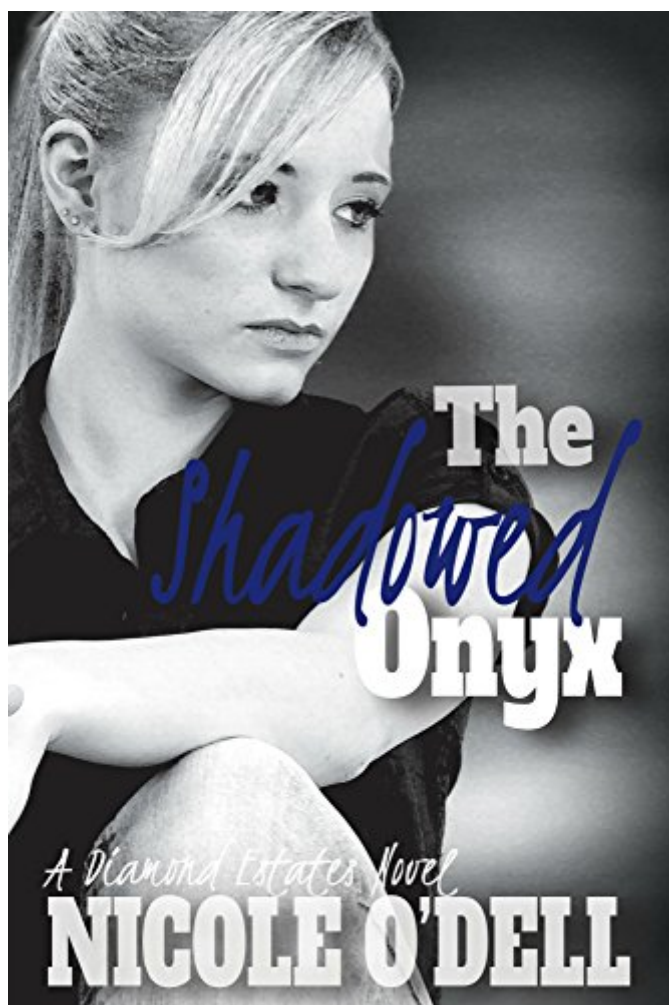




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Customer Reviews

While this was the most disquieting, disconcerting, and by far the darkest installment in the trilogy; it was also the most fulfilling, uplifting, and powerful by far. If a reader has read the first two books or not; they should read this one.

The Shadowed Onyx is a suspenseful, well written, page-turning story, with well developed characters. More than that, it's an accurate depiction of how easily young people--including Christian, church going young people--can and are being lured in to the occult. Joy's transition from

Christianity to witchcraft is a gradual process, very realistically portrayed. And her journey is one many, both teens and adults, can relate to. This is a book Satan does NOT want you to read. It unveils the real danger of dabbling in witchcraft, giving you a peek at the enemy's play-book, and then shows you how to fight back and win with the awesome, overwhelming, power in the name of Jesus. This book is a MUST READ for young people. A MUST READ for those who work with young people, including church leaders. And a MUST READ for parents of young people. Bravo, Nicole O'Dell. Bravo!

This was an excellent book to read. Although this book is the third in the "Diamond Estates" series, and I've not read any of them up until now, I didn't have any problem understanding the events that unfolded in this book. The characters were life-like and believable. Their actions had reasons behind them; they didn't just do something without a very good reason. The characters went through death, sorrow, and fear. They never seemed dull or boring. Joy, as a main character, was superb. She acted like most modern teenagers would, given her circumstances and age. I connected with her character, often times thinking that she was a lot like myself. The plot was astonishingly well-written. While it had its depressing parts, the story far-surpassed my expectations. I expected to get preached at. I expected that this book would be a nice little story about a girl down in the dumps who quickly finds Jesus and then her life miraculously starts getting better...and everyone lives happily ever after. I was worried about getting a boring book preaching about the love of Jesus. I was worried this story would be a simple walk in the park, "praying solves everything" type of Christian book. I honestly thought I'd be bored after the first two chapters. I couldn't have been more wrong. My expectations were completely incorrect. I was interested in the story and characters from page one, and the book held my interest all the way to the last page. Be advised that this is a Christian book about the occult. From the first page you will be thrown into the occult: seances, Ouija boards, spirit guardians, and even angels and demons! Don't let the occult theme distract you from the over-all message. I have always been drawn to spiritual warfare books. Anything that has to do with the subject I usually read. Sometimes I find myself seeking for more information - after I finish a book, I do research on the topics the book discussed. With this book, however, I didn't feel the need to go into any research. The author goes into great detail about the workings of a Ouija board, spirit guardians, demons, and other such spiritual things normally associated with witchcraft and Satanism. I think this story is something that needs to be told

to the world. It's truly opened my eyes and made me think differently about the occult. I would recommend this book to any person sixteen years of age or older. This book is a welcome edition to my bookcase; I will keep and re-read this book for years to come. Student Reviewer: Christian Reader Age at time of review - 18

WOW. I've been looking forward to this book for awhile and wasn't disappointed at all. Now I'm just disappointed the series is over!! love that Nicole openly tells in the author notes of the novel about her own experience as a teen at Teen Challenge. Her experience there clearly rings true and sincere in her novels in a way that other authors couldn't even touch. Nicole KNOWS - and PRACTICES - what she's preaching here, and the best part about it is that it doesn't come off as preaching at all! I highly recommend any of Nicole's YA novels for the teen in your life.*Disclaimer** This particular novel is hardcore. It's great on so many levels, but it's definitely not a light, fluffy read to hand to a teen to skim on their beach blanket this summer. This is serious content and should be treated as such. (the occult, spiritual warfare, demonic influences, suicide, death, etc.) I personally felt a little heavy at times while reading it, just relating to the character. Not to scare readers away, because I firmly believe teens SHOULD read this. It's just a bit of a catch 22, because while this book clearly presents what could happen and often does happen when teens (or anyone) dabbles in the occult, and serves as a warning thereof and offers light to escape the darkness, it could also have the reverse affect and entice a spiritually scoffing teen to try things out or "give them ideas" if they don't take it seriously. I'm so glad Nicole included Scripture and the Plan of Salvation and prayer in the back of the book. Awesome!! I'm so proud of Nicole for tackling subject matter most authors would shy away from (and sadly, most preachers do as well in the church today) This is subject matter that should NEVER be ignored. Because it's real and its happening in teens' lives today - adults looking the other way is as good as pushing our teens into the darkness. Unacceptable! So please pray over your teen before, during and after they read this story, and discuss it with them and get their thoughts on the subject matter. I believe God can and will use this story to do big things in the hearts of teenagers!

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