

Inside Scoop: *Darkness Calling*

Darkness Calling is book five in the *Primani Series*. It's a stand-alone title featuring characters from the earlier books. Writing *Darkness Calling* was a labor of love! Aisling, the heroine, isn't a beloved character (until now!). She was uptight and absolutely bitchy to Sean when I introduced her in an earlier book. She's managed to piss off all of my readers because Sean is one of everyone's favorite Primani. So how to create a love match between these two? It wasn't easy, but hey, I'm the writer so I get to work miracles! Before they wanted to kill each other, they were stranded together for a year (See *Stone Angels* for the flashback). One thing led to another, and they had a son together. Fast forward seven years... With a little, okay maybe a lot, of nudging by the archangel Raphael, they discover there's more between them than just a small boy.

I've been asked over and over again how I came up with the title--Primani are the good guys. Made immortal by an archangel, they exist to give humans a fighting chance against the chaos of demons. This doesn't mean they are pure, or always good, or completely moral. They still retain their humanity. *Darkness Calling* represents the struggle that Primani Sean and Aisling, and yes, even the demon Cain, face inside their minds. Centuries of loneliness and pain leave scars. Obsession, lust, fear, desperate sadness... sometimes the dark offers an escape for the wounded. Sometimes the dark hides their sins. Sometimes the darkness is impossible to resist even if it destroys them.

So what inspired me to write this book? Sometimes there is a story that screams to be written, begs to see the light of day. This is one of them. Sean and Aisling are two very intense characters that readers have already met. Sean is one of my core Primani and my favorite hero. He can be a total dick, but that's his way of hiding the pain inside. I've tortured him in the first four books to see what he would do. He always comes out stronger. Aisling has had a nightmare of a life--both as a human and an immortal Primani. They share nothing except a son they created in one night of passion. I wanted to see if I could bring these two characters together to unite them as lovers, but also as parents to one very special child. It was my challenge to create a story that my diehard Sean fans would accept. I think I've hit the mark with D/C and am hoping no one sends me hate mail!