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Orpheum: A Dark Fantasy Romance



Synopsis

The first man I killed roared like an animal. I tore off his head with my fingertips. I spent a decade becoming the best violinist in my state - but a single letter dashed my hopes of a musical career. Desperate to escape my sheltered existence, I took a mysterious offer from a music school in Bulgaria. The culture and my new classmates seemed magical at first... a little too magical. My blood runs dark and hot as new emotions awaken within me, along with supernatural abilities that take my music farther than I'd ever imagined. They tell me I'm the key to everything, but only if I can keep my head. That should have been easy. Instead, I follow my heart and kill everyone I loved. Now I'm going to get them back.

Orpheum is a young adult dark fantasy romance based on Eastern European history, the myths and literature of Orpheus and Pythagoras' theory of the music of the spheres. Readers who loved *This Savage Song* and *Strange the Dreamer* will love this hypnotic mythological thriller. This book is for anybody who loves: music and stories with violins epic stories full of history and mythology magical powers and supernatural creatures Gothic themes and literature tragic romances This is PART ONE of the first book in the series. "Believable and engaging characters - also very informative about music, European countries, and architecture. These elements nicely complimented the suspense and fantasy in the story." - Review

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Customer Reviews

I really really loved this story. This is only part 1, but that being said, I read the first few pages and could not put it down. I am dying to know what happens next. The heroine Sam (Samantha), who is an violin student, spends hours a day practicing and has dreams of getting into Julliard upon her high school graduation, so she is crushed when she's rejected. Then, she receives a letter inviting her to a school she never heard of " Pipov School of Music in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. A professor Dobрева has seen a YouTube video of her playing, and they want to give her not only a free tuition scholarship, but also pay her a \$500 every month to cover basic expenses. She doesn't know a thing about Bulgaria or this school but feels she can't turn down an offer like that. The school has some rather crazy ways of teaching. Like, focusing on supernatural ideas so that the feeling of the music just takes it over and has power to actually, physically do things. There also don't seem to be any other classes besides focusing on their music, either separately or in a group. It's a weird place. Sam is not quite sure if these Eastern Europeans are sane or insane, but she soon discovers that she needs them maybe just as much as they need her. All in All a great book.

DS Murphy has done it again. I have a love hate relationship with the way he writes only a part of the book. It's so frustrating but it always has me waiting to buy the next one. He's so good. Some typos here and there, but the story is so captivating I don't even care about that. I love that this story is based on mythology but takes place present day. I love that this girl is facing actual challenges besides being trendy and cute. I love that there's some chance that she could be turned to the dark side, but we don't know. I love the cultural side Murphy puts in his stories and this one is no exception. Another work of art that I can't wait to finish when the rest of the story comes out.

I wish I could say that I really loved this book but I came away with mixed feelings about it. While I am aware that the author bases his writings on a lot of mythology and that the olden gods were cruel, I am beginning to see a pattern to his books. Insert innocent young heroine surround her with olden time gods and stir the pot. This is the 3rd of his books I have read and it is the same theme, different setting. The stories are beautifully written but have no real emotion or depth. I feel he could do much better with his writing but he has found a commercial vehicle so why bother. I will continue

to read him but it is a pity."I voluntarily reviewed an ARC copy of this book"

Wow. Just. Ok. THAT was an ending I kind of saw coming, but decided wasn't actually going to happen. But then it...wow.I'm in shock. Sorry. I also just binge read it and was so engrossed in the story, I didn't realize I was reading the whole thing.I cannot wait to read the rest and get more of Sam's life to see what happens next with her music. I want to see what Denzi has to say for himself, and how the other students treat her after this.

This book is definitely different it is much darker than the norm. Not really for the readers looking for a sweet read. This book has some bite to it at times. Even a lil shock factor. But I loved it. It hasn't beat out Shearwater as my Favorite D. S. Murphy book. But it is a really good read. Especially for those of you who like the Gothic side of things. And I for one am anxiously awaiting part 2. D. S. Murphy is quickly becoming one of my new favs!

I loved it, but once again Mr. Murphy teases us with a great book that has no end. I'll hold my breath till the end comes out. Thank GOD he's an excellent author with great stories....because he doesn't finish them. So far that's how all of his stories have been. You'll LOVE them but he'll break your heart with no real end to any of them. I'd like at least an ending to the current story even if it's a series. Some sort of ending would help.Now I'm off to wait....again.

I knew going in this wasn't a full story. If you don't know that, I can see y'all being upset. The story pulls you in and you are there...I could almost hear the music. The main character feels real. Her fear, joy, all her emotions don't seem forced.I would recommend reading this....though be warned, if you have a weak stomach , there is gore.

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