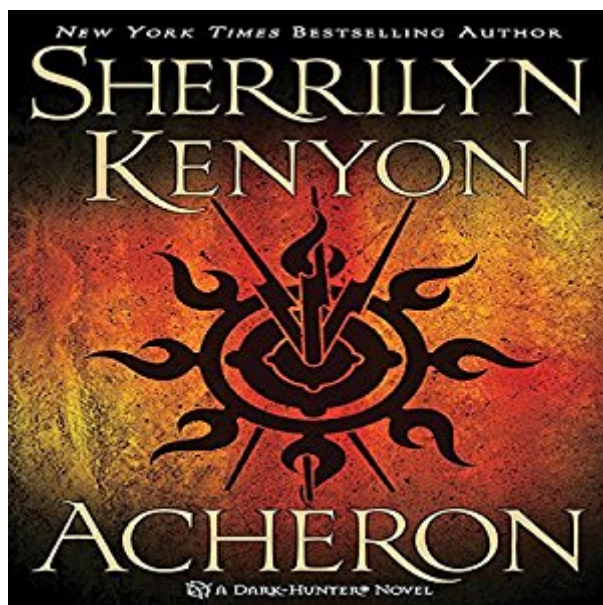


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Synopsis

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I choose this rating because the book is good. What I like about the book is that it's brisk, ironic, sexy, and relentlessly imaginative. (Boston Globe) Finally, the story of the Dark-Hunter leader, Acheron, is revealed... He was made human in order to escape death. But in death, he was reborn a god... Eleven thousand years ago, a god was born. Cursed into the body of a human, Acheron spent a lifetime of shame. But the strongest steel is forged from the fires of hell... Acheron's human death unleashed an unspeakable horror that almost destroyed the earth. Then, brought back against his will, he became the sole defender of mankind. Only it was never that simple. For centuries, Acheron has fought for our survival and hidden a past he'll do anything to

keep concealed. Until a lone woman who refuses to be intimidated by him threatens his very existence. Now his survival and ours hinges on hers, and old enemies reawaken and unite to kill them both. War has never been more deadly... or more fun. What I dislike about the book is that I wanted to read more of it. I would recommend this book to other people.

I have read only two other books in the Dark-Hunter series. It is a sad fact, and even though I always enjoy these books, I have to take them in small, expended period doses. I did know of Acheron. I'm not that out of the series, but I know I didn't know him as well as others that read this book. The only reason I'm mentioning this is because I feel like I am part of the small percentage that went into reading Acheron's story with little expectations. I feel like this makes my take on the book a little different than others. First off, I liked the first half of the book more than the second half. The first half is especially dark, depressing, interesting, and emotional. I felt like the first part was sort of beautiful for that. I really got to understand Acheron. I was able to read all those different parts of his life and let it all sink in. My favorite part was when I read his story through his sister's diary. That was a great way to start off telling his life's story. His sister was a good character for the book. She always wanted better for him, and it was a little frustrating that it took him so long to understand that, but I guess it made her frustration with him so relatable. My only complaint about his sister is that too often she was the cause of him getting hurt. She would see him or try to help him, and each time he got punished. I liked her, but I also wanted to smack her for screwing things up for him. I think this relates to my major issue with the first part. Now I rarely complain about the length of a book (or in this case, a part), but things really dragged on. I felt like the author repeated a punishment or misunderstanding or Acheron's self-loathing too much. Yes, each hurtful scene was significant, but when it got to be that Artemis was healing him seconds after a punishment, I started to wonder what the point was of describing Acheron's pain when in only moments it was going to be relieved. I want to make it clear that the painful scenes were really moving. They were terrible to read and imagine, and watching Acheron's perseverance (even if his perseverance was not his desire) really connected me to him. I only wish that the first half could have been cut back a bit by eliminating some accidents or punishments that affected Acheron. I understood pretty quickly that his life sucked, I didn't need the meaning to be hammered into me page after page. It started meaning less to me after a while. I wanted to kick Artemis' butt. I had a hard time understanding how Acheron fell for her, then hated her, then forgave her, then finally got over her. It was like a bad rollercoaster ride between these two. I was sick of them together by the end. I think the author had a challenge by creating love between these two when any reader of the series knew what happens to

them later. I tried to understand Artemis, but I just plain didn't like her, and I hated how important she became to Acheron's story. So there were things I liked and disliked about the first part. There were more likes than dislikes, of course. The first half is deep and detailed. Unfortunately, it may have dragged on just a tad too much. The punishment scenes that were meaningful in the beginning became less interesting by the end. It just got to be too much when I already got the point. Also, Artemis...ugh. I know she was necessary, but she just ruined my interest in the story more than once. On to the second half. I won't get into it as much as the first half because I have less to say. There was a whole different tone for this part. It almost feels like it was written by a different author. I think the first half set up so many expectations for the second half that it simply couldn't compete. The deep, meaningful stuff I loved about the first half was gone and replaced with bland humor, unrealistic love, and something boring. I had a hard time liking Tory. She was a little too weird for me, yet she had no characteristics that really stood out. I just didn't see her as being Acheron's girl. I didn't like her friends, she seemed too immature, and her words never sounded much different than Artemis'. It was disappointing. The romance went way too fast, and it wasn't very sexy. Acheron and Tory seemed awkward together, like two puzzle pieces that don't fit. They weren't terrible, but chemistry was missing. However, their story did keep me interested enough to stay up way past my bedtime. I guess I kept hoping for that spark. Instead of flames, they only created warm cinders. Overall, I do not regret getting this book. Some scenes were amazing (and I say that for both halves). Acheron turned out to be an interesting, sad character. That sadness did not carry over well to the second half though. But I've stated my complaints, so I'll just finish by saying that I wasn't disappointed by this book, but only because I had no expectations. I do not think I would have set up his story like this, but I am not an author, and even if I was I doubt my version could be as good as this one.

Finally getting the story of Ash is hard to put into words, I don't want to give anything away. I could hardly believe that the veil of mystery surrounding his life would be lifted, but here it certainly was. While it is difficult to endure the torture of such a beloved character his strength of will is an inspiration and knowing how he pulls through in the end makes it easier. Don't miss this book because the beginning is difficult, because the joy in the end is that much more sweet. Spoiler alert....I would have liked to have seen a more descriptive and thorough end to the man he knew as "father" however, that was my only disappointment. With as much suffering as he caused our precious Acheron I would have liked to have seen him bleed a bit rather than it just being implied.

This book is excellent! I have to say it is by far the best book in this series. (Although I haven't read all of them) Dark-Hunter series has always been hit or miss for me. So there are only a handful of books in this series that I like. Acheron is a character whom I've always loved. I said I would read his book definitely, if he ever got one. And I LOVE, LOVE this book. Acheron's story takes you on the journey of his birth, his life as a human, and into his baptism of a God. Finally taking his true place & station that he was supposed to be born into. But his story does not end there. His story starts in 9,000 BC and takes you to the present day. I could not put this book down. I cried from the very beginning of this one. Acheron's life was beyond hard. Beyond any heartwrenching, devastating disaster you could think of. It's a journey of pain, hopelessness, anger, betrayal, love, hate, indifference, redemption, & forgiveness. For this man or God to remain compassionate to others. To still be one who can embrace innocence, love, and dare I say hope, after everything he has been through is nothing short of Amazing. I will not lie, this is a hard book to get through emotionally, but it is well worth the journey in the end. I urge you to read this. Even if this is not your series or you are still on the fence about picking this up. READ IT ANYWAY.

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