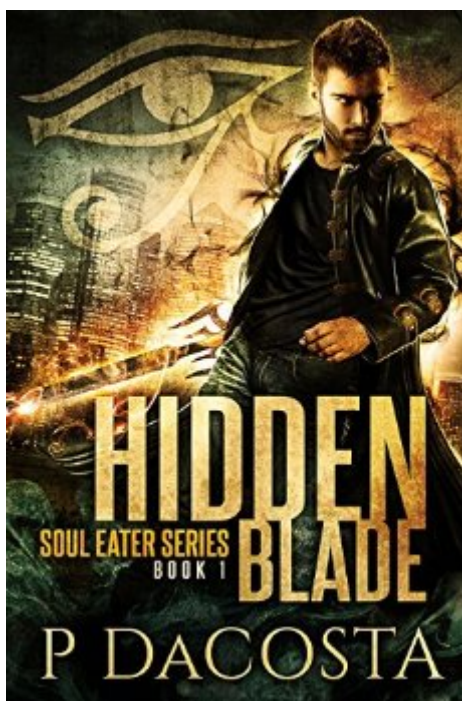


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# Hidden Blade (The Soul Eater Book 1)



## Synopsis

"They call me devil, liar, thief. In whispers, they call me Soul Eater. Theyâ™re right. Iâ™m all those thingsâ™and more." Kicked out of the underworld and cursed to walk this earth for all eternity, Ace Dante finds solace in helping others avoid the wrath of the gods. But when warrior-bitch, Queen of Cats, and Ace's ex-wife, Bastet, hires him to stop whoever is slaughtering her blessed women, Ace is caught between two of the most powerful deities to have ever existed: Isis and Osiris. The once-revered gods arenâ™t dead. Theyâ™re back. And Ace is in their way. Welcome to a New York where the ancient gods roam.

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## Customer Reviews

I did not have much expectation for this book. It has also been some time since I've written any decent review for a book. This one made me crack my fingers and get typing. Ace is a centuries old quasi-god cum P.I. Living in New York who is compelled by a powerful ... Egyptian God. He can't deny him in any way. He has a few tricks up his sleeves though. So when his ex asked him to look into a series of deaths he sets to solving the mystery and stop the killer. I will not go much in details. But this book is entertaining and bitter sweet. The good guys don't always win... And Ace has too

many skeletons in the closet to be called good anyway. But we see a magical unfurling in a consistent fashion. That world is not foisted on us and so we can acclimatize ourselves to it as we follow Ace one chapter after another. Ace himself is whitty, bitter, snarky and alcoholic - quintessential anti-hero hero material really. I like this book. I really you should try it out.

The first thing I'll mention for those who, like me, might not have looked at the page count... is that this book is 176-some pages long. It is NOT a full length book. Nor, in my opinion, can it be counted as a novella, mainly because the book (as happens way too frequently these days) just sort of ends, with presumably a more satisfying conclusion to come in the promised second book. What there is is well written; the characters are interesting and the relationships complex. However, the book is so short that what action does happen has to happen without much in the way of setup or payoff, and the end result is a protagonist who doesn't really accomplish much of anything. I know taking a book and chopping it up into pieces is all the rage these days (and then further chopping those books up for multiple movies), but I feel like this would have been a lot stronger as a full book instead of something between a novella and half a book.

Was a decent tale from a writing style perspective. The characters were pretty well developed and the plot was good. The downside, and the reason I won't recommend this tale; it was totally and utterly predictable. I told myself "no, it can't be that obvious" about a quarter way through the story. Unfortunately, it was that obvious. I might be persuaded to check out the next installment if it's cheap enough.

I had high expectations for HIDDEN BLADE. The cover and concept got me hooked, and having read DaCosta's work before, I hoped for a wicked, exciting story to go along with it. I got more than that. "I got one of the best urban fantasy books I've ever read. Right from the get-go, I knew I would love Ace. He's the best kind of antihero: Broody, snarky, and tough as titanium nails. Not to mention he's terrifying when he needs to be. I can't remember the last time I read about a character with truly deadly powers who actually scared the crap out of me when he used them. Not just because of what those powers could do, but because of his attitude when he used them. This is not a man you want to mess around with. Competing with Ace for top slot as my favourite part of the book was the story itself. It was complex, mysterious with great pacing, melded in the Egyptian mythology beautifully, executed fantastic action scenes, and had shocking twists I definitely didn't see coming. I could hardly put it down. There was literally a point where I was walking past my work

locker, knowing HIDDEN BLADE was inside, and I actually sighed wishing I could sneak away to read it. This is a MUST for all urban fantasy fans. You'll never read anything like it. This series is likely going to become one of my top favourites of all time. No joke. Get it now. You won't regret it, and you'll be eagerly awaiting the next book like I am.

Gritty, sexy, magical - really, does it get any better than this? This is a short read, more akin to Ms DaCosta's Girl From Above series than the meatier Veil books. It's a magnificent start to this new series, and I can't wait to find out what happens next to Ace!

I loved this! Yes, it's a little short by some standards, but it moves fast, and is a heckuvalotta fun! A book needs to be long enough to tell the story, not longer, not shorter. There are enough pages in this book for the story. No more, and no less. DaCosta has built a fantastic world, populated by humans (it is, after all, our world) and several of the demons and gods from Ancient Egypt. These are not your "usual" zombies or weres or shapeshifters. No, these are badass gods and goddesses who don't take "No" for an answer. From anyone, including a lesser god or goddess. Ace is a liar, a thief, and the Nameless One. He was raised by Ammit, and was married to Bastet. He hates cats. He is a soul eater, and not on the best of terms with Osiris or Isis, especially after Isis has her way with his daughter, and Osiris with his (ex) wife. What? You want to know what happened? Read the book! Is it predictable? Oh, yeah, maybe. But, y'know what, it's fun. If you don't like adult super anti heroes, who kill, who maim, who have sex, and who are generally badass dudes and dudettes, don't read this book. If you don't like cats, you'll at least have something in common with Ace. I enjoyed Hidden Blade enough that I just bought Witches' Bane (Soul Eater Book 2).

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