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Eden's life has taken a turn she would never have imagined. She's gone from soul eater to warrior, left behind a family she was ashamed of and moved in with one she admires. She has a purpose, a future, and... she has Noah.

Life should be good.

But... the most fervent and powerful soul eaters are determined to take down the Ankh and Eden is the key to the destruction of the warrior race.

Moreover, a shadowed enemy is still after Eden, and the mortal Warriors of Neith have chosen the worst time imaginable to start an uprising.

With an enemy in every corner, the problems before her are overwhelming. Then again, Eden hasn't come this far to let anyone snatch her new life from her...

However, just when Eden thought she'd battled the monster within and won, the warrior who took something precious from her comes back into her life, tempting Eden to take a course of revenge there is no turning back from.

A YA Paranormal Romance recommended for ages 16 and up.

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From Reader Review Shades of Blood for online ebook

Lenore Kosinski says

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3 stars -- Another strange reading experience -- I stayed up until 3am finishing the book, but in the end it was only ok for me. This review **might** be a bit spoilery, so you've been warned.

The plot was quite different from what I'm used to in paranormal reads, in that there wasn't really a big bad guy to fight and win against. There were a few enemies, but those plots really seemed to stay in the background, and the climax wasn't traditional either...heck, our heroine wasn't even there to deal with them all. In the end the big bad seemed to be more Eden herself, and her inability to deal with her grief over Stratton and her thirst for vengeance. And while I appreciate the uniqueness of this, I guess I just wasn't completely won over. I'm having a hard time pinpointing why. I guess there just didn't feel like a lot of build up to a climax, a crucial point where things had to be taken care of.

I also didn't see as much growth in Eden as I would have liked. Her issues ended up feeling very repetitive, so maybe I grew bored? But then why did I keep reading til it was over? Maybe I was waiting for something to happen? It's not that I don't feel for Eden...I do. I just ran into a wall with her character and I wanted more.

I had mixed feelings on the romance as well. Geez, I'm not sure this review is going to be worth anything at all -- I can't seem to figure out what I liked and didn't like. Or at least I can't seem to articulate it. I appreciated that the romance was there, but I didn't always feel it...it just existed. I was even hoping for more from Tobe and Cameron, and I didn't really get anything from that either.

And in the end I think the thing that bothered me the most (and bothered me with her other series too) was the questionable morals. Not just in Eden's thirst for vengeance (and quite honestly I don't think she ever really got why killing Romany would be a bad thing for her). But I wasn't really down with Darius and his methods. Or heck, for how they treated the rebellion. I guess I want my heros to be spick and span, or at least have more reasons for behaving badly than these guys did. They just wanted to protect their group of Ankhs, and the authority they had...yeah yeah, I know, so they could focus on the soul eater killing, but no...I just didn't like that at all. So they all went down in my esteem.

Also, the Unforeseen ability? Felt like that was thrown in just to ramp up Eden's thirst for vengeance...felt like a convenient plot device, and really served no other purpose...especially since they wanted to keep it hidden.

Wow. So that really looks like I didn't enjoy it at all. It's not that...it's more like a feeling of disappointment in the end. I guess I'm just not a fan of Ms. Young's paranormals. We'll give her contemporaries a try, but she may just not be a fit for me.

Bri •Books and Bri• says

I am pretty conflicted right now. One side of me is like, *YES! This series was AWESOME, this book was AWESOME, and Samantha Young is AWESOME.* And then there is the five year old in me: *What? What do*

you mean it is over? I want moreeee. [sigh] I am never really going to grow up, am I?

Eden has more problems now than ever before. Just when she thinks everything is going smoothly, someone just has to come and ruin it all. Cosmina is breathing down her neck, a small rebellion is rising in the Neith that would like to see Eden dead, and Romany has come back which drives a wedge between Noah and Eden and reminds Eden how much she would like to see Romany dead. Eden also discovers a few things about herself as an Ankh warrior that she is not sure how to deal with. All she wants is to catch a breather and spend some quality time with Noah. Will she ever have peace?

