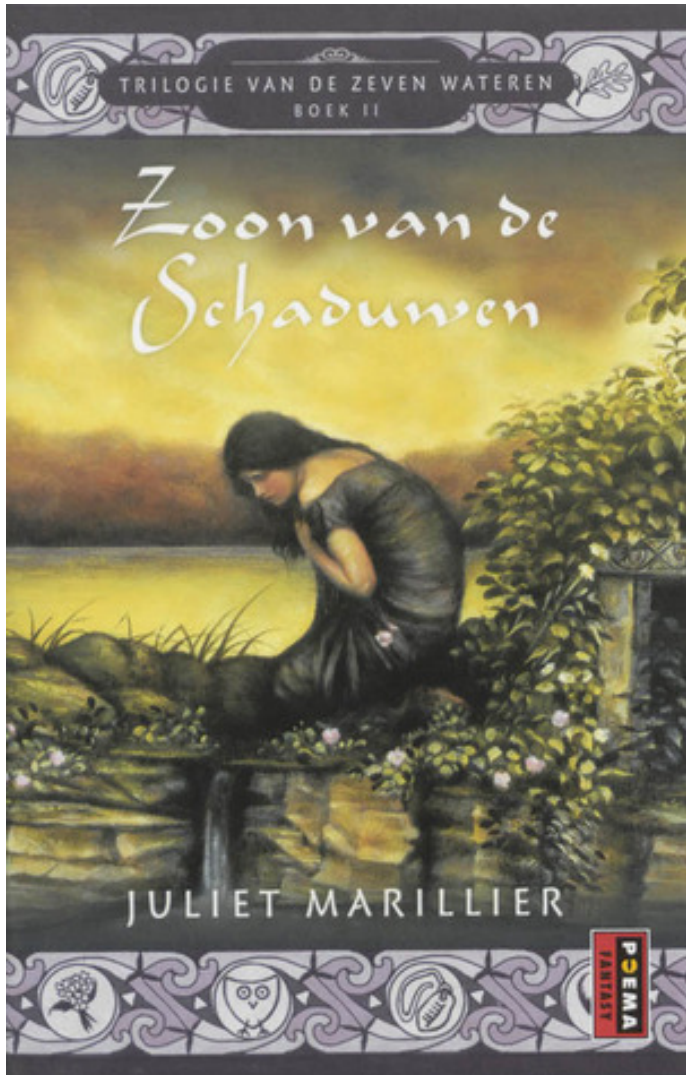

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Description

In de Keltische schemering van het oude Ierland, beheerst door mythen en magie, ontspint zich een machtige en betoverende geschiedenis. Zoon van de schaduwen is boek 2 van de Trilogie van de zeven wateren door Juliet Marillier, winnares van de Alex Award.

Diep verscholen in de Ierse bossen ligt het landgoed Zeven Wateren. Landbouw en veeteelt zijn er de middelen van bestaan. Liadan, de dochter van Sorcha, raakt bij toeval in de ban van de mysterieuze Beschilderde man. Haar verhouding tot de Beschilderde Man is Liadan niet meteen duidelijk: is hij een vriend of een vijand...

Insightful reviews

Steph Su: I had heard that, while the first book in the Sevenwaters series, *Daughter of the Forest*, was pretty good, the second book, *SON OF THE SHADOWS*, would blow me away. I admit to a bit of good-natured skepticism when I was told this. Okay, yes, *Daughter of the Forest* was good, but it's still the same author writing the second book, which is set in the same world, and has similar characters with similar problems, right? But no, somehow, miraculously, in an act that seems to defy the unstated law of sequels ("Thou shalt never be good as the first book"), *SON OF THE SHADOWS* is an astounding original work of fantasy that sweeps the literary awards in the categories of characters, plot, pacing, and readers' emotional investment.

