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Emily desperately wants to lead the normal life of a teenager. But events are conspiring against her. When foreign agents force her to fight it may not be possible to enjoy the innocent pleasures of childhood anymore.

"The angel of death can hardly have friends. And the prom, what about Danny? He can hardly have a Valkyrie for his date."

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Robin says

Wow Emily cranks her badassness up to 11 in this book. It's a bit more mystical than the first book, but it didn't take away from the feel of the story. We see Emily becoming darker in this novel, she's more circumspect about the consequences of her actions. We also see her pick up a sword rather than the straight hand-to-hand combat we've seen from her before. While this is only a very small portion of the book, we get a taste of future katana wielding mayhem that Emily can dish out. Also her origins become ever more mysterious. I won't spoil it, you just have to read it and find out what I'm talking about. Happy reading.

Shane says

This book was much better than the previous one. I really enjoyed it. I still feel a bit distance from the other characters. I don't care about them as much. They seem to only be there to help Emily grow, and carry no strengths of their own. Kind of a bummer, I wish to see more from them.

Volpot says

3.5 stars

Bryan457 says

Some great fight scenes. Definitely more mysticism. The shadowy organizations hunting Emily are coming more clear.

I want to read the next one.

David Foster says

Emily Kane is one of the best characters I've encountered in a long time. In this second book in the series, things get much more serious and, I'm afraid, less plausible. But it's still good fun, and still worth it just to see the world through Emily's lens.

Emily is an expert martial artist with a haunted past, and enemies lurking in every shadow. And she's also a teenage girl, who has to worry about fitting in at school and about who she might be going to prom with. This dichotomy is what makes her such an interesting person to watch.

The first Emily Kane book (Girl Fights Back), was a wonderfully written introduction to Emily and her complicated life. In this second installment, everything is a little (sometimes a lot) bigger. More fights, more spies, more danger and more adventure. The trade-off is a little less of the subtlety that made the first book

such a fascinating experience. But still, it's good stuff, and I'm off to read book three.

Chelly says

I love following the adventures of Emily Kane, she is so strong, has lost so much but she's still quite the badass, I certainly wouldn't want to get in a fight with her! But Emily is also kind and forgiving, even to those who definitely do not deserve it, but she sees something in people, she understands them when no one else does. I have a fascination with Japanese culture and 'kung fu' type of fighting so I love this series and wish I could fight like her! This book was harder to understand than the first book in the series, as it adds in a lot of old myths, dreams and 'old wives tales' to explain what's happening to Emily but it was still really interesting and difficult to put down! Looking forward to reading the next book!

Tony Hisgett says

I quiet enjoyed the start of this book, there were a few minor issues but they didn't spoil my enjoyment.

However, the big problem came when I read the section about the exchange of prisoners, I just couldn't believe the author had actually written this rubbish. They know they will try to double cross during the exchange but have nothing in place to counter act this and lose both the hostages and get one of Emily's friends killed.

He wants Emily to be self-sacrificing but he also seems to have made her stupid. In this case she is dealing with amoral killers and the only solution is to eliminate them as efficiently as possible and to walk into this situation and deliberately get people killed is totally against her character.

It took me a while to forgive the author, but at least once captured, Emily was back in character, also the end of the book took an interesting twist.

Sadie Forsythe says

Sen No Sen is the sequel to *Go No Sen* and follows Emily as she continues to try and maintain a normal life despite being hunted by a number of international covert operatives. It is apparent from the very beginning that Emily is struggling with how to balance her own strengths with both the life she wishes to lead and the dangers she can't seem to escape. Her difficulties are easy to relate to as is her love for those around her.

Antoine's writing is comfortable. It flows smoothly from the violence Emily is forced to inhabit to the peace she is trying to protect, effectively mimicking the very internal dilemma is facing. I particularly liked the pacing and writing style.

Like *Go No Sen*, *Sen No Sen* includes quite a lot of martial arts theory. It is as much about the proper mind set of a fight as the proper physical conditioning. It wasn't quite as heavy as in the first book and I found it enjoyable. As I appreciated the little bit of Japanese mythology that comes in at the end of the book.

Anyone who is interested in martial arts will likely like this book, as will those who like strong female YA

characters. I would recommend reading *Go No Sen* first however.

Elizabeth Jasper says

This is a sequel to *Go No Sen* and it further develops the story of Emily Kane - a strong, teenage girl who is a fascinating and positive role model for all YA girls and boys.

The story is carefully researched, well-written and fast-paced and I like that it teaches me something new and different about martial arts.

Emily's character develops throughout this story to take into account her growing awareness of boys, of deepening friendships, of the problems of hostile foreign governments and of how she can look forward to adulthood with the support of family and friends. Alongside that is a metaphysical slant to Emily's character that lifts the story into a different dimension. Best of all, the many action and fight scenes are gripping! I'm not someone who has a great knowledge of martial arts, but I love the way Emily uses her mental and physical strength to overcome some formidable enemies in order to save the lives of two innocent children. Her growing emotional maturity, as well as her mystery of her incredible physical prowess make her an unforgettable character.

I look forward to more stories in the Emily Kane series.