So as I have already mentioned, this book was amazing, and it was the perfect conclusion to the series. I honestly think it is the best book in the series. It is packed with action and raw emotions that just left me wanting more afterwards. The action scenes were intense and the flashbacks to moments between Eden and her brother, Stellan, tugged at my heart. Also, I did not think it was possible, but the chemistry between Noah and Eden got even more intense and the reader can definitely feel the depth of their love for one another. They face some hardships and some enemies from the past, but through these obstacles, they become closer than ever before. Noah and Eden have officially become one of my favorite book couples! >< Overall, this series was AMAZING and WICKEDLY AWESOME and I would definitely recommend it to anyone. :)

Be quiet, inner child! Go and read some other Samantha Young book!

Julz says

4.5 stars. Really enjoyed the story. Both h and h were likeable.

Cynthia says

I really, really hated to see this series end! I love the characters and want MORE! I think it would be absolutely wonderful to see Cyrus fall in love again, to see if Val and Darius find their way back to each other, see Jack fall in love...just so many possibilities!

A lot of people want to see Eden dead in Shades of Blood, and they try darn hard to make it happen. Eden and Noah's relationship is strained. Eden has to find a way to let go of her anger and hate she holds toward Noah's ex-girlfriend, Romany, for killing her brother, Shellan. If Eden can't, Darius has to take her out to protect the Ankh. Therefore, Eden has to make a choice to either get past the hate, or die by the hands of Darius.

This has been an absolutely great series!

Now for the bad...what's up with the new covers? I'm not crazy about them at all. For one, they have no relevance to the books. I know the author, Samantha Young, was stoked about the new covers, and they are cool covers, but just not for this series.

Merve Özcan says

K?z çok ??mar?k, bencil, a?lak. Deli etti beni. Kurgu da çok saçmasalak, basitti. Sonu güzel bitti denilebilir. Tahmin ettim tabii. Neyse, bir seriyi daha bitirmenin verdi?i haz ve okuyarak harcad???m saatlerin azab?yla bu sayfay? da kapatt?m.

Detayl? yorum:

Uzun zamand?r bir seriyi bitirmemi?tim do?rusu. Ancak ko?ullar alt?nda sevindi?im bir durum oldu. Samantha Young'u Dublin Caddesi'yle tan?d?k ve kendisine bay?ld?k. Ancak genç yeti?kinden ve paranormalden kesinlikle uzak durmas? gerekiyor.

Eden her zamanki gibi lay?k bir sava?ç? olmak için ç?rp?n?p dururken hem Noah'la sorunlar ya??yor hem de Tobe'un sald?r?ya u?ray?p Cameron'un ruhunun bir parças? çal?nd??? için ellerinde halletmeleri gereken bir sorun var. Bunlar da yetmezmi? gibi Eden'?n a?abeyini öldüren Romany de hayat?na tekrar dahil olmu?tur ve Eden öfkesini bir türlü yenememektedir. (Üç kitapt?r hala bunu okudu?uma inanam?yorum.)

Ben kitab? hiç sevemedim. Zaten ah?m ?ah?m bir ?ey olsa, y?llar önce dayanamay?p bitirirdim. Öncelikle Eden'?n m?z m?z, ??mar?k, pervas?z, dü?üncesiz olmas? beni delirtti. Bu kadar tehlike alt?ndayken, dü?ünmeden hareket etmesi bence bir "sava?ç?"ya yak??m?yor. Üstelik ya?l? ve lider olarak adland?r?lan ki?ilerin de bu k?z?n saçma arzular?na boyun e?mesini de mant?kl? bulamad?m.

Sevmeme nedeni bir: Karakterlerin mant?ks?z ve inand?r?c?l?ktan yoksun olu?u.

Sevmeme nedeni iki: Eden'in tüm karakter özellikleri.

Üç kitapt?r da hala Eden'?n öfkesi ve kimse beni anlam?yor diye ortal?kta dola?mas? ak?l almaz bence. Seri buna m? kurulur be hatun? Üstelik Romany'nin böyle ans?z?n ortaya ç?kmas? da garip. Eden ve Noah'?n sevgili tart??malar? ve Eden'?n gereksiz ç?k??malar? da bana saçma geldi. Tamam Stefan a?abeyiydi ama burada daha büyük bir mücadele dönüyor. Az?c?k olgun olsan da, bencilli?i kenara b?raksan????

Sevmeme nedeni üç: Gereksiz uzat?lm?? konu.

