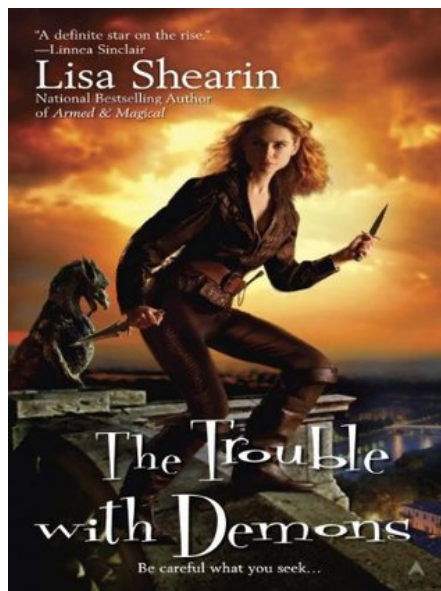




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For seeker Raine Benares, a demon infestation on the Isle of Mid couldn't come at a worse time. Already fighting the influence of the Saghred, a soul-stealing stone, Raine discovers she is also magically bonded to a dark mage and a white knight, two dangerous and powerful men on opposing sides. Turns out, the demons want the key to unlock the Saghred. As a seeker, Raine should be able to find it first. As the axis of light and dark powers, she's a magical cataclysm waiting to happen.

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Martina the Book Fairy says

This series is not quite either paranormal romance or urban fantasy, but is more pure fantasy with sexual tension. It takes place in the fantasy land of Rheskilia, with this particular book exclusively on the Isle of Mid, which is essentially a university for mages.

Our protagonist is Raine Benares, an elf who has left her family of pirates to become a Seeker, which is basically just a thief-for-hire. In the first book, Raine is hired to steal a necklace, but gets a surprise when that necklace turns out to be the Saghred - a magical artifact of unimaginable power. The Saghred metaphysically attaches itself to Raine and, of course, all hell breaks loose.

In this third book of the series, Raine has taken the Saghred to the Isle of Mid to protect it from those who would try to steal it (and her) for their own nefarious use. Turns out the Isle is pretty much the worst place she could have taken it. A Hellgate is opened and she must face down a demon horde intent on gaining possession on the Saghred & its wielder. And avoid all other parties who are out to get her.

Similar series are: The Retriever series by Laura Anne Gilman (though more of a UF), the Hero series by Moira M. Moore, the Kate Daniels series by Ilona Andrews, and the Elantra series by Michelle Sagara

Tracy says

Raine Drops Keep Falling On My Head

Raine Benares was a Seeker with modest magical talents before donning a necklace that bonded her to the soul-sucking rock of unimaginable power known as the Saghred. Now she's had a few weeks of fending off both the rock's insidious influences and the attempts of the power-hungry to use her or kill her for their own nefarious purposes. So far she hasn't found anyone able to separate her from her unwanted duty of being the Saghred's bondservant - and she's been trying. A lot. On the bright side, she's also managed to not get herself or anyone she cares about killed. On the less bright side, that fact doesn't mean the forces of darkness around her don't keep upping the ante.

When a shopping expedition turns into a demon free-for-all, Raine knows that's just how her life is going lately. She's hardly surprised when she finds out the Saghred's protective wards are failing and demons are pouring out of a Hellgate someone opened on the Isle of Mid. Demons and the Saghred are definitely a couple of unmixy things, and Raine's up to her pointed ears in danger as she and her friends race to find and close the Hellgate and stop the insane goblin Rudra Muralin from forging an alliance with the Demon Queen before Mid becomes a demonic smorgasbord and the Saghred is forced to release its souls. And if that wasn't enough of a good time, there's always Sarad Nukpana, less crazy, more pure sadistic evil, who's only a whisper away as he manipulates from inside the Saghred.

Yeah, if it wasn't for the two gorgeous men who care about her, one a source of light, Paladin Mychael Eiliesor, and the other cloaked in darkness, goblin dark mage Tamnais Nathrach, Raine wouldn't be having any fun at all. Oh...wait...even with the two lovelies, she's not having any fun. Not that they wouldn't line up for it if she so much as blinked at them the right way, but a girl's got to have priorities, and staying alive while not corrupting the two men she cares most about is right up there on her list.

