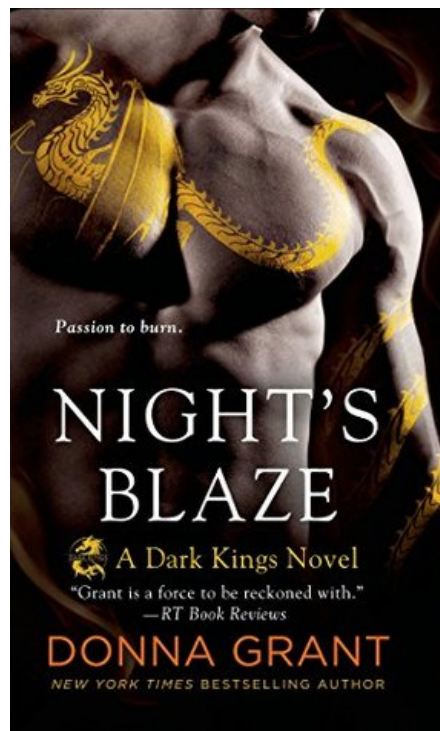




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That one simple kiss slayed him as nothing in his very, very long life had ever done. It physically hurt him to release her and turn his back on everything she offered, but it was for the best.

A KING WHO WALKS IN DARKNESS

The Rhys who has existed for centuries is gone. Stripped of his ability to shapeshift, Rhys can no longer embody the majestic, powerful dragon he was at birth. Cut off from his heritage by one of his own, this Dragon King must remain a man, haunted by demons who torment his every waking moment. The darkness would swallow him whole...except a woman so beautiful and haunted becomes the one beam of light in his world...

A DESIRE THAT WILL NOT BE DENIED

Lily Ross is taking the first step in building a new life for herself. Still reeling from a relationship that nearly broke her spirit, Lily is wary of her attraction to brawny, brooding Rhys. The passion burning so brightly between them is a potent temptation, but any entanglement is destined to end in disaster. Yet when a spectre from Lily's past threatens their growing bond, Rhys is forced to choose with his heart, or lose this woman who has become his one chance at salvation...in Donna Grant's newest *Dark Kings* novel, *Night's Blaze*.

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From Reader Review Night's Blaze for online ebook

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

I sat down to read a different book before this and then promptly sit it down when it didn't catch my attention enough. When I started this book though, there was no turning back.

Five books into the Dark Kings series and Donna Grant still delivers some beautifully done romance while also weaving together a more complicated plot arc in her books. One of the things I think she excels at is her ability to have so many different characters POVs and still keep the book coherent and easy to follow.

While Grant's romances may be underrated most of the time, I think Rhys and Lily's romance will thrill readers. Once Lily stepped onto the page, it was apparent I was going to fall in love with her. She has his innate softness to her, but when you realize what she is going through, your heart immediately melts for her. There's an instant connection that I didn't have with the first book I picked up before this one. That's why I think this book is so special.

The storyline with the Dreagan continues to get more and more complex. The action and the build up to that kind of reminds me of Lara Adrian in a way. So if you're a fan of the Midnight Breed series, then Grant's books may be right up your alley.

I don't think Donna Grant gets enough of the attention she deserves, but with NIGHT'S BLAZE she sure gives readers a lot to love!

*ARC provided by publisher

ValerieC says

3.5 stars.

Purchased October, 2015

I liked Rhys through the earlier books I read, so I wanted to read this one. Also, we were introduced to Lily back in the book about Kellan and Danae, so I knew who she was in the story arc. It's my favorite so far and had a good mixture of action and pathos. Not a lot of Dark fae in this one.

The issue I had with the eye color has stopped, which is a big relief. It's more appropriately included in this book.

I confess that I haven't read every book in the series. At \$7.99 per Kindle edition, it's quite pricey (at least \$55+) to read the whole series, and I noticed most of the reviews now are from bloggers and people who get ARCs, especially in these later books. With the big drop in review numbers, I think Ms Grant made a mistake stringing readers through too many books. Just imho.

