

The Demon's Lexicon

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Sixteen-year-old Nick Ryves doesn't do feelings. He has never understood his older brother Alan's desperate need for love or his endless desire to help everyone. Nick isn't often happy and much rather prefers that people fear him with his brooding large frame and cold dark unfeeling eyes. He lives only for his brother and the feeling of his ice cold blade as it pierces the night. For years it has been just him and Alan, always on the run from magicians, but when the curious Mae and her brother Jamie make their way into the lives of the daring brother duo, things start to change. Jamie has a third-tier demon mark declaring his unavoidable death, a problem that doesn't concern Nick until his brother's selfish nature results in Alan's own demon mark. With his brother's life jeopardized, Nick must face the new changes of his life accompanied by their two unwelcome guests, fighting to save his brother from the magicians that have hunted them their whole lives. As dark secrets are revealed and trust is tested, Nick is forced to confront his own identity and all he has ever known in this danger-filled adventure.

The Demon's Lexicon is a riveting and wild adventure that is equally chilling and dark. Nick's horrific life is filled with the presence of magic and secrets in a world where demons roam. Author Sarah Rees Brennan brings this dark land of black magic and power to life in this remarkable book that will leave you hungering for more. As you follow Nick Ryves through empty towns, dark forests, and bustling cities, twisted secrets are unveiled as truths are lost and found. But, in the journey's many turns, the power of love and the eternal bonds of brotherhood are unearthed. This endless wild voyage through the land of magic and darkness tests the strains of trust to ultimately convey that love truly does conquer all as it is found in the hearts of even the most heartless.

I would recommend this thrilling tale for readers 13 years and up who are fans of dangerous action adventures but are not afraid of the darkest of heroes. This book is packed with dangerous fights and constant risk that will leave you holding your breath, and thus, its details of violence may not be suitable for all readers. Nevertheless, this horrifyingly exciting adventure is a rollercoaster that hangs on every last word. I would recommend this book be borrowed from the library for an enrapturing escape to the chilling land of demons and darkness.

Recommended Titles

The Demon's Covenant by Sarah Rees Brennan (The Demon's Lexicon #2)

The Demon's Surrender by Sarah Rees Brennan (The Demon's Lexicon #3)

Tell the Wind and Fire by Sarah Rees Brennan

The Bane Chronicles by Cassandra Clare, Sarah Rees Brennan, and Maureen Johnson