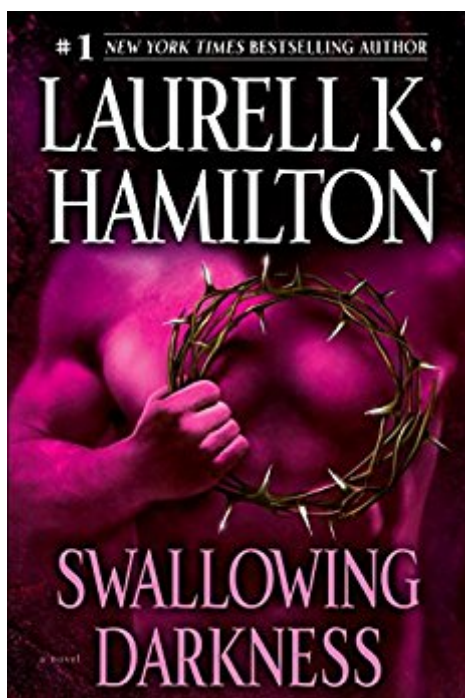


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# Swallowing Darkness: A Novel (A Merry Gentry Novel Book 7)



## Synopsis

I am Meredith, princess of faerie, wielder of the hands of Flesh and Blood, and at long last, I am with child—œtwin, fathered by my royal guard. Though my uncle, Taranis, King of Light and Illusion, claims that he is the true father since he abducted me from my home, betrayed, and defiled me. And now he has branded my guards as a threat to my unborn children. Bearing an heir has placed me halfway to my aunt's throne, that much closer to my reign over the Unseelie Court—and well ahead of her son, my cousin Cel, in this race. Now I must stay alive to see my children born and claim my place as queen. But not all in faerie are pleased with the news, and conspirators from every court in the realm plot against me and mine. They seek to strip my guards, my lovers, from me by poisoned word or cold steel. But I still have supporters, and even friends, among the goblins and the sluagh, who will stand by me. I am Meredith Nic Essus, and those who would defy and destroy me are destined to pay a terrible price—for I am truly my father's daughter. To protect what is mine, I will sacrifice anything—even if it means waging a great battle against my darkest enemies and making the most momentous decision ever made as princess of faerie. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

The Good: Another painful book for Merry. Another book where she proves she's strong enough to handle all that is thrown at her, even when she doesn't always believe in herself. A huge amount of action in a relatively short period of time means the book is extremely fast paced. Now down time, no opportunity to emotionally deal with all that's being thrown at us. Hamilton is on a role with consistent plot progression in the last few books and Swallowing Darkness takes us into some very unexpected places. Choices are made. Serious choices. Choices that readers will love and hate at the same time. The main question after this book is - where do we go from here? Merry's future is completely turned upside down, again, and while I don't know if that's a good or bad thing, I do know that it'll be a hell of a ride.

The Bad: Not a thing.

Emotional roller coaster, I tell you what! UGH! Fantastic read. I still love the Merry Gentry books so much! In Swallowing Darkness, we find Meredith after having lost her beloved Frost. OMG FROST!!! Meredith has been kidnapped by her Uncle and while unconscious after hitting her mortal body so hard, he did the unthinkable and defiled her. Now he lays claim that he is father to the twins growing inside of her. Freaking bastard!!! There isn't a dull moment at all in this book. Crowns forming left and right for Meredith! She's just all Queen like and badass! Oh and as I mentioned before, emotions all over the place! We find out the killer of Meredith's father....someone we loath finally kicks the bucket....Mistral didn't know he was going to be 1/6 of the daddy's....assassinations left and right....assassination attempts even more frequent than any other story! OMG...great book!

I am having trouble finding the words, I wish there were more people in the world like Merry. I felt so deeply while reading this that I could barely see through my tears. I have gotten to know these characters and love them and I cared what happened to them, like they are friends. Laurels K. Hamilton has touched my spirit this time, I am thrilled I came back to her works and you will be too if you give her a chance. Anyone who loves the supernatural world/ fantasy will love this series and I truly hope there is more to come, I can't bare the thought of this being the end I have to know what comes next for all who survived the battle.

The Kamisama Kiss keychains packaged with the 2 books was a delight to see. I loved seeing his little chibi attitude self nestling amongst LKH books when the package was opened. ^\_\_\_^ onto the books. Swallowing Darkness had the used book signs described, mainly on the corners of the dust jacket. And the front binding flap of the book was cracked to fall easily open for reading, showing it

had been somewhat lovingly read. The other book, Divine Misdemeanors was in a less handled and more new condition. I am happy with my purchases, thank you for the promptly and promised delivery /condition of these products. :)

I liked it a lot. I'm writing this review mainly because of other reviews I read. The biggest complaint seems to be that people thought several characters had suddenly changed personalities. It made me suspect I hadn't read the same book they did. So here's my take on it: Like, ten whole chapters of nothing but Merry learning how to lead the Wild Hunt, from the things she saw to what she felt. I found it very cool. Merry finally stops with the emo shtick and grows a pair because she finally realizes her enemies are just fine with the idea that they are in the wrong. We finally get a good peek at the sidhe court and it was very cool. Sir Hugh is a goober, by the way. Just saying. We got to see Merry blunder through more creation magic while trying to come to terms with just how much she loves her various husbands. We get to see more personalities of various sidhe rather than just a list of physical traits. Spoiler: of course Cel killed Merry's dad. He was the only one who could have. Why was everyone shocked by the fact he ended up being the bad guy in this? No, the mad queen wasn't in this book much but the little bit of time she was, she spent it doing exactly what she always did: blindly protecting that evil little son of hers even though she knew he was in the wrong.

I am a huge fan of Anita Blake and had not been interested in any other series. For some reason I decided to try the first Merry Gentry book - and was hooked. Merry's strength of character reveals a great deal about Ms Hamilton. Her men are dangerous and sexy or gorgeous and charming, which makes it impossible to pick a favorite. I recommend this book for all readers who enjoy paranormal fantasy and wish to visit a foreign land for a time.

Absolutely loved it. This is the kind of book you wish was a lot longer because you don't want to finish it... Have reread it many times.

This was a really good one, though not quite as good as the last one, but not by much. I didn't expect the ending to this book, but that's just me, I guess. It turned out, not the way expected, but in a way that I didn't really find anything bad about in it. The characters continue to get better and better with each book and I get very into reading so that I lose track of time on occasion. The only real problem with it is that there were a small number of spelling and usage mistakes, but that's not very bad. I won't bore you with a plot summary as I know other reviewers are fond of doing that. I

appreciate that this book has chapter demarcations. Chapter demarcations make it so much easier to see how close you are to the end of a chapter or to find a stopping place when you need to do so. If you liked the previous books in the series, give this one a shot. I think most people will find it very satisfying, I general. Have at it because I don't think you'll be disappointed. I can't wait to read the next one.

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