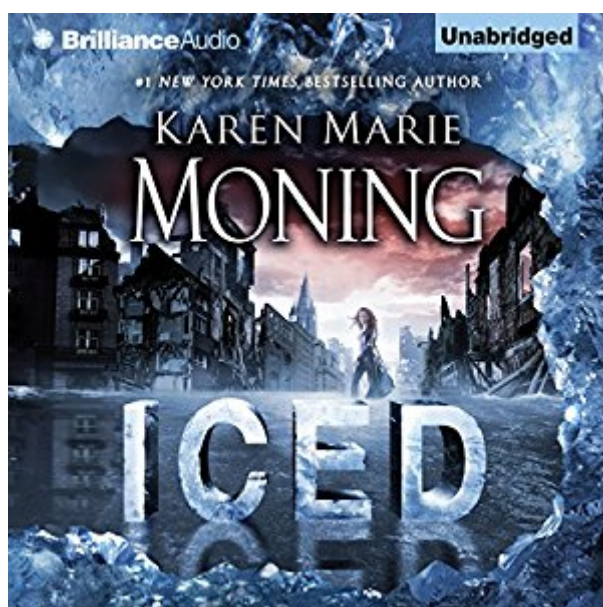


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Iced: A Dani O' Malley Novel, Book 1



Synopsis

Dani "Mega" O'Malley plays by her own set of rules - and in a world overrun by Dark Fae, her biggest rule is: Do what it takes to survive. Possessing rare talents and the all-powerful Sword of Light, Dani is more than equipped for the task. In fact, she's one of the few humans who can defend themselves against the Unseelie. But now, amid the pandemonium, her greatest gifts have turned into serious liabilities. Dani's ex-best friend, MacKayla Lane, wants her dead, the terrifying Unseelie princes have put a price on her head, and Inspector Jayne, the head of the police force, is after her sword and will stop at nothing to get it. What's more, people are being mysteriously frozen to death all over the city, encased on the spot in sub-zero, icy tableaux. When Dublin's most seductive nightclub gets blanketed in hoarfrost, Dani finds herself at the mercy of Ryodan, the club's ruthless, immortal owner. He needs her quick wit and exceptional skill to figure out what's freezing Fae and humans dead in their tracks - and Ryodan will do anything to ensure her compliance. Dodging bullets, fangs, and fists, Dani must strike treacherous bargains and make desperate alliances to save her beloved Dublin - before everything and everyone in it gets iced.

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Customer Reviews

Let me start by saying that I adored the first five books. I have read them over and over and waited anxiously for the release of this installment. I almost took a day off work just to devote to my impending worship of this novel. I, like many others, was initially wary of KMM's plans to make her lead character the 14 year old Dani, who I felt to be mostly a nuisance character in the series. But I

trusted KMM, especially when she assured us in her blogs and facebook page, over and over, that we would come to love Dani. That we would forget all about Mac and Barrons. And that the material was in no way YA. Umm...not so much. The book isn't terrible, it's just not a consistent continuation of the gripping story like the first five books that originally won my heart. In truth, in my second read, I've upped my rating from the 2 stars I was tempted to give it initially. Here's what I liked: Dancer. Finally learned more about who he is and I like him as a character. Christian. Dramatic turn to his character, I am curious to see where KMM takes him from here. Lor. I think he's hilarious in a dry, scenestealing kind of way. Hoar Frost King and Crimson Hag. Creative, terrifying. Doubt we've seen the last of either of them. Ryodan. Can't tell if he's a good guy, a complete ass, or sometimes both. I like the fact that I'm still not sure. Here's what I kinda still don't care about, even after two reads: Dani. Yeah, that's bad when you aren't invested in the main character after two reads of the book. Kat and Sean. Who were they again? Here's what I REALLY didn't like: Dani is 14. I don't want to read about a 14 year old. 2 Grown men sexually attracted to a 14 year old. Eew.

Well. I was, like many other people, a huge fan of the Fever series and both excited and apprehensive about the release of Iced. Excited because, more Fever! And apprehensive because a) Dani was kind of an annoying narrator whenever she seized the reins in Fever, and b) since she's fourteen, any romantic under-, over-, or just general tones come off as icky. It was simultaneously better and worse than I thought it would be. Yes, there were times when Dani was an annoying idiot. She thinks she's very smart, and she is, but she's still fourteen, which makes her sort of automatically an idiot. It could, therefore, be argued that her obnoxiousness added realism to the story, but I'm not sure the realism was worth having to deal with all the crap, not to mention the number of times she uses the word "dude". Luckily, Dani is also funny and learning about her is interesting because she doesn't share well. Her intelligence also comes through more in this book, and the contrast between regular Dani and science Dani is really quite fascinating. Let's take a look at the plot. Iced takes place pretty much right after the end of Shadowfever, so if you haven't read that, don't read the rest of this review. Okay. I'm going to assume all the infidels are gone now and keep talking. The Unseelie King is off somewhere with the concubine/Aoibheal, Cruce/the Sinsar Dubh is frozen in a block of ice under the abbey, and Faery has merged with our world, resulting in lots of deaths and Interdimensional Fairy Potholes. Most of the action takes place in Dublin, centered at Chester's, Ryodan's weird club/fae hunting grounds. There's conflict between Dani and Ryodan as he tries to mold her into his future...what would you call it? A mate? See, kind of icky.

Moning continues to write books set in the world of Darkfever with a Dublin completely overrun by Fae that I. Can't. Stop. Reading. Darn her. I have all kind of issues with this book, most of them one other reviewers had, and I really, really thought hard about only giving it 4 stars, but in the end, I couldn't get over the fact that even in the saggy parts where Dani's 14 year old voice got my nerves and I was icked out by the attraction between her and Ryodan, the book still had me utterly engrossed. Dani is doing her Mega Superhero thing watching over what humans she can in Dublin, hiding from Mac, hanging with her brainy friend Dancer, and killing all the fae she can with her sword. But Ryodan, the owner of Chester's night club, has taken in an interest in her. He forces her into his "employ" and sets her on the path of solving the mysterious "iced" places in Dublin. Meanwhile, our old, Druid friend Christian is almost all the way through his transformation into an Unseelie Prince, and he's also got designs on Dani. Zaniness ensues. While Dani-Ryodan reminded me an awful lot of Mac-Barrons (substitute Dani's inexperience/youngness for Mac's innocence) and Christian was a mite bit creepier than in prior books, Dani is her own person in this book with a distinctive voice and constant desire to be moving forward and getting things done that is quite believable. I love how Moning makes Ryodan and his buddies make comments that Dani doesn't get but that us readers definitely pick up as sexual innuendo.

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