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Catty has always wanted to find out who her birth mother was, and amazingly enough, she has the power to allow her to do just that. When Catty goes back in time, she not only manages to meet her mother, but she also inherits a secret scroll that is the key to destroying the Atrax once and for all. Catty will have to go head-to-head with the most ancient evil of all time - if she can live that long.

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## From Reader Review The Secret Scroll for online ebook

### Britney (BookDrunkSloth) says

Just as remembered from the first time I read this book, Catty and her story are my favorites. I was more into this story than I was into the previous three.

Catty is a very unique and fun girl who has no memory from before the day when her adoptive mother found her walking alone in the middle of a desert on the highway. Now, about ten years later, she receives a call that her birth mother has died and she needs to take care of the remains. This event flips Catty's world upside down as she finally has some clue as to her past.

Her adventure from then on was pretty fun to unravel. However, I was again frustrated with some of the writing. There was a little too much description of what everyone is wearing, but it wasn't as bad as the previous books. The friends would still meet up and talk for about a total of 5 minutes (and that's being generous) and then one of them just takes off. It's weird.

I am excited to be rereading these books though as it is a trip down memory lane. After this one, I think the others will be more like reading them for the first time because I don't remember the stories as well. We will see.

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### Samythenerdybeasty says

The concept of this world and magic is the main selling point. The characters can be a bit annoying at times and the shock factors aren't really that shocking. That being said I still care about what happens in the plot even though it seems everything bends to work out in the end a bit too easily. Anyway, I will continue this series eventually.

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### Juana "Darkness" Duran says

Catty is a misunderstood teenager with a huge responsibility. Catty and her friends are The Daughters of the Moon, sworn to protect the world from the Atrox and it's followers and regulators. When she is called by the corner's office to announce that her biological mother is dead she doesn't know what to do except go see this person. Catty realizes then that it is her real mother because they gave her her mother's amulet. Catty tells her friends what happened, because when she was with the receptionist 3 regulators came in and they immediately left. Kendra the person who found her at the edge of the road took her in and since then Kendra has been like a mother to Catty. Things unravel fast when Stanton Serena's boyfriend takes her into the past to see why her mom gave her away. Then Catty finds out that her father is a regulator and her mother is a fallen goddess. And now she has to save the world but can she do it if it means that she has to sacrifice her best friend Vanessa? So with the help of her boyfriend Chris she is given a scroll that is so secret that almost no one knows about it. And she has to think up a plan to trick Toby the regulator who has trapped Vanessa in her worst nightmares. Catty goes up against Toby and pretends to destroy the Secret Scroll, but then Toby finds out that it wasn't the real scroll so he takes Vanessa back in time. Serena, Jimena, and Catty go after them and get Vanessa back, and loose the secret scroll some time in the past. And with Toby disintegrating in front of them they go back to the present where they leave as fast as they can back home.

### **T.J. Day says**

This is the Daughters Of The Moon book that really sucked me in. I've always had an affinity to the character Catty because of her comical relief (more in the first Daughters Of The Moon book) and trouble-making ways. From start to finish, this fourth installment to the series is packed with action and I really couldn't put this one down. Catty is curious and not afraid to break the rules, much like Jimena. I love how in every chapter, readers learn something new about the Atrox, and the Scroll, and the Followers.

The only negative thing I'd have to comment on is the repetition of plot. It seems like the characters are always being tricked into the drama sequences by a male romantic character. The boys are either evil, part of some plot by the Atrox, or cheaters. It kind of gets old to read after a while.

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### **Meaghan R. (YA-aholic) says**

i wasn't completely crazy about this series when i read the first omnibus: Daughters of the Moon: Volume 1, but this book has captivated me. i loved Catty's story and couldn't put it down!

there were a few typos that should have been caught by a proofreader (wrong tenses used, or duplicate words, example: he that he that.

there was also some weird phrasing that bothered me:  
she had a gold hoop in her nose pierce  
her tongue pierce clicked nervously  
it's just weird  
it should be piercing

anyway, in the next book, The Sacrifice, she uses the line about the tonguw pierce, and this time, she substituted pierce for piercing....