The Trouble with Demons is an action-packed thrill ride of danger that takes off fast and goes nearly

supersonic as it races along towards its conclusion. Raine and her friends and family are in full sardonic form and the narrative, told in first person from Raine's point of view, is full of her dry, sarcastic wit. It's hard not to like the fiercely loyal but doubly stubborn elf who seems especially adept at stumbling into life-threatening situations. Supported by a rich cast of secondary and ancillary characters full of charm and personality with a backdrop of a wildly vibrant world that's been well defined, the strength of the series lies with the irrepressible Raine and it shines because of her.

That's not to say the series plot arc isn't good, or the individual books don't have intriguing plot threads - it is, and they do. The problem is that in this book in particular, there was tons of action but little story arc progression. A few new wrinkles were added, and a bit more information, but strip that away and Raine is almost exactly where she was at the end of the last book. She's still shackled to the Saghred with all the same nasty implications, still has no clue how to get free of it, still has enemies gunning for her (the same enemies), and she's still conflicted over her relationships with Mychael and Tam. In fact, instead of making strides forward, Raine and crew are actually slightly worse off than they were at the end Armed & Magical courtesy of an old enemy that made a reemergence.

After three books of increasing conflict and badness piling up on Raine's head, I'm starting to wonder if anything is ever going to go her way, and questioning how soon before we start to see some resolution to the myriad of plot threads introduced so far.

Another issue I had with this book actually extends to the series as a whole. There is a lot of repetition of information and phrasing in the narrative and significantly more exposition than necessary. By now I'm more than passingly familiar with the fact that Raine is a Benares, and all that implies. In each book she mentions that again and again...ad nauseum...and as I'm neither suffering from memory loss nor any other cognitive malady, it's the least appealing aspect of the series for me.

The excessive exposition isn't what I'd prefer, either, but it's easy enough to skim through and I do appreciate the points that I do need refreshed. I just don't need nearly enough refreshing as is provided in each book. For readers new to the series, there's enough provided to get them up to speed without having to read the first two books, but honestly, I wouldn't recommend it. There's too much between the characters - the nuances, the emotions, the bonds - that can't be glossed over in condensed form and which add so much to the series.

I'm a big fan of the series, even with the issues I have, because I'm a big fan of Raine and the rest of the characters. I just hope that subsequent books in the series start resolving some of the many plot threads that have been piling up, including the romantic triangle between Raine, Mychael, and Tam. To be completely honest, though, while I normally have little tolerance for romantic triangles, the one between those three isn't bothering me too much. Of course that's mostly because there hasn't been time for Raine to breathe, let alone expand her dating resume.

I get the feeling that's something she'd like to see change. And really...who could blame her?

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Reviewed for One Good Book Deserves Another.

Debrac2014 says

Action packed story with great ending! Raine just can't stay out of trouble! Cat fight with demon queen!

Wanda says

I really enjoyed this book, number 3 in the series, despite the fact that I read the first 3 volumes right in a row. Believe me, leave some time in between the books for your memory to fade a little bit, otherwise the repetition will drive you insane. I had picked up the first 3 books second-hand and there was no one around to hold me back once I got started—I'm giving this 4 stars because I know that's what it would have received had I given myself a break after *Armed and Magical*.

I do love Lisa Shearin's sense of humour and the sarcastic, snippy voice that she gives to her female lead characters. This fantasy world is easy to visualize and complex enough to keep me interested. Plus, I love Raine's assembly of family and friends, all of whom are willing to team up to help her to achieve her objective, to sever her ties to the evil Saghred, a powerful magical stone.

I said in my review of *Armed and Magical* that I truly didn't understand why Raine should be forced to choose between Mychael and Tam, her white knight Elf and dark mage Goblin. In this installment, the three become truly enmeshed, a messy situation which smacks of real life. And to their credit, the boys aren't pressuring her yet to make any such choices—everyone is still focused on the problem at hand: closing a hell gate, dealing with a fleet of demons, and coping with the politics of the situation.

Thankfully, I haven't located book 4 yet and will have to quit hurtling along in this series, which is fortunate as I seem to have the same sort of self-control with them as I do with potato chips (not much, in other words).

Beth says

No real reason why -- but I really like the idea of Sora and Phaelan being a thing.
On to book 4!

Vi says

Although I'm enjoying this series, there are a lot of things that really bother me when I'm reading it. Firstly, the number of references Raine makes to her acting a certain way because she is part of the Benares family are getting increasingly annoying. Okay, okay, we get it, the Benares family has a bad-ass reputation, can we move on? Another thing that really aggravates me is the number of times that Raine repeats explanations about things she's done in the previous two books... or even within the same book. The reader should be trusted to remember that kind of thing, especially since these books are not exceedingly long. (At least when compared to a lot of other fantasy books) Lastly, it would be nice if Raine didn't have such a devoted fan-following. It seems like everyone who meets her thinks she's the coolest thing ever, with a few notable exceptions (Silvanus, Rudra) who are on the extreme opposite side of the scale with very little personality except EVIL.

