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You can run from your past, but it will always catch up.

Nastasya has lived for hundreds of years, but for some reason it never seems to get any easier. She's left behind her days of debauchery to find peace and forgiveness at River's Edge, a safe haven for wayward immortals. There she's uncovered her family's epic history, reclaimed her magickal powers, and met Reyn, whom she dubs "the Viking god." Just as she settles into her new life, Nastasya learns that her old friends might be in town....

Reuniting with her gorgeous and dangerous ex-best-friend, Innocencio, Nas wonders if she'll ever be truly free of her dark legacy. Is Incy dangerous, power-hungry, and wicked? Or is he the only one who truly understands Nas's darkness? Either way, Nas is desperate to find out who she really is—even if the answer kills her.

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Katrina Passick Lumsden says

This...was not nearly as good as the first book in the series. Why is it that every time I find a female protagonist I actually like, she seems doomed to take a turn toward Idiotville and reside there for 95% of the sequel? *Rubbing hand over face* It's like some kind of sequels curse.

This book did eventually redeem itself when Nasty finally wised up a bit at the end, but her little realization....that moment where she was like, "Wait, I'm powerful!"....I was sitting there, staring blankly at my Kindle and having to choke down an almost insurmountable urge to scream, "DUHHHHH!"

It's not that this book is bad, because it's not. Hence the three stars when normally this amount of irritation would cause me to lambast a book and maybe, *maybe* give it two stars. It's just that I expected so much more. Immortal Beloved is one of my favorite books of all time. With that in mind, I suppose it's reasonable to assume this one wouldn't live up to the high expectations I had for it.

The only thing that really bogged the entire story down for me was Nasty. I get feeling unsure and having low self-esteem and all that, but the wise-cracking, gut-instinct-trusting Nas from the first book was conspicuously absent from this installment. It was like 459 years of instinct just flew right out the window and she was suddenly questioning every single thing in her life, and *not* in the right way. Some of the issues she faced were so ridiculously obvious to even the most casual observer that one couldn't help employing some internal facepalm while Nas came to her silly realizations far, far too late.

The other problem with this book? Not nearly enough Reyn. He'd better play a *huge* part in the next book or I will be very upset.

Vanessa says

The second instalment in this trilogy I liked even more than the first one!

Nastasya's sassy character captured me from the very first page and I found myself laughing out loud at times.

At some point I feared the situation with Amy would become something similar as with Nell. (Especially when Reyn made something chocolate for her), but I was happily surprised it didn't come to this. I wouldn't have liked the same kind of storyline all over again. I appreciated that Amy was such a nice person and that the "relationship" between her and Reyn didn't take up more of the overall story.

And even though Nas and Reyn (aka Viking Wonderboy, Butthead of Winter, oblivious moron and what was it again? Mr. Golden Sunshine????) didn't spend too much time together I felt their moments more than I had in the first novel.

Nas also showed a lot of development particularly in connection with her heritage and her old life (i.e. Incy and co). She grew a lot and I can't wait to get the third book in my hands and to see how the story will go on!

Jessica ♡ Silverbow ♡ Rabid Reads-no-more says

Right. So book 2 . . . pretty darn good. Not as book as the first one, but not significantly worse either. It's just that a lot of the middle was full of necessary--wait for it--DARKNESS. You know, like book 2 in Twilight. Bella is miserable for SOOOOO long, but by the end it's all nice and cheery again.

Onto book 3!!!

Kathleen says

2.5 stars? It took 350 pages before Nas figured out that *oh she's got strong powers too!* Also, i got fed up with the **i want him but i shouldn't** thing she's got going on for Reyn. I sure hope she sticks to her decision this time around.

Or maybe I just wasn't in the mood for this book. Oh well.

Kristalia says

Final rating: 4.5/5 stars

Wow, this book was even better than the Immortal Beloved! I didn't even know how fast i absorbed this book. I just knew that i started it, and suddenly it was over. But i say wow for the ending, we see some action there :D and plot twists ofc.