Kitab?n tek sevdi?im yönüye (tabii sevmek biraz abartmak oluyor haliyle) sonu oldu. Her ?ey ba?land?, dualar edilip s?rtlar s?vand?. Bunun için mutluyum, çünkü bu bünye bir kitap daha kald?ramazd? say?n seyirciler. Ah bir de, yazar gereksiz bir a?k üçlemesine girmedi?i için mutlu oldum.

Justyna says

After reading the two first series of Warriors of Ankh books, I couldn't wait for the third one. As I enjoyed an interesting and complex plot in the first and second book I just couldn't find it in the third one. It was something missing! I really like Samantha Young's writing style and all her books I have read it so far, I just thing the writer has started writing too many book series at the same time and she just probably wanted to finish one series to start writing other unfinished series. The whole plot with Cosmita that starts in earlier book finishes so quickly and without any excitement. That's the reason I am giving 4 stars not five!

Sara says

Samantha Young is pure genius!! I don't know what else I can say, I just love her imagination, originality and her beautiful way of telling a story! I would gladly pay so much more for her books and I am truly in awe of the talent she possesses!

I don't want to ruin the story for anyone but I have to say a few things. First of all, I loved the characters in this series so much! I loved Eden, Noah, Cameron, Cyrus and October (btw how cool of a name is October?). Loved them all!!! I was so glad to see some of the relationships progress and I loved seeing the personal growth in both Eden and Tobe. I loved the fighting scenes, loved the romantic scenes and all the in between!! This series was amazing!! It's sad to see it come to an end... But they are immortal so you never know right?!

Overall, this book was so much fun to read!! Samantha Young is friggin remarkable, amazing, wonderful, talented and just EPIC in general. I am genuinely honored to have found her books on Amazon this year and I will forever be a loyal fan and supporter!!!

Anzu The Great Destroyer says

Before I start my review I gotta ask, is this the last book in the series? I mean the ending kind of hinted towards that but I'm still not convinced. Is book 4 coming out or this is it for Eden and Noah?

Personally I'd prefer for it to end. Why? Because I don't want *Warriors of Ankh* to end up like *Night Huntress*. Kat and Bones are one of my most favorite book couples. But their story going on and on with useless details and events makes me like them less with each page that I read. I don't want Noah and Eden to suffer the same fate, that's all.

Anyway, what's there to say about *Shades of Blood*? It's definitely my least favorite book in the series. Eden and Noah can't seem to get their hands off each other's privates ((view spoiler)), Eden suddenly gets a visit from the big bad P ((view spoiler)), Noah learns what it's like to be jealous ((view spoiler)) and Tobe gets to work a bit on Eden's face ((view spoiler)).

My problem with *Shades of Blood* is mostly its predictability. I had some moments with the previous books when I'd feel like Sherlock Holmes for cracking some mysteries in the story but in this one it felt boring. Because everything was too transparent.

Or maybe I'm that good.

Anzu: Hey Evilbot!

Evilbot: What now, human?

A: Did you finish reading Shades of Blood?

E: No I didn't. I said nothing of the sort.

A: But you promised that you'll buddy read it with me!

E: Didn't.

A: Yes you did! Now tell me why you didn't read it.

E: I bought food while I was there. They don't let you travel internationally with food.

A: What the hell are you talking about?

E: I'm talking about what we both said yesterday.

A: Whatever. What do you think? Will Noah and Eden get another book?

E: Will will will will will will.

A: Don't you think it will be boring? I mean they've already started to lose their spark.

E: The button and the chair have the true church of Christ?

A: What?

E: Get rich or die trying.

A: Are you serious?

E: Yes. I'm ready to take the next step in this relationship.

A: Do I need to hit you in the head again to make you work properly?

E: Whether you make sense or not, I'll never love you.

A: *facepalm*

Steph says

I read this book in one sitting on a relaxing Sunday afternoon and I enjoyed it just as much as the others.

I feel like most parts of this story were rounded up nicely but there's just one thing that left me feeling dissatisfied...

The relationship between Darius and Valaria.

I wish we had gotten to see more of them throughout the series or that they will get their own book. I just felt like there was so much more to them that we didn't get to see.
But that's just me.

