

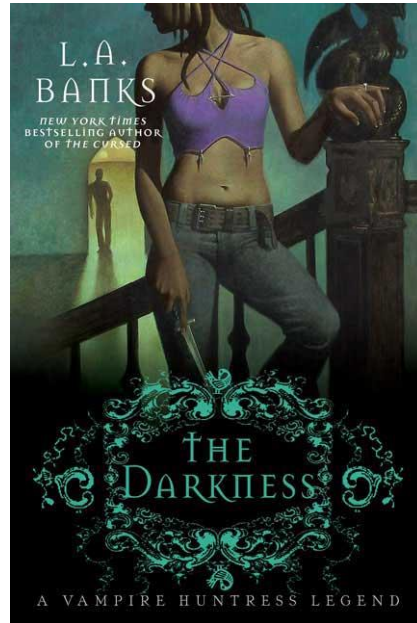
# READING GROUP GUIDE

## The Darkness

By L.A. Banks

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### About this Guide

The following author biography and list of questions about *The Darkness* are intended as resources to aid individual readers and book groups who would like to learn more about the author and this book. We hope that this guide will provide you a starting place for discussion, and suggest a variety of perspectives from which you might approach *The Darkness*.

### About the Book

After the battle at Masada, the Neteru team returns to San Diego believing forty-thousand demons had been eradicated and that Lilith's spawn has been killed. But somehow the treacherous little creature got away. Just as had been prophesized at the dawn of the Armageddon, the anti-Christ has been born and will soon rise to power.

Rewarded for her creation, Lilith is given the daylight bite and power to make Councilmen day-walkers. Having Fallon Nuit and Sebastian able to withstand sunlight is a huge problem, especially when they are adding new master vampires at recordbreaking levels. Meanwhile the dark realms are healing and adding to what had previously been wiped out—feeding off the dark energy of the newly created anti-christ who is only waiting to emerge.

### About the Author

L. A. Banks is the author of the Vampire Huntress Legends series. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and a master's in fine arts from Temple University. Banks considers herself a shape-shifter. She has written romance, women's fiction, crime and suspense, and, of course, dark vampire huntress lore. She lives with her daughter and her dog in an undisclosed lair somewhere in Philadelphia.



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## Discussion Questions

1. What did you think of the implications of the Unnamed One being able to attack Father Patrick in a cathedral?
2. How do you think the dynamics of the Neteru/Guardian compound will change now that there's a civilian (Delores) and a young child (Ayana) on the premises?
3. How do you feel about Yonnie's situation and his relationship to Valkyrie?
4. What about the addition of female Council Level vampires to the equation—do you think we've heard the last from these women? (Follow up question: do the female vamps seem/feel more treacherous than Fallon Nuit and Sebastian?)
5. In this book, did The Light seem significantly stronger than the darkness—or would you call it a draw?
6. Did you like/dislike seeing the upper realms of The Light working together and seeing some of the majesty of that place (Mid-Heaven) as much as you enjoyed seeing the lower realms?
7. In this legend, just like there are senior Guardians that seem to run the team, in this book there are “lead” Neterus on both the Kings and Queens Councils... did you like seeing them come together on behalf of Carlos and Damali?
8. What about the addition of some Biblical characters like Abel and Seth—did you like seeing them added to the battalions of The Light?
9. During the recovery scene where Carlos and Damali were given twenty-four hours hiatus, did you feel that this couple's relationship went to yet another level? (Also, how did you feel about Damali needing sedation after all these books and battles?)
10. How do you feel about Damali's pending pregnancy? (What are the dangers, implications, issues? What do you hope she has; a girl or a boy?)

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