Beware, spoilers are real :P

Story :

My body was not ready after all. Anyway-this was cool book. I had expected some things to happen, like Nasty eventually crossing the path with Incy and the rest, but there were some stuff i still didn't expect. I loved everything about it and somehow, the story this time was more revealing. I mean, some of the characters said some stuff about their pasts, and i found that quite interesting, especially for River. Anyway, the end of the book was extremely surprising and i was like: "Damn you, what are you doing?", "Where is her knight in shining armor?", "Stop being such idiot and get close to Reyn, you idiot!"

Characters :

So, Nastasya : feeling even more outcast than ever, screws up her life again. She gets into more arguments and fights, but she knows that instead of doing the things right, she made even more mistakes. But i didn't stop loving her or her sarcastic comments and her drolling on Reyn. She had hard past, she did suffer a lot of stuff, she was corrupted, and all she needed was to fall in love with the murderer of her family. But still, her family also killed his, but she just can't accept the past and move on. But Reyn is not the same guy from before. She can't accept that fact and she can't get over it because she is still there, in past, relieving it all, over and over again. But i am glad that in the end (view spoiler). Also, she started to hang out with Incy and the rest because she felt like she was going dark because of all the wrong stuff that started happening from the new year's eve. She thought that she would bring a lot of trouble, and therefore, went with them.

Reyn : Thank god that he made some moves and that he has, comparing to Nasty, accepted the past and is ready to move on. I mean come on, her family killed his family as well! And yet, he has decided to ignore it and live in present. He surprised me a lot, especially toward the end in all his gloryness ;D

Innocencio : Damn you, Incy, i knew something was wrong with you. And yet, he appeared to be quite normal when he met with Nasty again. I mean common, Nasty had visions and everything and yet she still chose him over River's edge? Is she crazy? I guess the problem lies in Innocencio. *warning, spoilers are very serious* (view spoiler)

Others : River was as usual, awesome, but i was quite surprised of the stuff she did as a dark one. That also goes for the others who revealed their stories. So yeah, Nasty and Reyn aren't the only ones who had it bad. Also, there was a new character, called Amy and sister of Anne, who guess what?, she also started to like Reyn, but unlike Nell, she didn't get in the way. Thank god, or it would be to same.

Overall :

A worthy sequel, and in my opinion, stronger than the first book. Let's see what Eternally Yours has to offer.



REVIEW(S) RELATED TO THIS BOOK:

>> Immortal Beloved (Immortal Beloved, #1) <<
>> Darkness Falls (Immortal Beloved, #2) <<
>> Eternally Yours (Immortal Beloved, #3) <<

Jenn says

Five stars because I had to read this in a single day, because I was thoroughly - and shamelessly - satisfied with the ending, and because Tiernan's writing is just so. damn. good. I love the way she seemlessly incorporates flashbacks from different eras of Natasya's 450+ years. I usually get frustrated with such

interruptions in a narrative, if they are too frequent. But here, with a few exceptions, they are just as engaging and vital as the main narrative. I almost gave it four stars, because the protagonist really frustrated me for a stretch of time and I was irritated and annoyed with some of the events. But, ultimately, what a great novel. I just want to clasp it to me for having such fabulous prose - as so few novels in the supernatural genre do.

M a r i e says

We are lucky ! I'm just so happy to be french right now. I read Immortal Beloved at the beginning of september and I was eagerly waiting for the second one Darkness Falls. But then I saw that the release date has been changed to January 2012... I was mad but as I said we are lucky in France because the release date was still September 14th ! I didn't know if I wanted to read it in french because I don't really like reading a translation of a book especially an english book... Fortunately I still bought this book and I don't regret it ! It was awesome even in french and the translation was pretty good.

Again i'm going to start this review just like the one I wrote about the first book... Wow just wow !! The second one was just awesome. It was more deep and emotional. The writing was also better (even if I already loved it in Immortal Beloved).

In Darkness Falls there is three parts. In this one the darkness is embracing her, she falls back into her old, wild partying ways (loved that part). There is still moments of Nastaya's history I loooooooove that (yeah there is going to be a lot of love in this review). I want a book just about Nastaya history please !!
In this book we know more about the immortals, their power and how they are able to kill their own family or friends to get it.