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### **Ruth says**

yo yo yo I am back with my next book going to start reading it...O ya man I love this. This is a great series and if you thought that the other books you read were good well think again this series is so good you will want to read and read and read...I know I did! I love this series and I think you will too!!!!!!!!!! but I will warn you when you start reading these books you will not want to put them down!! i know i Didn't happy reading!!!!!!!!!!

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### **Katie Rios says**

Another 3.5 stars. I sort of couldn't wait for Catty's story. I liked Catty from the beginning. Always making it

seem like what she could do was a gift, practicing, getting better. While Vanessa just sort of sat around and pouted about it. I just adored her story. I liked hearing about her mother and about what really happened the night Kendra found her. I loved Kendra and I loved how much she cared about Catty.

Possible Spoilers Ahead...

The Secret Scroll thing. I get it, I got it, sort of. There was a part of me that just didn't understand what the damn thing did. I mean, in my mind I didn't understand why they didn't just copy the thing and destroy the real one I guess. And it always kind of amazes me that they didn't really realize what was going on with Vanessa like, THE WHOLE TIME that she was acting weird. But I guess that just led to the story. I liked Chris and I'm sad that they can't really do the thing together. I really wish they could have. They were really adorable together. I wonder if they ever get a chance again...

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### **Alex says**

This series gets it's first 4-star rating with the fourth book. Catty is my favorite character, and has the coolest gift in my opinion - the time-traveling thing.

And how cool was her explanation of why she can time travel? It was something like... Time doesn't exist the way we think about it - it's more like a river, where everything occurs at the same time. But we only experience it one day at a time because that's how we've been trained to view it as.

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### **Koorihime-sama says**

*CHECKED OUT THE BOOK FROM MY PUBLIC LIBRARY.*

*APART OF THE GOODREADS 2011 READING CHALLENGE.*

*2ND REVIEW. 1ST REVIEW IS HERE.*

Review/Rating:

*5 out of 5*

Catty is having a very bad day, and it just gets worse when she is called to the morgue to claim her biological mom's body. Not only that, she learns that she is the heir to the Secret Scroll, but the only problem is that anyone who goes near it is cursed. Will she be able to figure out the secret behind the scroll and her past?

I decided to do a better review of the Daughters of the Moon series by Lynne Ewing since my first ones

weren't done very well. This book is really a fast read, but since I really didn't like this one, it took longer than the other two books.

In the fourth book of the Daughters of the Moon series, it explores the legend behind the phases of the moon – to give hope to the people. It really isn't as interesting as the other mythology information since I already knew that legend. Oh, well...

The tone and dialogue reminds me a lot of my teenage years and my high school, so the author did a really good job at writing the book in teenage words and their world. The descriptions were also very well done, and both of these things made the book go a little bit faster than most other young adult books. So, I really like this book from this stand point. Another thing I liked about this book is the mythology that is incorporated in it. Also, the character growth and their personalities are believable (for a supernatural book). Despite the descriptions, there is very little growth, and it is not as interesting as the first two books. However, it's better than most books that have a series. :( As the books/series goes on, you get more information about the Daughters of the Moon and the Atrox, which is good because it won't overload you with information with just one book.

For the fourth book, I really loved it because the author begins to unravel the mystery behind Catty's past. Another interesting thing in this book is the twist the author puts behind Catty's heritage. Also, I loved the book because the author finally gives Catty a guy to play with, Chris. ;) However, I wish there was a little bit more romance between them. Out of all the guys in this series, Christ is rated my number two, while Stanton is number one.

