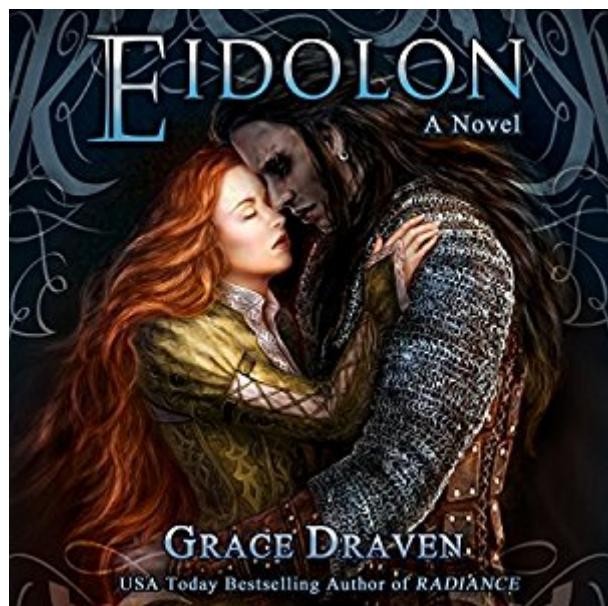


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Eidolon: Wraith Kings, Book 2



Synopsis

Eidolon is the sequel to Radiance and book two in the Wraith Kings series. In a bid for more power, the Shadow Queen of Haradis unleashes a malignant force into the world. Her son Brishen, younger prince of the Kai royal house, suddenly finds himself ruler of a kingdom blighted by a diseased darkness. His human wife Ildiko must decide if she will give up the man she loves in order to save his throne. Three kingdoms on the verge of war must unite to save each other, and a one-eyed, reluctant king will raise an army of the dead to challenge an army of the damned. A tale of alliance and sacrifice.

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Customer Reviews

Just finished Eidolon and was just as impressed as I was with Radiance (Wraith Kings Book 1) although that first book was more of a romance and threats of a local type where this is a global "save the world" type plot. I have to keep comparing the 2 books because it is a continuing story line but they are much different in many ways. In addition to the global nature of the threat, this is not as much of a romance as Radiance was since our pair of protagonists are already very familiar with each other (obviously) but the story while revolving around this global threat also has as a major subplot, this continuing romance and its trials and tribulations. This emphasis on the love and romance adds depth to the main plot and without it would just be another sword and sorcery novel, but this enables it to be filled with tragedy and triumph to grab you on an emotional level. While it has been over a year since I read Radiance, I remember it being a heartwarming story but Eidolon starts out with an extremely emotional beginning that will drive the whole book so don't

plan to ease into this story, it throws you right into some emotionally wrenching stuff. I should point out you REALLY should not be reading this without having read Radiance or you will not be able to appreciate so many things in this novel including the huge impact of this beginning. One of the things this novel will do is keep your stress level high (did for me) since the running theme for about the first half of the book seemed to be "This is a disaster" so many things are going wrong. There are a couple of other subplots that add to the story and keep the readers interest high. Bottom Line: "Radiance" was one of the best fantasy romances of 2015 and this sequel is no less of a quality piece of work even though it seems to be more in the vein of epic fantasy in places. The romance and dedication of Ildiko and Brishen to each other is still what makes this a great book in spite of all the heroics going on around them in this plot. 5 Stars and can't wait to see where the next book takes us. NOTE: If you have not read the novella — The Brush of Black Wings — you will when this is finished (if you have read it, you will want to read the last few chapters again like I did)

Radiance was one of my favorite Romantasies (romance + fantasy) of last year. So I was so excited to continue on in this world especially after that crazy ending. I liked Eidolon well enough but it didn't quite capture the same feelings I had for the first book. I think that had to do with the emotional turmoil in Brishen and Ildiko's marriage. In Radiance we went from them being a friendly marriage of convenience to falling in love but in Eidolon we must deal with the drama of being torn apart in the aftermath of the destruction of Royal family. I'll just say that I totally adored Brishen and his undying allegiance to Ildiko even when she was totally messing up but trying to do the right thing for him and his people. It was angst. Still we get a few moments that were more fun as Ildiko chases away annoying dignitaries and nobles with her strange human eyes and their ability to move independently. This story focused a little more on the fantasy aspect and to save his people Brishen must die and lead an army of recently dead against their foes. This story was a bit darker and there were a lot of deaths along the way. A few characters I remembered from the first story but most were just fodder. I did enjoy the battle to save the land and a few peoples coming together to help. The magic section of the story was the most interesting to me plot wise. Other than that the big highlight for me was actually the banter and possible romance that could be blooming between Anhuset and Serovek. Their banter was pretty great AND I'm super excited that they will be the main PoVs in the next book*** "Here," he said. "The weakest spot." She huffed. "I doubt it, though I don't think cutting off your head or your prick will help you become a Wraith

King. Were this a less awful scenario, Ildiko might have laughed. His mischievous grin promised a retort to put Anhuset back up, and he delivered.

"When I return, you'll share my bed, warrior woman, and be very grateful you didn't slice off my prick." ***I look forward to how Serovek plans to woo that warrior woman. I'm pretty sure the normal methods are not going to work at all. Still overall I enjoyed the majority of the story. I figured out the solution to Brishen and Ildikos marital problem early on so while it was painful to watch them struggle I was pretty sure it would all turn out okay for them in the long run. Overall if you are a fan of fantasy heavy on the romance this should be a good fit for you.

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