Daughter of the Forest was constrained by it being a retelling, albeit a lush and engaging retelling of one of my favorite fairy tales, melancholy and terrifying and inspiring and heartbreaking all at the same time. However, Marillier hits her writing prowess out of the ballpark when she strays away from the retelling and makes the world she created fully her own. *SON OF THE SHADOWS* has everything a die-hard fantasy fan will want from a fantasy: a strong protagonist, an epic romance, complex political dynamics, nasty villains. *Daughter of the Forest* focuses more on Sorcha and her difficult journey to break the curse set on her brothers, whereas in *SON OF THE SHADOWS*, Marillier takes her time in exploring and expanding the world in and around Sevenwaters. In this book, we can feel the motions of the operations of an estate: its fluid routine under strong leadership, and its heart-wrenching struggles when the leadership is being bombarded by political manipulations and betrayals.

I love that the delicate nature of political relationships is explored so thoroughly in this book. Liadan, Sean, and Niamh being children related to the "lord of the manor," it is inevitable that their destinies would involve how Sevenwaters' relations with its neighbors and strategic allies must evolve. The lovely thing about this being the second book in the series is that we can already sympathize with Liadan's parents, Sorcha and "Red," from reading about them in the first book; thus, they never end up assuming the "antagonist parent" role. So much of this book revolves around the Sevenwaters' inhabitants' political relationships with others: Liadan and neighboring lord Eamonn, Niamh and her unhappy strategic marriage to an ally, and so on. I found it utterly engrossing how Marillier deftly weaves these complex strings of human desires and ambitions so that no one is entirely good, no one entirely bad.

But I haven't even gotten to what may arguably be the best part of the book yet! Liadan's and Bran's romance is...epic. There is no other word for it. It sweeps you off your feet in a violent whoosh and keeps you dizzily, giddily swinging through the air, all the while knowing that you are safe, because the person holding onto you is one whom you can trust with your life. That was what it felt like for me when I was reading about their romance. Liadan and Bran: such seemingly incompatible people at first, and yet they share the same values, both have the same good intentions and dreams that they must fight and fight and fight in order to achieve. So they—and I, as the reader—are swept away with the unexpectedness of their connection to one another; and then the incredible trials they must go through in order to have even the barest hope of being happy together is the dizzy, giddy part, pulling the reader along in great breathless gasps, desperate that things might work out for the characters. Finally, no matter how dizzy and breathless and gut-wrenched you may feel along the way, you know that you are safe, because Liadan and Bran are both such fundamentally good, strong, and loving people—even if their life situations do not allow for them to show it—that you can believe that they are, without a doubt, absolutely right for one another, against all the odds.

Whew! I think I'm gonna stop there with the review. The more I write, the more I realize I don't think I have the words to express how phenomenal my reading experience of SON OF THE SHADOWS was. Just...just read the series. Read this book.

Kathy: I finished this last night. Late. Last. Night. This book was fantastic. Juliet Marillier continues as she did with book #1 in this series with a writing style that captivates me. Her characters have such depth and variety.

The love shared between Liadan and Bran just made me weep as did a scene involving Bran as a youth. So did one of the later scenes involving Sorcha and Red who are from book one and parents to Liadan.

sigh I tend to forget a lot of what I've read as time progresses. I don't think that will happen with this one.

Highly recommended but do read book #1 first as the story in #2 is heavily connected with it.

Jessica ? Elsecaller ? at Rabid Reads: **Reviewed by:**[Rabid Reads](#)

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3.5 stars

Sometimes when I finish a book I know *exactly* what I think about it, and the review practically writes itself. Other times . . . I finish, thinking that *overall* I liked the book, but . . . something remains . . . unresolved. And the more I dwell on it, the more issues emerge, until the *something*

evolves into multiple identifiable problems.

This is one of *those* times.

That's not to say that *Son of the Shadows* wasn't a good book. It absolutely was.

It just wasn't a good book *for me*.

There are several reasons.

I didn't particularly like either this generation from Sevenwaters *or* several of the other important new characters.

Sorcha and Red, the MCs from the previous installment, now have three grown children: their eighteen-year-old firstborn Niamh, and sixteen-year-old twins Sean and Liadan. Sean is the heir of Sevenwaters, Liadan has followed in her mother's footsteps as a healer and is the "heart" of Sevenwaters, and Niamh is the petulant beauty with a nasty mean streak.

Does Niamh have understandable reasons for lashing out at others and placing most of her self-worth in her appearance?

Yes. She does.

In fact, she'd make a perfect villain.

I think the best kind of villain is the kind that you can empathize with, but still not *like*.

