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Just when Faela Durante dared to hope that her mission of atonement might succeed, it all shattered with the senseless massacre of the Tereskan healers in Kilrood. None survived the slaughter, not even her son. With her mentor, Ianos Wilkerson, missing and presumed dead, Faela and her new allies must heed Rivka's dying prophecy in order to stand against the coming darkness. But old allies have turned into bitter enemies, and the darkness is spreading. Will Faela rediscover her purpose before it's too late, or will her desire for revenge lead to her end?

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Kane says

Awesome book. Needless to say that it's a must read, but you knew it the second you finished the first book in the series "Shatter". Considering it took a year and a half to write the second book, I hope we fans don't have to wait just as long for the third book. Can anyone say, impatient???

Mickolus Sundquist says

I really enjoyed this 2nd book in the Children of Man series. I liked it much more than the 1st book because I really understood who people were and what they were capable of. There are a lot of characters in these books so it was a bit daunting at first to keep track of them all, but after finishing the 2nd book, you know each character so well. I am looking forward to the next book in the series.

Kara Prem says

Wonderful sequel to Shatter... some questions are answered and progress is made. Faela finds closure in her marriage, and comes to terms (somewhat) with the death of her son. Mireya makes progress in becoming Scion (I read the book a few months ago, can't remember the correct title). The lines have been drawn, we see that Kade, Faela, et al will be portrayed as criminals by Tomas in his quest to dominate. Great book

I re-read both books this year, and Render was a bit more of a challenge this time around since there still isn't a sequel to draw on. I really, really abhor Eve and hope that she learns what a moron she is (and maybe just maybe come back to the good side?) Faela was very irresponsible through this book which was pretty frustrating. I still enjoy the series and cannot wait to get to a conclusion.

Jailyn says

I would give this 4.5 stars, but it wasn't quite 5 star material. Still, I would recommend this series with the caveat that the first book is confusing due to the history of the characters and the world being revealed very slowly over the course of the series.

This book kept me up until 4:00 am last night. Like someone else I know once I get into a good story I cannot put it down no matter how late it is. I just keep thinking about the story and wondering how it turns out until I have to get up and finish it.

The middle third of this book dragged a little bit, but Mock really knows how to engage her readers during the climax as well as wrap up loose ends but leave something big for the next book in a series. The character development is fantastic. The good guys have their issues and flaws. The bad guys have reasons to sympathize with them. The world is rich and full of character. And if you love plot twists you'll love this series.

Vichy says

I was expecting the book's publishing eagerly and it didn't disappoint me. It was excellent! I love the world the author has created and the story is breathtaking. Characters either you fall in love or you hate. Emotions and magic so vivid, scenes alive. I know await for the catharsis in #3.

Kay says

This was a nice addition to The Children of Man Series. I read and adored the first book Shattered after getting it for free from Amazon (I have that one 5*s) This book was kind of slow at the beginning and it took me a while to get into it but about half way through the book it really picked up and before I knew it I was finished with it. The ending was so poignant that I got a little choked up reading it.

There are a few things that I still think need work in this book. The editing is pretty good but there are still a few random missing words. I also feel that the author spends a little too much time talking about eye and hair color. I understand the importance of eye color when they are performing magic but I don't need to be told so often that Mireya has blue eyes. I also feel like hair is described a lot in this book which is kind of odd.

Despite these quirks, this series is still really good and is turning into be one of my favorite fantasy series. I am still impressed at how well written and thought out this story is. There are some things that I really like about this book and this series in general. The first is the overall story line is interesting and makes me want to read more. Second, I adore the characters. The good guys are flawed and have a lot of depth to them and the bad guys are complex and have reasons for the things that they do. Third, the magic system is interesting different than anything else that I have read. I really like the way it is done.

If you haven't already read this book or the first book in the series, Shatter then I highly recommend them. I will be eagerly awaiting the next book in this series.

Krishna says

Had to buy it immediately after reading Shatter - luckily at the touch of a button on kindle! Got so involved in it all I was horrified when I got to the end and discovered book 3 isn't out yet... oh no... life is on hold!