Actually, if you skip a book here and there if the 'couple du jour' doesn't pique your interest, all you miss are the romance elements, because Ms Grant tells you what you missed from the previous book or two. So, I wasn't confused at all... same old, same old, and... cliffhanger ending. I missed exactly how Rhi got away

from Balladyn and the Dark fae dungeon, but I got the gist of it in this book, enough to know all I needed to know. And Rhys had something happen to him in the last book, but we find out what and who did it in this one.

There was a new villain introduced in this story so that was interesting, and I was able to keep track of Rhi, the love-lorn Light fae who is actually the biggest heroine of the whole series. I have a feeling that we won't get her resolution until the last book, and this isn't moving along fast enough for me.

In fact, the Dragon Kings are starting to seem wimpy like Ms Ward's BDB and their wimpy Lessor adversaries. The Kings pontificate about how they are going to do something about Ulrick, but they don't do anything, and things are getting worse in general, but they only play defense, and not very well. I'm starting to think they should just all get mates, pack it up, and move to the realm they sent their dragons to, and take Ulrick's silver dragons with them! That would leave just Ulrick and the Dark fae to duke it out with each other.

I'm taking a break for a while until more books come out... one is scheduled all the way out to April, 2015! The next book doesn't sound especially interesting to me, I already read #6.5 before deciding to go back and read the series from the beginning, and the one after that I pre-ordered.

Valerie says

4 1/2 stars

I've been wondering about Rhys for a while now, wanting his story. When he was hurt, I was scanning the book blurbs ahead to find his story. Needless to say, I wanted to read this one!

This book was more emotional for me than the others have been. As Rhys struggled with the results of his injury and Lily's past become clear, it all just got to me. I do love it when I'm that attached to the characters. I did want to do in Lily's ex and one other (spoiler so I can't tell you) - and I do mean do in. Lay them both flat with some dragon magic or something - they both deserve it.

This book proved that these stories are not a pattern because this one has some shocks in it. My heart broke for Rhys. His poor yellow dragon self. I wanted to just hug him. And I was so proud of Lily and her ability to fight through some pretty hard emotions to stand strong. Good girl.

Strong characters and a great story just happen in Donna Grant stories. I can't seem to read them fast enough and I know they will be on that reread list that I go back to when I just need something good.

I can't get enough. I go from one to the next, usually right after closing the last page of one. If you haven't discovered this series and you love paranormal romance, you need to give these a go.

Alima Livzletlivz says

It takes a lot of creativity to write a series, yet make each book a stand-alone. It takes a lot of writing skills to keep the premise of the story in sight and weave individual stories around various central characters and that is no mean feat.

Donna Grant continues the saga of the Dark Kings in “Night’s Blaze” as she takes the fight to Rhys, the Dragon King stripped off his powers. Unable to shift and help his brothers in battle, Rhys steps away from Dreagan and hiding from the world. Convinced and brought back to his brothers by Rhi, his mission is to destroy the rogue Dragon flying among them and keep Lily safe from any danger.

Lily Ross has left behind a torturous past that left scars physical as well as emotional. But with the love and support in Dreagan land, she keeps a job that gives her a reason to hope for a new lease of life. And a certain Dragon King is sure stoking the fires of passion and love. But the betrayal that had left too many scars on her body and soul rears its ugly head to becoming a stumbling block in their relationship.

And fate sure wants Lily and Rhys to build on that attraction, as they are destined to be mates. As they confess their feelings for each other and let the passion consume them in its fine glory, the evil circling Lily and Dreagan is getting its pawns ready to strike. And in this game of good and evil, will Lily survive the betrayal to make a future with her Dragon King? That is yet to be seen.

Donna Grant brings a closure to this relationship, but at same time she leaves the readers on the edge with so many possibilities and questions thirsting for answers, even as she continues to weave stories around the Dragon Kings and their mates. Rhys as the fallen dragon is a sheer delight to read in his fiery glory and Lily with her tenacity and courage, adds fire to the equation.

