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Dragon Hunter Wanted: *Sword supplied. No experience necessary.*

One moment, I was a normal (if somewhat germaphobic) math teacher getting ready for summer vacation. Then my sister died in a pile of black ash, leaving me with a sword... and her destiny as dragon hunter. It turns out there's a whole other world out there filled with demons, dragons, and spirits. Now my job is to protect mortals - and I haven't got a *clue* what I'm doing.

Then there's tattooed hotness Ian Iskander. Part dragon hunter and part demon, Ian's got some seriously creepy business associates and keeps trying to steal my sword. So why do we keep getting lost in hungry, crazy-hot kisses? Ian is the only person who can help me figure out who - and *what* - I am. But trusting a half-demon is dangerous... because when you play with dragon fire, someone *always* gets burned.

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Lauren loves llamas says

I'd read several books from Katie MacAlister's Dark Ones series quite a while back and thought they were hilarious, and since I was in the mood for a quirky paranormal, I figured I'd pick up the first book in a new series by her. Either my memory is faulty or my sense of humor has changed drastically, because there wasn't much about this book that I liked.

"I am a dragon hunter," I told her with great dignity. "We are not woo-woo."

Much of the plot was a confusing mess. One item, for example – dragon hunters don't actually hunt dragons, but demons, and they're called that because they're actually part demon and part dragon, with the dragon bit keeping the dark-leaning demon side in check. Why or how they're this way, I don't know. It didn't help that the book switched from Ronnie's first-person POV to Ian's third person POV frequently. Ronnie has OCD, which I thought was well done for, oh, the first two chapters, and then was promptly forgotten unless it was dragged back out for comic relief or as an example of how Ian's mere presence "fixed" her. There's also an annoying running gag about her writing a book about her experiences and whether her creative writing teacher would approve of various chapter titles, dialogue, the believability of various plot points... it just felt like it was trying much too hard to be funny. This is the kind of book that has a wrath demon named Falafel, which sounds delightfully quirky on the surface but just got a bit old when they were trying to have serious conversations about, you know, the fate of the world and all that. It felt, at times, like it was trying very hard to balance between being off the walls quirky and "oh no the world is doomed" and it just didn't do either well.

"[W]hat's the good in being a dragon hunter if you can't cover people in dragon fire and roast them alive?"

While I enjoyed the first few chapters, the book started falling apart once Ronnie met Ian, and the instalust and subsequent instalove really turned me off. I didn't particularly like or sympathize with either character, and I found their relationship ridiculously unbelievable and unsexy. I forced myself to read the last 25% in the hopes of clearing up the confusing plot points, but while some things became clearer, it didn't really help the story as a whole. Overall, this was just not my cup of tea at all.

I received this book for free from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.

Maria11 says

21/2 to 3.

For the life of me I just could not get into this book. I kept waiting and waiting to like it and I just couldn't do it. I don't mind main characters with quirks or issues, but Veronica drove me up the wall. If I heard how good looking Ian was and how she can't stop touching him one more time.... they had no chemistry and I couldn't get on board with them.

Not my cup of tea. Received a copy from the publisher through NetGalley

Anne Z. says

2.5/5

This book has left me with conflicted emotions.

It had some adorable moments but it was also confusing and weird.

Let's start with the good. Ian was a good main male character. He was understanding and caring of Veronica's quirks and never judged her or them. He was often confused by her actions, and yet amused by it. Her actions did not amuse me but his reactions certainly did, for lack of a better word, they were cute. He was what I can only describe as Mr Nice Guy.

The plot was neither here or there. It had good moments and not so good moments. It was hard to get into but it ended on a sweet note.

I love a quirky and eccentric character but the main character here, Veronica, was eccentric on overdose. To the point of ridiculousness sometimes.

Yah, she had cute moments, hence the 2.5 stars. But often it was just too much and consequently obnoxious. She ended up coming across rather childish, her voice in my head was that of a 13 year old which made the sex scenes very very weird and uncomfortable to read.

