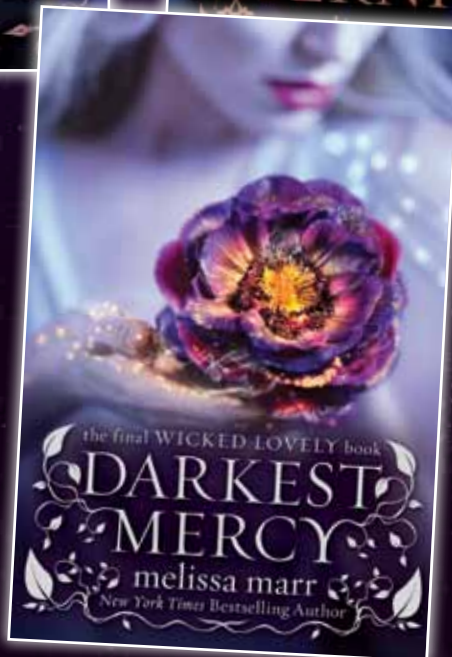
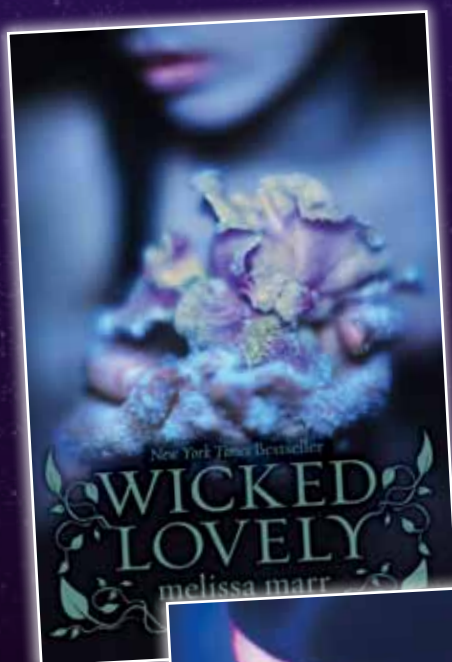


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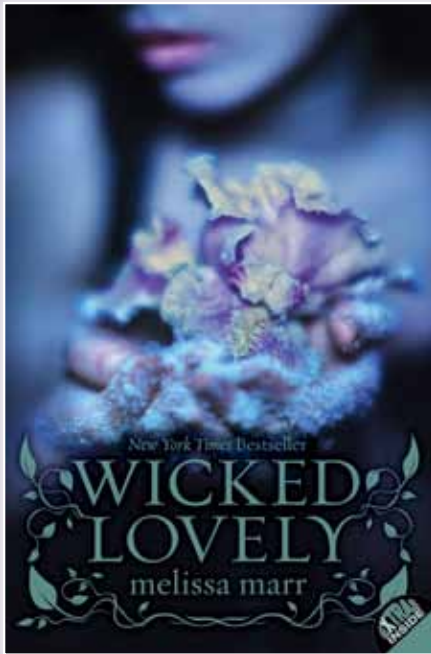
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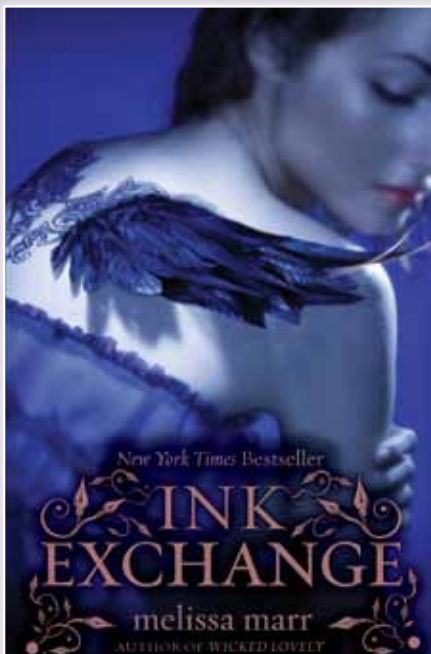
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ABOUT THE BOOK

Aislinn has always been able to see faeries, and she has always followed the rules to avoid them. But when Keenan, the Summer King, pursues Aislinn, the rules that have protected her no longer work. Keenan wants Aislinn to be his queen, and even as she struggles to avoid that role, she proves herself worthy of ruling the Summer Court. But Keenan's mother, the Winter Queen, will stop at nothing to prevent Aislinn from assuming her rightful place in the faery realm.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Aislinn's Grams lie to her about her mother's death? How does the truth affect Aislinn when she finds out?
2. Why did Beira kill Keenan's father? What impact does that have on Keenan and the Summer Court?
3. What is ironic about the fact that Donia and Keenan are truly in love?
4. What are the signs that Aislinn is the Summer Queen?
5. Why is Donia willing to help Aislinn and what does she risk to do so? How does Donia help Aislinn?
6. What role does Seth play in Aislinn's decision? How is Seth affected by Aislinn's decision?