Anyways, this series and book is pretty good and well written because it gives enough information at a time without making it seem too fast, slow, or not really that boring. Also, it has great descriptions and growth. Any more information would spoil the books. :P

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### **Megan says**

I love not remembering what is going to happen. It is like reading the book for the very first time. In this volume of the series Catty is the narrator. She has just met a guy she really likes and everything seems to be going well until she receives a phone call that she is to come make arrangements for her mother's body. Catty is adopted so she knows they are speaking of her biological mother and this begins a journey for Catty that takes her back to the day she was abandoned so that she can meet her mother and find out what really happened. She also learns that she is the heir to a dangerous secret and that the Atrox has sent a very powerful form of evil to hunt her down and destroy her as well as what she protects. This book is as good as the previous three. It is a short easy read and is full of myth, magic, intrigue, action, and a little bit of romance. I like how well thought out the storyline is and Catty has my favorite power of all the daughters. To be able to go back and forth through time is a historians wet dream and as such I love the books where Catty is the narrator because she can go back and change things as well as meet people who were dead before she got a chance to in the present. I am also glad that they got rid of Toby because Vanessa is completely meant to be with Michael and I am excited to start the next book because Stanton is the narrator and I hope he and Serena get back together.

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### **Paranormal\_Madness says**

[her mother was a daughter that turned to the atrox, and her father is a member of the atrox's inner circle

(hide spoiler)]

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### **Emma Hernadi says**

It was ok?!

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### **Alyssa Bridges says**

I'll go ahead and admit it, I didnt like this one as much as the others. Dont gr me wrong, I loved the book! Just not as much as the others.

Good: The book really made me understand Cattys character more than I did before. I've always felt that Cattys character was the least interesting daughter to me, so having a book that focused on her was much needed. I really enjoyed the plot, it was an interesting and unexpected twist on the series. I also liked some of the plot twists in the story. I also like the look we get into her personal life.

Bad: even though I said that it was helpful and much needed to have a book about Catty, i still dont find her character to be very interesting. Nothing about her really stood out to me personally. I promise I do like her character, but shes really not that interesting to me. Besides that, there wasnt much else wrong with the book!

I enjoyed this book alot, but I still didnt like it as much as the others. I'll admit, I'm a little nervous to move on to the next book which (if I'm correct) focuses on Stanton. It should be interesting. 3 stars to Lynne Ewing.

Trigger warnings: I cant think of any.

All of the books in this series are relatively small with a large font size, so If you suffer from attention issues this is a good series for you.

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### **Jenny Clark says**

This one had a few glaring problems. There was some good- the writing was on par with the rest of the series. Reading about the girls getting dressed for battle was fun, mostly for nostalgia. I did like Kendra and Catty's relationship, it was obvious that Kendra really cared about Catty and would do anything to protect her.

So, on to the problems.

Toby is a great big red flag to me as a reader. After reading about the way the Regulators cause static build up and then all of a sudden they get shocked around him... gee wonder what he could be?

It seems to me that Catty most of all should have realized something was going on with Vanessa. They have been friends for a very long time, and the other girls should have realized it when she was not wearing her amulet. It's made such a big deal of in previous books about the amulet being able to warn them, and none of them thought to get some time alone with Vanessa to ask her when hers started burning or anything? It's a big step back from previous books, as the girls are also usually a lot smarter.

Jimena can't control her premonitions, but they do come when a big run in with Followers is goanna happen. Why would a Regulator kidnaping Vanessa be any different? In fact, Jimena has almost no premonitions in

this volume.

Serena can read minds for Pete's sake. She read Catty's mind to understand what a Regulator felt like when near. She felt none of that from Toby? She did not once look into his or Vanessa's mind? I would think that Vanessa would have in her subconscious that Toby made her uncomfortable, and Serena could have found it easily had she glanced at all.

The last thing that bothered me was Catty can suddenly go back several weeks with her power. In the first book, she does talk about leapfrogging back, but can only do it about twice, so two or three days. There is no real explanation of how she suddenly is able to go back weeks.

Over all, this is a interesting premise for a series and it is pretty well written. After the first book, though, things are just washed and repeated. There may be new villains who come in, but it's basically a mystery comes up centered around one girl, she tells the others, they go to school, Planet Bang, hang with their boys, usually one of which is on the Atrox's side, then they schedule a showdown and get dressed up for it. Then they win the show down, yay!

There are some variances, but that's it in a nutshell. It's a quick light series that teens can fall in love with (I did) but will probably leave adults wanting a bit more.

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### **Jennie Damron says**

3.5 stars. I love how fast paced the story moves. I need something entertaining and not based on reality. This book helped meet that need. The detail and character development could have been better, but I loved the story and it was hard to put down.

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