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A Mortal Song



Synopsis

Sora's life was full of magic—until she discovered it was all a lie. Heir to Mt. Fuji's spirit kingdom, Sora yearns to finally take on the sacred kami duties. But just as she confronts her parents to make a plea, a ghostly army invades the mountain. Barely escaping with her life, Sora follows her mother's last instructions to a heart-wrenching discovery: she is a human changeling, raised as a decoy while her parents' true daughter remained safe but unaware in modern-day Tokyo. Her powers were only borrowed, never her own. Now, with the world's natural cycles falling into chaos and the ghosts plotting an even more deadly assault, it falls on her to train the unprepared kami princess. As Sora struggles with her emerging human weaknesses and the draw of an unanticipated ally with secrets of his own, she vows to keep fighting for her loved ones and the world they once protected. But for one mortal girl to make a difference in this desperate war between the spirits, she may have to give up the only home she's ever known. With its breathtaking action, heart-wrenching conflict, and unexpected romance, this vivid standalone contemporary fantasy will delight fans of Julie Kagawa and Laini Taylor. Dive into the captivating world of the kami today!

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Customer Reviews

A great story of self discovery, this book teaches many great one-liners of wisdom, especially about strength, weakness, and perspective, although the main character points them out a little too obviously at times. Tradition melds well with a few classic tropes, but the good character development is what brings it through. I'm glad there were no characters I hated; although I was afraid of that toward the beginning I was pleasantly surprised when it turned out that I even liked the demon, and it proves everyone has a story. It definitely kept me guessing at times, especially the first half of the book, even if there were a few really obvious things too. All in all, an easy, enjoyable read and thought provoking too. Recommended.

Sora is the princess of the Kami. A race of spirits, who are given the duty to protect the land and people of Japan. The palace at Mt Fugi is attacked and Sora discovers that she is a human, who was switched at birth to protect the real princess. Her guardian, and friend Takeo is tasked to take Sora to safety. They are to seek out the Kami seer, and follow the prophecy. They must journey to find and train the real princess, for only she can drive out the evil who have enslaved the Kami in Mt Fugi. I enjoyed this book. The writing and dialog are good. The characters are well developed, and the world is unique. I recommend checking it out!

I liked reading about another culture's folklore. I wish there had been a bit more for some of the other creatures, but it wasn't important to the plot. I understood the struggle to want to be "more" than what I really am. I loved that Sorcha was finally able to be happy with who she is and realize she is valuable and valued just as she is. It was very fast-paced, which followed the action of the story. All of the running on & on made me almost as tired as the characters! I also enjoyed how quickly she was able to sort through her feelings. Too many times, a story gets bogged down with a wishy-washy character who can't seem to make up her mind or whines constantly about decisions she's been forced to make. Sorcha was refreshing! Yes, she struggles, but only because she is trying to find where she fits as the truth is revealed. She's an excellent problem-solver, and she learns quickly to trust her foremost feelings. I look forward to reading the next in the series, and I will be checking out other books by Megan Crewe.

I loved the sweeping scope of this beautiful and engaging story! Full of magic and wonder, but also rich with human complexity, particularly the compelling situation of the protagonist Sora, who discovers at the start of the novel that her entire life-- even her essential being-- is part of a deception. I loved how this story subverted the cliche of "mortal girl discovering she's actually part of a secret magical lineage" and instead explored the bittersweet but empowering journey of a girl who grew up thinking she was magic, learning how to make a new place for herself in the world as a mortal. The evocative, richly detailed setting and well-rounded secondary characters add another layer of richness to this story, set in modern-day Tokyo. I thoroughly enjoyed *A MORTAL SONG* and would recommend it to anyone who enjoys sweeping adventure, complicated characters grappling with how to define their lives, lush and entrancing magic, and a dash of romance.

A Mortal Song is a unique story which features the intriguing Kami. The characters intrigued me and the action is addicting. I really liked the author's writing style and fell in love with her amazing world. Sora is very likable and when her world is upended, her transformation is believable. I enjoyed the twists and the drama and didn't expect Sora's big surprise.

Great book, very unusual fantasy. Love the Japanese mythology presented in the story. Am always looking for diversity and/or unusual storylines. Main character was wonderful, fierce and loyal with enough flaws to seem real. Didn't spend a lot of time whining about her fate before facing up to her duties. The only criticism I had was the character of Chiyo. I just never learned to like her. But to each his own. I recommend this story to anyone who enjoys a good fantasy. There is some violence but it's not gratuitous and while there is a mild love interest, no explicit sexual content.

People talk about epic tales, but until you read a story such as this, then you do not understand the importance of the story being told. In the words of the author "The knowledge that strengths could be weaknesses, and weaknesses strengths", allows us to understand the message this story sets to send. The story is Japanese in origin, using the kami, or spirits of natural things to maintain the balance of the wind water earth and fire. When a demonic occupation of the kami palace occurs, it throws everything off kilter. The prophecy had been made and appeared that it would now be fulfilled. The daughter of the ruling kami, along with the three sacred items, would save them all. However, as with all good stories, there are some surprises along the way. I hate spoiling a good yarn, so I recommend you read it for yourself. I have to advise that I was given a copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review. I have voluntarily submitted this review.

This was a fun, easy read. Sora, the main character, has to come to terms with who she is and accept her place in the world. The story was fun and different from anything I've read before, a new take on the Kami (or gods) of Japan. Even though the story was set in Japan and was supposed to be about Japanese Kami, I sort of felt that it could have taken place anywhere in the world. If I hadn't known so much about Japan and visited twice myself, I don't know that I would have been able to envision some of the settings of the story, there wasn't enough description to allow someone with no knowledge of Japan to see the setting. I don't agree with the decision that Sora makes at the end, but then, I'm not her. However, it was nice to see that the author wasn't just glorifying the Kami in the book, it took all types of beings and ways of thinking to defeat the enemy.

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