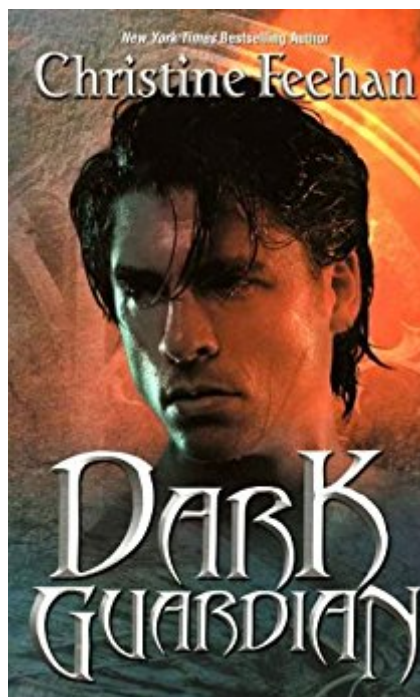


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# Dark Guardian (The 'Dark' Carpathian Book 9)



## Synopsis

Jaxon Montgomery is a woman hunted. Trained by the Special Forces, honed by a traumatic childhood, she is a policewoman with an undisputed reputation. She meets her match when she is set up to be murdered by an enemy. Hunted on all sides, she can only turn to the mysterious stranger who seems more dangerous than any other she has ever known. He ran with the wolves | Materialized from the mists | Hijacked the very heavens to his whims |

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"Dark Guardian" by Christine Feehan is the 8th instalment in the wonderfully sensual and intriguing "Dark" series, and once again Feehan does not disappoint. With fresh and likeable characters and a storyline filled with passion, danger, and suspense, "Dark Guardian" will leave readers cheering Feehan's remarkable talent. Lucian, one of the legendary ancient Carpathian twins, has spent the last several hundred years pretending to have turned vampire in order to keep his beloved twin (Gabriel of "Dark Legend") from turning vampire himself, knowing that Gabriel had a lifemate out there somewhere. And now that Gabriel has found his other half, Lucian feels his mission has come to an end. For the years he has spent hunting and killing the undead have left a stain of darkness on Lucian's soul, and he has grown weary of his endless colourless and emotionless existence. But

Gabriel's lifemate, Francesca, insists that she knows of Lucian's lifemate, and that this woman desperately needs Lucian's help. And indeed Lucian does find his lifemate, feisty lady cop Jaxon Montgomery, who has dedicated her life to protecting others. But Jaxon has had a nightmarish start in life, with a crazed stepfather who murders everyone who gets close to her, including her biological parents and little brother, and her beloved foster parents. As a result, Jaxx lives a solitary and lonely life, never getting too close to anyone for fear that it will get them killed. So when Lucian appears out of the night to save her from a bust gone wrong, she immediately fears that Lucian will become the next target of her stepfather Tyler Drake's bloodlust. Recuperating in Lucian's huge and lovely home, Jaxx becomes aware that Lucian is no ordinary man.

Dark Guardian is Lucian's story. He is one of the legendary twins who was brought forth to our attention in Dark Legend as he played a cat & mouse game with his twin (Gabriel), hoping to prevent him from turning to the dark side. You see, long ago, a "man" unlike he had ever encountered, a man of peace and gentleness, told Lucian that there was a lifemate for his twin. Cleverly, unselfishly, he sets upon a path that insures that his beloved twin will never turn vampire. Ms. Feehan's adaption of Lucian was breathtaking. He was extremely brilliant, powerful and very, very menacing. Clearly, he was the strongest and most powerful of the Carpathians. He had defended his people for endless centuries and his struggle with the dark side was evident from the start of DL. This Carpathian was definitely an alpha male and one that I eagerly awaited to read about. Onto the story: Jaxxon Montgomery's young life has been spent in fear and in horror. Her stepfather, Tyler Drake, a former SEAL, has killed anyone that has gotten close to her including her own parents & foster parents. He is clever, cunning and clearly deranged shaping Jaxx into a heroine who is determined to protect herself. She becomes a cop forever knowing that her stepfather is out there waiting to strike again. When her life is in peril, Lucian saves her and her partner. He brings her to his mansion desperate to heal her ~ to claim her. He is clearly gentle, tender and their love scenes are incredibly hot. But . . . (\*Don't hate me here\*) For me, Lucian didn't seem as powerful as some of the other males (Mikhail, Gregori & Darius). He seemed, well, rather mellow and that aura of menace that I thrilled to in Dark Legend was gone. I expected Lucian to be more like the males mentioned above.

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