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"We have a new assignment for you, Mr. Reinhardt."

These words are not comforting to me. At eighteen, I am a gargoyle who has been demoted because I broke the rules. Now I have a new mission, a new mark to protect. But I don't expect Emma Chase. I don't expect to question my own race. I don't expect to care for my own mark. And I am not prepared for what I find at The Acropolis.

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Amanda Williams says

I have to admit this was a little different to what I am used to. But it was a pretty good read. Sometimes it was a little confusing at first but once I got my head around the world I found I was enjoying it.

Shari Kay says

I'm gonna round up a bit and give this a Goodreads rating of 3 ★, instead of my more incline 2.5 ★ just for the fact that I'm not the target audience.

The book wasn't bad, it was just meant for girl's between the ages of 12 and 17. I haven't seen a number 1 in front of my age in decades. So all the teenage swooniness of Conor was unfortunately lost on me. All the darlin's and sweethearts and such did zero for me except give my rolling eyes a work out. I can definitely see a young girl would think he's great. Conor is a brave, chivalrous, playboy/flirt/full of himself guy, but he's also honorable. He wants to do the right thing.

This is the beginning of a spin-off series from another set of books Ryals has written. You do not need to read the original series to get the gist of what's happening in this one. I didn't. Character's from the other books are mentioned, but not in excess.

The writing here is pretty simplistic. No real depth. But nothing off putting either. There are a few adults on the periphery, but mainly this is about a group of teenagers, inexplicably given the responsibilities of thirty year olds. Did I mention this is for teenagers...ahem.

Will I read the next one? No, but I wouldn't mind someone telling me how it all turns out.

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In fact, I have never met anyone who didn't like Gargoyles. - Keith David

Conor Reinhardt is a gargoyle who has been demoted for breaking the rules. he is given a new assignment and a new mark to protect. Conor, though, is not expecting it to be Emma Chase. keeping in mind the protection of mankind, Conor must comply at all cost and bring Emma to a school called The Acropolis. author R.K. Ryals' first book in the Acropolis series was an unexpected surprise for me and it was a very pleasant one.

she introduces the reader to a world of gargoyles and demons and i simply loved her take on these creatures. the story is told in Conor and Emma's perspectives. their voices alternate throughout the book but it was not difficult nor confusing to follow since each chapter is marked with the name of the person who is speaking. i really liked the writer's approach in developing the story and on how she focused more on the characters

rather than the eponymous Acropolis. this worked very well for me. through her strong characterization, i was swept into the novel's plot from beginning to end. the action scenes were done just right. they were not lame nor did they go overboard. even Conor and Emma's attraction for each other progressed naturally and was not cheesy at all. i also liked the surprises and twists especially towards the end. overall, i had a great time reading this book. i commend the author's imagination and her unique choice of heroes. it made me look at gargoyles in a different and positive light.

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Melissa says

When I first read Redemption by R.K. Ryals, the character Connor was my second favorite, my first being Monroe. After reading The Acropolis I may have switched my favorites. The Acropolis is a spin-off from Redemption, taking the character of Connor and giving him his own story. The Acropolis takes place after Redemption, it's obvious by some of the storyline, but can be read as a stand-alone. It could make you want to pick up Redemption or want to dig into more of R.K. Ryals work.

Connor is a gargoyle, a Guardian, who has been demoted after some things that happened in Redemption. He's given a new mark, Emma Stone, and hopes to use this to work his way back up in the ranks. Emma is half Demon and is to be brought to The Acropolis, a school for half Demon, half mortal, children. With the help of his cousin Will, and another gargoyle named Roach, they are supposed to extract her without incident. As with any good book, there is never a "without incident". We wouldn't have a fun plot then!

This was a fast paced story, you didn't want to put it down for fear you would lose something! Where as Redemption took a little longer to pick up in the action part, there was none of that in The Acropolis. I loved the Connor/Emma pull and the drama that came along with it. I love how Will likes to find something to stand behind and go for it. Both Reinhardt boys put their lives on the lines for the hybrids and I can't wait for the next book in the series to find out if it'll work. Especially with the large cliff-hanger the author leaves you with at the end. Next I'll be digging into Ransom!

