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CONTENT

During the day, nineteen-year-old Erin seems just like any other student at her venerable university: She lives on campus with her fellow students, attends her classes and goes to parties. However, she doesn't go there to have fun – she goes there to hunt. Her victims: young men who cheat on their girlfriends. Erin, we learn, isn't a normal student, she's an Erinyes, a goddess of revenge, who steals men's souls with a kiss. No surprise then that Erin herself doesn't believe in love anymore. If she gets a man to kiss her, his soul belongs to her – or rather: to her boss, because Erin has made a pact with Hades to protect her sisters' souls from eternal torment in the underworld and now has to pay off her debt as a goddess of revenge.

But then she falls in love with her next victim: Arden, who keeps a vigil at his girlfriend Lyra's hospital bed every evening. She has been in a coma for months. Even though Erin and Arden are attracted to one another immediately, there is no future for them. For one thing, Erin has sworn off all men, and secondly, Arden would lose his soul if they kissed.

While Erin desperately tries to find a way to extricate herself from her pact with Hades, she and Arden become closer and closer. When they finally share a kiss, Arden's true identity is abruptly revealed: He is Hades' son and the one who commands the goddesses of revenge. He has made a bet



with Lyra – a daughter of Zeus – regarding the souls of Erin and her sisters. To make the bet more exciting, Arden has cast off all his memories of life as a son of the gods and Lyra has put herself into a permanent sleep.

Arden won the bet when Erin kissed him. Now her little sister's soul belongs to him as well. Erin desperately tries to prevent her sister from having to live as a goddess of revenge like she does and offers Arden a new deal: If he leaves her little sister alone, Erin's soul will from now on be entirely his.

THE AUTHOR

As a child, Alana Falk wanted to become a veterinarian, a goal her artist family viewed with suspicion. After graduating, she realised that while she loved medicine, she didn't love daily life in a practice, and so she looked for a new challenge. Her chronic curiosity and her desire to try everything at least once led her to "NaNoWriMo", a world-wide online event where people write an entire novel in just one month. This crazy event led to Alana penning her first novel and discovering her love for writing – in particular her passion for emotional, conflict-ridden stories with a sense of humour and a bitter-sweet love story.

She has now managed to turn this passion into her job, which she's incredibly happy about. Alana Falk lives in Munich with her husband.

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