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Fifteen-year-old Nora Salvatore thinks wizards, fairies, dragons, and demons are the stuff of myth, but she is wrong. Nora is thrown head first into a life of magic and chaos after learning of a mysterious legend surrounding her birth and the magical powers she is supposed to possess. When an army of demons from a parallel world plans the eradication of mankind, only she can close the portals and keep the demons at bay. Can she learn to harness her new-found powers in time to stop them?

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## From Reader Review Daughter of Mythos (Mythos #1) for online ebook

### M.L. John says

I recently finished reading “Daughter of Mythos,” by Melissa Drake. This book is a YA fantasy about a girl named Nora with a mysterious past and an uncertain future. Nora is a foster kid, but she has a bigger problem than most: whenever she gets comfortable in a new home, something terrible happens. An unseen force tears her new home apart, leaving Nora to clean up the mess. Usually, that involves moving to yet another foster home, trying to integrate into another new school, and trying to build a life with people who really don’t trust her. When it happens again, she’s off to yet another new home, but this time, something is different. The people here know she is something different. Something special.

It isn’t long before Nora has a quest before her: She will travel through a new world, be dogged by demons and wicked sorcerers, and she will be asked to perform tasks she thought impossible. Along the way, she might fall in love, she might make a new friend, and she might even die. Who knew growing up could be so uncertain?

This book was fun and fast-paced, and the beginning immediately drew me in. The story was interesting throughout, and I kept reading until I got to the end because I wanted to know what happened next. The editing was good and the plotline was easy to follow. It took me a while to read this, though. I think it was because there was a lack of depth: description, dialogue, and character. We are left to make assumptions about creatures and lands we have never seen. We are told Nora is fighting demons, but we are never really told what demons are; what they look like, sure, but not why demons are present in a world that is more Fantasyland than Hell. Mythos is beautiful and has a purple sky, but beyond that I never really got a good image of it in my head. All relationships were a little thin, a little surface-only—I never connected with anyone, even when Nora did. Because of this, emotional impacts didn’t hit as hard as one might hope, and I repeatedly put the book down. In short, this book was not true love for me, but it was true like.

I am giving this book four stars because it was entertaining and I think kids would really enjoy it. My son (who is ten) picked up my Kindle and was hooked. Mythos is a safe world for him to read with Melissa as his tour guide. I have recommended it to a few different young readers. So if you are looking for something light and good fun, you’ll like Daughter of Mythos.

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### Iris Guardian says

I don’t typically leave book reviews, but I wanted to on this particular book. Considering that this is Melissa Drake’s debut novel, it is exceptionally well written with an engaging story that immediately captures your attention. I finished this book in a few hours. I did not want to put it down!

I have to praise the characters, you immediately begin to care for all of them. I read a lot of YA novels, but I’m usually disappointed in how the female leads are portrayed. I was pleasantly surprised with Nora. She is strong and a very real character. Everyone will be able to relate to her. The romance aspect of this novel is just right. I prefer when YA novels have romantic story lines. You still get a believable amount of romance, but the central focus of this novel is still Nora’s journey.

Overall, it is a quick read, but that doesn’t take away from this captivating story. The novel is tied up nicely, but leaves room for the author to revisit this universe later for a sequel, if she chooses to.

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### **Amanda Young says**

I was stunned at how easily this book read. From start to finish. The story begins investing into Nora as a late teen, and you travel with her on a quest of self-discovery to find out where she comes from and the power inside herself. She battles low self-confidence, discrimination, and heartbreak all while finding a place that she belongs. The direct, easy-to-read prose doesn't mess around. The author doesn't waste time with useless scenes and uses every second to put Nora in motion. It's as though the story is on the run with Nora, its fast-paced paragraphs blend into one another so that you are sucked into the world of Mythos. I would suggest this fantasy book to anyone who enjoys a chance to escape into a world of limitless enjoyment and thrill. I cannot wait to see what Melissa Drake comes up with next. Wohoo!

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### **Danielle - Books and Motherhood says**

There are so many amazing things I want to say about Daughter of Mythos that I don't know where to start!