I was totally 100% on Eden's side in regards to Romany. I was furious for her. I know they all were trying to help and protect her but I also wanted to slap them for her. I think she did the right thing in the end. But I wouldn't have even done that! I'd have told her to shove it!
LOL

I would definitely recommend this series. Eden really was fantastic and the stroyline kept me enthralled throughout the trilogy. I really loved the journey.

Sharone says

Perfect ending to a fantastic series :)

Kale says

Threads come to a head in the thrilling conclusion to the Warriors of Ankh series.

Cosmina's closing in, Eden's family is missing, and the underground leader of the Neith is instigating a possible war between the Ankh and their mortal counterparts. Which means Eden's calendar is way past full. Adding in the betrayal of her closest confidants to the workload and Paradise is spitting a rainbow of colorful curses and snarky remarks. Yet this turmoil couldn't come at worse time.

Yes, just because your soul has been redeemed doesn't mean you've been saved. At least that's the case for Eden MacDouglas. Apparently making the transition to Ankh from Soul Eater is only half the battle. Removing the demon from her soul doesn't extract the demons in heart and Darius is determined to test her in the worst way possible. Eden's relationships will be pushed to the brink, her future with Noah questionable, and the new life she's built forfeit if she fails.

Shades of Blood is chock-full of gory action sequences and emotional upheaval. Young picked her closing statements of this series to be a brutal battle both within as well as external creating a well-round tour de force of fiction. Fans will find much of what they love about this series, the world, it's humor and characters, bumped up to the next level. The only complaint about the finale, is that it's the last one.

Nicole says

So I don't know why I lasted so long to finish this series but I did...I blame school and professors. ..so anyways I re-read the first two books and started Shades of Blood today and I finished today and Oooooomggggg it was great!!!! I freaking love Eden and Noah and all the characters they're just awesome this book is awesome Samantha Young is awesome and freaking brilliant.....there's just so much action and so much love and loyalty and morals and bad asses and hot guys and great female characters I mean woooooow...I can totally find myself reading this book occasionally once in a while to just laugh and cry and

laugh again and more laughing.....I wish there was more I would have loved to see more of Val's and Darius' relationship but geeesh we can't get everything!!! Nonetheless a freaking awesome book people!!!!

Μαρ?α Γεωργοπο?λου says

4.5 stars

The last book of the Warriors of Ankh series was amazing! It's the perfect closure for this unique series and I really enjoyed it. "Shades of Blood" by Samantha Young isn't an "easy" book. Nothing it's easy in this story. Difficult decisions, difficult situations and everything belongs neither to white or black, but to gray.

In this story, Eden has to fight all those who want her dead and her worse enemy, the woman who killed her beloved brother. She has to fight with all her inner demons and she has to take some very difficult decisions. Everyone expects from her to be so good and forgive Romany for killing her brother and she is angry with all of them. Well, to be honest, I totally agree with her! Eden is trying to learn herself and it's not something easy. She had a very difficult life and the only person that he cared about her for years was her brother and now it's hard for her to continue her life. She's feeling bad because she thinks that it's not right to enjoy her life when at the same time her brother is dead.

Noah was as good as always but there were sometimes that I wanted to punch him! He should be more honest with Eden because she had the right to be angry with him so many times in the story! Nevertheless, I liked him because he never lost his faith on her!

I loved all the secondary characters and the only thing that it was missing in the story is more of Darius and Val. We have to learn more about them!

Great plot, amazing characters and a lot of action.... The recipe of success! I totally recommend this book!

Julie(Reading By The Beach) says

Samantha Young is a very talented author! It is extremely easy to get lost in each and every world that Young creates! I was sooo excited that Shades of Blood came out early, that I bought it and devoured it in one sitting! I love Eden and Noah, they are two of my all-time favorite characters! Young has a way with words that paints the most vivid image in your mind for you as you read each word. Each of her female characters are bada**, which I find to be a strong attribute to each story she has written. Each of her male characters are uber hot, but not just on the outside. Samantha stays true to each character and nothing is EVER forced or unnatural with any story. I have loved EVERY single book that Samantha Young has written and I don't think that will ever change. Shades of Blood was a great ending to a beautiful trilogy, I am SUPER satisfied! Thank you Samantha Young! I'm excited to see what other worlds you will create!