Mara says

3 1/2

Reading a series back to back may be a great experience, but it can also highlight the books' "faults".

I enjoyed The Raine Benares series up to know and I'll probably end it. I really liked its witty dialogues and the blend of urban fantasy tone and high fantasy setting.

Unfortunately there was also so much re-capping of what has already happened and so many repetitions that I found it annoying. I disliked mostly the copy-and-paste feel of many paragraphs. It may be good if you are reading the books spaced apart by a year, but if you are reading them days apart you realize there really is a copy and paste. The deja-read feel is so, so strong.

The love-magic triangle leaves me cold, but then I can't feel much tension in this story.

The series is great as brain candy: light and fun and never ever grim (even when the world is at stake). I can't say it's my drug of choice, but at times it's just what one needs.

Donna says

I love reading about these characters. Raine is this adorable mix of scrappy and competent, and it's always fun to see her in action. Tam is getting more and more interesting, though I'm surprised to find myself preferring Mychael. Even the secondary characters make a big impression, there are times when Phaelan comes close to scene-stealing.

Like the previous books in the series, this one is a really fun read. I'm looking forward to the next one already!

I do have a couple of nitpicks. Normally, I'm the last person to complain about something being action-heavy, but the pace is starting to seem just a bit too hectic. Especially considering that the fights involving magic can get tricky to follow. All these adventures piling up on top of each other in the span of a few weeks is going to start feeling silly soon. And I know that Raine places a lot of importance on family (which is refreshing in a genre full of orphans), but the number of "I'm a Benares" references were getting a little tired. Those issues are fairly minor though.

Summer says

Words cannot describe how much I love these books.

I don't really feel like I can review it much without giving away what's happened the past two books, but I will say many new things happen including new enemies and allies. Also like the previous two books you will be dying for more when you finish it. DYING.

Angie says

I fell in love with Lisa Shearin's Raine Benares series at the tail end of last year. Shearin's delightful blend of wry humor, high-speed action, and brief moments of sizzling chemistry make for highly enjoyable reads. The only problem being that they end leaving you thirsty for more. THE TROUBLE WITH DEMONS is the third Raine Benares book and has my favorite cover (and title) so far. This girl looks more like the Raine in my head and the title is certainly...apt. There are demons galore in this one. Demons pint-sized, demons ogre-sized, demons every color of the rainbow, oh my!

Raine is tired. Just last week she and her goblin more-than-friend Tam narrowly managed to foil a slew of elven assassins and now this week the demons are coming out of the woodwork. Turns out a Hell Gate has been opened, a demon queen is in search of her husband's captive soul, and the acting archmagus would love to see Raine take the fall for the entire debacle. Meanwhile, the Saghred still has its hooks in Raine's soul and the wards the Guardians have placed on it seem unable to hold its power in check. And, for better or worse, Raine finds herself drawn inexorably closer to both Tam and Mychael as the three of them are forced to combine their respective powers in order to try to stem the flow of demons and close the Hell Gate for good.

I remain amazed at how much punch Lisa Shearin can pack into such a short period of time. Like its predecessors, this story spans barely a week's time. And somehow at the end you feel like the characters have grown and changed and fulfilled your expectations. I am hoping for a little bit larger chunk of time in the next one, as it just seems like the story has grown too large by now for such short installments. But we'll see. I continue to be very fond of Raine and I love the fact that, though they are polar opposites and disagree vehemently over a girl, Mychael and Tam are friends. They understand and respect each other. Tam particularly is able to see beyond himself to make painful decisions for the greater good. That may be the fact that I Am Team Tam All The Way talking, but I categorically refuse to believe he will have a relapse and/or give in to his dark past. Nope. Not gonna happen, my friends. And while he may have his sights set on Raine, he knows how to be her friend. He's good at that.

I do find myself concerned as to how these three heroes (because that's what they are) are going to maintain the uneasy alliance they've formed as tensions only look to be rising for the foreseeable future. And along with that I worry about the triangle drawing out indefinitely. Triangles start to make me twitchy after three books. So sue me. Interestingly, for an author so good at slam-bang action, Shearin proves herself quite adept at crafting a quiet moment or two between her characters. Moments where the banter stops and the pauses are pregnant. In which you as the reader find yourself just aching for them. I cast my vote for a few more of these. Also, more Talon. The kid is pure awesome and never fails to crack me up. These are good characters. I have such hopes for them.

