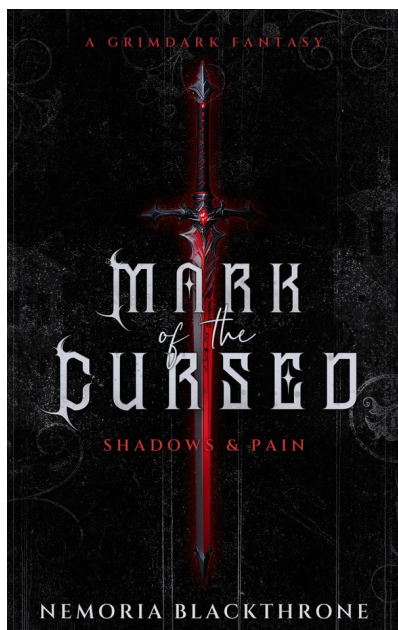




Mark of the Cursed

Shadows & Pain · Book 1 · Blogger Team Info & Agreement

Thank you for joining. This sheet covers everything in one place: the book, the review copy, the dates, and the few things I ask of you. Everything here is voluntary. No pressure, no quotas.

Author	Nemoria Blackthrone
Genre	Dark fantasy leaning grimdark
Series	Book 1
Ebook	Out now on Amazon Kindle (\$4.99)
Paperback / hardcover	Coming to Amazon in the next few days
Review copy	Ebook only (EPUB, PDF on request)
Length	Prologue and 44 chapters, approx. 87,000 words

The book

A man raised his hand, and his own shadow did not raise it with him. That is how it began. A year later the sun stands still, a black disc with a burning rim, and what crawls out of the crooked shadows no longer has names, only purposes: to devour, to hunt, to lure.

Kael can call the darkness. It obeys him, and every time it takes a piece of him in return. Veylan carries two powers that want to tear him apart. Together with a woman and her eight-year-old son they reach the last refuge of the world: an old museum behind boarded windows, run by an order that fights darkness with weapons made of darkness.

Morally grey characters, no chosen ones, a modern world after its fall, a narrator who speaks straight to you. No clean ending.

Content warnings

Systematic torture and mutilation within a religious order, body horror, graphic violence, captivity and restraint, grief and loss, religiously motivated violence. No happy ending.

Please keep it spoiler-free

Tone, genre and your feelings are all fair game. Plot twists, who lives or dies, how relationships develop, and the ending are not. If you really want to talk about them, mark it clearly as a spoiler and put it at the very end of your post.

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Your review

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Optional team dates

Before October 31	One or two creative posts (cover, mood board, quote, first impressions, video)
October 31	Launch day post. The German edition comes out on Halloween
By mid-November	Review on Amazon and/or Goodreads, plus your blog or socials if you like

All of these are optional. If a date doesn't work for you, that's fine. Just let me know.

Tags

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Privacy

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Transparency

I wrote this book myself in German and translated it into English myself, with AI used for proofreading. English isn't my first language and the translation hasn't had a native-speaker proofread yet, so if you spot anything clunky, I'd really appreciate you telling me. The character illustrations are AI-assisted, and my author photo is me, AI-edited until I've got real shots in the costume.

Agreeing

A short "I agree" in our Discord or in a DM is enough.

"Sometimes a curse is the only way to freedom." Thank you for your time and your honest opinion. Nemoria