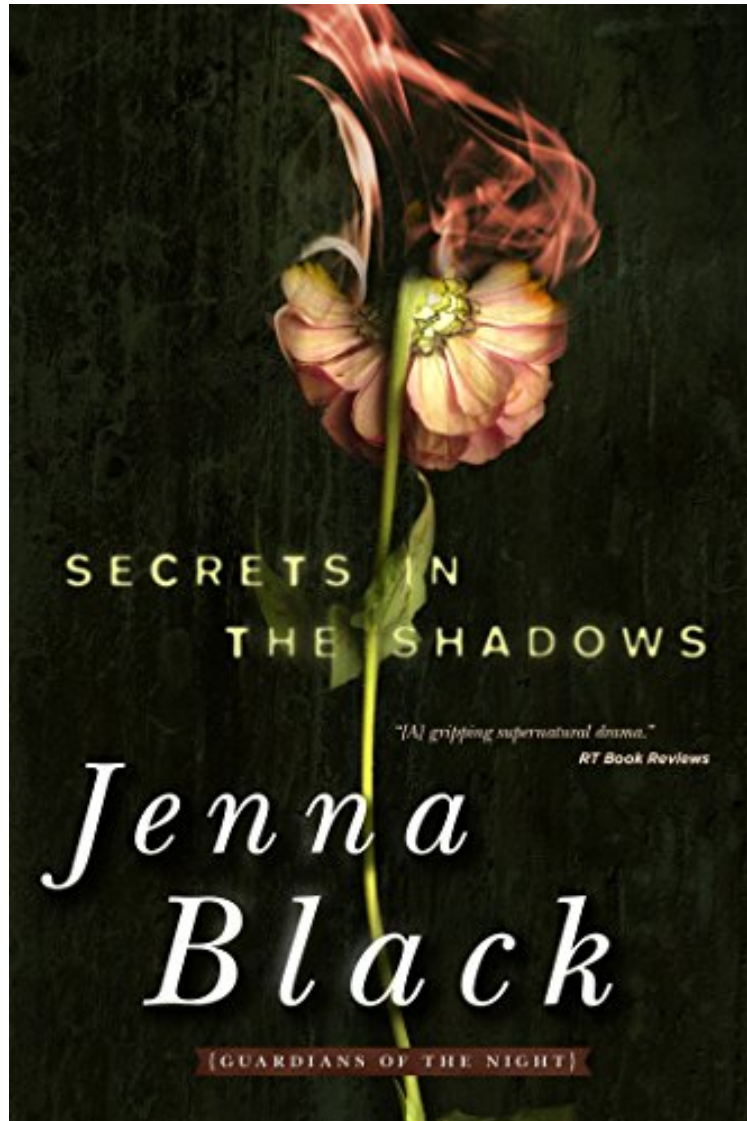


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Von Jenna Black : Secrets in the Shadows (Guardians of the Night Series, Book 2) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secrets in the Shadows (Guardians of the Night Series, Book 2):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Fortsetzung von "Watchers In The Night"Von SabrinaVampir Jules erfhrt, dass Ian Squires, sein Erzeuger, immer noch lebt, und jetzt in Baltimore sein Unwesen treibt. Er fordert Eli auf, die Guardians dorthin zu schicken, um Ian Einhalt zu gebieten, doch der Anfhrrer der Guardians weigert sich, da er vermutet, dass es sich um eine Falle handelt.

