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# Dark Promises (Carpathian Novel, A)



## Synopsis

Lovers challenge destiny and risk their lives in the new Carpathian novel by the #1 New York Times bestselling author of paranormal romance. Gabrielle has had enough of battles, of wars, of seeing the man she's engaged to nearly lose his life when it isn't even his fight. Once Gary was a gentle and very human researcher. Now he's a fearless and lethal Carpathian warrior with the blood of an ancient lineage coursing through his veins—a man Gabrielle still needs and dreams of with every breath she takes. All she wants is a life far away from the Carpathian mountains, far from vampires and the shadows cast by the crumbling monastery that hides so many terrible secrets. But Gabrielle soon learns that promises made in the dark can pierce the heart like a dagger. And she isn't the only one in search of answers in the corners of the unknown.... Trixie Joanes has come to the Carpathian mountains in search of her wayward granddaughter, fearing that she has been lured there by something unspeakable. Instead, Trixie has stumbled onto the path of a desperate woman on the run. And they're all fated for the lair of a mysterious ancient with revenge in his soul and the undying power to make bad dreams come true. J.R. Ward

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## Customer Reviews

Dark Promises bk 29 in The Dark Series by Christine Feehan is a great disappointment. Leaving me in utter despair. I felt the author has been misleading into what this story was actually about. I thought for over a year now that this would be Gary Jenson's story with Gabrielle Sanders as his

lifemate or her as a featured character in the story along with Trixie. I never once believed that instead I would be reading a story with a great grandmother Trixie finding her lifemate Fane who we just briefly met in bk 28 Dark Ghost. Trixie is being portrayed as an uneducated Black women with a nonsensical temper. I know who Trixie is modeled after and let me tell you she is very intelligent and highly educated. I do believe in older people "Like Myself" finding love and having a sexual relationship, But I don't want to read about it. I know what my 65++ body looks like with its wrinkles and sagging skin, sorry but its true. So I don't want visuals about older people having lots and lots of sex. Some things should be left to the imagination. Gabrielle Sanders part of the story was truly disturbing!! She is lifemate to Alexie and Ancient Carpathian residing at the Monastery. He was Physically Abusive to Gabby and he hurt her many times physically and mentally in the story!! I wanted a Vampire to STAKE ALEXIE!! He treated Gabby worst then a Vampire would have treated her. He was not a real Carpathian who loves and treasure and worship there lifemates. My poor Gary after being a character in this series since 2008 Bk4 Dark Magic, has very little to do with this story. Why mislead fans? I what to tell Ms. Feehan don't burn the Bridge tht Brought You!! You can't cross it to get back!! I am not the only one who thought this was Gary Jenson/Daratrazanoff's story.

I'd like to begin my review by mentioning that I have been a huge fan of Feehan's work for nearly 2 decades. I've been reading her books since the very beginning; she was the first author I started "following," and was my favorite author for the majority of the time I've been reading her novels. If I were going to be biased, it would be in her favor. But, the past couple of years, I have noticed a huge difference in her work. Where I used to anxiously await new releases from her, now I dread them because I know they will bring me one step closer to saying goodbye to her stories forever. But, let's bring the focus back to Dark Promises instead of grouping it with the Carpathian series and her other works. What I found most disappointing was the lack of story. The beginning started out with potential. Gary and Gabrielle had both previously been human and shared a strong human bond but, as Carpathians, love isn't enough. The literally have to find the other half of their souls! Dark Promises would show the difference between human love vs. Carpathian mating, and the intense bond that goes with it- the sharing of thoughts and the almost obsessive devotion between lifemates that supercedes everything else in the couples' life. What is actually shown to us, though, is that human love is real and Carpathian mating is purely sexual. How utterly sad and disappointing is that? Then, there's a threat to the Carpathians in the form of human hunters led by a Master Vampire. The possibilities for plots there is endless- fight scenes, showing off the Carpathian's supernatural skill set, and maybe an abduction? Ooh, what's going to happen? Uh, nothing.

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