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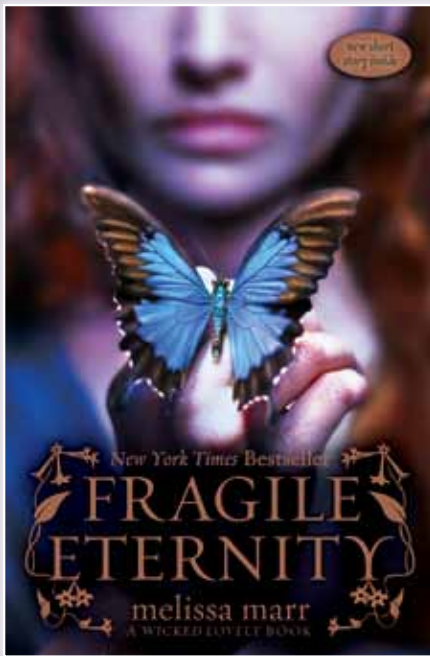
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Endeavoring to overcome her miserable home life and memories of abuse, Leslie longs for a tangible symbol of change—a tattoo to adorn her body. When she finds the perfect tattoo, she has no idea it will tie her to a faery court that feeds on the emotions of mortals. Leslie's tattoo connects her to Irial, the Dark King, who attempts to save his court by binding himself to Leslie. As Leslie falls deeper into the seductive world of the fey, she longs to reclaim her own life, and it will take every ounce of strength she possesses to do so.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Irial does not want war in the courts; he wants chaos. What is the difference between the two? How does Guin's death change the atmosphere in the Dark Court?
2. Why does Irial need Leslie? How is she physically connected to Irial? How does Niall fail her?
3. What mistake does Keenan make that causes Niall to leave the Summer Court? What is Irial's reaction? What does it mean to be a solitary fey?
4. Why does Bananach want to take over the Dark Court and assume Irial's position as king? Who is Irial's protector, fighting Bananach to keep her in her place?
5. Why does Leslie leave the Dark Court? How does she have the ink exchange removed? What does she gain from the experience?
6. Why does Irial pass the kingship of the Dark Court to Niall? What is Niall's reaction? Why will Niall be a good ruler?



FRAGILE ETERNITY

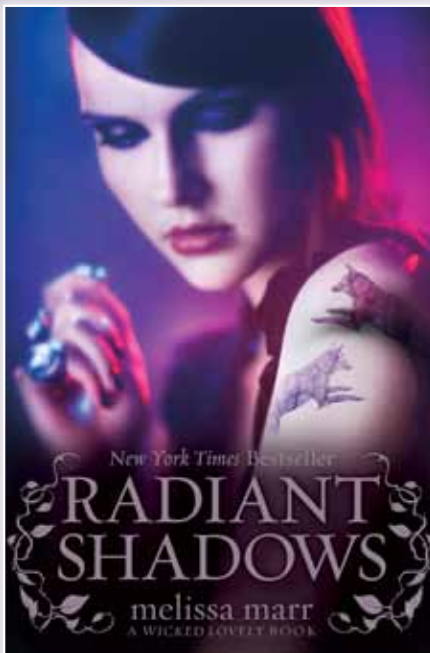
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ABOUT THE BOOK

Seth's desire to become a faery sets in motion a dynamic chain of events. When no one in the mortal realm will help him, Seth follows Bananach, the embodiment of War, to Faerie. There, Sorcha, the High Queen, grants Seth his desire and gives him a valuable gift—one with a hidden cost. Returning to the mortal realm, Seth finds Aislinn in the arms of Keenan. Devastated by Seth's return, Keenan turns to Donia, but the Winter Queen spurns him. Seth's becoming a faery alters the lives of all the regents and fey in every court.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As summer draws closer, the intensity between Keenan and Aislinn increases. What does Keenan want from Aislinn that she is unwilling to give to him? Why is she unwilling? What role does Seth play in her decision? How does Keenan threaten Aislinn and Seth's relationship?
2. The balance between the courts is beginning to waver. Niall, king of the Dark Court, punches Keenan, king of the Summer Court, knocking him out, and Donia, queen of the Winter Court, stabs Aislinn, queen of the Summer Court. Who or what is behind the chaos that is brewing in the faery world? Why could the chaos be beneficial?
3. Aislinn loves Seth but doesn't want to help him become fey. What are her reasons for not doing so? Does her refusal to change him force him onto the path he eventually takes? What other options might he have pursued?
4. Why does Sorcha keep the High Court hidden? What are the characteristics of the faeries in the High Court? How does the High Court differ from the three other courts?
5. What is Sorcha's motivation for enabling Seth to become a faery? What stipulations does Sorcha make in order for Seth to obtain his desire? What is her purpose in having Seth kiss her?
6. How does Seth's disappearance affect the Summer Court? What decision does Aislinn make that will affect both Keenan and Seth?



