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Chase The Dark (Steel & Stone Book 1)



Synopsis

Piper Griffiths wants one thing in life: to become a Consul, a keeper of the peace between humans and daemons. There are three obstacles in her way. The first is Lyre. Incubus. Hotter than hell and with a wicked streak to match. His greatest mission in life is to get Piper into bed and otherwise annoy the crap out of her. The second is Ash. Draconian. Powerful. Dangerous. He knows too much and reveals nothing. Also, disturbingly attractive--and scary. Did she mention scary? The third is the Sahar Stone. Top secret magical weapon of mass destruction. Previously hidden in her Consulate until thieves broke in, went on a murder spree, and disappeared with the weapon. And they left Piper to take the fall for their crimes. Now she's on the run, her dreams of becoming a Consul shattered and every daemon in the city gunning to kill her. She's dead on her own, but there's no one she can trust--no one except two entirely untrustworthy daemons ... See problems one and two. The Complete Steel & Stone Series: Chase the Dark (Steel & Stone #1) Bind the Soul (Steel & Stone #2) Yield the Night (Steel & Stone #3) Feed the Flames (Steel & Stone #3.5) Reap the Shadows (Steel & Stone #4) Unleash the Storm (Steel & Stone #5) Steel & Stone Companion Collection (Steel & Stone #6)

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Customer Reviews

Uh oh. Big time what am I going to do now...uh oh. Annette Marie just punched me in the gut and then sucked me into a vortex of crazy with Chase the Dark. Serioulsy. Uh oh.It's YA and Urban Fantasy. Two of my favorite genres combined. Add in humor, killer writing, boys that make my heart race, a heroine that I actually am rooting for and genuinely like, awesome world-building, and some secrets that are bound to get messy in the next few books and I am hooked.I'm not even sure how to describe this book without over-explaining or giving away things that I just loved discovering. Sooooo....Oh my gosh, I was a giggly mess while reading this book. Crap. I'm a giggly mess now as I write my convoluted fan-girl review. I love Annette Marie, where oh where has she been all of my reading life. I love the way she writes and her characters and well I am just mad love in love with this series.I'm not even going to bother trying to recount the synopsis or explain what the heck is going on, you can read the synopsis or better yet just go read the book. Now. Pronto. Immediately.Piper is off the hook awesome. Seriously. I love this girl. I want to be besties with this crazy chick. She's bad ass, strong, and willing to go balls to the wall for her family. She has moments were her age shows, but for the most part I just really liked her.Okay...now onto the boys. Crap there I go being all giggly again. Can't wipe the grin from my face over the two, yup! two boys that are in Piper's life and that get dragged into the insanity and rushing fast paced crazy that Piper is sucked into.Lyre and Ash. OMG. Again, where oh where has Annette Marie been all of my reading life. Crap on crackers, the boys...I love them. I'm with Piper on this one, I can't completely decide who I like more.Lyre is a smoking hot Incubus. Just. Wow. Lyre is the bad boy with a golden heart streaking through all of that bad. Fantastically fantastic and fiercely loyal to Ash, his best friend. I loved him, and all of his banter with Piper. He made me grin basically any time he was opening his mouth or teasing the crap out of Piper.And then there's Ash. Oh man. Oh missus. Okay. Maybe I do know who I like more 'cuz my heart just kind of jumps whenever I think about Ash and how he is with Piper. Holy crapazolla.Ash isn't a bad boy. He's just bad. BAD. But oh so good all at the same time. Quietly powerful, he's a Draconian and one of the last of his family line. He's high on the totem pole of badassery and completely intriguing. My goodness. Ash just blew me away. The more I got into this book, the more I wanted to know.And there is this one scene....AH! I can't even. I literally can't even say anything about it, but when you get to that scene between him and Piper....It's a good scene. Really good.Ah!! Okay, so I've fan-girlled everywhere.The ending isn't

completely frustrating but it definitely leaves you desperately clicking for the next book. Which I've clicked and now I'm off to read! More Piper, Ash & Lyre!!! EEEK! Don't let the YA part of this series scare you off, it doesn't read like YA and for the most part I completely forgot that's what I was reading. But I also love YA...so I digress, but seriously read Chase the Dark, it's amazeballs. Originally posted on Me, Myself & Books