And then there is Innocencio... I LOVE this character ! He might be one of my favorite male character in a YA book ! Oh crazy Innocencio... I already liked him in Immortal Beloved and wanted to know more about him and his past and Darkness Falls has it all ! I was so happy to see again glimpses of his past with Nastaya and how they met. I'm really fascinated by his relationship with Nas even if it is really creepy and dark. He is the perfect evil at the end but I still love him.

The last chapter by the way was beautiful. Awww Reyn <3.

This book got all the elements again of a fabulous read : a snappy main character with Nastaya, lots of dark humor, romantic tension, secrets...

I can't wait to know more about the past of all the people who live at River's Edge, the relationship between Nas and Reyn, the taksin, how Innocencio is now living...

This book isn't even out in the US but i'm already dying to read the third one Immortal Light.
I can't wait to meet Cate Tiernan next week. I have lost of questions ^^ !

Natalie says

Even better than the first book. Cate tiernan never disappoints can't wait to read the last book hopefully have more reyn in it...

Kelly says

Darkness Falls is the second in Cate Tiernan's Immortal Beloved trilogy. In *Immortal Beloved*, the first book, we met Nastasya, a burned-out immortal seeking enlightenment and redemption at the pastoral River's Edge community. *Darkness Falls* continues her story, and book three will be titled *Immortal Light*.

Darkness Falls has the polar opposite of middle-book syndrome. Nastasya has a fantastic character arc here. She went through a huge amount of growth in *Immortal Beloved*, but all of that is tested in this book. Nastasya and River's Edge suffer a spate of ill luck, and she begins to think she is inherently, irredeemably evil and has unwittingly corrupted River's Edge with her darkness.

Just when she's feeling lowest, temptation beckons. Her old friend Incy returns, and doesn't seem quite so bad to Nastasya anymore. He offers a return to the life of mindless luxury and debauchery that she once enjoyed with him and their friends. Oblivion has its allure, when compared to painful psychological work. But she's not quite the same as she was before River's Edge, and something seems... off.

Through all her epiphanies and setbacks, Nastasya goes through a huge amount of character development in *Darkness Falls*, and the plot is scary and emotionally compelling. I liked the Nastasya/Reyn romance better this time too. By the end, Tiernan had me rooting for them as a couple. Reyn — terrible past and all — makes a great foil for Incy in that Reyn, unlike Incy, is trying to become a better man.

The focal point here isn't really the romance, though, but Nastasya's journey as she strives to shed her selfishness and find her own personal power. Then, near the book's end, Tiernan gives us a tantalizing hint of a shadowy villain on the horizon, one that Nastasya has never even heard of before but who may be affecting the lives of all immortals. I can't wait to see what happens in *Immortal Light*.

Mizuki says

Actually it's 2.5 stars. The writing is decent and parts of the story is likable, and it isn't so heavily romance-focused. But the main character's stupidity and her ignoring all the bad omens, her being unable to see what has always been right in front of her makes me so mad...

Bgurl (don't h8 me cuz I'm honestful) says

Darkness Falls (IB 02) by Cate Tiernan: 2.5 “Timely Message” Stars.

“...as my mother's daughter, my father's heir. Somehow I'd missed the inescapable inevitability that I would reveal myself to be just as dark as they had been.” ~Nastasya

Are we doomed to repeat the sins of our ancestors? Are we *born* bad? Or do we *become* bad? Are our actions a product of our *DNA*? Or our *choices*? Can we change who we *are* by changing what we *do*? Is good

or bad a *choice*? Or a *legacy*?

In Cate Tiernan's *Darkness Falls (Immortal Beloved 02)*, Nastasya learns the answers to those questions.

“ ‘I can’t escape it! It’s useless to try.’ Pain was spilling out of me like blood from a wound. ‘You feel you’re so dark there isn’t any choice anymore?’ River asked. ‘There never was a choice,’ I said bleakly. ‘That was... an illusion. There’s no escape.’ ” ~ Nastasya & River

After weeks of trying to be good, Nastasya finds herself backsliding. When darkness threatens to destroy the only *good* thing she's ever known, someone from her past offers her a way out. And she returns to the sordid life she once led.