Melissa says

This is totally on a side note to begin this review, but I have to say that I am so grateful for series that have a

definite story arc, a beginning and ending, a story that doesn't just go on and on and on. The Warriors of Ankh series by Samantha Young has been an enjoyable one to read, and Young finds a way to bring the story of Eden, a Soul Eater turned full Ankh warrior, to a satisfying conclusion. This series has been a story of Eden finding herself. From book one where she fought against the soul eater part of herself that was so repulsive to her, to book two where Eden learned to discover her new self fully rid of the soul eater side, and then this book, this has been a journey for Eden to figure out exactly who the Eden was who would be prancing about for all eternity.

In *Shades of Blood* Eden is fully removed from the soul eater existence that dominated her early life. However she faces an enemy that is a whole lot more difficult to eradicate. A sword swipe across the shoulders is not going to rescue Eden from this danger. In this book Eden has to fight her own personal demons which arise from her need for vengeance and retribution due to her continued anger and despair over the death of her half brother Stellan that occurred in the first book of the series. Despite Eden's newfound calm due to her transformation into an eternal Ankh warrior, Eden cannot find any part of her willing to forgive Romany, the Neith who had killed Stellan despite orders not to do so. It doesn't help anything that Romany also happened to be Noah's girlfriend at the time, so now the emotions of jealousy are also thrown into the pot boiling in Eden's existence. She is angry, and she wants blood. But that attitude doesn't mesh well with the laws of her Ankh society. Killing a Neith in cold blood, even if it is as retribution for what Eden feels is a crime, would constitute murder, and whether the Ankh chose to punish her or not for that, the simple fact that Eden allowed herself to enter that territory would end up destroying her all on her own. This is the major conflict of the book, even though the entire book is full of other conflicts involving a rogue soul eater group and a potential internal threat to the Ankh.

Darius, the reculsive, ultrapowerful, and mega-old Ankh leader-who-is-not-officially-the-leader, decides to test Eden and her new identity as a full Ankh warrior by using the talented Romany to help fight against the forces that are trying to rip the Ankh apart. Romany is shown throughout the book to be a talented Neith, but that dedication and talent is not enough to erase Eden's hatred of her. Darius sends Romany right into the midst of Cyrus's compound where Eden is stationed to see how Eden will react. It is not good. Eden is furious. She's furious with Cyrus who allows Darius to perform this test. She's angry with Noah who tries to help her calm her desire for revenge. She spends a good deal of this book angry. That is a little more of a taste of the old Eden who occupied the first novel in this series. But that Eden was ruled by the soul eater part of her personality that had an almost instinctual quality to it. This, instead, is all Eden. Nothing else is causing her anger. Only her. And that is a harder battle to undertake. I will admit that Eden's anger at times in this book got terribly annoying to read. She acted so childish at times, pushing away those who obviously cared about her more than anyone else ever had. As an outside reader I could understand the motivations that were guiding Cyrus and Noah, and so it was upsetting to me that Eden couldn't back down for a second to see that they were behaving the way they were because they loved her. But I think that my frustration was part of the story. Eden was so caught up in her own emotions that she couldn't see the big picture, and don't we all get that way every once in a while when our emotions are high?

I won't say more about the events of the story except to say that Young tied up the story beautifully. Things progressed fairly naturally, and I think that Eden found a way to work through her intense feelings in a way that stayed true to her character. It wasn't just a gooey I-forgive-you fest at the end which would have been very unlike the fiery Eden. But it managed to bring closure to the issue. I especially loved the brief but touching scene where Cyrus showed Eden a place where she could show honor to her brother. That was sweet. I loved the secondary character of Jack. His interaction with Eden was refreshing, especially in the midst of all of her angst-filled interactions with every single other person in the compound as she worked through her anger issues. Every character in this book had layers to their personality that really enhanced their roles within the book. I appreciated that. Part of me wishes that more time would have been spent

exploring the outside villains of the story -- the rogue soul eater leader who was holding October's parents, or the rogue Neith who was out to kill Eden. But when I recognize this story as a story of Eden's discovery of who she really is, those outside dangers are not as important. They are simply outside dangers. The real danger was the dark emotions that potentially could destroy Eden from within.

Overall, this was another great book from Samantha Young. I have yet to discover a book written by her that was not complex and engaging and well worth my time reading. I am happy for the ending of this series -- satisfactory in every way.
