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**“We are, all of us, bound for darkness.”**

Ten years ago, my mother was brutally murdered before my eyes. Now, after killing my best friend and kidnapping dozens of other witches, the hunter who stalked my nightmares for a decade is ready to unleash his twisted fury on me.

**Good thing I’ve got backup: five strong, impossibly sexy supernatural guardians who’d do anything to keep me safe.**

With my rebels by my side, the hunter can’t hurt me. But the disappearance of Blackmoon Bay’s witches has bigger implications, shifting the balance of power and leaving our communities in upheaval. Add in a rogue vampire from my past, traitorous supernaturals wreaking havoc in the Bay, and the innate dark magic I still can’t control, and we’re staring down some pretty bleak odds.

My loyal protectors have helped me face down every threat, and I love them for it—more than they probably realize.

But in the end, there are some battles a witch must fight on her own.

Starting with the ones raging inside.?

*DARKNESS BOUND is the second book in The Witch’s Rebels, a steamy reverse harem paranormal romance and urban fantasy series featuring five smoldering-hot guys and the kickass witch they’d kill to protect. If you like sexy forbidden romance, dark magic, and heart-pounding supernatural suspense, Sarah Piper’s witchy new series will leave you spellbound.*

## Darkness Bound Details

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## From Reader Review Darkness Bound for online ebook

### Bec says

This was a little slower than the first book, less action and more focus on the MC's emotional state. I found this a little hard to connect to overall. For people that are very familiar with Puget Sound, the geography in this will grate on your nerves at time, I don't think the author has ever been here. Mostly I think this suffers from second book syndrome. I will probably read the 3rd book because it's on KU but even with the cliffhanger ending I am feeling a bit meh.

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### Anastasia (Stasia) Green says

Yes!

Better than book one, everything and everything character is developing in such incredible ways. I'm so drawn into this series.

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### Dani Rumsey says

Yesterday I wrote that I would return for round 2, and wouldn't you know it? Here I am at the end of it already.

Things have seriously heated up for our girl Gray. I mean to say things have *really* taken a downturn for her in almost every aspect of her life. Except of course for her love life. She's definitely not suffering there.

Best friend gone, removed from house and home? Let's not forget the fact that Asher is so incredibly under her skin that it's driving her up the wall. That jerk. Giving her the hard truths of life.

The second book in the series takes a step back in the sense that while it's a personal issue, the hunter that is, it's also so much more than that. Witches are disappearing at an alarming rate, and despite Emilio's, *ahem* Detective Alvarez's best efforts, supernatural crime has spiked, and not even Darius's good vampire name and authority can keep shit locked down.

Can you smell trouble? I sure can.

With the men doing their best to train her to learn how to take a punch, and Death/Liam helping her hone in on her creepy-as-f necromancing abilities in an attempt to take that red-haired psychopath down a peg, Gray still finds time to satisfy those witchy little, uh, *desires* of hers, multiple times, with multiple men.

Really though, while it's not a five-star read for me, I still really enjoyed the second title in the series. They're the entertaining reads that will make whatever stretch of time you need to pass go by in a blur.

Same time tomorrow for review of the third installment? Eh, maybe. I've been putting off some Christmas shopping and I'm running dangerously out of time. But yeah, there's a good chance I'll have at least made

some progress towards getting around to another review.

Four stars for an entertaining, somewhat-steamy, necromancing dark-filled good time of a read.

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### **Jessica Robbins says**

\*I received a free copy of this book which I voluntarily chose to write an honest review for.

Book two in the The Witch's Rebel series. I fell in love with book one so I could not wait to get my hands on this but I have to say it took forever to really get moving. Gray has a lot of stuff to deal with and it all seems to come out during the first part of the book making it more emotional then anything else. I honestly wanted to smack her a few times and tell her to get over it. Then the action started, the steamy stuff started, and a few surprise were thrown in the mix just to keep us on our toes leading to a cliff hanger of an ending. Once the book got moving it was really great you just have to power through the beginning to get there. Thanks to the second half I can still give it 4/5 stars which makes happy after the love for book one.

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### **Siri says**

3,5^ rating

Shiet that ending tho, i will not survive the waiting...

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### **Jennifer says**

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### **Lauren says**

#### **Awesome continuation**

This is the 2nd book in the series and I am ADDICTED!! The storyline and world the author has created is unique, creative, and refreshing. The drama in this book was scaled back a little bit and allowed us to really get a closer look at Gray and all the men in her life. The relationships with some of the men have progressed a little more.

