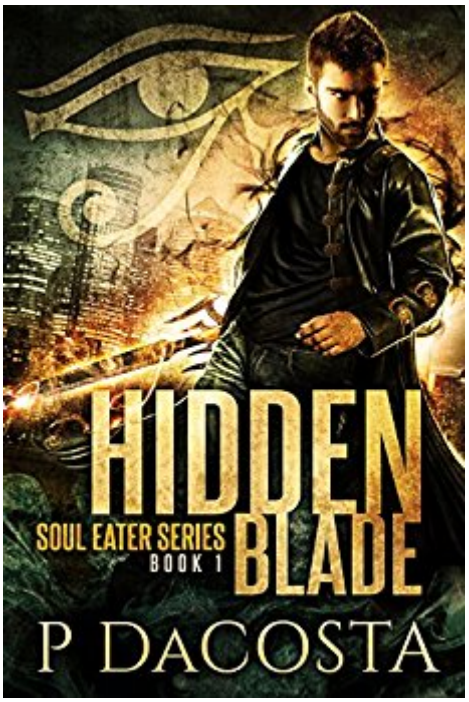
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SPECIAL FIRST-IN-SERIES PRICE"They call me devil, liar, thief. In whispers, they call me Soul Eater. TheyÃ¢â ¬â„¢re right. IÃ¢â ¬â„¢m all those thingsÃ¢â ¬â •and more." Kicked out of the underworld and cursed to walk this earth for all eternity, Ace Dante finds solace in helping others avoid the wrath of the gods.But when warrior-bitch, Queen of Cats, and Ace's ex-wife, Bastet, hires him to stop whoever is slaughtering her blessed women, Ace is caught between two of the most powerful deities to have ever existed: Isis and Osiris.The once-revered gods arenÃ¢â ¬â„¢t dead.TheyÃ¢â ¬â„¢re back.And Ace is in their way.Welcome to a New York where the ancient gods roam.Dark, action-packed urban fantasy for fans of Richard Kadrey, Jim Butcher, Kevin Hearne and Ilona Andrews.Soul Eater series reading order:Hidden Blade, #1Witches' Bane, #2See No Evil, #3Scorpion Trap, #4Serpent's Game, #5Edge of Forever, #6

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Customer Reviews

I recently finished reading the Veil Series and now count those books among my very favorite. I moved onto the authors Soul Eater series next and wondered how I'd feel about Ace's story as it's told from the male point of view. I figured it might be more challenging to draw a reader in emotionally since there would be that fine line of making him both vulnerable and alpha at the same time.Let me tell you, I was happy to see that Ace is all man and yet I was able to connect with him and be pulled into his struggles. It's a dark tale, but there are also some funny and touching moments too. The supporting characters are vividly written as is the world they live in. Most are gods as this story infuses Egyptian mythology into the present day.Ace is often referred to as the Nameless One, or the Soul Eater and it seems he is feared by many for his ability to judge and consume souls. He was cast out of the underworld and his own mother made a deal with the god Osiris in which he gained control over Ace. He often uses that control to literally make Ace do terrible things. However, even when not controlled by Osiris he already battles his own dark nature. He's a man haunted by his past, trying to leave his old life and ways behind. The gods however seem to have a much different plan for him.There are two women in his life that I love. The beautiful Bast, his ex-wife and goddess who comes back into his life and drops a shocking secret on his lap. She's the light to his darkness and just an all around cool chick that still cares deeply for Ace. Then there's the tough as nails, sexy as sin dark Sorceress Shukra who is somehow bound to him. They hate each other, but do they really? I wonder what will happen with their relationship as the story continues. He already has great chemistry with Bast, but I feel like it could be really hot if he and Shukra come together.I'm excited to see how this story continues and am rooting for Ace to overcome his struggles and find some love and peace at the end of his journey!

This is now the 3rd series by Pippa DaCosta that I've started reading. And she hasn't disappointed me yet.In Hidden Blade we meet Ace Dante....The Soul Eater or as Osiris (Yes...THAT Osiris) and the other gods...yes, I said gods, like to call him....The Nameless One. He lives and works in NYC but Ace doesn't have your typical life or job. He's a being from the underworld with the ability to devour one's soul. And to atone for past sins he spends his time now tracking down and devouring demons in an effort to help protect the city. The city is and world for that matter is crawling with the ancient Egyptian gods who like to play at being human. The mayor...Osiris along with his Wife/Sister Isis. They are an indulgent, evil, vindictive pair. Ace should know since he tried to kill Osiris once and his punishment is a curse that binds him with a former evil demon Shukra and also puts Ace under the control of Osiris....anything Osiris says...Ace HAS to do. And Osiris likes to put that to use....including one shocking time towards the end of the book. The manipulation by the gods lands

a mystery right at Ace’s front door and takes him on a crazy ride that he may never recover from....Hidden Blade is a pretty quick and easy read. It’s short and gets to the point. And while I was a little confused at the beginning because there isn’t much backstory for Ace at first and I wasn’t sure who or what he was, you do find out enough as the book goes along to feel confident in who he is a character. All of Ms. DaCosta’s books I’ve read so far like to just jump right into the thick of things, so I feel the lack of backstory at first is on purpose and meant to be a bit of mystery. For me it’s a bit of a negative as well as a positive. I do think she pulls it off well with her style of writing and her ability to craft a story and develop characters.I’m definitely looking forward to the next book and I highly recommend the Soul Eater series as well as her others.

I have been a huge fan of Pippa DaCosta since I stumbled upon the Veil Series - which I highly recommend! I was pretty excited about this new series, and was not disappointed.This is a shorter book, more like a novella, but was still a nice length. I really like the characters Ms. DaCosta writes - they are layered and full of grey areas, as opposed to being all good or all bad. I also like the worlds she creates. I find myself "living" in her books instead of just reading them, and this one was no exception.Ace Dante is a complicated character, fighting demons (and gods and goddesses) while trying to survive. His closet is full of skeletons, and they frequently come out to play, while he tries to keep them under control.I enjoyed this first book in the new series, and have already pre-ordered books 2 and 3.

I don’t write a lot of book reviews, so I’m not going into a synopsis. I don’t do that. You just need to read for yourself, no matter what I say. What I like, you may not so much.Personally, though, I’m really hooked on Pippa’s writing style & characters. I got drawn in with Muse & the Veil Series. Must reads. Now, Ace has crawled under my skin, too. Nothing is ever what it seems, it seems.

I really enjoyed this book because the main character is literally a soul eating god. I like seeing the story play out from a male perspective most of the series I read it’s usually a female hero. I also like how the author worked in the Egyptian gods. I cant wait to read the next book in the series

A little off beat. An interesting take on ancient Egyptian deities, with a hard boiled "nameless one" detective, in thrall to Osiris, a brutal god. The soul eater refers both to the protagonist and to his sword. All in all , an intriguing read.

Considering how much I loved the Veil series, I knew this series would be great also. Hidden Blade didn't disappoint! I will definitely follow this series! Ace fills the grumpy heartthrob that you have to fall in love with. The Egyptian touch is always great. Pippa DaCosta has a great imagination, and can always make you love the good guy and the bad guy in the end whether you want to or not.

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