Jennie says

If you made it through Shatter, then you owe it to yourself to give the follow-up a try. (I completely understand if you ditched Shatter at the beginning, though) Some of the problems found in Shatter are resolved here. The editorial problems are fewer, although still noticeable even if you aren't super observant. The pacing is better as Mock seems to struggle with introducing new things and there is less newness in this book.

The plot progresses better in this than it did in her first book, but there are still things that I can't suspend my disbelief for. I still have no idea why the characters are a group (other than she needed them to get together somehow and now it's just kind of stuck). And the character interactions are somewhat stilted. I hope Mock is planning on this being a longer series than a trilogy because it feels like she is just getting warmed up. If its a trilogy, her pacing is worse than I thought.

You know what I did enjoy about this book, though? The depiction of domestic violence. *Stick with me, here. I know its a weird sentence.* I liked it because it struck me as realistic. I've worked with a lot of domestic abuse survivors and their relationships with their abusers are more complex than usually is written about. People who seem strong and together are manipulated and put into victim roles. Love and affection are doled out with coercion and abuse. Its hard to untangle all of the feelings wrapped together. And Mock manages to portray this with a depth I wasn't expecting. The abuser is overly vilified (but that's always easier) and one dimensional, but you get a lot of the complexity from the victim's perspective. It's interesting and not really what I'd bargained for, but... enjoyable? captivating? mature and deftly handled.

Julie says

The 2nd book in the series is much easier to read than the first and the author seems to have found her voice and I can't wait to read more. The story and characters have found their rhythm, although there are still a few surprises. The magic system is new and unique and I look forward to the next books in the series whenever they come out.

Kelly says

I loved this sequel. There was alot of building up in this book which I enjoyed. But also alot of sadness-- overall the thing I hate the most is that the third book isn't out yet

Kimm says

This has been one of the most thought provoking, heart-wrenching, complex fantasy series I have read yet. I am truly impressed with the amount of detail, and the layers of complexity presented by both books in the series thus far. There are so many themes addressed and so many characters that at first I was a bit overwhelmed, but Ms. Mock has woven these many threads together in such a masterful way. I am so in love with every single character and for the first time reading a novel with SO many points of view I actually felt that I had ample time with each character , major or minor. I am in awe and can't wait for book 3!!

Dava Stewart says

I decided immediately upon finishing the first book in this series, Shatter, that I would buy Render as soon as it became available. I did, then re-read Shatter so that I would be "caught up" before reading the 2nd book. It did not disappoint. There are lots of writers who try to create a world, but few are successful. Elizabeth Mock creates an intriguing world and populated it with interesting characters. Sigh. Now I must wait for her to write the final installment of the trilogy.

If you enjoy fantasy, adventure, or magic I highly recommend this series. There are a few minor grammatical errors, but not enough to detract from enjoying the story. It is definitely a good idea to read Shatter first. I don't think Render would have been good as a stand alone novel. These are some of the best I've stumbled across by an independent writer. I'm looking forward to reading more from Ms. Mock.

Elizabeth Mock says

I wrote it, so I HOPE I liked it...

Mindy says

Absolutely amazing !!!!!

I would recommend this series. To be honest I only got the first one because I was in the in between time when none of my fave authors were publishing. I couldn't put it down. And I have been waiting for the second one.

Now I must impatiently wait for the next. Must read series.

Danielle says

I love Kindle. Do you want to know why? So many authors or publishers post free books. This was not one of them. However, if I had not downloaded the first book in the series, Shatter

I would not have discovered this wonderful, enjoyable new author with some very original ideas regarding magic. I will tell you that very few of the free books I have downloaded in the last year have lead me to buy the author's other works. With Render I was stalking the Kindle boards until it came out.

While I hate to see characters tortured literally or figuratively--I empathize too much--this book had me reading every spare minute I had until it was done. The characters are distinct and individual, the plot is well woven and intricate, and the universe rich and detailed.

Clearly there will be at least one more book in this series, but I was not left frustrated at the end of this one because of that. Check this series out...it was unique and engaging as Jim Butcher's Codex series without being as much effort to read.
