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Description:

From School Library Journal Gr 9 Up-This paranormal romance set in Paris introduces readers to Ingrid Waverly, an earl's daughter who has left London where she was recently the wrong side of a love triangle and an accidental arsonist. What Ingrid lacks in social graces she makes up for in wit and beauty. Her younger sister, Gabriella, is dark while she is fair, but just as headstrong and a dash more daring. These young women are the heart of the novel, in which world-building and romance are developed with equal attention. Although the story heavily relies on information-dumping about

gargoyles-creatures that also take human form, known as the Dispossessed-angels and demons, Morgan keeps the plot moving with constant action and third-person limited narration from four main characters. The driving mystery is the disappearance of Ingrid's twin brother. In their search for Grayson, who vanished four days before their arrival in Paris, the sisters meet a handsome bookseller and a charming Scot who happen to be members of the Alliance, a secret organization that supports the Dispossessed in their fight against demons. With the help of the Alliance, Ingrid and Gabriella are determined to save their brother. But their persistence puts them in danger, which is frustrating for Luc, the gargoyle who guards all the inhabitants of the Waverly home, especially because of the growing sensual attraction between him and Ingrid. Although a sequel is forthcoming, Morgan skillfully allows this book to stand on its own. Teens may not be surprised by it, but will nonetheless enjoy the dark adventure and romance.-Joy Piedmont, LREI, New York Citya(c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

From Morgan combines fantasy with gothic romance in this well-crafted standout among the heavily populated field of books about gorgeous young women entangled with monsters. In 1899, 15-year-old Gabby accompanies her mother and older sister, Ingrid, to their new home in Paris. Upon their arrival, they discover that Ingrid's twin brother, who had preceded them by several months, has disappeared, and young women have also been vanishing from the Parisian streets. Among the new home's servants is Luc, who shapeshifts between a human teenager and a 400-plus-year-old gargoyle charged with protecting the humans who live in Gabby's new residence. What is threatening the house? The Dispossessed and, as it turns out, even a rogue angel. Morgan is as skillful in creating intriguingly distinct, real characters as she is in pacing the action. This debut guarantees an eager group of readers who will hold their breath for the next volume. Grades 8-11. -- Francisca Goldsmith --This text refers to the edition.

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