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Dissension (Chronicles Of The Uprising Book 1)



Synopsis

Survival is a deadly game that Mira refuses to lose. A 2015 RONE award Winner for best Paranormal "Dissension weaves a spine-tingling tale about human savagery and the vampire race's desperate struggle to survive." InD'tale Magazine. In the new world order, being supernatural is a crime. Vampires once thought to be mythical, have been discovered, assimilated, and enslaved. Used for blood sport in the gladiatorial arena, their immortal lives are allowed to continue only for the entertainment of the human masses. Mira, a proven warrior with a blade as sharp as her fangs, has spent the last thirty years in the arena, where life and death are determined by the stroke of a sword and the cheers of her fans. The only way out of this never ending battle, is in a body bag, and Mira's not going out that way. Always looking for an escape, Mira's latest attempt leads her straight to Lucian Stavros, the city's Regent, a human, and the man directly responsible for her people's enslavement. With freedom and survival in the hands of her enemy, Mira must decide how far she is willing to go to obtain them. "A brilliant tale of survival, tenacity, and adventure with vampires at the helm of it all." ~Voracious Reviews "The world building in this was EPIC and the plot kept me on the edge of my seat from page one." ~ Top 500 Reviewer Award-winning author, Katie Salidas, delivers a paranormal and post-apocalyptic mashup unlike anything you've ever read before. _____ The Chronicles of the Uprising - Trilogy 11. Dissension 2. Complication 3. Revolution The Chronicles of the Uprising - Trilogy 24. Transition 5. Retribution 6. Annihilation

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Customer Reviews

Dystopian movies, TV shows, and books are my new favorite "thing" I guess that makes me pretty basic since that's what's in right now anyway, but there's something about it. The real world, but worse, even as they are trying to make it better. Advancements can't save us. It's always interesting to see how different authors play out the whole "what if" scenarios. Add some vampires into the mix, and I'm sold, because I wasn't over the first trend before the new one came in (wink). The world building in this was EPIC and the plot kept me on the edge of my seat from page one. Salidas really proved herself as a writer with this series. This novel was gritty, dark, and exciting, and I highly recommend it!

I received this audio at no charge from the author/narrator in exchange for an honest and unbiased review through Audiobook Blast.com. I really enjoyed the audio and I'm not going to write too much about it because this is a story that you need to experience for yourself. Author Katie Salidas's take on vampires is different and unique. I love vampire stories and this one is written perfectly. What really surprised me was what the world has become and that vampires are getting locked up. In every story about vampires it's always the vampire being in control and they're always strong but Salidas gives us another take on the world of vampires and humans. I found it funny in a way on humans being in control of all the vampires. I really hope the vampire continues to keep adding each story to Audible and I look forward to the vampires getting free and getting their life back and putting the humans in their place. It's difficult knowing how powerful vampires are and letting humans control them. I'm looking forward to all those vampires getting their life back. Meghan Kelly did a fantastic job with her telling and her take on Dissension. I thought her voice was clear and soothing.

I didn't have any trouble connecting with the story. I found each and every character easy to connect and bond with. Meghan did an outstanding job bringing life into this story. Meghan did a fantastic job with this story. Overall, a give it a perfect 5 star rating!

A great start for a fabulous series. Dissension is full of action and danger. Even though everything looks hopeless for the vampires, Katie Salidas is able to express a bit of hope for Mira and her kind through her writing. She had me rooting for the vampires and feeling hostility toward the humans. With a great storyline and well developed characters it was easy to step right into the book and experience everything right along with the characters. I found this story to be exciting and captivating. Experience this journey for yourself and be ready for some unexpected twist and a great ride. Dissension is well worth the read. Doomsday has come and only a fraction of humans remain. The vampires had to come out of the shadows and for a time lived in harmony with the humans. Until one day the humans decided to enslave all vampires by using their weaknesses. Now Mira is being held in a prison and is forced to fight to the death with others of her kind on a regular basis with no hope for escape. Until one day when she meets someone who has the power to change it all. Will Mira escape the torture and death that has become her life? Or will betrayal be her only reward?

This book had two strikes against it going in for me. It is an after the apocalypse and a vampire novel. Fortunately, it was long after and not a vampire romance. In this world, after the world was nearly destroyed, vampires came out of hiding and helped humans survive. Now many years later, vampires have been enslaved and most of them are forced to fight in the arena AKA Roman style but without the occasional freeing of the winning gladiator. Our heroine is Mira, a top gladiator who only lives to survive. Can she learn to trust a human and will she escape? I'll leave that to the reader. The characters are well defined. The plot is original. The flow (IE the readability) on a scale of 1 to 5 with 4 hard to put down, and 5 impossible to put down, I give it at least a 4.5 as I read it in a 24 hour period. I only put it down when I had to.

Dissension by Katie Salidas is Book 1 of the Chronicles of the Uprising Series. Ms. Salidas brought it with this smashing dystopian/fantasy/paranormal read. Human vs. Vampires...30 post-apocalyptic years later and Mira is enslaved, as is all her kind, to a human. Her owner consistently pits Mira against her own kind, and her life is only of value if she entertains the human masses and lives through the blood sport held in the gladiatorial arena. Mira will go to any length necessary to stay

alive and possibly escape; even if it requires her to become the evil and brutal, savage monster the humans already believe her to be. Well-written, this dark and gritty read will blow you away! High recommended.

I really got pulled into this story from the beginning. It's unlike the other vampire books I've read. I love the new twist to it. The characters are likeable and not annoying, well the main good characters are. I love how Ms. Salidas made Mira a strong female character but she is not annoying from trying to be too independent or strong. Mira does seem to get into trouble more for her strong will, but it's more understandable and even though her past wasn't really mentioned in the book I could tell it's what made her that way. I would have hoped to see more of her story from before her enslavement but hopefully it will come out in the next books of this series. I recommend this book.

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