Don't get me wrong, it was nice of the author to have a character with OCD, but she didn't have to sound like a child because of it! That was just so off putting.

Last but not least, there was no chemistry between the main characters. Even when they 'did it' it was strange. Her quirky habits interfered with a scene that should be sizzling hot.

All in all, not a bad pnr, but not a series I will continue reading either. One book was enough.

*book provided by the publisher in exchange for an Instagram feature.

Peg says

Veronica James, had no idea that her dying, half-sister Helen, was anything, but human, until she turned her into a dragon hunter. Not only did the flesh-tearing bite send Veronica's OCD into overdrive, it hurt, a lot. Her half-sister did apologize, but still.

Although Helen was weak and dying, she was able to pass, onto Veronica, her first mission as a dragon hunter. She was to save a battered woman with two children, from harm. The assignment sounded simple

enough, especially, with Veronica's newly acquired dragon abilities and sword. The problem was, however, that Helen died before telling her who the woman was. In addition, to that important information tidbit, Veronica didn't have a clue about being a dragon hunter. She also, unfortunately, left her sword in the alleyway where Helen died. When Veronica went to retrieve the forgotten sword, she found another dragon hunter, Ian Iskandar, stealing it. Veronica didn't know at the time, that the dragon hunter she was fighting, would become the love of her life and mentor.

Ian Iskander had a mission to accomplish. Unfortunately, it involved Veronica James, the battered woman Veronica was trying to save, and Anzo, the demon lord he was bound to. Ian tried not to fall in love with Veronica, because not only would his crazy complicated life become impossible, it would be dangerous for Veronica.

I thoroughly enjoyed this humorous and engaging book. The characters are colorful and quirky, the dialogue witty, and the crazy situations, very funny. I especially enjoyed the hysterical banter between Veronica, and the dragon hunter, who stole her heart, Ian. If you enjoy, humorous paranormal romance novels, you'll love, *Memoirs of a Dragon Hunter*.

Thank you, Forever (Grand Central Publishing) and NetGalley, for my advanced review copy.

Maranda says

Ian is a trapped Dragon Hunter controlled by the Dark Anzo. Helen is a Dragon Hunter with only one way to save herself from a similar fate. She must pass on her ability and birth right to one who will continue to rally for GOOD. Of course the one fit for this undertaking is her OCD half-sister Veronica. This is a fun story of heroes, spunky characters, and love that will champion over evil. Humor abounded with quirky phrases and friends that excel as brave sidekicks. MacAlister heats up the pages with a HEA romance. Look forward to more of this series. No Cliff hangers. "A copy of this book was provided by Forever (Grand Central Publishing) via Netgalley with no requirements for a review. Comments here are my honest opinion."

Susan Underbrink says

A big thank you to NetGalley and Forever/Grand Central Publishing for the ARC. I am voluntarily reviewing this book. I haven't read a book by this author in quite a while. This is the first in a new series I believe. I enjoyed the book, but I sometimes was as confused as Veronica. The world is not defined very well-what exactly is a Dragon Hunter? They don't hunt dragons??! I liked Veronica (Ronnie) and her friend Teresita. I found them refreshing, sometimes childlike but still great fun. Ronnie is a germaphobe whose 1/2 sister literally dies in her arms. Her sister gives her a task and a bite before she dies....This begins the quest. To me this felt like a concluding book as Ian finds love with Veronica. It's a quick read with very.silly chapter headings. Not sure why but it didn't detract to much. I think that many paranormal romance readers will enjoy. It can make you laugh and is quite tongue in check. It's not a serious book just a fun read. I give it a 3.5.

Meghan Lloyd says

First of all, I would like to applaud the author for having a heroine with OCD! It's not often you see characters in romance novels with real-life challenges like that, and it was both humbling and inspiring to have a main character face it head-on as part of the storyline. That being said, yes, I did rate it three stars, but this was mostly due to lack of chemistry, I felt, between the hero and heroine. I loved the plot, the characters' individual growth, and the worldbuilding, and I highly recommend this book to readers. But when I can't get behind the romance of the book, it takes away a big part of my enjoyment. I know people will disagree with me, and I think that's totally fine - I think the fact that this book has so much going on makes it an enjoyable ride for all, no matter what floats your boat in a romance novel!

