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Supernatural, Thriller, Romance—Dakota Banks' New Book Has it All

Supernatural, Urban fantasy, Romance elements

Dark Time: Mortal Path Book One

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About the Book: What if a woman sells her soul to a demon and 300 years later wants it back?

In the 17th century, a woman is ripped from her husband's arms, thrown in jail, and then set afire as a witch. Saved from the flames by an ancient Sumerian demon, she becomes the Black Ghost, his Ageless assassin gifted with otherworldly skills and superbly trained in martial arts.

Centuries pass before the woman now known as Maliha Crayne finds a way out of the life she hates. If she saves as many lives as she's taken, she'll break the demon's hold on her. If she fails, she will suffer the demon's torment ... *forever*. The ticking clock? Every time she saves a life, she ages. The deck is stacked against her.

Dark Time: Mortal Path Book One is a thriller laced with ancient legends, a frightening scenario that could be tomorrow's headlines, a heady dash of the supernatural, and the warmth of awakening love.

"Sometimes you just need a kick-ass former demon's slave to tackle life's problems. Especially one wielding a whip sword. *Dark Time: Mortal Path Book One* is a novel to be savored for both its edge of suspense and the pure joy of its storytelling. Part immortal, all human, Maliha is a heroine who will leave readers breathless and craving more. Not to be missed!" - James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author of *The Doomsday Key*

"Seductive, sophisticated, and imaginative, *Dark Time* has a multi-dimensional quality with beguiling concepts and a labyrinth of fast-paced suspense. There's food for thought on every fascinating page. Dakota Banks is firing on all cylinders." – Steve Berry, New York Times bestselling author of *The Charlemagne Pursuit*

"Sweeping across continents and centuries, *Dark Time* by Dakota Banks is story-telling at its most vivid. The characters are fascinating. Curl up in your favorite chair - entertainment is guaranteed." - Gayle Lynds, New York Times bestselling author of *The Last Spymaster*

"A passionate, fascinating urban fantasy packed with action and history." - David Morrell, New York Times bestselling author of *The Brotherhood of the Rose* and *Creepers*

About the Author: Dakota Banks lives in the St. Louis area and is a member of the International Thriller Writers, Horror Writers Association, Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, and Mystery Writers of America. She's at work on the next book in the series.

Dakota says: "The idea for the Mortal Path series originated with the looting of the National Museum of Iraq for three days in April 2003, but I didn't research it and write the book for several years. Thousands of irreplaceable treasures from some of the oldest civilizations were lost in the museum looting. Ancient Sumer is present-day Iraq. Thinking about artifacts that had survived five millennia generated ideas about other things that could have survived from that time. What if Sumerian gods and demons still existed in the present? Suppose they're here—mythological beings come to life—with humans as their pawns."

More detail available at www.dakota-banks.com.