What an awesome find! I was looking for a new series with a supernatural story line and oh boy did I find it! I was hooked from the first few chapters. The author really keeps the story moving. I was so addicted I read all four books back to back that have been released thus far. The fifth and final book will be released in about four weeks. Piper is thrown into an incredible and dangerous adventure after a precious and powerful weapon is stolen from her Consulate and she is falsely accused as the thief. She goes on the run to clear her name with two intriguing daemons, one an incubus who constantly flirts with her, the other a powerful and mysterious draconian. You can really feel her character evolve and grow as the story progresses. An enjoyable series for those of all ages!

I love this series. Why don't more people know about this series? I recently read all the Shadowhunters books and was looking for another great fantasy series with action and romance. I found it in this series. Fun characters, a but kicking heroine and humor and of course steamy romance. Can't get enough of these books. I hope she keeps writing them. I love her style and story telling!

The world erupted into war, and the only way for it to end was when the daemons announced their presence and wiped out the World leaders. The remaining governments had to scramble to set up a hierarchy with the daemons in it and that was when the Consul developed, a neutral ground for negotiations ran by haemons, half human half daemon hybrids. Piper is an apprentice Consul, which is much harder for her than anyone since she has no magic. When a magical artifact gets stolen and her father, the current Consul, is missing, Piper is the main suspect. With her life on the line and two allies she never trusted, Piper needs to clear her name and find out what is really going on. Oh my God, I loved this book! I had no real expectations when I started reading and I got all wrapped up in the story. This was such a good Urban Fantasy, and I would put it up there with my two favorite authors Ilona Andrews and Karen Chance. The world building was amazing, from the history of the world, the types of daemons, to the hierarchy, and the fighting. The descriptions were so well done I could picture these otherworldly beast so easily. I ate up every moment of this book

and I can't wait to read more. Piper was so incredibly kick butt. She lacks any magic, which puts her in a disadvantage in the world, especially with the job she longs to do. But instead of admitting defeat, she learns any and all forms of physical fighting to help her handicap. This entire book was her jumping from one mess to another, never having a moment to breathe. Even when her world is falling apart around her, she only had a breakdown once. I rooted for her to stay strong, and even when she made poor judgment calls and missed subtle things from others emotions, I still liked her. Way to make a tough female character who may have been repeatedly saved by her male companions, but she saved them right back. Lyre was fun, but I could not really get a handle on his true feelings. I was really confused if he had a thing for Piper or if he is just an incubus and was flirty with all females period. He brushed off his more severe reactions, but just under the surface a few times he slipped. Ash. Sigh, Ash. I don't care if his true form is a big scary demon who terrifies all. I loved him. I was already sold on him in the beginning when I 1) Read his name (I am a sucker for a boy named Ash) 2) he was described as uncaring and dangerous, and 3) he had a pet dragon thing. He was my absolute favorite character even though he is still surrounded by mystery and deceit. I think that Ash is the boogeyman for so many, yet he was a marshmallow for his pet and would risk his own life (a lot) to save Piper. My favorite scene in the book was when Piper was fighting in the club and the end to her fighting was the best! I never saw it coming but man was that a sneaky smart move on her part with Ash. This is my current favorite book and the best book I have read so far this year. I would recommend this to any and everyone who likes urban fantasy full of monsters and action. I can't wait to get my hands on the next book and see what kind of mess Piper gets into next.

This book is listed as a young adult novel, but is a great read for all ages. The action is fast paced from beginning to end, and makes you not want to put it down from the moment you pick it up. The characters are fleshed out well, letting you really get to know Piper, Ash, and Lyre. Piper is a young woman on the verge of being an adult who gets thrown into a conflict she is not really ready for, in a world she does not really fit into. Despite this, Piper forms friendships that allow her to persevere and excel. Annette Marie has created characters that you want to see succeed. I loved this book and cannot wait for the next one.

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