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Melissa

Brittany says

I absolutely LOVE this book. I have been stuck in a paranormal reading rut lately, and while I try to give each book it's own time, this book definitely made my heart sing! I try to look at each book with a new eye, even if it happens to be the 15th werewolf/vampire book in a row that I have read. This book was a refreshing "new" paranormal book. The author is so skilled in her writing that you get fully engrossed in the book. I literally had to set timers when I read it so that I wouldn't spend HOURS at a time reading it and

forget about obligations. The characters are so easy to relate to that I found myself laughing, crying and being outright mad during some of the scenes! RK Ryals weaves such an amazing tale that you can't help but want to read everything else she has out!! I recommend this book to anyone who loves a good paranormal story :)

Wanda Hartzenberg says

This book was gifted to me based on the Acropolis Book Blog Tour. So I decided to read it for review as a thank you, since hosting a book on my blog is not that much of a chore. Am I glad I did that! This is a fresh and new YA romance/paranormal book. The gargoyle was for me, a fresh new and exciting edge. The romance part, for a chance, was not love at first sight. No, this book is based on morals, prejudice and acceptance. I see the age restriction on Goodreads is 16 +, It is a pity, the language was not distasteful or that troublesome and the morals in this book should be ingrained into the youth as well as us elders. More than the fresh, edgy turn, the morals, the fast pace etc, more than all of this I found this book a fun read. I liked the characters and loved their development throughout the book. At the end of the book a really unsuspected surprise hits the reader and adds to the ever growing urgency to learn more about the life of Emma and her new found friends and mortal enemies.

I know I can only give a 5 * review rating. But that is on Goodreads and on Amazon. Personally I give this book an 8 * rating. It is fun, well written and engaging. But hey I need to run, I promised my best friend I would tell her if she could or NEEDED to buy this book. Guess which choice I am recommending.

Dawn Burger says

This is the first book I've read by this author and I wasn't disappointed. I love paranormal/fantasy but I must admit this is my first gargoyle and demon adventure! It's YA so good for a younger audience but not written in a way to exclude any age group.

It's fast paced, funny and action packed. Anxious to dive right into the next book in the series!

E. Mellyberry says

3.75 stars

I like that there's no unnecessary drama in this book. It's straightforward, the pace is fantastic.

I immediately drawn toward Connor, the defiance brave Gargoyle. I am protective of Emma, the She-Demon with a heart of gold.

overall, it's probably not as epic as other fantasy saga, but it's intriguing. I'm looking forward to reading its sequels.

Amelia says

A mess of simplistic writing and tropes. DNFinng at 52%.

Melissa says

For fans of the Redemption series, you'll love this story centered around Conor (and featuring a few of your other favorite characters). But, even if you've not read RK Ryals, you'll still fall for The Acropolis.

The Acropolis is a refreshing story of good guy hero Conor Reinhardt and his fragile but fiesty charge, Emma Chase. As a gargoyle (yes, gargoyle, protector, guardian - this guy rocks) *side note- that was an unintentional pun, so I decided to leave it. Aannnyway, as a gargoyle, Conor is assigned to escort Emma to a special school, the Acropolis. You might have guessed, he isn't supposed to fall for her. And, you might have guessed that he does. The rest, I'm pretty sure you won't see coming. Lines get blurred, good things happen. I was alternately giddy, emotional, and sqee-ing through the final half. And hats off to the author for excellent shirtless humor. This is a great story, clean enough for YA and satisfying enough for the rest of us ;)

I can't wait for the rest of the series!

Catherine Vickers says

3.5* would be better. We follow the journey of a young girl, who is going through the transformation of being half demon. With a sprinkle of romance, and few baddies to make that journey a rocky road from hell. Excellent adventure. Excellent characters. Written well. Recommended reading if you like YA fantasy.

Acos says

Wow I finally got around to reading this book and as usual R.k Ryals has blown me away. The Acropolis engaged me and kept me on the edge of my seat (or bed :P) the whole time. R.k Ryals... I love your books!!!!

Mandy ?? says

I'm pleasantly surprised by this book, the plot sounded interesting but i didn't knew that i was going to get so much into it. I found the relationship hybrid/gargoyle pretty unique and i liked that. I can't wait to get to know more about the characters and their histories.

Christopher Yamasaki says

The Acropolis by R.K. Ryals was a book that incorporated drama and action very well. There was enough action to keep you on your seat, while there was enough drama to constantly keep your mind moving. This book only got three stars due to the fact that I felt the sensory imaging could've been so much greater than there was. While there was really good imaging and passages within Ryals' book, but I felt that they were too

few and spread out. In the end the book read fast, and had an original story line which kept you turning the pages.

Ember Shane says

The gargoyle spin isn't something you see a lot of, and I found it refreshing. Conor, one of many gargoyles tasked with protecting humans and, at times, other creatures is assigned to Emma's protection. Emma has no idea she's a half-demon and has a myriad of powers just waiting to be unleashed. Cute characters, lovely fantasy world, and great writing. Can't wait to follow the rest of the series.
