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Justin Sterling is a loner. Formerly Justinian, Lord Sterling, he has lived for centuries in, but not of, our world, serving an ancient entity known only as the Dragon. Justin's reward is immortality, but to keep it he must keep killing. He has grown to hate his interminable life, soaked in blood, almost as much as he fears the hideous death that will be his if he refuses to do the Dragon's bidding. Sandra McCormick is also a loner. A dedicated Chicago cop, fleeing a twisted past as a victim of abuse, McCormick devotes her scant free time to studying the martial arts--and occasionally cruising the grunge and punk nightclubs for anonymous one-night stands.

These two loners are about to meet.

Lieutenant McCormick has been assigned a high-profile case. Two men are dead. One a lawyer, one a cop. Both murdered in a mysterious and particularly gruesome manner--their still-beating hearts literally torn from their chests.

It was Justin who killed the cop, after another disciple bungled the lawyer's death. Now Justin must eliminate the second cop assigned to the case. It little matters that she's a woman. He has done the Dragon's bidding for so long that the slaughter has become routine.

But there is something different about this assignment--for both the cop and the disciple. It is a difference they both reject, and then embrace more and more passionately as the closing circle of Destiny draws them together.

For these two dedicated killers, these two confirmed loners, each assigned to stalk the other . . . are falling in love.

And love is the one vice the Dragon does not allow.

Dark Heart Details

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Alía says

Americanada total. Sólo le falta un terminator y acabar con "sayonara baby"

Danielle says

I was a little disappointed with this book. I am a big fan of her Star of the Guardians series, but I don't think I'll finish this series.

Jeremy says

Margaret Weis is one of my favorite authors and she has not disappointed me with this book. It is dark and you feel the streets of Chicago with all the wet and back alley grim. I anticipate the next book.

Becky Hoffman says

Was surprisingly a good book, sadly David Baldwin passed away so there won't be a sequel to the books. It's really too bad because the book had a great ending.

Maxine says

In Dark Heart by Margaret Weis and David Baldwin, Lord Justin Sterling is an immortal who serves a mysterious being he calls master and, for whom, he kills repeatedly. Sandra McCormack is a Chicago cop who has survived the abuse of her ex-husband and is investigating a string of violent and unexplainable murders. Eventually, their paths cross and their lives are changed completely.

It took me a long time to get into this book. It often felt like the two authors had different styles which didn't always mesh. As well, the fantasy and thriller elements often seemed to be competing for precedence - I found myself wishing the book would decide whether it wanted to be one thing or the other.

However, I am not one to give up easily on a book and, about half way through, I started enjoying it. The story was interesting and the idea of dragons in the modern age was intriguing. There's lots of action and, although there is some romance, it didn't bog down the story. According to the cover, Dark Heart was the first in a series titled Dragon's Disciple and I looked forward to the sequels, especially as the book ends on something of a cliffhanger.

However, I soon discovered that David Baldwin was Margaret Weis' son and he has, sadly died. Weis has since said that the story was mostly David's and she will not continue it. This is understandable but it does

leave the story unfinished, something you might want to consider before reading it.

Claire says

This wasn't what I expected. Has a lot of swearing but it has a different take on dragons and fantasy which is nice once in a while.

R says

Read the first book in this series but didn't bother with the others. It wasn't horrible but definitely not a stand out.

Dustin Metzger says

This book is excellent as the opening salvo of a series but, on its own, it's not quite up to 4-star material. There are too many hanging plot threads for one book.

Ray says

Good book. Interestingly sets up the next book in the series. Still some items left up in the air, so not the best for a stand alone book. But none the less an enjoyable read.

Erin says

Fantastic book. I was heartbroken when I found out there wouldn't be a sequel.