“It was a dark, evil, dangerous place. And what pierced me to the core was that two months ago, it wouldn’t have bothered me to rape these people’s energy. It was revolting that I’d been like that. Shameful. Disgraceful. What’s worse? I now saw myself so wretchedly clearly. I’d changed. But I hated seeing myself as I was. And I’d never be able to forget it.” ~ Nastasya

Like the hero in Brett Easton Ellis' *Less Than Zero**, Nastasya discovers that things left behind can never be reclaimed. While her old life's changed little, Nastasya's changed a lot. Glamorous parties now seem garish. Witty cocktail conversations now sound derisive. Avant-garde nightlife now feels sleazy. Her friends are more out of control than ever and walking down a dark, dangerous path. But Nastasya *knows* the difference between good and evil now. She *knows* that following her friends into darkness *now* means following them *knowingly*. And for the first time in her life, Nastasya does *not* follow.

“Most of us start in darkness. Many of us stay there. No matter how dark you are, no matter your heritage, or how inevitable your fall, you can always make a choice in the next second to be different.” ~ River

While reading *Darkness Falls*, I couldn't help thinking about it's relevance to America's growing drug epidemic.

In 2016, ASAM* cited drug overdose as *the leading cause of accidental death in the United States*. Opioid addiction drove the epidemic with nearly 19,000 prescription medication deaths, and over 10,000 heroine deaths in 2014 alone. That same year, a reported 62,000 adolescents admitted to using heroine.

In Tiernan's *Immortal Beloved* series, Nastasya learns that she has *choices*: darkness and destruction; or, lightness and well-being. *What* she chooses determines the quality of her life. Ultimately, she's responsible for her own good health and happiness. Knowing that she's in control of her own life, responsible for her own actions, makes it easier to distinguish between the *right* choices and the *wrong* ones.

If that message wasn't directed towards teens contemplating the wonders of drug use, it should be.

*Ellis, Brett Easton. *Less Than Zero*. 1985.

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For a more detailed critique of this book, check out Nymeria's review: Click Me Baby!

Links to my reviews of books 1 & 3:

Immortal Beloved (IB #1): Click Me Again!

Eternally Yours (IB #3): Click Again (you know you want to!)

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Debra says

For my written review, please check out the link below:

Debra's Book Cafe

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Jessica says

If possible, I love Nastasya more now. Also Reyn. Also everything about this book.

I managed to beg an ARC from the Little Brown booth at the IRA convention this weekend, and then I promptly devoured the entire book on my way home. So good. So addictive.

At the end of Immortal Beloved, you think that Nas has her life in order: she's staying at River's Edge, she and Reyn have confronted their shared past, he's hot, she's hot, it's all good!

Yeah. No. Because there is too much of Nas's past boiling in her brain, and if she wants to get rid of that darkness, she is going to have to face it, along with her old friends who are looking for her. And face it she does! Boy howdy! This book gives more glimpses into Nas's past than the first, and also into River's. The flashbacks were gripping, and I can't wait to see more. When Nas says that she's probably the worst person to ever come to River's Edge, River tells her that she's actually not that bad . . . leading one to hope that in book three we will get to see more about some of the other residents of the farm.

Deftly written, Nas's voice is so clear and endearing, my only regret is that I have to wait another year for the third one! NOOOOOOO!

"Reread November 2012: Still loved it so darn much! Heart-breaking and funny by turns, never a dull moment.

Ramona Wray says

I found the author's voice slightly more muted in this second volume. The plot was highly predictable and frustrating - the character is much too smart not to have figured out some of the things that were presented as such. Overall, it felt like filling, this second volume. I am now reading the third one, and all of the above-mentioned points are no longer an issue. Still, a nice read, guaranteed to draw a giggle here and there. Along with the occasional slapping of the forehead in frustration - but that is the risk we take with any book :)

Booknut says

Immortal males should not be allowed to look like Viking gods.

There should be a law against it - because you WANT to read the book for the strong heroine, the fight for good against evil, the heartbreak, the sorrow, the gory scenes...not scanning the pages for the words 'Reyn' or 'Viking god', which I will readily admit to doing on more than one occasion.

Loved the book and it was a brilliant sequel. Let's just say that immortal rehab sounds like a holiday resort - activities, friendships, good food, self-discovery, oh and Viking gods.

Can't forget the Viking gods. :D
