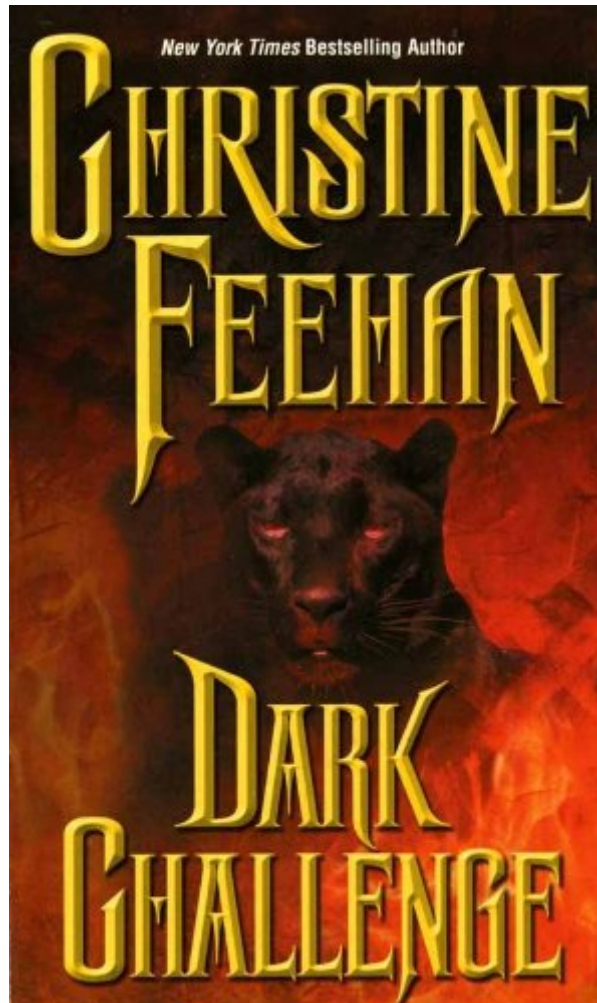


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## Dark Challenge (The 'Dark' Carpathian Book 5)



## Synopsis

Julian Savage was golden. Powerful. But tormented. For the brooding hunter walked alone. Always alone, far from his Carpathian kind, alien to even his twin. Like his name, his existence was savage. Until he met the woman he was sworn to protect. When Julian heard Desari sing, rainbows swamped his starving senses. Emotions bombarded his hardened heart. And a dark hunger to possess her flooded his loins, blinding him to the danger stalking him. And even as Desari enflamed him, she dared to defy him with mysterious, unparalleled feminine powers. Was Desari more than his perfect mate? Julian had met his match in this woman, but would she drive him to madness or save his soul?

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The fifth in the ongoing original saga of the Carpathians, this one introduces us to four new characters as well as the twin, Julian, of the 'hero' in Dark Gold. It also introduces Desari (Dara) a Carpathian Female who is equal in power to Julian, which makes for an interesting situation as none of the Carpathian males (except those in Desari's 'family unit') are used to dealing with Carpathian women who are the equal of their power. It also brings a unique twist into the mix as the two carpathian females introduced to us, each have a unique power that the Carpathian males were

unaware that Carpathian women of power have. This book, I felt, had a deeper depth to it than the last four. It really showed how hard it was for Carpathian males to live together, and showed a deep interaction between the "family unit" of Desari (including a sweet sister relationship between Desari and Syndil, the other female Carpathian). All of the characters were delightfully interesting, and the situation between Julian and the other male Carpathians, especially between Darius and Julian, was quite amusing and real. This book also sets the stage for more books, introducing the reader to many interesting Carpathians, that I hope will all be seen in their own future books (Especially Darius--I think he will quickly score as high a following as Gregori, if not a higher following. Up until now, I actually liked Jacques the most, but now Darius has quickly tied with him.) Spoiler here, but it also hints big time that we will be seeing more about the legendary warrior twins, Gabriel and Lucian. I cannot wait to read their story.

Christine Feehan's newest book, *DARK CHALLENGE*, is a fabulous addition to the *DARK* series. Each book has a different feel to it and keeps me enthralled from beginning to end! It just keeps getting better and better! If you haven't read any of these books, start with *Dark Prince* and work your way up - you won't be disappointed. Julian Savage is powerful hunter for his people, the Carpathians. He expertly hunts vampires, the undead, who torture and kill his people as well as humans. He has had to live a solitary life, sometimes even hunting down old friends who turned vampire. But he does his duty, without fail. Separated from family, totally alone, he finally finds his lifemate. Their new relationship is only part of the story - someone is out to hunt down Desari and Julian must protect her at all costs while dealing with her family and an enemy from his troublesome past. The characters in *Dark Challenge* are fresh and the story takes a twist that leaves the door open for so many more possibilities! A roller coaster ride of emotions, this book had me laughing out loud at the lively banter and interaction between the characters. The family unit is very tight-knit and the heroine's brother, Darius, is awesome! I can see the legion of readers who will be begging for his story just like they did for Gregori! The sizzling romance had my toes curling and the emotional intensity touched me to tears. If you want to read a hot love story, this is the book for you! Julian and Desari are electric! I felt as if I was right there in the middle of all the action. One thing about these books is the respect the characters have for the earth, the animals, the elements. An appreciation that is beautiful to watch.

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