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Nineteen-year-old Myla Lewis is loving life--she's now a wife, mother, and Queen of the Thrax. Oh yeah, and being a super-powerful demigoddess who moves souls into Heaven or Hell doesn't suck, either. In fact, everything is pretty much awesome. Until something craptastic happens.

Her honorary older brother Walker enters the Dark Lands, home to the rule-loving ghouls, and vanishes without a trace.

Now it's up to Myla to solve the mystery of Walker's disappearance. Of course, Myla likes interacting with ghouls about as much as elective dental surgery. To make matters harder, everyone thinks that Walker is simply taking a well-deserved vacation. But Myla and her Angelbound love, Lincoln, both suspect that a new criminal called the Viper took Walker in order to release Lucifer, the ex-King of the Angels and bloodthirsty killer.

Long story short, Myla and Lincoln have only twenty four hours to rescue their good friend and stop Lucifer from taking over the after-realms. Even for them, this may be a too-tall order, especially when Lucifer's mysterious past with Myla's father threatens the very future of the after-realms.

“I loved jumping back into the world of Angelbound.” – *Mean Who You Are Blog*

Publisher's Note: Christina Bauer is a non-linear thinker who came up with ARMAGEDDON and then went back and wrote some earlier books. This is why you'll see ARMAGEDDON (Book 8) and the Offspring series available before LINCOLN (Book 2) and THE BRUTAL TIME (Book 7). We've told her to stop this practice, but she keeps giving us lewd hand gestures in response. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience.

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From Reader Review The Dark Lands for online ebook

Nancy (The Avid Reader) says

Nineteen year old Myla Lewis loves her job of moving souls to heaven or hell and being a wife and mother. Her life is going great until she learns that her older brother Walker is missing and everyone thinks he is on vacation but Myla and Lincoln know better.

Walker has been taken by the ghouls into the Dark Lands. They want to use Walker in some way to help release Lucifer from his prison. Lucifer was locked up a long time ago. Lucifer is the ex-king of the angles and really needs to stay locked up forever. Lucifer is a bad mean person who likes to have everyone under his thumb and use them and their magic to do his bidding. The ghouls can't reach Lucifer where he is locked up because it is warded with spells to keep anyone from just walking in and rescuing him.

Can Myla and Lincoln find Walker in time to save him? Can they stop the ghouls from releasing Lucifer from his prison?

I just love Myla and her tail who likes to get in on the action from time to time and Lincoln as well as all the characters in the Angelbound series. Myla is just so cheeky talking like she will say things sort of like she would not do that under any circumstances and then turn around and think well I am doing that right now or something like that.

Myla will be checking out Lincoln during an important conversation or just as they are about to time warp to another section of Purgatory and Lincoln will say my eyes are up here. I love these two they make such a great couple.

I love the world of the after-realm, Purgatory, the Dark Lands and all the other cities in Myla and Lincoln's world. I have read all the books in the Angelbound series and loved them all. Each book just seems to get better and better. I can't wait to check out more books in the Angelbound series. The Dark Lands is filled with twist and turns that will keep you hanging on for more and more.

Come join Myla, Lincoln, Walker and the rest of the crew on their journey through the Dark Lands, a world filled with angels, demons, ghouls and part human, part angel and part demon all rolled into one.

I definitely recommend The Dark Lands to all fans of the paranormal with angels, demons, ghouls and an all-around brilliantly written story.

Haddie Harper says

DISCLAIMER i WAS SENT AN ARC OF THIS BOOK IN PARTICIPATION OF A BLOG TOUR. THIS IS MY HONEST REVIEW.

This is probably going to be the most direct review I'll ever share.

The adventure continues. Oh Mylanta. Y'all are in for a treat! There was so much going on, but it all held together. Myla is ever the greatest. Walker was definitely one of my favorite characters throughout the series. His disappearance just had my totally like "Wait, what?" I mean, sure. It's in the description, but I totally was

not expecting it to impact me as much as it did. And can I just point out Myla is the freaking best?! Lincoln's pretty great too. ;)

Bring Myla's father into the mix. Goodness. If I wasn't already a fan of this series, I would be falling even more in love with it and the characters now. It's so amazing.

Anne (The Reading Life) says

I received a free copy for an honest review.

What saved the day:

- Maya
- Maya
- Maya and Lincoln
- Excellently executed suspense

This book would be a fun read for first-time readers, for returning readers this book be a great enjoyment by itself simply because it gives us more Maya and Lincoln.