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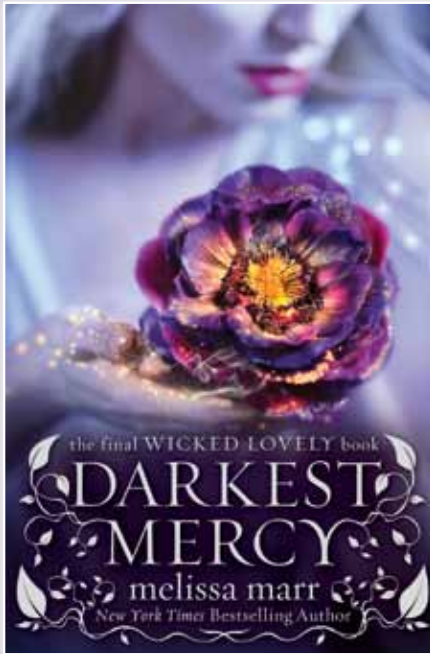
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ABOUT THE BOOK

Half-human and half-faery, Ani is driven by dual hungers for touch and for emotions—both are necessary to sustain her—and by her desire to be accepted as a full member of the Dark Court. When the High Queen sends her assassin, Devlin, in search of Seth, he and Ani meet. Ani attracts the attention of the High Queen and of War, and Devlin must protect her from both. A fierce battle between Bananach and the Dark Court forces Seth, Devlin, and Ani into Faerie, where they make a surprising discovery and an equally shocking choice.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is Ani's family heritage? What does Ani want from life that she can't have? Why does Irial conduct experiments on her blood?
2. Why is Devlin so irritated by Seth? How does Sorcha and Seth's relationship undermine Devlin's position in Faerie?
3. What role does Devlin play in Ani's life? Why is there so much tension between Ani and Devlin as they travel across the country? How does their relationship challenge who they have been?
4. How does Sorcha discover Rae is living in Faerie? What does Sorcha command Rae to do? Why happens in Faerie as a result of the command?
5. After Bananach has murdered an innocent girl to get Ani's attention, what secret about his sisters does Devlin reveal to Ani and Irial? What does he hope to gain by giving them this knowledge?
6. What crucial decision do Ani and Devlin make in Faerie? How do their actions impact the High Queen, Bananach, the Dark Court, and Faerie itself?



DARKEST MERCY

BY MELISSA MARR

ABOUT THE BOOK

In the Summer Court, Aislinn attempts to rule in Keenan's absence and to resolve her relationship with Seth. Wounded in the altercation with Bananach, the Dark Court mourns the death of key fey as their king slips into madness. The Winter Court gathers its strength, even as Donia grieves over the end of her relationship with Keenan. Strengthened by the chaos in all the courts, Bananach claims the throne of the Dark Court. The long-brewing war finally ensues, as betrayal, despair, and love ignite the tensions in all four faery courts.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Keenan make an agreement with the water faery Innis? What are the terms of the agreement they make? How do the water faeries help the courts fight against Bananach?
2. Why does Keenan disappear for six months? What brings him back to Huntsdale? Why does he go to Donia before returning to the Summer Court?
3. Why is the Winter Court stronger than the Dark Court or the Summer Court? How does Donia help strengthen the Winter Court?
4. Why is the balance of power shifting between the Summer, Winter, and Dark Courts? What is the catalyst for the shift?
5. What is the final provocation for an all-out war? What is the turning point for the courts in winning the war against Bananach?
6. What role will Seth play in the Dark Court? How can Keenan help rule the Winter Court? What is Irial's new position?

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THEMATIC QUESTIONS

1. How do the characters in each novel make choices that affect the quality of their lives? How do their choices affect others in their lives? Ask yourself, "What if . . ." to imagine different scenarios that might have occurred if the characters had made different choices.
2. The major characters in all five novels are connected in some way, and it is those connections that affect their actions and reactions in any given situation. Choose a character and discuss the implications that certain connections have had on that character's life.
3. Traditional notions of "good vs. evil" are challenged in this series as readers view actions and motivations from differing perspectives. Did your perceptions of any of the characters change after seeing the story from their point of view?
4. Why does the threat of war between the courts finally become a reality? Why were the characters afraid of killing Bananach? How was that fear negated?
5. Do you feel satisfied by the culmination of the series? Why or why not? If you were the author, how would you have chosen to end the series?

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