn't go on very long before Marcus and Ami end up in a huge fight with many Vamps which they come out of and it bonds them. After that they become closer and he stops avoiding her and starts to give in to his attraction. Ami is rather innocent but falls for Marcus pretty quickly and isn't adverse to getting more physical with Marcus either.

As Marcus and Ami become a couple there's much going on in the action plot as a self proclaimed Vampire King raises an army and the Immortals are inundated with tons of Vamps to kill as the Vamps try to kill (or capture) them. A few times as the story progresses, weird things become apparent about Ami and Marcus is left trying to figure things out while he's already falling in love with her. When he finds out the truth, he also finds out that a past enemy of Ami's has resurfaced and is in the fight against the immortals. Marcus is determined to protect Ami and does everything he can to keep her safe. The Vampire King is dealt with in the end but the old enemy is still out there and it'll be interesting to see where the storyline goes with this as the series continues. After things settle down, Ami and Marcus get a sweet conclusion of the story with a wonderful HEA.

I really enjoyed this story. The characters are all great and I loved Ami and Marcus, both separately and as a couple. The storyline is interesting and engaging and I can't wait to read the next book in the series. This is actually a reread for me but I feel it's just as great now as the first time I read it. I'd recommend this book. 2 thumbs up! :D

\* note - I listened to the audio version of this book and the narrator did a great job.

8/21/15 - Reread of series before the release of #s 5.5 & 6. Marcus and Ami are still a great couple and the storylines are interesting and engaging. :D

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Μάρσα Γεωργοπούλου says

**Reread and loved it again!! The following review is from the first time I read this book and I am not going to change it!**

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I am a huge fan of Dianne Duvall since I read the first book of the Immortal Guardians series and now, after I read "Night Reigns" the second book of the series I have to say that she is absolutely AMAZING! Although this is a paranormal romance book the plot isn't focus only in the main couple and their romance but it has a great plot also!

In this book we learn the story of Marcus and Ami. Marcus is an Immortal and we have met him in the first book. He is badass (of course!) but he's also smart, brave and... hot! He is kind of a jerk at first (in a good way!) but his behavior is like that because he's lonely. Ami is what he needs. But what Ami is exactly? Seth has rescued her from a true horror a year and a half before and now Seth treats her like a daughter. Although she has many reasons not to trust anyone, she is loving and caring and she wants the best for the ones she loves. At first, Marcus and Ami aren't close, because Marcus was avoiding her but soon this changed. I loved the way their love grows in the story and the development in their relationship is exactly what it should be. Both of them are lonely. He has lost some years before a woman he loved and she has a big secret that no one must know. It's perfect that now they have each other!

I loved all the secondary characters in the book because each and every one of them has a unique sense of humor. Mysterious Seth who is like a father or a very protective big brother to all of them, Roland and Sarah, David, Darnell, Chris and Bastien make the story very interesting and funnier some times. Especially overprotective Roland who always teases Marcus. I find myself very curious for Seth and Bastien and I am looking forward to read the next book of the series! Also, I have to say that this book has a lot of action and it's great that in this story women fight also!!

Dianne Duvall is one of the best pnr authors and I totally recommend this book!

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**Katie Michaels says**

With every single installment I read, I love this series even more. This is Marcus and Ami's story. And

before I get too far, I have to address the big elephant in the room. A lot of readers took issue with the reveal of who/ what Ami really is. It is kind of out there. But I started this series with book 6, so I already knew what she was, long before she told Marcus. The reveal that turned off so many readers, wasn't a thing for me. So yeah, it is kind of weird (and that says a lot, considering this is a vampire book.) If you can get past that, though, or maybe if you go into it spoiled, I really think you'll enjoy the book as much as I did.

I'm going to give you a choice and let you decide if you want in on the secret. (view spoiler)

The story begins about a year and a half after the events of Darkness Dawns. Ami is healing from the torture she endured and Seth thinks he can help her even more by making her a Second for Marcus. The centuries-old Immortal has been taking unnecessary risks since the death of his beloved Bethany and having Ami around could help ground him. Marcus balks at first, but it doesn't take long before he realizes what a gift he has been given.

Ami is such a great blend of innocence and strength. I love how seriously she takes her role as Marcus's protector. She is fragile in some ways, vulnerable due to her past and her secrets. But she tears through Marcus's walls with her tenacity and loyalty. I loved watching these two fall for each other. I loved the mystery unfolding for Marcus, even if the big reveal was odd. I loved the sexual tension and the budding romance. And, of course, I loved the bigger picture.

One of the best things about this series for me is the huge, engaging cast of characters. Dianne Duvall does such a great job incorporating in all of these different people and infusing them with such interesting personalities and backstories. I am all aflutter over Bastien and the lady doctor he is totally supposed to be with. I also want more of David and Seth.

The world building is great too. It's a little complicated, but it's laid out in such a way that I'm never confused. Everything makes sense. The pacing is good. The dialogue is good. Heck, Duvall even cut back some on all the healthy-eating references that annoyed me in the first book.

I would definitely recommend this series to PNR fans. And if you can get over Ami's origins and just roll with it, I think you'll love it too.

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### **Beth says**

Love this series! A perfect balance of action, romance and character developement. Definitely a book I'd read again.

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### **Blacky \*Romance Addict\* says**

[So, she lives on the other side of the galaxy on some planet, and looks EXACTLY like a human. Yeah. Right. Oh, and has same internal organs as a human, not just looks. Yeah. Right. (hide spoiler)]

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