Like its predecessors, The Dark Lands featured a magical, suspenseful, and fun adventure that our beloved characters have to drain the full extent of their skills and wits to go through. Here, Walker is kidnaped, and of course, Maya and Lincoln would have to save him before it's too late and things get out of hand.

The suspense was great. The tone was lighthearted and hilarious as expected, but it still works because of how dire the situation is, and it was great that Maya's humorous tone did not ruin this aspect of the story-line.

Lincoln and Maya are definitely acting a lot more like husband and wife than girlfriend boyfriend now, but I really liked how they still kept the teasing attitude they had with each other before they were married.

I wouldn't say that I am in love with this book, but I definitely enjoyed it a whole lot. Christina Bauer is not an EXCEPTIONAL author, but her abilities are credible enough that I can pretty much predict my experience with her books each time to not be that bad. So yeah! I liked this book (it was very enjoyable).

Susan Angela Wallace says

The dark lands by Christina Bauer.

This was a great read. With great characters I just couldn't put it down. Loved the cover too. Love a book that takes you away for a while. 4*.

Amy says

I received this book from Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

I always wonder what new trouble Myla and Lincoln can find, but they always manage to find it. Love seeing the family grow as well as the interactions between family members.

Slow down and Savor. Some really sweet moments. As well as some kick butt ones.

Anie says

Received from Xpresso Book Tours

I haven't read the entire series until recently and for a someone who almost never finished a series, I was very surprised. I love jumping back to the amazing world, that Angelbound set up. I just love the magical world and the people residing in it. :)

I love Myla and Lincoln so much, and also Mason. :) On one hand it was nice to read about Myla with family, being a mother, a Queen & Scala (talk about multitasking :)) and on the other hand I LOVED that she has the same spunk and personality I fall in love it. :)

She is loyal to the people she loves and when Walker disappears, she doesn't give up.

Great book in one of my all time favourite series. Highly recommend it!!

Jeraca says

I received this eARC novel from NetGalley. This is my honest review.

Myla is getting used to being the Great Scala, the Queen of Thrax, and now a mother to her beautiful baby boy Maxon. But when Walker needs her help, she's not prepared for the idea of losing her honorary older brother.

A new enemy is in town: Viper. And it seems that he has the ability (from one of Lucifer's many magic items) to take abilities or sins or anything from another person. And it seems that Walker has to face this person, because Viper hurt someone very close to Walker.

But when Walker disappears, Myla has to figure out all of Walker's secrets in order to find him and save him - without Walker disappearing out of her life forever.

This was a great novel. Myla has totally figured out life and has everything in control. I especially loved how Myla's dad was trying to train Maxon, a 6 month old boy in military format. Too cute and funny! The relationship between Myla and Walker was very strong in this novel, which is great because it gives the reader a chance to really see how much they mean to one another. We haven't really gotten that feeling during the series yet.

I loved how Armageddon was not the focus of this story, but a whole other side of the backstory came into play to show another side of the history of these characters. It was a nice change of pace, and I definitely enjoyed it! :)

And now here is the sad part... Amazon says the next book gets released in September 2019?? Sigh, that's 9 months of waiting to see what other great adventures Myla will go on. Oh well, I will just have to fill that

space with other novels and hope they are as enjoyable as this series :)

Judith says

Thanks to netgalley and the publisher for allowing me to read this ARC in return for an honest review. Although I admit to having liked this book fairly well I didn't feel quite as drawn into it as I did with the rest of this series so far. Myla presents as less certain of what she is doing and seems less convincing as the lead character than before. The whole denouement of the plot is a bit rushed and I felt emotionally detached at times so I could put the book aside without being compelled to know what happened next. Generally the characterisation and worldbuilding were not as competent as in earlier work hence the loss of two stars.

Howie TheMonster says

OMFG I am DYING to tell you what's in this one!!! Imagine if WORLD WAR Z had a bastard story baby with JANE EYRE, with a side order of THOR RAGNAROK. Fun times ahead, people!

Ukgardenfiend says

Well who would want to live on anywhere but Earth after reading the descriptions of Purgatory, Antrum and the Dark Lands in these novels? Light in short supply, lots of grey clouds and rain, and no flowers to speak of? And worm farms? Actually, the latter is not so bad as we have a worm farm in our charity garden - but it is very small and the worms live in a hut like a hive with lots of trays, making compost and fertiliser from our kitchen waste.

So some imaginative worlds here with the 4 realms - and even earth is not so good, as you know that migraine you've had for years? Seems it might just be a demon living on your neck.

I went back to the beginning here and read the current 5 novels in order, as starting from novel 5 it is often difficult to pick up the story - and loved them.

