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# Risk



## Synopsis

Simon Hunt is a masterful Mage when it comes to knives, solving puzzles, and women. But when a Mageri councilman asks for a personal favor, his skills are put to the test. He reluctantly accepts the impossible job of training a young Learner who is beyond anyone's help. She's beautiful, cunning, and disabled. If he succeeds he'll receive a hefty paycheck. But if he fails, more is at stake than merely his reputation. *Risk* is a compelling tale about two lost souls and the unique connection they share. Simon is her last hope...and perhaps she is his. What happens when a game of chance becomes a fight for survival?

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## Customer Reviews

Finally, we got the story we have all been waiting for. Simon Hunt the man who captured our hearts even with his secrets, his humor, his sexuality and baby that accent. Simon is given the task of training a Learner with a disability. First surprise, the the Learner is a female. He has never trained a female and she is a firecracker. ++++ If you haven't read the Mageri series, then you are not going to understand where Ella was injured, to cause her disability. ++++ Love the glimpses into the lives of our old friends. Sunny and the twins, Logan and Silver before Lakota, Justus, Page and Rose, Levi and Kane. It was nice to see how their lives have developed since the end of the Mageri series. This is a well written and completely enjoyable addition to the Mageri world created by Dannika Dark. Some secrets need to be shared in order for one to heal.

Wow. This book is so well written it deserved every star given! First I recommend reading the Mageri series prior to Risk due to spoilers. Next let me state that Risk stands 100 % true to the character that I have so loved from moment one! Which is so refreshing to have an author stand by her character and write him/her as they should be written vs. What a reader may want to read. Simon is not a perfect man. He's not the true romantic many readers want to read about. (Please enjoy a little Logan in the Mageri series for that type of man!) And she stood by him! She stayed true to the character that we truly enjoy and that is amazing. We got a wonderful glimpse at his life. The writing from his perspective is exactly as I would have expected with a past even darker than I imagined. I LOVED it! I would give more detailed reasons for its awesomeness but I don't want to ruin the story with spoilers. Definitely recommended. Loved every minute and glad as hell Simon got his own story!

Urban Fantasy is usually not my genre of choice, mostly because I'm a sucker for cheesy, steamy love scenes and yet Dannika's books are so well written, dare I say it, they don't even need love scenes. Don't get me wrong, they have love scenes, but they aren't cheesy porn love scenes. They're realistic "this is simply another aspect of our totally relatable, totally believable lifeline" scenes. And that's what makes this book, as well as the rest of the series, so enjoyable. It's fantasy that revolves around completely authentic personalities. This book, like all her others, gives the reader the illusion that her world could exist all around us and if we could only be so lucky we could actually be a part of this wonderful story. It's fantasy at its best because, like a good magic trick, she blurs the line between reality and make believe until you no longer even realize you are reading fantasy, you simply enjoy the experience.

About 2 years ago I finally decided to listen to another blogger and picked up a Dannika Dark novel. I was awed by her work thunderstruck by the way she took a common paranormal subject like shifters and turned it into a world that was completely unique. I started with the Seven series then went on to devour the Mageri series, falling in love with each character including Simon. Simon is a brilliant character, so carefree and yet so grounded. We find out so much of what has made him the Mage he has become and of course who his maker was. Simon is a strategist he picks up signals that place him at a higher advantage than other Mages. Simon is also a tech specialist which means he's one hell of a hacker. Simon is also a teacher and he's a brilliant negotiator. Did I mention Naked Twister? \*Laughs\* He will need all his skills when he meets Hanna's Learner, Ella. Ella is special in many ways more than she knows. Ella was a victim of an attack that

left her deaf and Hanna thinks her flawed, in a race that values perfection this can be the death of her. Hanna hires Simon to teach her Learner and seems almost desperate for her to have skills that she feels she cannot teach. Hanna can't bear the thought of having to terminate her learner and has made plans that only an ancient like herself can consider acceptable in this modern world. Hanna also has a secret that can affect her standing with the council; unknown to Hanna her past mistakes will come back to haunt her. Levi was an awesome addition to this story and becomes a big help to Simon, he also is a very caring Chitah who helps Simon deal with emotional luggage from his past. The end leaves Ella on top of the mess and Simon smiling with pride. Nicole Poole narrates all Dannika Dark novels, which is awesome. I can't begin to tell you that I greatly dislike when publishers vacillate between narrators. Ms. Poole is fantastic. When she narrates she grasps the personality of each character, becoming them and flawlessly changes between each as needed. Her talent captures the imagination of the reader and listener drawing them into the story. I could never be happier than turning on a story narrated by her, I turn myself over in complete trust that I will be experiencing an awesome ride. The combination of a story penned by Dark & narrated by Poole is a win win in my book! The Oracle Reviews provides only honest reviews.

Another excellent addition to the Mageri series. Simon has always been one of my favorite characters and Dark did not disappoint in his (first? Hopefully more!) book. Some of the best one-liners and zingers, as fans would expect and some insight as to Simon's backstory and why he keeps himself apart from the people who love him so much. Plenty of flaws to make him lovable, and many traits that make him a strong, solid protagonist. Great job, although I recommend readers read the Mageri series first, or many of the references will be lost and spoilers uncovered.

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