Can’t wait for the next Dragon King and his story, as more and more secrets see the light of the day in this war between the good and the evil.

Received an ARC from St. Martin’s Press via NetGalley for an honest review.

LizBookAddict says

4 Dragon King lurvin STARS!!! ****

Now, I've made a habit recently of reading books where I haven't read previous installments of the series and I usually end up pretty lost in the beginning scenes..

Not so much the case with this book. Firstly I love Donna Grant and her writing style. Bit of old school and a tang of new-age spice to keep you reading...

This one can be read as a 4 part novella as I've done but I choose to write this one review. Luckily for me I had all 4 parts else I would've been busting a nail on all the cliff-enders.

I never felt like I didn't know what was happening with the greater story arc and Donna didn't overly explain it all. In this, she also didn't neglect the two main characters and their story either.

Rhys was a big softy for Lily but equally all hot alpha dragon and Lily played the appropriate damsel in distress which was suprisingly not annoying at all.

Big Gems for me was the secondry characters... Darius, Rhi and all the dragon kings and mates...

I do soooo hope that Rhi's story is quickly revealed as her last scenes ended in a confusing cliff-hanger!!! I

mean, who was her dragon? Darius? Con? And poor unsuspecting Henry! Much too much confusion...

Supposed I'd just have to read the next one then!!

ARC kindly provided by the Publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

Megan says

I didn't love or hate this book. It was just kind of meeeh.

I was not a huge fan of Lily. She was extremely naive. She is being blackmailed into letting someone get on to Dreagan. She knows nothing about what Dreagan is. All she knows is that they make whiskey. She assumes that this guy wants to steal art and that its no big deal because they will have insurance at Dreagan. Yeah. That's just dumb. I don't know if someone would go through all the trouble Dustin went through to get art. (but then again I don't know art.. so maybe they would.) No thats not what my real problem with her was. It was that she didn't tell anyone. This *always* drives me crazy in books. Everything could have been so much easier if she would have just said she was being blackmailed. They could have had longer to come up with a better plan. I don't know. It just irritates me when the main character lies the whole book.

Rhys was... well he wasn't anything really. He was sweet to Lily and he was already in love with her when the book started so it was just him saying he wasn't good enough for her. So he stayed away for as long as he could... also kind of annoying.

Okay so plot wise, it was pretty good. Well okay let me rephrase: We find out one major thing that changes everything! Obviously I am not going to say what that is but my mind was blown. Then that ending was also pretty good and a total shock. What the hell Kyle? What the hell? That is the one and only time I felt bad for Lily. Kyle was a dick... so was Dustin. She had some bad male figures in her life.

I won't lie and say that I was totally into this book, I wasn't. I got a little bored but I am glad I read it and I am glad I can move on to the next one.

WTF Are You Reading? says

These books just keep getting better and better. There is more at stake than ever before for every faction at play in this game of thrones.

Con is doing all he can to keep the Dragon Kings, their ever-growing collection of mates, and the humans that he has sworn to protect safe.

Ulrik is more power hungry than ever, and has now openly made plays to destroy the Dragon Kings with the help of both MI5 and the Dark Fae.

Rhi is unsure of her place with the light or the dark fae. It seems that being tortured and held captive within the fae realm, has had a few rather disturbing residual effects for Rhi. That without the dragon love of her life there to help her through, have left her 'twisting in the wind' emotionally.

And then there is Rhys...

In turmoil at the loss of his ability to shift into dragon form. Everyday is a struggle, forcing him to cope with his new and devastating disability; while searching for the truth behind the who's and why's of the dragon magic used to bind his shift.

Finally, into the middle of this raging storm of plots, betrayals, light, and dark; there comes Lily.

Beautiful, closed, and daring to stop running from a painful past. She is all that Rhys can think about. All that he desires.

He is all that she could ever need.

But as the shadows of lies and treachery close in around them...

The question remains.

Can their love survive?

This book is awesome!

By the time you get this far into a series, one comes to expect a waning of sorts. But with Night's Blaze, the opposite is true.