Veronica James is in an OCD nightmare - first, she has to watch her sister die in an extremely filthy environment, then she has to team up with Ian Iskander (albeit a hottie) who she can't stop touching no matter how much she insists she hates touching, and finally her home has been torn to shreds which really messes with her mojo. But now that she's a dragon hunter with mad fighting skills and a death to avenge, her focus is on saving the world, one demon kill at a time. If only she could get past her obsession with half-demon Ian and his manly muscles.

Veronica was hysterical - her quirks that stem from her OCD made her super relatable and enjoyable to read about. While it did get a bit disconcerting at times, since I do not have OCD myself, I found that a lot of things she had problems with were totally understandable. Ian was a bit of a flat character initially, and I had a hard time getting a read on his personality. It was only after he and Veronica became closer that I started to warm up to him and understand who he was. Sadly, her bubbly personality just didn't mesh well with his, well, boring one. I liked them as individuals and loved seeing them overcome their personal challenges, but as a couple, I didn't feel they clicked. The secondary characters were interesting as well, particularly Sasha, who was a mystery for majority of the book. I went from thinking she was a baby demon to being Ian's plaything to finally thinking she was just a very juvenile sidekick. Turns out, she was none of those things!

I look forward to reading more in this series, and hopefully next time the romance will click better for me! Katie MacAlister is always an entertaining author, and I have a great time reading her books.

I received a free copy from the publisher and this is my honest review.

Tanja ~ KT Book Reviews says

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Nalla Reads says

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Dragons and demons and spirits, Oh my! I'm so glad Katie Mac when back to her dragon world! Filled with new characters, new tales, and new obstacles to overcome, Memoirs is non stop action from the first page.

Estranged from her half-sister, Ronnie is met with a startling realization about the world she lives in. As her sister is desperate to tell the tale of dragon hunters, demons, and protecting mankind, she lays dying in Ronnie's arms and hands over a sword bequeathing her powers to her sister. Now a dragon hunter with little knowledge of who to trust, Ronnie has to complete her sister's mission and help save a woman and her two daughters before demons get their hands on them. But her new neighbor, Ian, seems to be on the same mission with slightly different reasons.

On par for every Kati Mac book, Ronnie is hilarious, particularly in her way of thinking and awkward honesty. Her best friend and self-appointed sidekick Teresita is rib-crackling funny. While Memoirs may be an action packed romance, there's definitely no shortage of comic relief between the demon fights and Ronnie learning her new skills from Ian. And who doesn't want a sexy teacher like Ian Iskander. Half demon, half dragon, allllll male. Ian is charming and caring not only for Ronnie but for Sasha, a charge and apprentice in his care.

Ronnie and Ian soon learn that the mission her sister gave her and Ian's lead to the same direction. A woman and her two daughters aren't all they seem, and Ian's mission has a darker tone than Ronnie thought. Deception and magic turn this twisting fantasy mystery into a who-dun-it with an unexpected quirky romance on top. Definitely a fun new addition to the Katie Mac fantasy realm!

Amber at Fall Into Books says

This was just bad. Working on the review

Melissa Parnell says

I don't read a lot of paranormal stories, but I absolutely love Katie Macalister's writing. Everytime I read her stories, I get completely swept up in the worlds she creates and I always have so much fun reading them! I always jump on the chance to read her stories and she never disappoints. This book was no different. I laughed out loud and was on the edge of my seat reading this story and I can't wait to read more!

ErinMickC says

This book started slow. However, once I stuck it out I was rewarded with witty banter, an unexpected outcome, and external conflict for days.

A total comfort-read for any paranormal or fantasy romance lover!