Villains you genuinely like aren't villains. They're anti-heroes. And villainous villains are fun to hate, but there is seldom much depth. Depth allows for empathy, which brings us back full circle.

But Niamh isn't the villain.

Instead you're left with a character you don't like, and thus have a hard time drumming up sympathy for when she becomes a victim.

I recognized cerebrally that what happened to her was awful. But I didn't *feel* it. Maybe if I had been able to, I would've been distracted from the *why*, which is what occupied my attention in place of the anguish I might have felt on behalf of a more likable character.

And the *why* . . . was pretty flimsy.

Niamh fell in love with an unsuitable young man. When it was discovered, the relationship was forbidden, but believing that her lover would never forsake her, she was completely shattered when he left.

"But *why* did he leave?" you ask, and that's an excellent question.

It's also a question the adults refuse to answer.

So later, when Niamh finds herself in abhorrent circumstances, she has nothing to fall back on. She sees herself as worthless, as unworthy of being loved---why else would Unsuitable Lover have abandoned her? Why else would her family have sent her away, turning their backs on her?

It's . . . infuriating. And ridiculous.

B/c *you*, the reader, *know* why the relationship is forbidden. I actually wondered if my wiring was faulty until my friend Robin (who BR-ed this me) said that she didn't understand what the Big Deal was either. YES, what happened was unfortunate . . . *worse* than unfortunate. *whispers* Gross, man. But it was a mistake born out of innocence. And, I'm sorry, but that makes a massive difference to me. Robin, too, so there.

Maybe there are some kind of medieval social connotations we're not aware of, or maybe we're desensitized b/c current events. I don't know. Doesn't matter, really. What *does* matter is that I didn't buy it.

Sean was MEH. I appreciated that he thought outside of the box, but he was too irrationally impulsive to *like*.

Liadan . . . my feelings in regards to Liadan are complex.

I should have liked her. I should have *loved* her. She's exactly the kind of independent-thinking heroine that I usually admire and root unreservedly for.

And yet . . . I found her condescending.

My impression wasn't that she questioned b/c she refused to agree to life-altering decisions without understanding the implications, but that she questioned b/c she—in her infinite sixteen-year-old wisdom—knew *better*. That she was correct didn't matter to me, b/c I'm a brat, and if you do the right thing for the wrong reason . . . (and YES, I'm well aware of the irony).

And as with Niamh's ignorance making a difference in my perception of her actions, Liadan's motivations made what would have been admirable . . . less so.

Then there's Bran.

Bran . . . is an ASS. And not the kind of ASS you find yourself liking against your better judgement, b/c *not really* an ASS. No, he's the kind of ASS you futilely wanted to like you when you were in high school, despite that fact that he was an ASS, but looking back as an adult, you realize . . . what an ASS.

females' that actually is strong. She follows her instincts and stands company whilst she believes she has to face alone. She isn't simply difficult and stubborn, though. She's compassionate and loves with abandon. Her love tale is either extraordinary and entire of heartache. i am fairly to work out how the prophecy performs out with Liaden's offerings - has she derailed everything, or used to be this what used to be presupposed to ensue all along? This is a type of books that I couldn't cease reading. that truly occurs rarely, and that i was once so stunned that this ended up being a kind of books! I misplaced sleep over it, couldn't wait to come back to it whilst I needed to cease for work, and that i relatively didn't wish it to finish even whereas i used to be racing via it. Now that i have finished, I'm disillusioned that the subsequent e-book will movement to a different new release so I won't get to be with those characters within the comparable approach again. yet I don't imagine I'll be ready as lengthy to choose up the subsequent book. I do need to say that the finishing itself was once a piece anticlimactic. i used to be watching for anything a section extra momentous and final, and not more - psychological, I suppose. yet nonetheless the final examining adventure thoroughly grabbed me. I don't comprehend if it's going to do an identical for others, yet I enjoyed this book. It had a intensity and diversity of emotion that i discovered gripping. It's continually tough for me to give an explanation for this intestine response that i must a e-book while i admire it. It's so thoroughly subjective and emotional. How do you start to provide an explanation for it rationally? i think bereft now that i have finished, and can't fairly carry myself to begin whatever new yet. the entire lack of ability to prevent interpreting until eventually the end, that desire for a pause among books, whilst i think that silence should be stored only for an afternoon ahead of relocating on, and how that I nonetheless omit the characters after they have moved past the pages - that is what makes this a five megastar ebook for me.

