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Des Grayson is the descendent of druids, along with everyone else in the Eclipse Gated community. And when they turn 16, they must go through a sacred ritual called a Placement Ceremony. When placed, they receive a gift from their ancestors, making them Wardens and giving them the ability to control the elements and more.

But after Des goes to her ceremony, her gift is like no other, and she begins to hear whispers about a war. A war that she is destined to start. She's told to just allow it to happen, that she must accept her fate but instead she runs away with the new boy in town, Rayne. He claims he can help her, she just has to trust him. But can she really trust a boy that she knows has lied to her about everything in his life? Can she trust the boy that teases her, and makes her heart jump into her throat? She doesn't know, but she's determined to find a way to defeat her "destiny", and Rayne might be her only chance.

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Harriet says

I really enjoyed this book, it was an unexpected surprise. I gave this book 4 stars because it exceeded my expectations. This story had a new world of characters I was unfamiliar with and didn't feel biased towards. However, there were some parts that felt a little dragged on. Also, this book needs a new editor, there are words that need to be flipped around in sentences, and in some cases a word has been forgot altogether. There are some great beta readers out there, not me I'm awful, so I hope this author will continue this series and polish her books more!

Morgan says

(A Goodreads First Reads review) D.L. Miles creates a lovely, intricately structured world in The Warden in the Gates. With a curious and courageous man character, and colorfully fascinating supporters, Miles captures the teen heart perfectly. I found the beginning a bit slow, but when things pick up, they REALLY pick up. Crashing through the forests of her world with Des and the charmingly enigmatic Rayne, a deep and fascinating history begins to develop. I loved learning alongside Desdemona and her friends and family. I'm so eager to learn more about the past and future of Miles' universe.

Lexi says

I wasn't sure if I was going to like this book or not, I found it in the Kobo store on sale so I thought I'd try it out. And I really liked it!

It has a cool supernatural element to it which I totally dug! When you turn 16 you get Placed, which gives you special abilities. They fall under 4 types Vale, Ash, Azure and Solar which then break down further into 7 types of Wardens (and you only get to be one type). Vale has Earth Wardens, Ash has Fire, Water and Air Wardens, Azure has Sky Wardens and Solar has Sun and Moon Wardens. And each warden can manipulate different things, with a specialty (one thing they are really good at). So for example, Water Wardens can obviously do stuff with water and even breath underwater, Moon Wardens can see well at night and manipulate gravity, etc. Pretty cool I thought. But not everyone is magical, most are just normal people, who don't know much about this stuff.

And it was set in Canada! They even mentioned Saskatchewan and Manitoba! Sometimes, the descriptions of things were overly detailed like the main character Des is cleaning up a spill and it mentions how she almost threw them out before she remembered the green bin under the sink, they could be recycled...ok...I mean I get it, people might be thinking like that in their head but do we really need that much detail? Overall though, really interesting storyline. I am pretty sure there is a second one since they gave a teaser for it at the end of this one but can't find any info on it so far. But once I can, I will continue series!

Ileana says

It took me a while to finish this not because it wasn't good but because I was busy. This book entertained me it was good. I liked the concept a lot. What bothered me a bit were how quickly Desdemona's relationships changed, but I guess even in real life that is inevitable.

Alyssa says

Like when Des and Rayne end up together but not before the hot guy Varian who she had a crush on since she was 5 asks her out once Rayne starts having interest in and she says NO. I WISH D.L. Miles will make A Warden in the City a lot faster.

Sandra says

I liked it but was not really a fan of the romance between Rayne & Des. I liked them well enough in Eclipse but once they leave and Des finds Rayne lied to her about everything including unnecessary stuff like when his Mum died, she stills wants to be with him. Then he pushes her away with no explanation (even though he should be asking for forgiveness) then continues to keep important information about Des and her powers and future from her yet still she keeps forgiving him and being with him. It really annoyed me. I actually liked Rowan much better and I agree with him that Rayne does not treat Des very well. And it bugged me no end how NO-ONE would tell Des what was going on. I find Miesha a very entertaining character.

Alexandria Rickard says

Someone please hand me a copy of this and send me on my way. I can't get over how strongly the connection between Des and Rayne is portrayed in just the overview. Someone help me.

Rebecca says

This book was quite similar to a few books but that I feel is what made it different; I thought it was a very fun and easy read that once I got really into just read all the way through. Although the main character at times did annoy me as well as the whole love triangle thing it was still an alright read. It is quite often in books of the YA genre that there is a love triangle and that the heroine goes for the guy who treats her worse; when I was introduced to Rowan I had hopes for this book to be different.

The main character is Des (some Shakespearian name I will not try to spell), she lives in a closed off community from the outside world where she is taught to get ready for an initiation into a world where she is granted one of the powers from her druid heritage. For Des that one power just happens to be three powers; from then on her life is turned; her father is acting against her trying to force her into a war and the group she has to go with to save her from him she doesn't truly trust.

The secondary characters I found most noteworthy include Rayne and Rowan; there were lots of other secondary characters however I thought these two were the ones that I could talk most about. So first of all there's Rayne (I don't know if it's right but I've been pronouncing his name as Rain) he starts off by joining Des and her family in the hopes of learning more about a society he claims to know nothing about; it turns out Rayne knows a lot more than he's letting on and turns out he is actually protecting her. Rowan is a typical good guy who gets overlooked by the main character because simply he has not screwed her over enough; I really wish YA books would stand up for this guy and guys like him more because they deserve the girl as much as the asshole does.

The storyline seems to be a mix of numerous other YA's story's but mixed up and made different; it made it very interested to read. The pacing did not leave me wanting more; towards the end of the book I did not understand the story and was unsure of where it was going to go. It may need a reread at a time when I'm not so busy but I will try to reread this book.

2.5 stars but I will be rereading at another date