I'm always a sucker for stories with some angels, demons, and kick-ass heroines, and this Myla beats all of them hands-down as she has a semi-independent tail with an arrow on its end that can think for itself and helps her fight! I want one... It waves and high fives and all sorts of stuff, all on its own without Myla controlling it. So cool...

I enjoyed the writing style and found the books easy to read. With a fun style and sense of humour, and mostly grammatically correct - a few small errors that an editor should have picked up. Well suited to the age range, but still good for older adults - if you like this type of writing - which I do as a fan of Eve Langlais and Robyn Peterman who also write about Hell, Demons, Angels and feisty heroines.

I'm now waiting for books 6 and 7 to come out - and intend to read the spin-off series about the children. Maxon sounds like a fun baby to have and he should join in nursery classes with Astrid's son (Fashionably Dead Down Under series by Robyn Peterman) as they would be a match for each other in precociousness and trouble.

Arlene Arredondo says

Great story for young adults and young at heart.

Love the well developed characters and the action sequences, and the world crated by the author.

Note: I received and ARC for review purposes and an honest and unbiased opinion.

Jessica Smith says

You can find this review and all of my others over at www.readbookrepeat.wordpress.com

I received a copy of this book from the publisher, Monster House Books LLC, and the author via netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Actual rating of 3.5

Myla is now the Scala Mother, Queen of the Thrax, and has her baby Maxon and her husband Lincoln by her side. While appearing on Good Morning Purgatory, she is ambushed by the host as to what she is planning to do about the Viper attacks that have been reported. Leaving the show rather abruptly, she heads off to find out what exactly is going on, as her honorary brother was the one that gave the tip off of the recent Viper attack. Once she finds Walker, she finds out that he is in a bit of a pickle, the Viper is trying to free Lucifer, they've already found his cage and poisoned the guard, Walker knows how to help so has given Myla a watch, if it shows the time everything is fine, but if a countdown begins, something's gone wrong and he needs her to finish the job. So it's a race against the literal clock as the countdown starts and Myla and Co have no idea what exactly what is going on. Will they be able to beat the countdown, save the guard, Walker and keep Lucifer locked up? Or will Lucifer be free to rain hell on Purgatory?

So when I requested this book, I had no idea it was part of a series. This has happened to me quite a few times now, netgalley really needs to put something into series linked books so that the readers know! I'll admit after it happened twice, I began looking up the books I was requesting on goodreads, 1. to find out if they're part of a series, and if so are they the first book and 2. to find out more about the title itself, the average score out of five as well as the length of the book. I've had the displeasure of accidentally requesting books that are over the 600 page mark, and while the length doesn't bother me, I feel like it'd take me longer than I'd like to be able to get through the story and be prompt at getting the feedback in. So yes, I had no idea this book was part of an already established series, so I haven't actually read any of the other books. This was my first book by Christina Bauer, and my first book in the Angelbound series. While I've obviously missed out on a lot of back story, I didn't feel that this impacted my ability to enjoy and understand what was going on in the story.

The pace was quick, and it made for a light and easy read, which was nice. The writing style I incredibly enjoyed. I love how sarcastic, quick witted and just all around sassy Myla is. Bauer has fun with her characters and you can tell, I find that it really makes a story more personable if the writing isn't 'polished' and proper, I guess you'd say. The banter and sass just added an extra layer to this story that I think was absolutely brilliant and was probably the main reason it dragged me in so easily.

The characters were likable and relatable. Myla is just a chick trying to do her best for her son, herself and her husband (and the rest of her family of course) she's trying to adjust to life as the Scala Mother and Queen, and just get to be herself. I absolutely love the little extra personality that Bauer gave Myla's tail. I can honestly say that the tail was my favourite character. I love that it acts independently of Myla, and actually HAS a personality of it's own. It's like a faithful pet and I absolutely love it, it makes me a little giddy I have to say. Lincoln goes alright, he's her husband, father to her child and her King (see Consort for those that worship her), I found his character to be sort of background to everything else. This is probably because I haven't read any of the other books, so I don't have the feel of him at all, this was my first introduction to all of the characters, so I can understand if I totally have things wrong about them. I found the addition of Happy, Jamie, and Obsidian really cool as well. And who doesn't love an all powerful Archangel who has no idea if nappy rash is fatal. I just honestly can't get enough of how personable Christina has made all her characters and their interactions. Nothings super broody, or drama filled, I mean don't get me wrong, there's a lot of drama happening and shit is absolutely going down, but the characters are all pining and whining over how unfair everything is and how devastated they will be when the thing they fail to stop comes to fruition and blah blah blah, cry me a river. Bauer has not written her characters or story like this at all, she has made you feel for the characters, she has the characters worrying about everything of course, but they're not breaking down and having inner monologues about how terrible everything is. These characters worry while they're getting shit done, and if that doesn't make for strong characters then I don't know what does.

