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Judas Iscariot (portrayed as the first of the undead), the gods and myths of ancient Egypt, and vampires all play a role in this novel of the clash between good and evil on Earth. In *Facade of Shadows*, the supernatural beings of Egyptian lore work together with modern-day vampire slayers to wage a pivotal battle against the dark powers of the underworld. A group of young slayers and their immortal Protector, the son of ancient gods, travel through time and space while struggling to save the population of an unsuspecting town—the first target for domination by the vampires—in a conflict that foreshadows the fate of the world. If you enjoy action, humor, tragedy, even romance involving the genre of vampires and their nemeses, this is a riveting read to add to your collection.

Facade of Shadows Details

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Denise Van plew says

This is a excellent insight of where this author's mind was and look into his talent earlier on in his career. This might have youth as the main characters but do not know of too many youth that are so responsible or dedicated as these were. To stop evil from winning seems to be the theme with the use of Egyptian mythology and some of their writings as the basis of the storyline mixed with paranormal. Having read his other book it was quite fascinating to see him write with vampires being in the forefront not what I expected so a nice surprise. There is also one character that if I looked closely hummm might see alittle of the author in that character. The flow for being done by someone at a young age already showed the great promise of a writer with the style and format in this novel. The story kept me intrigued so much so that I kept turning the pages not wanting to be interrupted because I had to know what was going to happen next. Since I already had found this author could keep me on my toes with the freshness of his writing what a treasure this one is because I learned it is his natural ability even if he does not think so. To be able to walk on the dark side and travel there taking me the reader with him with a story that most love to read that even back then diamond in the rough is the talent waiting to emerge which it does. He even includes that hint of romance with the desires of love in here for us women who tend to favor the romance in books. To be quite honest would love to see this one continue with Rick getting his heart's desire come to life.

Helena Ison says

Let's keep in mind that Facade of Shadows was written by Rick Chiantaretto when he was still in high school technically making this is his debut novel. In my experience most debuts are a bit shaky and tend to be missing something semi-crucial to the plot, with that being said...the writing style in this one took me by a pleasant surprise! I've never seen such complexity from a beginner writer before. The plot has substance with a fully developed beginning, middle, and ending. While some aspects aren't quite prefect, the raw-natural talent is present without a doubt. Chiantaretto's writing demands your attention and will only become better with time! *Trust me, I have also read his second novel Death of the Body, which holds all the proof needed!*

I found it quite amusing that the author put his-self into the story playing one of the most important characters... the Protector, Horus. Rick has one hell of a sense of humor and imagination... that's why I'm such a fan of his. He has the skill to pull on your every emotion and take you on an unforgettable journey.

My opinion:

I was beyond excited when I found out that Facade of Shadow's was being re-released! I have two secret passions in life... anything Egyptian and the paranormal. (Vampires being my favorite) What I adored about this book is how it combined my two favorites together! This is one of the most unique takes on vampires and the Egyptian culture I've ever read. Many Egyptian Gods and Goddess were mentioned throughout the book, each one given a specific task within the plot that goes along with how they are actually represented in Egyptology text. Translations from various actual Egyptian books were also used in the storyline giving this story such a realistic feel!

The plot boils down to the ancient war of good versus evil, the light against the darkness. In order for you to find out which side prevails, you're just going to have to read the book yourself. What ends up happening will shock you; I seriously never expected the outcome. I'm still awe-struck to be honest. Suspense at its

finest...until the very last page!

This book has everything I look for in an epic read plus so much more. The action had my heart-pounding, the zaniness of the characters made me laugh out loud, the tragedies brought tears to my eyes, and the romance made me realize that love always finds the light no matter how dark things become.

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Jams says

This book is a rerelease, write years ago, by one of my favorite authors. (The mind of a teenage boy is a weird and beautiful and terrible place.)

A fantastic first book, full of a strange blend of ancient Egyptian, wiccan and Christian beliefs. I can't wait to

read more from Rick Chiantaretto.

Amazeballs Book Addicts says

I loved Facade of Shadows. It's a little different then what I normal read and I think that what made it so good. It's a YA dark fantasy. At first glance I thought it was going to be just another vampire story but it is so much more. Facade of Shadows has Egyptian mythology and paranormal aspects mixed together in a very well written story.

The prologue pulled me right into the book. Then it took off in what I thought was a different was a different direction but aspects of the prologue get pulled into the story and in the end it makes perfect sense.

I loved all the characters. My favorite was Dominique, she was funny and serious all wrapped up in one.

This book definitely had me wondering and trying to guess what would come next. It's a great read!

