Revelation (Revelation Series, #1)
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Eve Collins is your average college freshman. She goes to class, hangs out with her three dorm mates, and shies away from large crowds. We start out with Eve in one of her recurring nightmares. Unbeknownst to her, these dreams, and the mysterious yet devilishly handsome Asher St. Michael, are drawing her into a world in which she never would have believed existed. Suddenly, Eve finds herself caught in the middle of a centuries-old war and a romantic pull to her protector, Asher.

This book was a joy to read, mostly because of the building of the author's world and mythology. In this area, it is undoubtedly unique. The story does not go where you think it will. Characters are not who you think they are. Eve is less ordinary than she thinks. I appreciated the steady pace of the book, yet how fast the action was picked up. I became invested in the characters, and felt like I was part of the pseudo-family forming throughout each page. I was not too fond of the way the novel ended, however. There was a big "rise" to the story, but almost no "climax." Though the author seems to be trying to stir up excitement for her next book, the last paragraphs were too rushed, while the reader is still trying to grasp what is going on. I had to look back a few pages and say, "Did that just happen?" I was also a little wary at times about how much Eve and Asher's relationship seems to be based off of this outside, unexplainable pull. This is a common theme when it comes to supernatural literature; however, I felt that their relationship forms a little too fast because of this. Overall, this was a great, quick read; one that I will be awaiting the sequel for. It really hits the spot if a reader is looking for unique worlds, diverse mythology, and/or epic romance.

The age group I feel is the best target audience for this book is 16+. I would be strict with this limit. There is mild violence, a good amount of language used, and sexual themes that may not be appropriate for younger ages. The nature of Eve and Asher's relationship is charged with sexual tension that will most likely be acted upon in later sequels.

It would be unwise to give this book as a gift if you do not know first what the person likes. If they do not like mythology, save the money. This book allows readers to dive deep into myths and creatures without a chance to surface.