Doch Jules ist von Rache besessen, zu tief sind die Narben, die Ians Verrat vor 80 Jahren hinterließ, als dass er die Sache ruhen lassen könnte. Entgegen aller Warnungen macht er sich nach Baltimore auf, um Ian zu stellen, wohlwissend, dass dieser als Killer viel stärker ist, und kaum zu bezwingen sein wird. Hannah und Drake folgen ihm aus unterschiedlichen Gründen und alle drei finden sich in einem Machtkampf um die Führung der Baltimore-Vampire wieder, in dem die Protagonisten einander an Rücksichtslosigkeit und Gewaltbereitschaft herbeibieten. "Secrets In The Shadows" eröffnet eine weitere Facette der Guardians-Welt von Jenna Black, die mit "Watchers In The Night" begann. Während der erste Band in Philadelphia, und damit in Guardians-Territorium, spielte, erfährt man jetzt, wie es in der "normalen" Vampirwelt aussieht, in der die Killer das Sagen haben, die ihre Kraft aus dem Töten von Menschen beziehen, während die Guardians kein menschliches Blut trinken. Hannah, Jules und Drake, bereits aus dem ersten Band bekannt, wirken in dieser von Boshaftigkeit und Gewalt bestimmten Atmosphäre zunächst ziemlich hilflos, können aber bald, wenn auch unsichere, Allianzen schließen, und damit ihre Chancen aufs Überleben erhöhen. Wie im ersten Band berzeugt Jenna Black sowohl durch ihre Charaktere, als auch durch die subtil erzeugte Spannung, die den Leser das Buch verschlingen lässt. Man erfährt mehr über die soziale Struktur der Vampire, und Neues über bekannte wie auch neue Charaktere. Besonders Gabriel berzeugt mit seiner Vielschichtigkeit und man nimmt als Leser erfreut zur Kenntnis, dass er auch im nächsten Band eine Rolle spielen wird. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An interesting vampire tale with a feisty heroine Von Helen Hancox This is the second book in this series by Jenna Black and it makes a number of references to events and characters in the first book, "Watchers In The Night". However it isn't necessary to have read that book to understand the events of this story, focusing this time on Hannah the feisty Private Eye and Jules, the Quebecois vampire. In Jenna Black's vampire world humans aren't aware of the vampires (apart from in a few special cases) and the vampires themselves are ranged against each other. Almost all vampires are Killers, those who drain humans for blood, and this feeding gives them significant power. However, some vampires are members of the Guardians, led by Eli, who don't take human blood and who work as a kind of police force in Philadelphia, disposing of Killers when they can. Jules is a vampire with a temper. Although the oldest of the Guardians (apart from Eli) he hasn't got very good control over his emotions and when he discovers that the vampire who turned him, Ian, is on a killing spree in Baltimore he goes to the Guardians for help in finding and finishing Ian. However he discovers that Eli isn't going to allow him - or any of the other Guardians - to step outside of their Philadelphia territory. So Jules decides to go it alone. He's not quite alone though. The mortal fiancée of Gray, one of the Guardians, hires Hannah to work with Jules and to protect him. Hannah is a tomboyish feisty woman who is mouthy and bold but underneath this hides a fear of being overpowered. Despite Jules's reservations they work together to try to locate Ian and deal with him. Unfortunately it's far from easy. Ian, being a Killer, has far more power than Jules. And they soon discover they have stumbled into some significant vampire politics which leads them to question the morals and ethics of Eli, their leader. They find themselves having to compromise some of their rules in order to get the job done and are continually in a position of danger and weakness as their opponents are older and stronger. Although I enjoyed reading this book in some ways the characterisation felt rather lightweight. We didn't really see much character development and it was hard to really get into the heads of Hannah and Jules. The story has several narrators which served to give a good all-round view of events but it also meant that it was hard to know whom we should be supporting. Perhaps that was part of the idea of the book, to show that bad characters have some redeeming features and that good characters can do bad things to get results, but I found it a slightly awkward way of reading as my ideas of the characters seemed to have to change almost every page and I'm still not entirely sure at the end about Gabriel. The romance aspect of this book was also a little problematic to me. It seemed to develop more for reasons of proximity than anything else and was really a side-issue to the main plot of vampire hunting. The book made a rather sluggish start but picked up towards the end where it became more enjoyable with tense situations for our hero and heroine. Overall it was a reasonable read but nothing special. 1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dark and Interesting! Von Amber This was really good and a great second part to what seems to be another great Vampire series! This book is said to be a paranormal romance but there isn't that much romance going on. Actually this was a lot darker than the first book and there was some new information that is really going to make the next upcoming books in the series really interesting.

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