Light of the Moon

Light of the Moon by David James was AMAZING! I am not exaggerating when I say that I read this book 3 times and fell in love with it each time! David James' writing style is beautifully poetic and captivating. As I was reading I could actually see the images in my mind and feel the character's feelings. As I read I became completely mesmerized and absorbed in the book. Each time I read it i felt just as mesmerized, and caught something new in the book. The story itself is a wonderful mixture of reality and paranormal fantasy. The character's back-stories make the characters very believable and relate-able. The paranormal adventure is just another exciting aspect of the book. And the book is deliciously creative. It is exciting and romantic; heartbreaking and inspiring. While the book is a love story or sorts the character's love for each other is not immediate. Their bond develops and grows throughout the story. The story is far more than just a love story though. In his book, David addresses the power of love and diversity. The two main characters, Calum and Kate, are not what they think they are. Each character has a perception of who they as well as who the other one is. And they both find out that their preconceived notions of both themselves and each other are wrong. Each character learns the secrets of their pasts and the impact that they have on the future. The more you learn about the characters, the more you can't help but fall in love with them. Together they learn what true love, courage, and strength are. I bought this book in e-book and paperback format. Like I said I read the e-book 3 times and can't wait for the paperback to arrive so I can read it again. The paperback has extra stuff that I absolutely cannot wait to discover. It is a good thing that there are 2 novellas coming out before the release of the sequel Shadow of the Sun because I cannot wait for more. It has been an amazing adventure so far and I cannot wait to read more. I have no doubt that the rest of author David James' books will be just as beautiful, poetic, exciting, romantic, and EPIC. I really am not sure that my words can do this book justice! It truly is a MUST read!

The Witch’s Curse

David James did it again. Yet another story that left me absolutely entranced. This companion short story to Light of the Moon was beautifully written. David has a way of making a story come alive with his wonderfully descriptive and poetic writing style. This short story was a continuation of love and darkness and was absolute perfection! In The Witch's Curse, the reader learns how Magda came to her "fate" of the witch in Light of the Moon. It seems to me (and it is only speculative, as I have not discussed it with the author) that the author uses this story to reiterate that life is not 100% fate, we make our choices and have to live with the consequences of those choices. It seems that when someone is told that an outcome is their fate, they make choices that lead in that direction. Some characters have the courage to change their fate and some do not. This short story was a wonderful character development for Magda. It helps the reader to understand what/where Magda came from and what decisions put her in the position she was in in Light of the Moon. I absolutely CANNOT WAIT for Shadow of the Sun to find out if Kate has the courage to choose love and change her fate. Thank you, David James for this phenomenal addition to “The Legend of the Dreamer” series.

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Shades of the Stars

Another amazing read by author David James. At the risk of totally sounding like a geeky fan girl I have to say that I love reading the works of David James. The man is amazing! I am always moved by his beautiful and poetic words. His stories are a beautiful blend of reality and magic. The characters have real struggles with life, love, and acceptance set in a magical world. I love so much about the stories that it is hard to sum it up in a review. All of his characters long to be loved and accepted(whether they want to admit it or not). In shades of the Stars we get the shorts The Witch's Curse, The Warrior's Code, and The Enchanter's Fire as well as a sneak peek at the upcoming novel Shadow of the Sun. These powerful short stories give some background of characters in Light of the Moon. Each short is a combination of heartbreak and hope that leaves you hoping and willing the characters to find the love and acceptance that they crave. In many cases the characters need to learn to love and accept themselves as well. Aside from the passionate and artful words of David, I love that the characters are diverse and have their own strengths and weaknesses that help give them great believability. And then there is the wonderful insight into the creative genius that is David James. Shades of the Stars has many looks into David's thoughts and how the characters came to be so to speak. He also gives some definitions and explanations of the magical aspect of the book. He also includes playlists and an interview. I was absolutely entranced by this book from start to finish and cannot wait for Shadow of the Sun. I would like to include some of my favorite quotes that I found moving from each of the shorts in the book. But before I do I need to say read this book, and if you haven't read Light of the Moon read it, seriously do it.   
  
"We are the same, Magda. You are my star, and I am yours. There might be a piece of our forever that we cannot see, but we must believe it’s there, waiting at the end.”  
He breathed, “Our love is infinite.” -- The Witch's Curse  
  
"Momma was right. We do not need love to live, but without love life seems impossible."-- The Witch's Curse  
  
"Each of you has a past you are ashamed  
of; whether you were abandoned, left alone, or simply lost, we have rescued you and given you the possibility of a new fate within the great legacy of the Order.”-- The Warrior's Code  
  
"There is nothing unnatural about loving, no matter who it is we love. Nothing unnatural at all,"--The Warrior's Code  
  
I was told that fire burned.It destroyed.  
It was too much for anyone to handle.  
But this fire wasn’t like that.  
This fire was strength.  
Breaking through the cold prison of death-  
This fire was life." --The Enchanter's Fire  
  
I felt like nothing without my heart.Without Shane. -- The Enchanter's Fire  
  
And a peek into Shadow of the Sun........  
  
  
  
Calum.  
His name was life to me, hope.  
I would keep that memory forever, and until I saw  
him again, until I felt his lips brush softly against mine, I would dream of his arms around me. I would dream of flying, warm even as the cold of night touched close.  
I would dream of Calum. Always.  
  
See absolutely beautiful. <3