Each conflict, character interaction, plots twist, and character addition adds a depth to the story that makes it irresistible.

Though each novel spotlights a different romance, the subplot containing the action and intrigue aspects of the story are continued from novel to novel.

The ending!

Wow!

Elaine says

Interesting. This is the first book I have read in the series. Yes, it finishes the couples story. It does not solve the problem in the story. So it is not "the end".

Cocktails and Books says

This review was originally posted on Cocktails and Books.

This book was reviewed by a member of the review staff at Cocktails and Books. The name of the reviewer can be found under the post categories.

Lisa says

Night's Blaze

OH MY GOODNESS!!!! I was sooooo happy that I got an ARC for this book!

Now I have purchased it for my collection FOREVER!

I have another favorite Dragon King "RHYS"

These Dragon Kings keep getting better and better.

I am still in love with Banan (Dawn's Desire) and Guy (Night's Awakening) and Hal(Dark Craving) but the stories keep getting richer and so gripping.

I wont give any of the twists and surprises away by request of writer Donna Grant. But there is one that I just COULDN'T believe.

I knew I had the whole Ulrik thing figured out. WAS I WRONG OR WHAT!!!!

She hints at how interesting it is that these characters take her places that she never believes. I wish I could watch her brain as she writes these books.

The good thing about books in a series is that you get to know the characters as they progress. The bad thing is that I am not sure you can just start in the middle of this series. But then again it may be because I have read them all.

She has an incredible marketing team as the covers are FANTASTIC and they are released in two distinctive ways. Each book is released in 4 parts (1 a week) OR you can wait for the Complete book at the end of the 4 part release. I never can wait.

I found a book of Donna Grant's a few years ago for my Nook for free (Highland Mist) .

I have been hooked ever since. I think you will be too!

Jacintha says

Yet another captivating read. Donna Grant does it again! I'm not sure how she does it, but each novel can stand alone and still deepen the plot points with plenty of twists and turns. You have to wonder whose motives ultimately drive the plot to the finish line at every turn of the page!

Not only that, each book in the series seems to make the next dragon king a cherished favorite! This book is about Rhys, who has lost his ability to shift. He knows that there is a rogue dragon among them that is trying to create disunity among the dragon kings and is certain that he was targeted to lose his powers.

The inability to shift leaves him feeling crippled and that wound matches the wounds from Lily's past. Lily, who sought out a new career in a new place, is seeking to heal her soul. Fate matches these two wounded hearts together. However, can they really help each other heal and deepen their bond despite the realities that they've once thought were unshakable now crumbling to their feet all around them?

Sandy S says

NIGHT'S BLAZE is the culmination of a storyline that saw a Dragon male find his mate only to lose her to the evil that has set out to destroy the Dragon Kings. In a surprising twist of fate, Ulrik's softer side is revealed but his reasons are kept unto himself. With the appearance of a Silver Dragon long thought dead, Ulrik has some competition when it comes to destroying Con and the other Dragons.

We follow along with Rhys and the others as they embark on a plan to prevent Ulrik from taking what does not belong to him. A miscalculation in judgement ends in disastrous results leaving a Dragon King to grieve

with revenge on his mind. As Ulrik contemplates his next move, he is caught unaware of the newcomers involvement.

Donna Grant weaves a fantastic tale of the paranormal. There are moments of betrayal, suspense, twist and turns, blended together into a storyline that is a pleasure to read. NIGHT'S BLAZE is a revealing story where the reader is pulled into the secret life of Dragons and the women whom they love.

NOTE: I read NIGHT'S BLAZE as a four part serial.

OpenBookSociety.com says

<http://openbooksociety.com/article/ni...>

Night's Blaze

Dark Kings, Book #5

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Brought to you by OBS reviewer Heidi

Beware of Spoilers

Finally Rhys's book!!

Rhys is still dealing with the aftereffects of his injury. Shifting has nearly killed him and now he is stuck in human form after he used his last shift to find Lily after her apartment was broken into and she was missing. Rhys is attracted to Lily, but has been staying away from her since he doesn't feel like he can protect her since he can no longer shift into his dragon.