You may have realized by now that YA Fantasy isn't exactly my typical genre. However, there have been a few series that I just adore (just look at the Honor Roll), so when I was given the opportunity to read the first few chapters a couple of months ago I decided to give it a try. I was immediately hooked and began to literally beg for more! (Just ask Melissa Drake, I'm sure she'd verify that for you!) I jumped at the opportunity to beta read this book for completely selfish reasons; I wanted at it before everyone else! I was too impatient to wait to find out what happened next!

Nora has had some pretty horrific things happen in her life, some of which she can't even begin to explain. When she discovers what has been destroying been at the root of her problems for last few years and why, she steps up to the plate and shows everyone just how strong she really is. She is an awesome roll model!

Zane, oh Zane, what to say about you. Zane is the type of boy who wears his scars on his sleeve just to keep everyone away. His past is riddled with mystery and an obvious amount of pain. He is bound to protect Nora but his past makes it difficult.

This is the perfect read to share with your teen/tween this summer. You can find it right now on Smashwords and Amazon with other sites to soon follow! I've already started begging for a second book, its up to us, as readers, to convince Melissa Drake that she needs to write it!

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### **Rachel Thompson says**

This book is absolutely fabulous. I could not put it down. I am in love with the characters as Melissa Drake made them so relatable I was left wanting more! The book didn't end on a cliff hanger, thank you Melissa, but it definitely opens the possibility for a sequel! Excellent story, I recommend to young adults as well as adults!

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### **Danielle Stock says**

This was a well plotted book. I enjoyed exploring Mythos with the characters. Would enjoy reading more Melissa Drake books in the future.

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### **Tiffanie Baggio says**

I could not put this book down! It's a complete page turner. Great story line, characters are displayed wonderfully. I will be anxiously awaiting the arrival of the books to follow!

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### **Rebecca says**

"Daughter of Mythos" is a tale about Nora, a girl who has been moved from one family to the next for years after her birth parents and then her adoptive parents die. The reason she is moved from home to home is this mysterious force that follows her and causes mischief in her life. When she mysteriously gets saved from certain death from new bad boy Zane, Nora gets taken on a ride of a lifetime to her home planet Mythos. She is told by her new foster parents Josie and Kasen that she is the daughter of Mythos and is the savior they have been protecting for years. She is to return to Mythos and close the portals that the evil wizard Sinistrel has opened and is planning to use in order to cause destruction of Mythos and all the good in the world. They along with Zane and a few other quirky characters help Nora figure out the truth about her life and realize her destiny to save Earth and Mythos. At the beginning, I wasn't really into the book. I thought that there were too many holes, and the pace seemed too fast for me. Once the reader figures out who Nora really is then it gets interesting. Melissa Drake creates a world much like earth just with magic and creatures that we all believe to be myths. There are dragons, goblins, elves, demons, angels, and fairies all jammed packed into the world of Mythos. As the novel progresses you get to see Nora's character change from a girl who thinks she doesn't belong anywhere to a young woman who is willing to fight for her friends' lives even if it costs her own life. This is the perfect fast paced novel for young adults and I would definitely use it in my classroom to promote literacy. Though some of the holes are never resolved, Drake does a great job keeping the suspense until the very end when everything is revealed. The ending leaves it open for a second book, and I hope she writes one because I want to know where Nora and Zane end up in their fight against the evil Sinistrel.

I would give this a 3.5 out of 5 stars and recommend it to all my 7th grade students for an enjoyable read.

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### **Jessica Teeters says**

I don't read YA fantasy novels usually, but read this one due to some friend's feedback. This book is excellent. The story pulls you in and shows true strength, and the strong bonds of love and friendship. I fell in love with all of the characters. I'm not sure who I can say is my favorite, I'm torn between Nora, Zane and Tristen. They are all great.

This book is great for young adults as well as adults. It was a pretty quick read, but still captivating. I would definitely recommend this book. Melissa Drake is a very talented author and I really hope she makes a sequel

to this book. There was no cliffhanger, but definitely room for the story to continue. I would love to see what happens to the characters in their journeys.