Bambi Unbridled says

Let me start out by saying that I am a big fan of Katie MacAlister - I absolutely loved her *Dragon Septs* series/world. So this book is a bit of an anomaly for me in that I could not bring myself to like it, no matter how hard I tried. And try I did, I would not let myself DNF this one. But not every book works for me, and this one was a miss in several areas.

Our hero is Ian Iskander, a half-demon, half-dragon, hot hunk of man meat, who also happens to be a dragon hunter. Don't let the name fool you... the dragon hunters don't actually hunt dragons. They hunt demons. (Confusing, I know.) So Ian is a tortured soul forced into demon servitude, but still grasping his goodness by the tips of his fingers. For the most part, I liked Ian's character. I got his broody conflict and admired his compassion for animals, espirit, and lost souls like Sasha. I thought Ian would be similar to MacAlister's dragony goodness in her earlier books... alpha male with a touch of humor. But Ian needed more spine, more maturity, and didn't have enough flavor for my taste.

Our heroine, Veronica (a/k/a Ronnie) is a strange bird. From the outset, we are confronted with Ronnie's OCD and neuroses. But while this could have been a cute and unique heroine, she came off as over-the-top and downright ridiculous (and not in a good way). Her behavior was so beyond extreme and silly that it threw me out of the story and nearly caused me to abandon the book on several occasions. Ronnie is a total spaz, hot and cold with her afflictions and her emotions, and a drama queen to no end. She just really worked on my last nerve.

Now, I'm not expecting a story about dragon hunters to be plausible. That being said... sometimes the implausibility of the story went so far out there to have me shaking my head in bewilderment. The plot lacked a cohesive quality and seemed to jump around at times, leaving plot holes or unanswered questions. I wasn't able to connect to any one character, nor do I feel like the world building was sufficiently developed. It was a bit shocking given what I know of MacAlister's fun and fiery dragons in the Dragon Septs world. I almost feel like I need to go back and read those books quickly to cleanse my palette.

Despite not caring for this initial installment, I am not giving up on the *Dragon Hunter* series quite yet. I want to see if we get back to classic MacAlister in the next book, *Day of the Dragon*. Hopefully I see that old dragony spark with our next dragon hunting pair, as I have been excited for a new series by this author.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book that I received from the publisher, Forever Romance.

Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

DNF @50%

This sounded so good when I read the blurb. Then I started reading it and while it was fun in the beginning, the heroine's immature personality got old fast. Look, I love my quirky heroines but there is quirky and then there is silly and childish. She could hold one position in a discussion one minute and in the next she was on the other side saying the exact opposite. Conversations really went in circles with her.

I could never really get a read on Ian, even though I got to 50% I didn't have much to go on what kind of person he was.

The story feels like too much slapstick has been poured into it. The attempts at humor totally distract from the plot. I wanted to love it, unfortunately I got frustrated midway and just couldn't do it any longer.

Carrie says

Memoirs of a Dragon Hunter by Katie MacAlister is the first book of the paranormal romance Dragon Hunter series. I picked this one up thinking it had been a while since I'd read a good paranormal romance and unfortunately I'll have to keep looking to check off that box.

The main character in this book is Veronica who hadn't heard from her sister in quite a while so imagine her shock when she makes contact. The reason however is even more shocking, Helen had come to pass on her dragon hunting ability and Veronica watches as she turns into a pile of ash.

Now, for anyone this whole dragon hunting/demon infested world would be a lot to take in as it is but even more so for OCD suffering Veronica. But if anything could get Veronica's mind off of the germs surrounding her it would be Ian Iskander.

Now I'm one that absolutely loves a good eccentric or quirky character in a book so at quick glance the blurb for this one sounded like it could be right up my alley. However, instead of a quirky and funny Veronica came across to me as cheesy and childish. I know her actions are meant to convey her OCD nature but just in my mind it went a bit too far to make her into a believable adult character and felt as if I'm reading the view of a tween at times. Of course others are enjoying this opener for the series so while it wasn't my cup of tea feel free to check it out if it sounds like a good one for you.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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