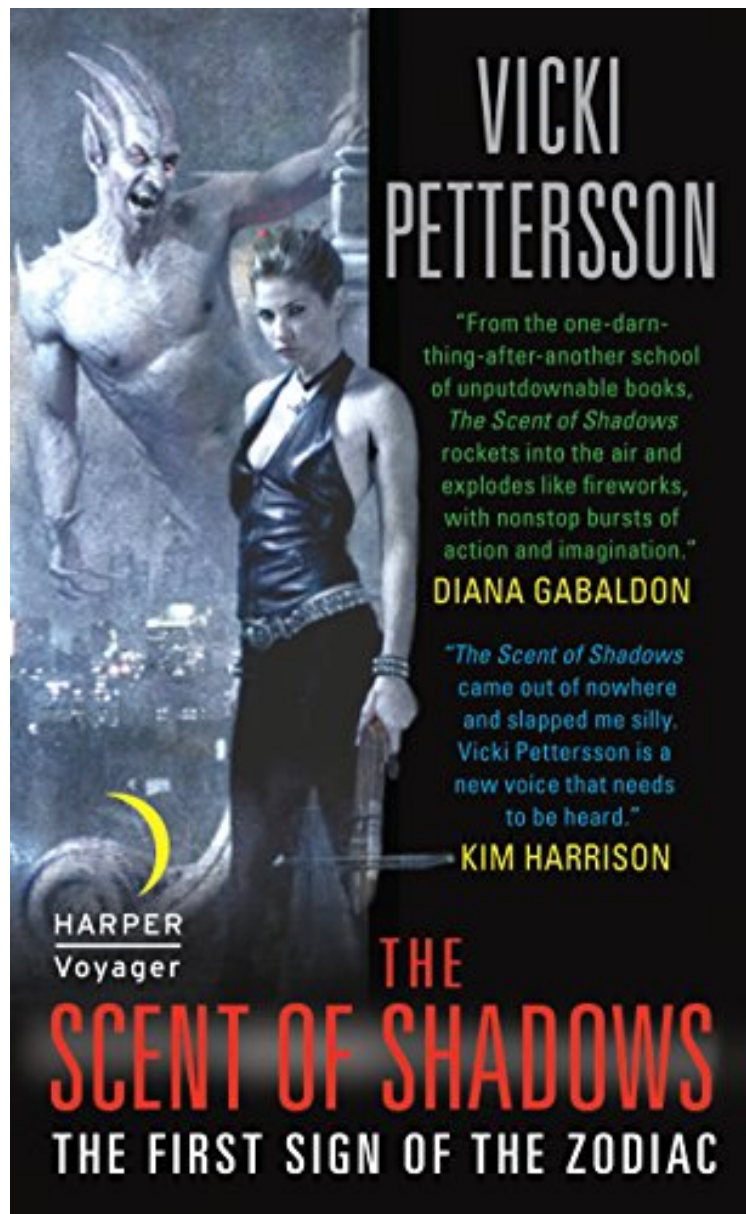


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Ich bin bei diesem Buch aufgrund einer Empfehlung auf der Website von Kim Harrison (Dead witch walking) gestolpert. Leider sollte/kann man nicht zuviel von der Story verraten ohne das Buch eventl. viel von seiner Spannung zu nehmen. Die Rahmenhandlung an sich ist zwar gewohnungsbedrftig (borderline schwachsinnig) trotzdem ist der Schreibstil flssig und ich fhlte mich gut unterhalten und konnte mit den Hauptpersonen mitfiebern. Ich war zumindest gut genug unterhalten, um das Buch an 2 Abenden durchzulesen und mir direkt den zweiten Teil zu bestellen, da ich doch gerne wissen mchte wie es weitergeht.
Spoiler: Joanna Archer Tochter eines Besitzers einer Casinokette in Las Vegas sieht sich kurz vor ihrem 25 Geburtstag mit Anschlägen auf ihr Leben, merkwrdigen Personen konfrontiert, die sich erstaunlich gut in ihrer Jugend auskennen. Mit sechzehn Jahren vergewaltigt und von ihren Angreifer fr Tod zurckgelassen widmet sich Joanna Jahre danach immer noch ihr Leben wieder in Ordnung zu bringen und ist das schwarze Schaf der Familie. Sie verbringt ihre Zeit mit Fotografie und dem Kampfsport (um ni wieder ein Opfer zu sein) Ihre von ihr geliebte Schwester fhrt dagegen das Leben einer Paris Hilton im Rampenlicht der ffentlichkeit. An ihrem Geburtstag wird sie pltzlich in einen Kampf zwischen Agenten des Lichtes und der Schatten hineingezogen die sich selbst jeweils mit den 12 Sternzeichen identifizieren)
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A great debut and beginning of a series
Von S. Fischer
As a teenager, Joanna was raped, strangled and left for dead. This event cost her her innocence, her boyfriend and her mother, who left the family shortly afterwards. Joanna dealt with this by becoming tough and independent, a woman who can't easily be hurt and can defend herself. But 10 years later, she is again in danger: Demonlike creatures try to kill her and although she can save herself this time, the price is very high. She is forced to leave her old life and the people she cares about behind and become a member of the Zodiac of Light, a group of 12 fighters for good (one for each sign of the zodiac) who fight to save the people of their city, Las Vegas, from their counterparts, the 12 Shadow Zodiacs. But her own side has already lost many members in the fight, and those who are left don't trust Joanne because she is the daughter of an agent of light and a member of the dark side. Which side will she choose and what will she have to give up?
This is Vicky Pettersson's debut novel and the first part of the Zodiac-series. I must say I was very impressed with this book. It combines an original concept with emotional depth, a sense of humour (not slapstick, fortunately), a lot of suspense and great action sequences. She's not afraid to write about dark events / emotions and doesn't force happy outcomes when they don't fit to what's happening. Nevertheless, the book is not depressing or disgusting like other books that take a look at evil. I definitely enjoyed the book and look forward to the continuation of the series. If you enjoy Kim Harrison, Charlaine Harris, Lynn Viehl, Amy Lane or J. R. Ward, you should enjoy this book, too. But you shouldn't expect a romance novel, because although there are romantic elements in it, this is not about two people finding their happily-ever-after.
