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# The Singer



## Synopsis

When you've lost everything you love, how do you fight the darkness? Ava left Istanbul with a new identity, new name, and new magic she could barely control. Laid low by Malachi's sacrifice, she searches for help from the fabled Irina. But will the secretive women of the Irin race welcome or shun her? Ava's origins are still a mystery, and her powers are darker than any they've encountered before. The Irin world hangs in the balance. And as the children of angels battle their own demons, ancient rivalries among the Fallen threaten to wreak havoc on earth. Thousands of miles away, a warrior wakes with no memory of his identity or his people. Stumbling through the twisted schemes of fallen angels, ravenous Grigori, and even his own leaders, he must find a way back to the one thing he remembers. A single voice calls him. Malachi has one mission. "Come back to me." The Singer is the second book in the Irin Chronicles, a contemporary fantasy series from Elizabeth Hunter, author of the Elemental Mysteries.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Actually, I have been trying to verbalize to myself IF, or how much I like Elizabeth Hunter's writing. Now that I am currently reading book three of this series do I realize how very impressed I am with her ability to spin a good story, keep the reader wondering, then gasping as the plot unfolds. The story did not seem all that impressive at first; and, a few questionable grammatical uses jogged my brain out of empathy for a very brief period. Soon, I was dragged deeper into the story and could not put the book down! The story basis is totally unbelievable, incredibly original and breathtaking in

complexity -- but, by the time you have finished book one, you are hooked! By the time you have started book two, you are begging for more. And, as the story begins to reach its conclusion in book three.--- well, I'm staying up "Way Past My Bed Time!" Also, I refuse to answer questions about "violence, sexual content, or person narrated" Ms. Hunter weaves all of these things into a showcase of drama, excitement, and just a very good story! They ought to make a movie! It would be a masterpiece for the "Special Effects" guys!

I haven't really been reading paranormal lately, for a long while really, and it's all I use to ever read. The cover of *The Scribe* intrigued me and it was \$0.99 so I bought it and thought I'd give it a try. I let it set on my Kindle for months and then I got into a book funk and said it's time to try it, if I don't like it I won't read it.... NOT the case, at all! *The Scribe* held a lot of mystery and action, I couldn't get enough... and that ending!!! I knew I was hooked! Now *The Singer*...still that mystery and action but also pain and sorrow. The mystery aspect has been doubled and you are waiting on the edge of your seat to figure it out. You're given just enough to hold you over til the next book, which we all know will reveal the big secret...if not then the title is misleading...Ha! I am so glad that I decided to take a chance with this book because not only do I love this series I also fell in love with the writing style of this author. I can't wait to devour more of her books, but first... *The Secret*!!

Elizabeth Hunter fans have waited months to continue the Irin Chronicles and the story of Ava & Malachi. Like me, I'm sure many of you wiped tears at the ending of *The Scribe*, heartbroken by the devastating loss of Malachi. As I settled in to read *The Singer*, I found myself a bit wary and anxious. I have fallen in love with these characters, shared their love and laughter, felt their pain and heartbreak, suffered and grieved with them. Elizabeth Hunter has the magical ability to breathe life into her characters, propelling them from the page of their fantasy world to captivate you and make you believe, make you care, make you want more...so I turned to page one, took a deep breath and got lost in their world once again...The Irin world is in turmoil. The Grigori are increasing their presence in Istanbul, and there's a power play among The Fallen that threatens to destroy everyone. Both Volund and Jaron want Ava, each for reasons of their own, and will stop at nothing to get her as an epic, world-ending battle ramps up between the Ancients. But Ava is unaware..."Grief struck at the oddest times. Like a cat, it waited to pounce. She could go about her day, even talk about Malachi, ignoring the black hole that lived inside, then something little would swallow her up." (Ava from *The Singer*)What do you do when you've lost everything - your heart, soul, mate - your reason for living? How do you continue when your other half is missing? Ava is

lost, battling the darkness while drowning in her grief...she watched her mate die, killed while fighting to save her. The darkness is closing in...an evil force is stalking her so she seeks refuge among the elusive Irina - a magical race of women who can help her discover and broaden the scope of her magical powers - help her release her voice and finally sing. She is haunted by dreams of her lost love, Malachi...dreams that feel so real, she can sense his breath whispering over her skin, caressing her with words of love. However, Ava's dreams also have a dark side - an ominous presence, always lurking around the shadows, tempting her, calling her, preying upon her mind. Who is luring her into the darkness? Why do they summon her? While Ava struggles with grief and darkness, there is a warrior far away, battling his own demons. He has awakened lost, not knowing his own name or where he belongs. As he fights to recapture his memories, his mind is inundated by a woman's mournful plea - "Vashama canem. Come back to me." The warrior's nights are spent pursuing and loving her in dreams, driven by a powerful bond that will not be denied. As his memory slowly returns, the mystical siren calling him in the night continues eluding him. He may no longer remember the woman haunting his dreams and mind, but he knows he loves her and recognizes her as his mate. Elizabeth Hunter has created a magnificent world of amazing characters, entangled in a web of deceit, danger, loss, power, politics, and love that will have your heart racing time and time again. She has once again raised the bar in the world of fantasy and totally captivated me. The writing is wonderfully imaginative, enticing you deeper with a plot laden with twists and turns. I was quickly lured into *The Singer* and couldn't turn pages fast enough to discover what would happen next. Approaching the end, I thought I had a handle on it, Yes...I can live with this...things are good...and then...I read the Epilogue...What?! OMG...I need book 3 now! What a great read! A definite reread! I can't wait for the next and final book of *The Irin Chronicles* trilogy! Fans of fantasy, paranormal, romance and suspense will love *The Singer* and the *Irin Chronicles*. Beautiful! Creative! Brilliant! A must read!

The Irin males are tattooed with intricate swirls of words and knowledge. Sharing their markings with their Irina mates adds a dimension to the relationship that literally fills the spirit and makes it glow, and reading this second book in the trilogy we find ourselves caught up by those same delicate threads that with the Irin are caused by a needle piercing the skin. That magic may not be on our skin but nevertheless it lures us and keeps us glued to the page. This is a beautiful love story, sweetly captivating and passionately lived as Ava and Malachi move slowly back towards each other whilst intrigue and violence pulses around them. We journey with them as our emotions are gathered and tightly held by these strong main characters. What is she not who is the question that

crosses our mind but we know the answers will not be in this book so instead we settle for the lovers finding each other and wait with bated breath for the next instalment in our travels. The world-building as always with this author is brilliantly done binding us with spells in its very own mating ritual. I can't wait to continue this emotional and thrilling journey, and I repeat the word journey because that is the feeling evoked, and learn more about this magical race who like humans don't always make the right decisions about their very existence. Great reading!!

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