The story itself was good, I love that there was the added stress of the countdown to think about, as well as Myla never actually having a gameplan before something happens, she just wings it (a woman after my own heart). I hadn't a clue who the Viper was so that reveal was great, as well as how it was done. I almost feel like the ending was a bit too easy, but as I said previously, I haven't read any of the other books in this series, so I don't know if the characters are OP or that's just how powerful they really are. I also love that the world it's set in is purgatory, not surface Earth, that was a nice change.

All in all, a satisfying urban fantasy read which likable characters and a decent enough story line. I'll be interested to check out other books in this series for sure.

Cheryl Whitty says

Well another great adventure from Christina Bauer with my favourite quasi demon Myla and her great team of supporters. This time it's Walker that needs help, he keeps disappearing and when shows up he has been tortured. When appearing on Good Morning Purgatory Myla and Lincoln are blindsided when an exposé tells of a super villain called the viper has stolen some magical gauntlets that belonged to Lucifer.

This time someone wants to let Lucifer out of his prison, which while mean carnage through the realms. So with great courage and plenty of sass Myla and Lincoln to the rescue. This is up to the usual standard you expect when reading this humorous and exciting series. We see a lot more of Maxon with Xavier, as the ancient Archangel discovers the art to babysitting. Just so cute, as just like anybody would need your parents help when you have to risk your life to save the worlds.

Eve (Functioning Insanity Reviews) says

Rating: 5 Stars

Myla's life has changed for sure now a wife, mother, Great Scala, and Queen of the Thrax, she has her hands full. Things seem to be going pretty well...until it hits the fan like always. Her honorary brother Walker is being more secretive than usual and when he disappears into the Dark Lands leaving her a countdown and a promise to uphold they have another mission to complete, stopping Lucifer from escaping and all, and save not only Walker but all of the after realms. So you know...no big deal.

So in this we have another adventure with our favorite quasi, Myla. She and Lincoln are always finding some trouble they have to stop. They are trouble magnets. This time it is Lucifer and someone trying to break him free to reign down all sorts of evil and honorary brother Walker's disappearance is connected. Meaning if they weren't involved to begin with they are now for Walker. I love these stories. They are such fast paced books they fly on by. You have a huge mystery and suspense and tons of action carrying you along. Still no matter the seriousness of the matter Myla never loses her trademark sarcasm and I love her for it.

I will always read these books for more Myla and Lincoln. They are relationship goals. Plus added bonus baby Maxon time was just precious. Seriously this kid is totally adorable and how he brings complete hard core kick butt characters to a panic is epic. This is another fun adventure as we delve deeper into the world and make new discoveries about the past. I enjoyed getting to see more of how things used to be as well as learning about this whole new area and distant/reclusive House full of new characters you can love.

All in all this was a great addition to the world and I loved seeing Myla and Lincoln fight so hard for Walker. He has done a lot for them over the years/series and they love him for sure and to see them go to bat for him like he always has for them was just epic. This is a beautiful world I always look forward to getting lost in, magma demons and all if Myla and Lincoln are there too!

Laura Henderson says

Myلا kicks butt again! In this new installment, we see her go off on adventure in search of her brother Walker. Myلا and her tail (yes her tail who seems to have a mind of its own) both rise up to the challenge. Meanwhile, she also has to worry about the ghouls setting Lucifer free, on top of still being a mom, and wife..... (whew a demon woman's work is never done)

I think that Myلا had become my favorite quasi demon to read and I absolutely am smitten over Lincoln, well all the characters in these novels really. Lincoln and Myلا make a great couple and are hilarious with their banter.

The writing in these novels, truly blow me away. The wonderful descriptions of Angels, Demons, Ghouls, Purgatory, Antrum, Dark Lands will have you pulled in so far that you will want the story to never end. The tone of this book overall, was well honed in to the perfect amount of suspense, and lightheartedness all executed at the right moment.

I also loved that now even though Myلا is a mother, she still has all her spunk. I was thrilled to see that she wasn't written down to someone who is dull. I loved the originality here. These books are super amazing and continues to grow on me. I love that in an over saturated market these books rise up and shine all on their own. A definite one click read from me!