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Aufgrund der vorhandenen Rezensionen tnte das Buch so interessant, dass auch gleich die Fortsetzung mitbestellte. Es waren dann auch alle besprochenen Elemente da: Las Vegas, Spannung, Tragdie, Romanze. Wohl auch so was hnliches wie Humor, aber hier fing es auch schon an, irgendwie kindisch, infantil. Je lnger ich las, je weniger glaubhaft erschien mir die Story. Fr mich muss auch Fantasy in sich irgendwie stimmen. Hier versucht die Autorin, mit Geschwindigkeit und vielen seltsamen Ereignissen darber hinweg zu tuschen, dass sie eigentlich keine rechte Geschichte hat.

Kurzbeschreibung
When she was sixteen, Joanna Archer was brutally assaulted and left to die in the Nevada desert. By rights, she should be dead. Now a photographer by day, she prowls a different Las Vegas after sunset a grim, secret Sin City where Light battles Shadow seeking answers to whom or what she really is . . . and revenge for the horrors she was forced to endure. But the nightmare is just beginning for the demons are hunting Joanna, and the powerful shadows want her for their own . . .
From Publishers Weekly
Despite its romance pedigree (Kim Harrison and Charlaine Harris contribute advance praise), this moody, fast-paced debut falls into the growing "dark fantasy" category, which blends fantasy, comic book superheroism and paranormal romance, but holds no promise of a happily-ever-after. The book's heroine, Joanna Archer, has spent the years following a brutal attack learning martial arts and trolling Sin City, Nev., for trouble. On the eve of her 25th birthday, she finds it in the form of a peculiar date who looks like a gaunt banker one moment and like hell spawn the next. Joanna fights her way out of his grasp, but her close encounter is only the beginning. Before long, she finds herself caught up in a world where a superhuman few the Light fight evil from the Shadow realm, a world in which she's recognized as the "Kairos," a prophesied warrior made up of both Shadow and Light who's destined to help Light prevail. Pettersson centers her story around the signs of the Zodiac, putting an imaginative spin on a familiar setup. Though graphic scenes (in which tongues are severed, heads ripped off, etc.) will repel some readers, others will embrace Pettersson's enduring, tough-as-nails heroine and anticipate gleefully the next volume, due in April. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights

reserved.PressestimmenThe Scent of Shadows came out of nowhere and slapped me silly. You're going to love this.
(Kim Harrison)...Read at your own risk it'll keep you up past your bedtime. (Charlaine Harris)