Dalene says

First, I would like to thank the author Rick Chiantaretto for giving me this book for an honest review. I totally enjoyed this book. This book was written by a teenage boy, that being said, I believe he did an amazing job writing this story. The story-line is good. The characters are well developed and written. I look forward to reading more from this author.

Chris says

A nice "first outing" by a young local author. The story itself is fairly entertaining and the writing is acceptable. The plot itself feels like a bit of "fan fiction" at times but has enough originality to push through it. There are lengthy segments of historical research that just drag and completely destroy the tempo and tone of the novel, but otherwise, it's an enjoyable work.

Good job Rick.

Bree Pearsall says

After reading Death of the Body, I was already a fan of Rick's work. I was intrigued to read his first book, Facade of Shadows, which he wrote while he was in high school. This book contains Rick's dark writing style which I have grown to love.. and vampires. Add some Egyptian Gods to the mix and you have an epic story. The elements of romance add a nice touch to the story, along with Rick's plot twists, this is an amazing read. Rick's stories always suck me in from page one, and this was no exception. I would recommend this book to anyone, young and old.

Amy says

Far from my normal read, I ran across Rick's debut novel at an author takeover and release party on Facebook. Intrigued by the cover and the story behind the book, I immediately had to read it.

I first have to say, what a ride. Writing this novel while he was still young and in high school, Rick's writing style rivals even the most experienced writers of today. He captures you and pulls you in so deep; you become part of the tale.

A story about vampires, Egyptian Gods, and even a character modeled after his own persona (I think), you love the complexity of Lucas and Cassi. The tale of good versus evil, with twists and turns you never know what will happen next. This book kept me on my toes. Never knowing quite where I was going to land only added to the suspense building until the very last page. An ending that I never saw coming was fitting for this story.

This book is a super read for anyone, young and old. If you haven't picked up one of Rick's books, you should. They are all outstanding.

I give this 5 stars.

Mike says

Wow. Just wow. I just want to sit with this one for a while but I will try to put down a little of what I am thinking as best as I can. Rick has created this amazing world. This intense and intriguing world. One that leaves you hungry for more. Anxious that the story might be over. From the first page I was hooked, hooked beyond belief. One of the amazing things about this story is that every other page is its own story, is a whole new book built on the pages before but with its own mysteries, amazing thoughts, and horrors. Normally this would be confusing, and don't get me wrong there are moments when you find yourself asking what is going on here. But for the most part it works. It is wonderful and engaging.

And written beautifully! Rick has this way of writing a sentence that is absolutely spellbinding. His sentences are just as enchanting as the characters that he brings to life. And his characters - that is one of my only major criticisms - each of them are so amazing that they all deserve their own book. I want to know more about Rick/Horus, about Lucas and Cassi and Dominique. But I also need to see more of Cynthia and James. They have such brief storylines but they leave such lasting impressions.

I also need to read up on my Egyptian mythology and my Christian mythology as well since he does such an amazing job of mixing the two so flawlessly. This is horror and urban fiction mixed with mythology and high fantasy at its best! I cannot wait to read more from this author.

Sheri Fresonke Harper says

Fun unusual vampire tale with an Egyptian flair.

Kimberly says

This book was written by one of my best friends, and I feel horrible that I haven't read the finished version yet!

Verna Loves Books says

~Julian loved the rain; not because it cleansed the world but because it made everyone's life as dismal and gray as the clouds above, as gray as his soul always felt. ~

As soon as I started Façade of Shadows I was intrigued and pulled in by Rick's words. I was captivated and not once wanted to put the book down. I had to keep reading so I would know the fate of each of the amazing characters I met in this book. They each had their own place in the book and each one captivated you in their own way.

Julian was by far one of those characters that captured your heart and you wanted nothing more than to see him prevail and have a happy ending. Let me state you are going to be shocked when you read about what happens to him, I know I was. My heart was broken in the very first pages of the book.

~ Rick means king, one who watches, cares for; a powerful ruler. ~

Let me say that I was so surprised one of the main characters was named Rick, but it brought the hugest smile to my face that author used his name in the book. I was grinning from ear to ear. Rick is an amazing character. He is strong, caring, loving, and fights so hard to save the human race and protect those he loves. His journey, the slayers, and other characters journeys through the book will have you completely in tuned with the book. They are all so strong in their own way and they each make the book a whole. There is never a dull moment. It's a definite must read. I highly recommend it.

So if you love reading an amazing book about vampires and other supernatural beings this is the book or you. Even if you don't normally read those types of books I highly recommend Rick Chiantaretto's books because they are always so brilliant and inspiring.

Janessa says

dead amazing I can't wait for Rick to let me read more of his work. I actually know him and he is an amazing inspiration to my own books.