Lily is finally at a good place in her life, she left her abusive boyfriend, Dennis, a year ago and she finally has shed the baggy clothes he forced her to wear, she's working at a place she loves, and then of course there is Rhys to look at. But her life comes crashing down around her when Dennis shows up and forces her to betray those at Dreagan. If she fails Dennis will kill one of the women she works with and her little brother. Surely Dreagan can do without whatever item he's after and it's not worth people's lives. However, it becomes even harder to justify after spending a magical night with Rhys.

Thanks to the help of Henry North those at Dreagan know about the plan Dennis is involved in, they just don't know what employee has been targeted, but Rhys quickly figures it out after spending time with Lily. He quickly makes a plan to catch Dennis, but when it all goes wrong he may lose something more precious than the unknown weapon they're protecting.

I've been waiting for this book for a while now and I was so excited to finally get to it! And, it didn't disappoint! I love Rhys and couldn't get through the book fast enough!

My previous prediction about Ulrik was also correct! And we find out who is behind everything that's going on! Ulrik also does a good deed that was out of character, but one I expected from him. He's not nearly as bad as everyone thinks! I'm curious to see how everything plays out with him and if there is any way he can be brought back into the fold of the Dragon Kings.

Liz F says

Review copy courtesy of the publisher.

I read Book 4 in this series and I liked it pretty well so I continued on with this one. This wasn't a bad book but I think I won't be continuing on with this series.

Lily was a pretty strong heroine. She had a common and somewhat stereotypical heroine background - abused by a former lover. She had the emotional and physical scars to go along with the abuse. I liked that Lily was slowly finding her strength. It sucked that her progress was halted for a while but I think she came back, at the end, even stronger than ever.

Rhys was a good hero. He's lost his ability to shift to his dragon so he's all messed up in his head. I felt like it took him a long time to finally approach Lily but I couldn't be mad at him for it. He had been having a difficult time for a while. I liked how protective he was of Lily. It made him an even better, sexier hero!

The Sexy Time was fine. Nothing spectacular. The relationship between Lily and Rhys progressed really slowly because neither of them thought they were right or good enough for each other. It was sweet but also a little frustrating. Still, I had no problem rooting for them to get together!

This was an okay book. There was still a TON of stuff going on. The more I read, the more I realized how little I know about what's been going on. I still say that this would be okay as a stand-alone. But readers will either be too frustrated with questions and want to quit the book/series... or they'll be so intrigued that they want to get the rest and start from the beginning. Unfortunately, I am part of the former group. I think I'm done with this series. None of the mating ceremonies were ever written about and neither of the books I read had a real, actual happily ever after. They were more like Happy For Now or Happiness In Progress. I don't love that kind of ending; I like things all wrapped up neatly. So there was a little too much about this book and the previous one that was a little too disappointing for me to continue on.

litsiren says

THIS IS AN HONEST REVIEW, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

It has been days and I still have no idea how to write this review BUT I'll write it anyway.

What I liked.

Although the romance is stand alone, the major plot isn't. I'm happy to say at least there's a progress in the story development! One of my questions answered and I'm glad that actually I trusted my instincts - Ulrik, you're a naughty bad boy but I believe the author won't condemn you forever, I hope she won't! You'll get your HEA someday *fingers' crossed*

What I disliked.

I didn't expect Rhys' love story to be so BORING, I guess that sums up everything yeah huh. Reading about the heroine is well pretty much pointless. One moment she's uber weak lady damsel in distress, another moment she claimed to be strong. Well yeah, on that matter she DID but the thing is I didn't impress at all, sorry.

Further notes.

I am desperately want to read about Rhi's story and up until now I still can't figure out who's her former dragon lover. I hope that dude's living in suffer for what he did to Rhi and once he'll notice how great she was and is, I want him to crawl back to her asking for second chance. Pretty please let that happen!

Main characters: Rhys (Dragon King of Yellow) + Lily (human)
