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A Light In The Darkness (Light Series, #1)



Synopsis

Merrilyn's life is quiet and predictable. An apprentice to the royal healer, she spends her days helping in the village or up to mischief with her best friend who happens to be the handsome younger son of the king. But when a mysterious archer shows up in the forest and shoots their escort, Merrilyn's life is forever changed. Caught in a battle between two forgotten gods, she must embrace her destiny and fight the very powers of darkness before it's too late.

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Customer Reviews

An action packed medieval tale of what a light can do in the darkness. Merrilyn's life changes forever when she mysteriously heals the royal escort after an unexpected ambush. Merrilyn struggles to follow the voice called Loian that guides her, her devotion to Loian puts a strain on her relationship her best friend Justan, the crown prince. Can Merrilyn help lead her country into a new age? Ms. Sutherlin wonderfully balances her allegory so that it is not too much, yet not in the least lacking, a tricky feat to accomplish. A Light in the Darkness well written in a style that is easy to follow and I found myself slowly drawn into it as I read. This book really had a spell-casting quality to it, with great descriptions and feel to it. The characters were likable and I liked watching Merrilyn's and Justan's relationship change throughout the course of the book. I guess the only thing was that I wasn't quite as connected to the characters as I would have liked to have been. There was plenty of action, with many hold-your-breath scenes, and others that riveted me to the page. Overall a promising debut from Ms. Sutherlin, and the cool thing about this book is that this is only the

beginning! I just want to note that, that this book has wizards that are evil and that Merrillyn is given some supernatural powers from Loian. I personally didn't have a problem with any of it, but I know that there are some of you who would appreciate a heads up. Overall, a very enjoyable Christian Medieval Allegory :)I received this ebook from the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you!

This is a well written fantasy with memorable characters. Merrillyn's faith in a forgotten god, Loian, and her strict adherence to her professional principles place a strain on her friendship with Prince Justan. Had she not been the Alaith, Merrillyn's romantic relationship with Justan could have developed more quickly. Instead, following her professional call and her faith, Merrillyn finds a new friend--and a love triangle. This is a fantasy set in a capably-created world where magic is a real threat to the health and security of the people of Justan's kingdom. Merrillyn shares a nearly forgotten faith in a god who guides her personally, and an interesting part of the writing of this novel is how to share something as intimate as one's faith in a way that others will find meaningful and helpful. That is a difficult theme, and Sutherlin handles it well. I enjoyed this story and its delicate portrayal of shared belief and the community of women who support Merrillyn's work and encourage her faith.

While this book is aimed at teens, it is also a fun read for adults who enjoy good juvenile fiction. The characters are well developed and likeable. The story is a page turner from the beginning. I look forward to the next book in the Light Series!

I thoroughly enjoyed A Light in the Darkness. From the first chapter, I was drawn into this fantasy world and trying to figure out the mystery. The entire story was a fun adventure, with some mysteries revealed. I can't wait to continue the adventure in book #2 and discover more about Merrillyn's world.

This was an epic journey. One filled with danger, love, and personal growth. Watching as Merrillyn finds her path to walk in this world along with making many new friends was amazing. She is such a strong kind heroine that many girls can look up to. The other characters are all strong presences among the story and they are each wonderful in their own right. I can hardly wait to read more of their journeys in the next book.

I thought this book was pretty well written. Merri and Justan's friendship and their adventures to save the kingdom even as Merri is called to a greater destiny had me hooked. Recommended for fantasy and allegory fiction lovers.

I started reading this book yesterday and found myself lost in the pages. I can not wait to dive into book 2 and continue this journey with my favorite healer and prince!!! This is a must read and will have you hooked on the first page.

Ms. Sutherlin has done an excellent job combining fantasy and the spiritual world. I thoroughly enjoyed the main character, Merrilyn and look forward to the further development of her and Justan's relationship as well as the relationship between Loian and his people.

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