Felicia says

Love love this series. Finally the cover art got an upgrade and didn't rot my eyeballs, so I'm immensely pleased with this and was so upset when it ended! I can't wait for the next one!

Mike (the Paladin) says

Well crap. I really liked this series and frankly this one leaves me so cold I feel as if I've burned out on it. I really hope not. I'm not half way through it and I just want to move on. I can't get interested. Raine seems shallow and the story dull.

The first book in this series was interesting. The nasty, evil Saghred, a soul stealing/eating stone of power

possessed by the goblins bonds with our protagonist of moderate power...and makes her a nasty. powerful mage. It also wants her to feed it souls or failing that eat her soul.

Pretty good plot. So Ms. Shearin used it in a second book with the addition of Raine being accused of crimes she hadn't committed (as opposed to the ones she had) and arrested...but still the same plot. By now it's a fair plot because the other evil, bad, nasty mage (mages) trying to get the stone, control the stone or control Raine to get control of the stone feels a little worn.

Now we have the third book...about the Saghred and the trials and tribulations it gives Raines, just different trials and tribulations. also there's the addition of a plot device that I DEEPLY HATE. (view spoiler)

I have pretty much decided to lay this one aside and go on to something I WANT TO READ. As I bought it I may get back to it at some point...maybe I'll mellow or find myself in a fantasy void and decide to try it again. Still the fact I'm not finishing it gets it the 1 star. Maybe I'll up that later as the idea of the book is still fair and Raine "Raine has been" a well written character in the past.

I hate it when a series I've liked leaves me cold, especially so cold I don't want to finish the book.

Plan to re-try this one in case I was just in a terrible mood.

Nope, never got back to it.

Kristen Kooistra says

I love this series! Every time I read one of the books, I think, "gosh, I really have to read the next one soon." Then I don't get around to it for a long time and when I finally do I'm sitting there going, "I love this! Why'd it take me so long to get the next book? I'll have to get the next one sooner."

For whatever reason, that is not the way this series is going! Despite that, I do love reading these. I love the humor, the wit, etc. Raine is an excellent character. The plot is always propelling me forward, making this hard to put down.

Normally I HATE love triangles, but both Mychael and Tam are such fun and unique characters that I'd hate to see the book without one of them and can see why Raine is torn. Granted there has been so much going on that none of the three has had much time to make any moves or decisions. I wouldn't like to see this mess continue for too long and once they had a moment to breathe, It'd be nice to see Raine make a choice. I lose respect for a character that leads on two guys/girls.

All in all, this was a fun, action-paced read with lots of wit and sarcasm!

Catching up on my summer reviews, so I'm trying to remember specifics to a bunch of books. Apologies for the sparseness of particular details.

Barbara says

This third book in the Raine Benares series is just as thrilling an adventure as the others and I loved it. This time Raine is confronted with a rash of demons that stems from an open Hellgate, along with the existing problems of dealing with the dangerous soul-stealing Saghred, and the evil goblin Rudra Muralin who is trying to win control of the rock by any means necessary. The complication of becoming magically bonded to Tamnais Nathrach, the dark mage, as well as Paladin Mychael Eiliesor, makes her life even more difficult. At least Raine has some very powerful allies in this fight, and it will take every one of them to help find and close the Hellgate before the Isle of Mid and then the rest of the world is overrun with demons. Of course seeing all of this transpire is an exciting thrill ride, with a satisfying conclusion to some immediate problems, but plenty more to be dealt with in future stories. This is just the kind of series I love, with great characters, a fantastic setting, lots of action, a touch of romance, and thoroughly evil bad guys to be vanquished. I look forward to reading the rest of the series.

Bunnycore says

My name is Raine Baneres, and I am a seeker...

oh Raine, I love this world! Sheain is one of the only authors that can make me love something without the promise of sex. I am a horrible smut lover. -sighs-

Okay so now Raine is the keeper of the stone, everyone wants her and she is being protected by the Paladin, is connected to the Goblin and well gods! I am about to burst with the sexy. I mean she has these two really hot guys, both alpha males. Both friends. I mean come on, throw a girl a bone here literally!

The plot is amazing, so is the story. There is so much going on and I am ready to be sucked back into it!

Happy Reading!!