Gemma: i must admit that i actually did not want to learn this book. i am quite new to the full Sevenwaters series, and after examining Daughter of the woodland (which I wholeheartedly adored), I wasn't definite even if any of the others may perhaps particularly fit up. Since this e-book does not stick to Sorcha & Red, the protagonists from the 1st book, and as a substitute specializes in their children, i used to be beautiful reluctant to determine the characters I enjoyed lots become oldies. name me ageist, yet on account that DOTF ended so happily, I wasn't convinced i needed to determine Sorcha ailing and dying. However, the entice of Sevenwaters was once an excessive amount of for me, and so I delved instantly in to Son of the Shadows - and thank you, earlier me! This book, whereas perhaps now not relatively matching as much as the 1st in my eyes, comes super close. This is especially as the characters are so different. such a lot of sequence these days with diverse characters in every one booklet keep on with an identical formula, with might be a transformation of hair color for the "heroine" and a distinct species for the "hero". Which, really frankly, bores me to hell. Liadan, however, is so diverse to Sorcha in such a lot of ways in which this e-book keeps the originality & magic of the 1st with out copying it. Sure, there are universal threads - the total 'kidnapping' thing, just a little extra severe here, and the very fact either Sorcha & Liadan are proficient healers good enjoyed by means of all. yet Liadan is lots extra outspoken and gutsier than Sorcha - Sorcha used to be unbelievably brave, yet in additional of a quiet and vulnerable way. Liadan has much more bite, and he or she suits Bran well. Ah, Bran - absolutely enjoyed him. I mean, I enjoyed Red, and that i nonetheless do, yet i feel Bran takes the biscuit for me (even if he was once unbelievably demanding at times). Liadan was once so unswerving and trustworthy in the direction of him, even if he despatched her off unexpectedly simply because of her identify (?), saved working off

to be a mercenary as he desired to stay 'free' (commitment phobe, anyone?) and customarily acknowledged a few rather lousy issues to her at times. His earlier used to be rather horrific, if a tad unbelievable, however it was once his noticeable love for Liadan and energy that actually gained me over. Also, a few humans can be cast off through the full child thing, and that i admit i used to be at first. do not BE, HONEST. :L i'm fairly now not massive on a child point in romance, yet Juliet Marillier controlled to make it appear like this excellent factor that occurred to Liadan, an emblem of her love for Bran, and it actually simply made the tale larger IMO. If you will want an excellent myth with nice characters and a cracking romance, please please PLEASE learn Son of the Shadows (& the rest, too). it will supplies hours of enjoyment, and that i essentially wish Marillier retains on writing extraordinary books, particularly the place Sevenwaters is anxious - i'd hate to go away it in the back of endlessly while i have in basic terms simply chanced on it. :) 5 Stars!

Tina: Honestly, i used to be simply so pissed off with this book. the start used to be a tad susceptible yet then it picked up. I loved, LOVED, Liadan's improvement as a healer and her interactions with Dog, Evan and the opposite contributors of Bran's merry band of killers. It jogged my memory of a extra attention-grabbing model of Wendy and the misplaced Boys, a los angeles Peter Pan. However, the e-book thoroughly deviated from this as soon as (SPOILER SPOILER SPOILER) Evan died and Bran and Liadan received (albeit briefly) together. I have nothing opposed to stories of motherhood. yet i am not a massive fan of pregnant heroines or new moms who've to take their babies everywhere, even into danger, simply because i simply cannot droop my disbelief that far. It was once additionally awkward that each one of a unexpected Bran and Liadan have been in love, no, fated to be in love. In addition, i could not think that Sorcha used to be killed off. It wasn't performed cruelly, really, other than that it used to be so unnecessary. Actually, many of the deaths during this e-book have been unnecessary. I did not hate this book, however it was once relatively predictable and that i saved getting pissed off with Liadan and different characters. I had quite excessive hopes for this sequence after loving Wildwood Dancing and interpreting raving stories approximately this series. yet i am simply now not feeling it.

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