We learned more about her past. What happened to her mother, the reason she's on the run, and her connection with the Hunter who has made her life a living hell. We gain a little more insight about Gray and her magic although a lot still seems ambiguous at the moment.

I love Liam/Death's character. Trying to navigate human emotions and customs for the sake of Gray. It's amazing to read, especially in the chapters from his POV. I can tell that he has ulterior motives for associating with Gray at the moment but I hope those human emotions begin to really take hold of him and he does the right thing.

I love reading about the typical asshole/jerk so I like Asher so far. Especially when we are able to read a

chapter from their POV and we are able to dig really deep into their mind and see what they are really thinking.

I'm hoping that we are able to watch Gray's relationship develop more with Emilio because he seems so sweet and shy.

Great addition to this amazing series and I cannot wait to read the next one!

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### **Tracy Hoyt says**

**So tense, so magical, so amazing!!!**

I don't know how to formulate words very well right now. Gray stole my breath, and her story stole my heart. I am continually surprised and so moved by this magical telling. I was so looking forward to this sequel, and I didn't want it to end, so I lingered in the story as long as I could. I knew I would be shattered completely by the end, and I am! Sarah, I am in love with your world! And Asher? My dear, sweet, smarmy, pain ridden Asher?! Ugh, I love his smart mouth! The mystery started in the first story gave rise to a deeper, more twisted plot in this one. I got answers, but not always the ones I wanted, and it finished with such a climactic ending! Wow! In this story, a broken girl slowly becomes a confident woman, open to love and open to her inner strength and magic! I loved seeing Gray's progression throughout the story and the foundations of a beautiful family in the men. All the pain in the past and in the present only enriches these characters and deepens their commitment to each other, and a resolution to their plight. Oh, but I feel like I know even less than I did at the start of their journey. There is still so much hanging in the balance, so many unknowns, and more sinister plots to come! Such a beautiful, taunting ending, but it only makes me crave the next stop on this journey even more. Gray trusts in the cards and what they say about her past, present, and future, so I too will trust in the path and believe that this isn't the end. These characters deserve their happiness and a chance to live their fullest lives. I believe it will happen, but the journey is long and there is still so much to discover. I cannot wait for the next book so I may dive back into Gray's realm! Such an amazing job! So worth the heartache! It would be a grave mistake to miss this series, read it!!!

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### **Jen (The Starry-Eyed Revue) says**

This sequel was just as good as the first book, introducing a few new characters and giving some much-needed insight into others. It really ramps up the *Supernatural*-vibe, too. And the steaminess. \*fans self\* Neither aspect is too terribly graphic, though. At least, not in comparison to other things I've read, lol. And it definitely left me wanting more...I can't wait until the next book releases in September!

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### **Lita Reynolds says**

**FIVE BADASS STARS!!**

Sarah Piper is the Queen of supernatural reverse harem stories. Darkness Bound just kicked things up a notch! I loved every single thing about this book! I'm going to review the series so far. My thoughts span the first and second books, only because I read them so close together that I have a hard time thinking of them as two separate books. Normally I like to review the books individually, which I did anyway, but this review doesn't stick solely to Darkness Bound.

Gray is probably one of my favorite heroines in any story I've read in a very long time. She's smart, sexy, determined, gets a little overwhelmed at times just like normal humans, but she's powerful and kickass as hell. I'm enamored by her strength and resilience, and pretty much in love with her too. She's lost everything she's ever cared about, everyone she's ever loved. She has so much baggage that I was sure it'd take a horde of demons, shifters, and vampires to claim her heart. But no, just one crossroads demon, an incubus, a wolf shifter, a powerful vamp, and Death in khakis and a polo.

Don't even get me started on her men. Geeeee. Could these guys get any sexier? First off, Ronan is my one true love in this world. Our crossroads demon has stood beside Gray for years, been there when she needed him. And for that, my love for him will never die. Following as a close second is Asher, my sassy and sarcastic incubus who is so scarred and haunted that he pushes away the people he loves most. Oh how I love the damaged ones. Darius, or D as Gray nicknamed him, is third on my list of "WRILF" ;) This sexy vamp has captivated me since we visited his bar when our little brawler performed some eye opening necromancy in SK. I love his old world charm but it was his dislike of voicemail in the first book that truly sealed the deal for me, he's mine now. In DB we get to see and interact more with Emilio, our hot detective who also happens to be a wolf shifter. He's kind and gentle with Gray but this man is a force to be reckoned with. He's loyal, fierce and comes with his own baggage too! Baggage for everyone!! And the man can cook. He can make me a pan of brownies any day. I'm looking forward to learning more about his past, and maybe some sexy-time? I love sexy-time. Liam, aka Death, I'm still on the fence about. I haven't gotten to know the real "Death" if you ever truly can. I need more time with him to suss out my emotions toward him. I like his character though, he reminds me a lot of a sexier (and you can't get much sexier here) Sheldon Cooper from Big Bang Theory. He spouts random facts and secrets of the universe. Spooky is almost nerdy, and I just love him.

