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Kalona's Fall: A House Of Night Novella (House Of Night Novellas)



Synopsis

FROM WARRIOR AND LOVER TO ENEMY AND BETRAYER, THE TERRIBLE SECRETS OF KALONA'S PAST ARE REVEALED He was laughing with her as he spread his wings and lifted her from the ground, twirling her. Nyx gasped and clutched his neck. Kalona tightened his arms around her. "Trust me, Goddess. I would never let you fall." From the Sun and from the Moon, two winged brothers are born: golden Erebus, playmate and friend, and mysterious Kalona, Warrior and lover, companions of the Goddess Nyx. From the first, Nyx loves them both deeply, but differently. With Erebus, she can talk and laugh and dance, and take joy in the games he plays among the humans of the Earth. With Kalona, the fire in her body burns bright, and she can rest in the solace of his strength and protection. But for Kalona, Nyx's nights are not enough. Every second he is not with her he is filled with doubt and longing, and every time he fails to please her, he cannot forgive himself. Ruled by anger and jealousy of his brother, and consumed by his love for his Goddess, Kalona seeks the power to prove his worth, and to claim once and for all that Nyx eternally belongs to him. And at the edges of the Earth, a Darkness is stirring, waiting for its chance, for the doorway in through a heart that it knows will welcome it. With more than 12 million books in print, rights sold in almost forty countries, and more than three years on The New York Times bestseller list—reaching as high as #1—the House of Night series is an international publishing sensation. Now, the excitement continues as the Cast mother-daughter duo shares the back stories of a few of the House of Night's most important—and mysterious—characters. In Kalona's Fall, the shadows in Kalona's past will finally come to light.

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Customer Reviews

Alright, so I am a complete House of Night addict. I refer to the series as my "stories" as it completely fulfills a need for dramatic, entertaining and just plain fun literature. Kalona's Fall was no exception to that, in fact, it was my favorite of the HoN Novellas by a large margin. Kalona is one of the most intriguing characters in the series to me and this story contributed to that rather than diminished it. I enjoyed it so much that I finished the novella in one day and literally walked into a wall because I could not put the book down. Kalona's Fall is a story that encompasses so much more than just Kalona's fall from grace. The novella begins the creation of the Universe, as well as the Gods and Goddesses by the Divine, which I found though was quite beautiful. We learn about the awakening of Mother Earth and her role in the lives of her children. The story of Nyx is just as critical and fleshed out as that of Kalona and I found it delightful to finally experience her first hand. We learn about the loneliness that Nyx faced and experience the creation of the sons of the Moon and Son who were created to be her immortal companions for eternity, Kalona and Erebus. They undergo a series of tests to determine their strength as companions and allow them to pass into the Otherworld. Unlike other reviews, I did not feel that the story lagged. I found it compelling and was sad when I reached the end. The question of Vampyre creation was answered beautifully, and the novella features beautiful chapter illustrations which help the story flow nicely. I loved the contrast of personalities within the story and the characters were developed really well. I found Erebus's story particularly interesting as he really presents himself as a total ass in the House of Night novels but gains much more depth through his origin story. There really is not much to give away in the way of spoilers as Kalona's story has been partially told through the full length novels, but I was really impressed by the way Cast melded the facts that we already know about this amazing (and lets face it, sexy as hell) god-like creature with the continuation of his story. My only real critique would be the verbiage used by the various characters, it felt far too modern and casual at times. But this is, after all, youth lit. My dear House of Night fans, I cannot possibly recommend this more. You MUST read it. You will have ALL the feelings, all of them.

Not simply written like the HON series. But, overall very intriguing. When I started reading the book I was uncertain if I could follow it thru to the end. After a few pages I was hooked. I kept reading and

couldn't lay it down. I was sad to see "The End". Would recommend anyone who is a HON fan to read Kalona's Fall. I loved reading the details of why KALONA fell. And, I now have a new found love for Erebus. Made me wish Nyx had chosen him in the beginning instead of Kalona. He's so sweet and so sincere. He truly exists to make Nyx happy even if it means helping her to get Kalona back.

There are many reasons I wanted to strangle Kalona throughout the series. Then I realized I actually liked him and started rooting for him. This novella dug a little deeper into the past of Kalona and boy was I surprised. His relationship with Nyx and Erebus was not what I expected but turned out to be so much more! Kalona & Erebus were created for Nyx by Mother Earth using the elements needed to bring them both to life. Challenged with 3 tasks to prove their worth to Goddess Nyx both Kalona and Erebus were allowed to use the elements. Choosing which they would like to wield both tried to gain the Goddess's favor. Both willing and ready to take their place by her side. Although Erebus and Kalona's feelings for Nyx were very much different, Nyx cared for both deeply. In the end, Kalona made choices that got the better of him, causing him to be cast out of Nyx's realm and forever seen as a Fallen Warrior. Right where the House of Night Series picks up on his character and even though he starts out as one of the evil characters going against everything Zoey and her friends are fighting for, by the time you get through the series, Kalona's character takes on a new life. His son and the Goddess Nyx have everything to do with the change taking place within him and I've loved getting to know him on a deeper level in this novella.

May Contain Spoilers: I liked Kalona's Fall because Kalona was one of the most well developed characters in the series. My only concern with this book is that it seemed to skip over the most important parts of the story. The beginning where Kalona and Erebus were created and won over Nyx was good, but I really wanted to be more involved with the struggle Kalona had with darkness. His "fall" was only really contained in one chapter of an already short novella. I just feel like this part could have been a little more detailed. Otherwise, this book gives far more information on all of the immortals than we had previously seen in the regular House of Night Series.

This is definitely a must read for all House Of Night fans. It will help you fully understand the story behind Kalona's anger and hatred. More importantly though, it's a really beautiful story. It helps you get to know Nyx better than any of the rest of the books really do. Mainly because the book kind of centers around her. I fully recommend this book.

this was a great book. It showed just how Kalona fit in the House of Night series. I think that everyone that read this series should read this book and the other books, that give u insite of the series.

This latest House of Night novella tells the history/past of Kalona. I enjoyed this one. I actually like these novellas more than the full length novels. Kalona isn't my favorite character, but he is a character that is surrounded in mystery, it was intriguing to see his past unfold. Definitely don't miss this one, especially if you've been with the series since the beginning. Like the previous audiobooks in this series, Kalona's Fall is also narrated by Caitlin Davies.

I have the whole set of House of Night books and this one is the next in line of the novellas. in it's own way this series is every bit as good as the Twilight one. just a different genre. if it's vampire, I've probably read it or have been checking it out. a must have for the collection fan of the House of Night books

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