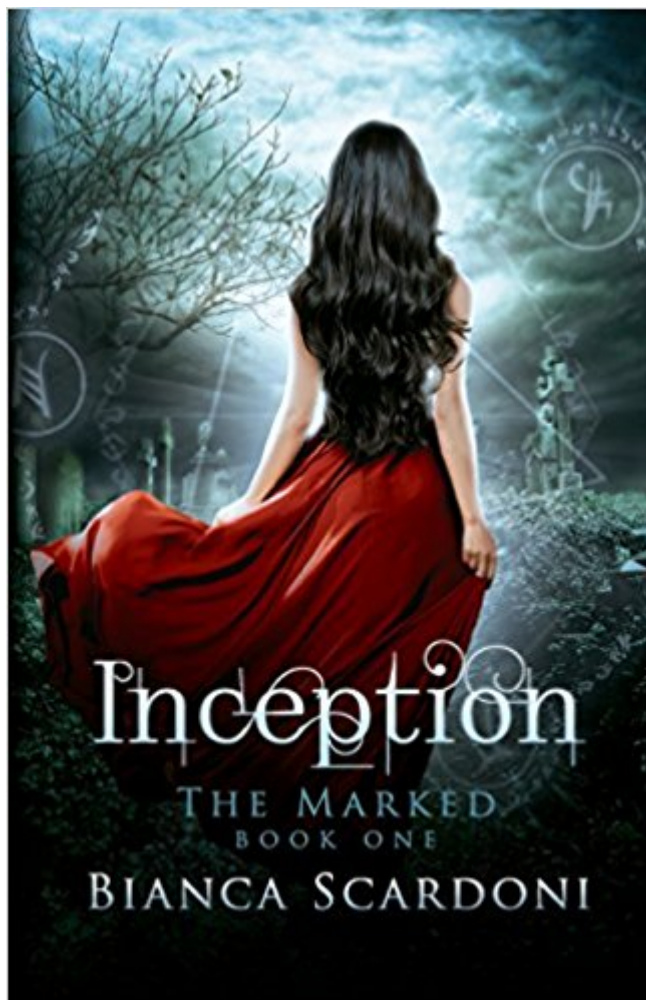


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Inception (The Marked) (Volume 1)



Synopsis

Be careful who you trust, for even the Devil was once an Angel. My name is Jemma Blackburn, and I have a secret. I know vampires are real. I watched one murder my father eight months ago, and even though they tried to convince me it didn't happen--that I'd lost touch with reality due to the trauma, I know what I saw was real. Hollow Hills is now the place I call home. It was supposed to be my chance at a normal life. My chance to bury my secret and start over. But everyone around me is keeping their own secrets, whispering lies into my ears like promises, and one of them is about to turn my entire world upside down. I thought I had it all figured out. I thought I had the answers. I thought I knew who I was. The truth is, I didn't even know the half of it. There's a reason these vampires are still after me. There's a reason they will always hunt me. Because I'm not human. I'm the devil they fear and the angel they crave. Only problem is, I don't know it yet... INCEPTION is the enthralling first installment in The Marked series. A YA paranormal romance full of atmosphere, supernatural adventure, and jaw-dropping twists that will keep you guessing until the very last page. INVIDIOUS (book 2) is now available!

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The first page had me locked in. The author makes you think and puts you in a position of understanding the characters before you even know that. There are literally so many deceitful twists and turns that it's hard to know who has the right intentions or not. Those you start to trust you learn not to trust them. I love how this book has been spun and it's different then any other series I have read. I immediately purchased the second book and I am excited to see where this one takes me.

This book started out as your typical girl meets boy story. He has a scary psycho ex girlfriend and vampires are actually real, she finds out she is a vampire slayer -talk about information overload. The usual suspects at high school are Caleb the jock, deep and tormented Trace, bubbly Taylor and

mean girls Nicki and Morgan so it seems pretty normal on the surface but everyone is keeping secrets and those secret could get her killed. Jemma, the main character seemed weak and fragile even after she started training. I would have liked her to be stronger and not have the guys constantly saving her. Hopefully she will develop more over time.

Firstly, beautiful cover art! Secondly, I love the mythos of this series! It's a kind of Buffy-meets-The Vampire Diaries. And that ending killed me! Ms. Scardoni knows how to leave a reader wanting more. I know Dominic is meant to be one of the baddies in this first book, but I'm getting some Spike (Buffy) vibes from him, making him my personal favorite. If you love vampires, slayers, time-travel, or young adult romance, then you're definitely going to want to read this. Just be prepared for that killer finale, because it will leave you floored! Five stars.

I really, REALLY want to punch someone in the face right now. That being said, this book is amazing. I was a little thrown off at first by the descriptive verbiage- it seemed a little grandiose to me at the beginning- but soon, the feel of it swept me away into this world of magical and mythical beings mixed with high school drama. The story is well developed and well-written with very few typos (not enough to even blink an eye at, which is rare in self published books). The characters are mysterious, yet believable. There a twists and turns aplenty and I found myself reading ravenously to find out what was going to happen next. Back to the face punching. Oh my dear God in heaven, I never saw that coming. I am usually very, very good at predicting plot twists, but that....that left me screaming expletives that made me glad my kids weren't home. My heart is broken. Like seriously, thousand pieces on the floor broken. I am angry and yes, I know these are fictional characters in a fictional story but I feel very betrayed. And that, my friends, is how you know you've read an excellent book. When hours later, it still affects you and you can't stop thinking about it. Do yourself a favor and don't pass this one up.

I read a variety of YA Paranormal fiction series such as Fablehaven, House of Night, Vampire Academy and this book is comparable to them. I loved the story from start to finish. It is a refreshing novel that makes for an excellent start to a series. The story was captivating and I really enjoyed the characters and their uniqueness. The novel is very descriptive and has a strong story line. I finished this book right away, not because it was too short, but addicting! I can't wait to see how Scardoni develops the series! A must read!!!

This story will keep you guessing right up to the end. Very well written and leads you through the story effortlessly. From page 1, it had me hooked, due to it having just enough suspense to make you want to read more. Not a dull moment.

Imaginative world created by Bianca is a fun place to be. The main character is a spunky girl trying to figure out what she is in a world that isn't what she thought all her life. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Fast paced. Great romance. I've read it 2x and still great. 2nd was just as good. Can't wait for 3rd!

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