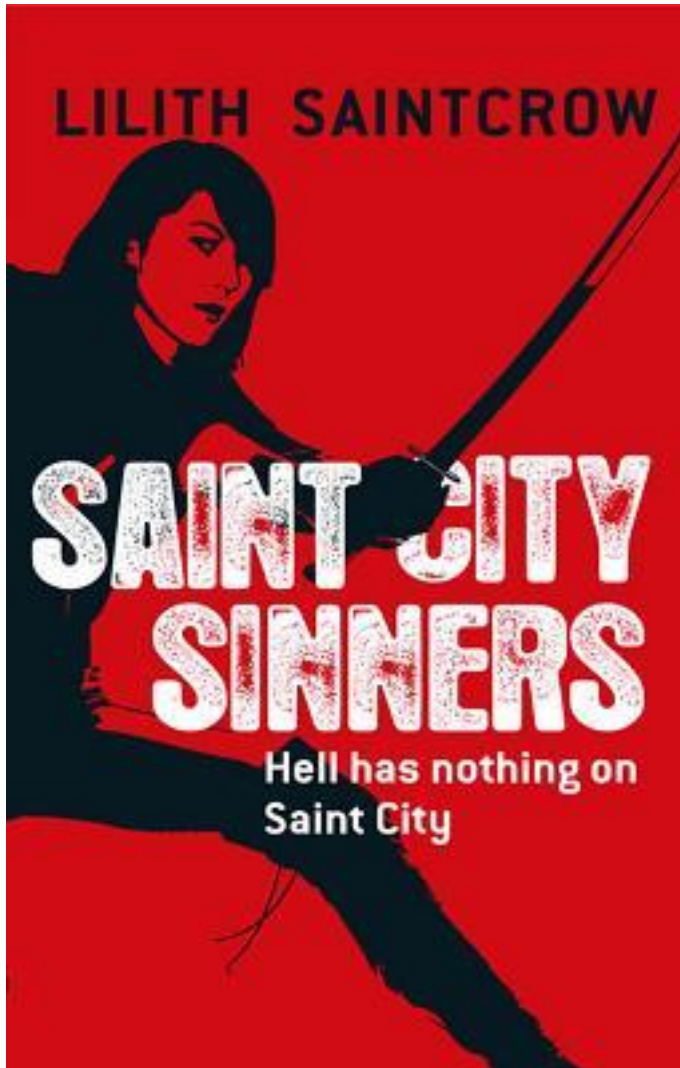

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Description

Saint City has always been Dante Valentine's home. It's where she grew up, it's where her dead are buried, and it's where she learned to hunt.

Now, one call from an old friend will bring her back to investigate a murder too close to home for anyone's comfort. But the one person she trusted has just betrayed her.

Sometimes revenge is best served demon-hot...

Insightful reviews

Rita: Bloated with plot but somehow still utterly uninteresting, this was perhaps the most repetitive and thin book of the series so far. I was increasingly less engaged as the action progressed, and by the close of the novel, I felt both frustrated and cheated. Most of the promise of the series was frittered away in this volume.

JediKinght26: Saint City Sinners, Book 4 in the Dante Valentine Series, is primarily a murder/mystery, which is a good thing. In this book, the murder/mystery is at the forefront, while the wheelings & dealings with the Devil and demons are in the background. Dante has a very personal stake in solving the murder, and she travels back to her old haunt of Santiago City (Saint City) to do so. The return to her beginnings is a good direction for the series, as it allows Dante to revisit and confront aspects of her past. It also allows for the reacquaintance of characters from the previous books, and almost all of the characters are very interesting, especially Lucas Villalobos. In confronting aspects of her past, Dante seems to realize that she has lost some aspects of herself to Japhrimel, her demon-lover. So in this book, Dante ventures out on her own, without any aid from Japhrimel. This is a most welcome development, as I always thought that Dante relied too heavily on assistance from Japhrimel in the other books. It is good to see her standing on her own for once.

The murder/mystery is a good and solid story. The other developments, such as her oath to the Devil, the Rebellion against the Devil, the state of things between Dante and Japhrimel and her oath to Eve provides what seems to be a crucial backdrop for the individual story and the overall series.

The set-up for the final book in the series, To Hell and Back, appears to be very promising.

Tracy Terry: Told the story, part four in the series, began by repeating the last few pages of the previous novel and thus the plot was easy enough to pick up. I'm afraid I didn't find this to be the case but then that is no surprise when reading book one, Working For The Devil, felt like I'd joined the series midway through.

Taking into account that whilst I have read book one but not books two or three I shall be reviewing this on its own merits, as a novel in its own rights rather than as part of a series.

Poorly written. I found the words randomly picked out in italics for seemingly no reason puzzling.

The repetitiveness increasingly annoying. Yes, we know Dante was a necromancer with a gem stone in her cheek, molecule-drip nail polish and sparking rings. That Japhrimel was a demon, not human. And oh my goodness, 'The Mark'. Mentioned more times that I care to think of, why the need to keep telling us these things?

A novel perhaps more suited to those into world-building. Not that I found this aspect of story particularly exemplary but it certainly beat the woeful characterisations - Dante (so whiny a heroine as to be a pain in the ass rather than the proverbial 'kick ass' as is generally the case with this genre) and as for 'Japh'? Best described as contrary, an abusive boyfriend one minute, a shoulder to cry on the next. Far from making him a complex character all it did was make him appear, well, wishy-washy and inconsistent.

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Tracy: greater than the former e-book within the sequence in that there's no longer as a lot navel-gazing. there's nonetheless an excessive amount of of it, and it really is starting to be frustrating. I anticipate personality may still develop all through a sequence yet Dante Valentine is turning into neither better nor extra sensitive. i actually don't believe that it will harm the plot for the 2 major characters to truly inform each other what is going on occasionally. Is it that a lot more durable to put in writing an exhilarating novel with no loads angst? i admire the 2 newish characters which are getting extra web page time, Lucas and Leander. Book 5, To Hell and Back, is sitting on my bookshelf. i believe i will allow it take a seat for a little while ahead of revisiting Saint City. i am afraid that interpreting another "I hate it while a demon shrugs" or "I'm nonetheless no longer used to my new-found speed/strength/whatever" will reason me to throw the publication down in disgust. Valentine has had 3 books that span over 3 years tale time to get used to shrugs and speed. recover from it or at the very least give up commenting on it. We get it, already. Should you learn this series? Absolutely. simply go away a few weeks or months among installments. interpreting them back-to-back particularly complements their flaws.

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David Teachout: fortunately this one was once greater than the final one, with many of the angst got rid of or at the very least higher understood as to why it exists. The sheer quantity of deception occurring sincerely right here combines with Dante's background of betrayal to push her into removing the single individual she's close to pathologically incapable of realizing and, as a part of the plot, the one individual able to supporting her survive. That Dante starts off ultimately figuring out the intensity of Japh's secrets and techniques is juxtaposed together with her eventually starting to comprehend what it potential to be hedaira, not only for you, yet extra importantly and differently, for him. the result's loads of anger, justified, and many silly childishness, now not inevitably justified. The motion is great, the helping characters hold the tale and the loopy quantity of the machiavellian video games being performed commence establishing up. All of that makes operating previous Dante's activities worthy examining through.

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