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In a land of vast forests and clustered cities, humans and anthelai live in uneasy proximity. Forced deep into the wilds, the anthelai are feared and hated. They are perceived as monsters, servants of the dark god Enas, master of the hell-like Plains of Centura. Halfbloods, the children of two species, are extremely rare. The blood does not mix easy, but when it does, the result belongs to neither side. They are outcasts. Anathema. Pariah. The lone survivor of an attack that destroys her home and family, one halfblood girl is captured by a man bent on transforming her into a deadly assassin. Guildmaster Lorcen Caspon hopes that her demon-like presence at his side will aid him in conquering a kingdom. Bound by magic to work her master's dark plan, the woman, known only as the Nightingale, silently vows her revenge. She has lost her home, family, freedom, and even her name. But the Nightingale is stronger than anyone realizes, and she will not break.

Nightingale Details

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From Reader Review Nightingale for online ebook

Karin Gastreich says

Nightingale is the alias of a young half blood girl, daughter of an 'anthelai' (elf-like) father and a human mother, who survives a brutal attack on her home only to be captured by a man bent on transforming her into a deadly assassin.

This is a wonderfully engaging novel from start to finish; a story of innocence destroyed and rage honed into murderous intent. Though Nightingale becomes a cold-hearted killer, we sympathize with her plight every step of the way. The characters who populate her world are equally compelling. The ruthless and ambitious Caspon is easy to hate, and General Talros is nicely reminiscent of Victor Hugo's Inspector Javert in his relentless hunt for the assassin.

The only stumbling point for me in the novel was the manner in which Caspon gained control over his half-blood assassin. In an attempt to avoid spoilers, I will simply say that I would have liked to have seen a deeper psychological game played here, which I think would have worked just as effectively and even more insidiously than the tool employed by the novel.

Other than that, this was a near-perfect novel, and one I highly recommend to any reader of fantasy. I hope we do not have to wait long for Mickelsen's next book, as I very much look forward to reading more of her work.

Lydia Thomas says

I actually read this before it was a published book, but I assume the content is basically the same. It was great!! I'm so proud of Melissa for getting it published! It was a very well crafted story, good character development, engaging ,and well written. I look forward to her publishing more books :)

Gayle Pace says

REVIEW:

NIGHTINGALE is a half blood daughter of an 'anthelai' (elf-like) father and human mother. NIGHTINGALE is captured after an attack on her home. The man who captured her intends upon making her into a deadly assassin. The author takes you on a journey to a far away land and time.

Ms. Mickelsen's descriptions are wonderfully vivid. She describes the Anthela and Cardea people and their ways of life. The book is fast paced and hard to put down. The author keeps your attention from the moment you read the first page. NIGHTINGALE does become a heartless killer. So sad that innocence and naivety are destroyed and replaced with rage. You feel so sorry for NIGHTINGALE even though she has been honed into a killer. The other characters in the book are also interesting. The author gave us a wonderful story with a web of magic, fantasy and mystery all in a mix. This is a great read for the young and young at heart. I would recommend this book to fantasy lovers. I hope there are more books in the making.

I would give this book 4 STARS.

I liked the cover, 3.5 STARS

I received a complimentary copy of this book NIGHTINGALE from the author, Melissa Mickelsen for this unbiased review.

Mya says

This awesome book is currently \$.99 cent on Amazon. Would recommend you pick this up for such a low price. Fabulous Read!!

Anabela Maia says

I really enjoyed reading this book that transported me to a distant land and time.

Dan Christy says

A great tale with a touch of magic, mystery and fantasy wonderfully interwoven. Definitely recommend reading it and am hoping there is a follow on novel.