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### **Notes From 'Round the Bend says**

I think this story had a lot of potential. However, the execution and final product were only so-so. The main characters felt very flat, dull, and predictable. I found myself wondering why I should care or be emotionally impacted by the things that were happening to them. Nora is childish and inconsistent, Zane repeats the same "gets mad and storms out, slamming doors" action over and over. The characters just aren't that well developed, and descriptions of them were lacking. I was only able to form vague ideas of what they looked like, and absolutely zero attachment to them. I wanted to be able to understand why things were happening, but because the characters were so shallow, it was hard to find the logic behind their actions. For example: Nora's immediate and deep attachment to a foster couple she's only lived with a short time, especially after the author impresses on the reader how badly Nora's previous placements turned out. One would expect some hesitancy and reluctance to open up on Nora's part, but there's nothing but immediate, unmitigating trust. There was no suspense, sense of danger, or any feeling of urgency. The author didn't build the story to an exciting or even surprising climax and the characters' powers felt very...thrown together at random. The world of Mythos itself had so much potential to be a beautiful and dangerous place, and I found myself wishing there were more descriptions and maybe even a touch of history to flesh it out. I had a lot of questions that were never answered, or things I wondered about that were never explained, by the end of this book. Compared to YA novels like, say, *The Lioness Quartet* by Tamora Pierce, *Daughter of Mythos* was lacking. I'd be willing to give another of this author's books a try, and have my fingers crossed they will be better!

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### **Mystic says**

*Daughter of Mythos* is extremely well written considering this is Melissa Drake's very first book. I was engaged the entire time and didn't want to put it down. The pacing was fast and the writing enjoyable. I really grew to love the characters and felt for them throughout the book. When it was over, I wanted to read more and I sincerely hope that Melissa Drake makes a sequel.

There was one scene that I kind of wish was fleshed out a bit more, but that is more nitpicking on my part, the fact that it wasn't fleshed out really doesn't take away from the book and it really helps to set the stage for a second book (which, hopefully, will be written).

While this book is intended for a Young Adult audience, as an adult I can honestly say that this will be an enjoyable read for older adults as well, so don't let the young adult classification turn you off if YA isn't really your thing. If you enjoy fantasy novels, then you will really love this book. I finished it in two days and loved every minute of it. Once I started I couldn't put it down.

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### **Daylin Knight says**

Loved the story and the characters. Eagerly awaiting a continuation.

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### **Victoria Limbert says**

Nora Salvatore believes she is a regular child who has found herself in the fostering system since the death of her mother and a father who is not in the picture. Unfortunately for her, with every family she is placed with, unexplained things keep happening. Rooms are smashed up when she is nowhere nearby yet she is blamed for it. She bounces from family to family until her case worker finally brings her to Jocelyn Blancgard and her husband Kasen. We soon come to realise not all is normal and that they are actually magical beings belonging to a world called Mythos and they believe that Nora is the long awaited Daughter of Mythos, one with the power to close the portals that demons and other creatures use to come to Earth.

This book is jam-packed full of adventure, magic, mythical creatures and lore. Its easy reading, light on angst and full of humourous moments between Nora and Zane, a boy who vows to protect her with his life. He is tortured by his past but incredibly strong and kind and will do anything for Nora, even die for her. Triston is a breath of fresh air and relieves the tension when the story becomes action packed!

The characters are well written and develope over time, the light romance that runs through the book is heartfelt and more a 'true' depiction of first love during the early teen stage. There was no insta-love, which was fantastic. I love how Zane and Nora grow to like each other.

This was a incredible debut novel and I will look forward to reading more by Melissa Blake!

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### **Nicole says**

I give this 4.95 stars!

Melissa Drake created a truly amazing magical world. The world and character building were captivating from page one and sucked me right in. I think many people can get into and relate/fall in love with the characters.

This book is great as a stand alone but I've heard through the grape vine she is going to be working on a second book in the future.

Why did it lose .05 stars for me? The formatting of the double spaced sentences threw me off pretty much the whole book. For an ebook I'm not used to it and found it slightly distracting.

But! For being her first book I have to give mad props. I loved it beginning to end and I cannot wait to see what is in store for Nora and the gang!

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### **M.A. Ray says**

I thoroughly enjoyed my journey to Mythos, of the purple sky and water. Suitable for bedtime reading to younger kids, or for older ones to read alone. Deceptively fluffy, but with strong themes of love and loss, and

of course, a Cute Boy to go along with it. The ending hits like a dragon's wingbeat, but the characters enchant. I'd have loved to see some of the scenes more fleshed out, as the book feels a little jumpy in spots. It stands well on its own, but if there's a sequel, sign me up for a return trip to the beautiful planet!

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