The plot of both SK and DB continued to shock and surprise me. When I downloaded the first book I was excited for the naughty bits, because why else would I be looking into RH books? :) But the plot pleasantly surprised me. I was engrossed in the story and DB builds and continues that plot. Mages who lost their power become Hunters who are determined to get that lost power back from Witches they feel have stolen it. Add in one crazy AF ex-boyfriend who also happens to be a Hunter, and we have the beginning of something totally kickass. Gray is becoming something extraordinary and I cannot wait to see what comes next for her and her men.

Bring on book three!!

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### Camila Rodriguez says

I am slightly torn. Was it better than the first... *meh*.

I will say sometimes I find the guy's perspectives to be rather... ~~uninteresting~~ annoying. Because they have to constantly state how proud they are of her or how much they cherish her. I mean we get it...they're following this chick around like a blade of grass will undo her. Of course they're so strongly devoted. We don't need to hear it 50000x times.

**HOWEVER. LIAM GIVES ME LIFE.** Death finding himself loving Gray is about the most hilarious thing considering he is Death with a capital D and he isn't supposed to feel emotions. And yet he takes on a human vessel and it is downright HILARIOUS. His inner monologues had me laughing and shedding tears. I couldn't stop. It's just so funny.

The first half of the book was much better than the second half. Excited to see where book 3 will go considering how book 2 ended.

Hoping Liam finds out what human emotions are. LOLLOL.

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### **Amy says**

This sequel was just as good, if not better than, the first book in the series. The relationship development has been wonderfully written, and I'm totally falling for Gray's men.

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### **Jessica M. says**

#### **Wow, just wow!**

This book has all the important aspects that I look for in good stories. Love, mystery, moral discrepancies, heart wrenching grief, discovery of self.... Yes, this is a paranormal RH but there's so much more to it than that and Sarah Piper brings it all together so beautifully. so even if this genre isn't your normal cup of tea I would still recommend this book. The RH and sexy times are tasteful and not happening every 5 minutes which I think is perfect for this particular book. Some stories are based mainly on sexy times and I love those too ? but sometimes less is more and I think it turned out great in Darkness Bound. Anyways, I am really impressed with Ms. Piper's writing skillz. She's quickly becoming a favorite and I'll be dying over here waiting for book 3!

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### **Jeanny says**

For the majority of this book I felt like I was running on a treadmill, in other words in a hurry to get no where. When we finally reached the end, it felt like someone turned that treadmill off. The story came to an abrupt FULL STOP ? which added up to a cliffhanger. This book was a letdown 2.5 stars

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### **Shyann says**

#### **Amazing Series So Far!**

If you haven't read the first book in this series please do! This wonderfully written world draws you in and doesn't let you go. Chapter one starts off right after the last book, continuing just a few days after the events of book one.

We get some answers in this installment, but there are still a lot of questions to be answered. It didn't take me long to read the first book, and I devoured this one just as quickly.

Gray and the guys just fit so well together. This is by far my favorite reverse harem series I've read. Even with this being a paranormal series, nothing is 'far fetched'. The romance is there, not exactly a slow burn but



its also not just thrust upon the characters in a way thats not believable. By this book Gray is already 'dating' (I use quotes because it's so much more than that!) two of the four men that are protecting her, the same ones from book one. And her relationship with the other two is creating a strong bond that when they finally get together too, its going to be amazing.

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Possible spoiler if you haven't read the first book, and definitely spoilers for the second, below.

I really love that Sarah Piper didn't just have Gray become a crazy powerful and all knowing witch. I like that Gray has to work on herself to be able to use her magic. And I love that she's learning to fight physically so she's not at a disadvantage. I love that in this book her grief isn't magically gone and her bestfriend forgotten. And I love that we're actually seeing (ok reading) the characters development and how they deal with their emotions. Example, Asher freaking out on Gray after she's attacked in her realm, and thinks he's helping her by pushing her to far and fast to learn defense; but can't talk to her about his feelings and why he's pushing her so hard. And the ending of this book with them two? Amazing!

Can't wait to read the rest of this series!

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