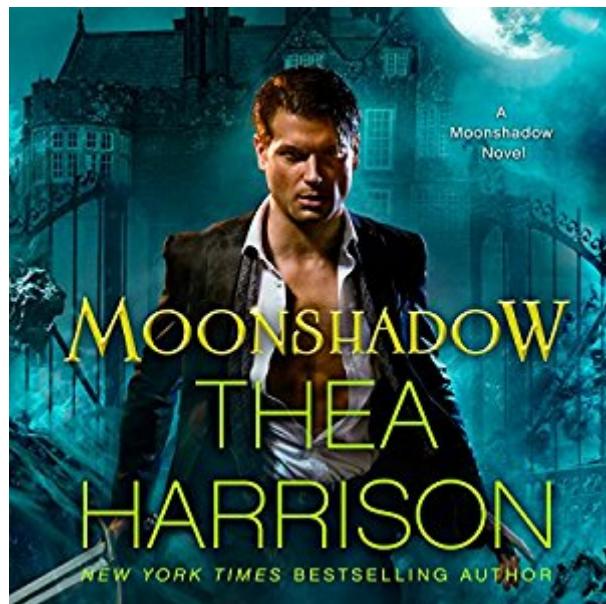


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# Moonshadow: Moonshadow, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

Recovering from a shooting, LAPD witch consultant Sophie Ross leaves her job and travels to the UK to search for answers about her childhood. When she encounters a Daoine Sidhe knight of the Dark Court, she becomes entangled in an ancient hatred between two arcane forces. Barred from his homeland along with his surviving brother knights, Nikolas Sevigny is embroiled in a conflict that threatens everything he holds dear. Only by uniting his people's resources can they hope to prevail against Isabeau, the deadly Queen of the Light Court. He will do anything and use anyone to return home to Lyonesse. When Nikolas encounters Sophie, he sees a tool to be used. The insouciant witch might be the key to unlocking every passageway that has been barred to the knights of the Dark Court, even as a fascination for her takes root in what's left of his soul. Sophie has no intention of becoming anyone's pawn, yet the fierce Nikolas is so compelling, she can't deny the temptation that endangers her guarded heart. As magic threatens Lyonesse, Queen Isabeau unleashes her merciless hounds, and Nikolas and Sophie become embroiled in a race for survival. Meanwhile, the passion that ignites between them burns too hot to be denied and quickly turns into obsession. Thank goodness they both know better than to fall in love....

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## **Customer Reviews**

A must read! Moonshadow is packed with action and adventure, humor, romance, evil sorcerers, brooding heros, and a beautifully strong heroine. Thea Harrison is one of my favorite authors, and her latest novel has worked it's way to my top favorites list. This Elder Races spinoff start to the Moonshadow trilogy is set in the United Kingdom, and sets the stage for more to come. You

definitely do not have to read the Elder Races series before reading Moonshadow (although I recommend them as well because it is a great series!). Sophie is tough, determined and resourceful. She is a witch that consults with the LAPD, and after suffering a traumatic injury on the job, is trying to get back to herself while dealing with PTSD. She receives the offer of a lifetime; more information about her past and the possibility of a place of her own--the catch is she has to go to the UK. Nik is tough, determined and resourceful. Sound familiar? He is a Dark Fae and Knight of the Dark Court, who has spent most of his very long life fighting for his people against the enemy Queen of the Light Fae. His people mean everything to him, and are his purpose in life. He will use anything and anyone to help his people. When the two meet, heads collide. Did I mention they are both stubborn? What follows is an awesome adventure that is often humorous and sometimes frustrating--at least for Sophie and Nik. Plenty of heat between the two spiced things up, and plenty of side characters add extra depth to their story. Definitely read this book! It is too good to pass up. And grab it while you can at the cheaper price of \$2.99! :) As a disclaimer, I did receive an ARC of Moonshadow in exchange for an honest review.

This first book in the MOONSHADOW series also of the same title is set in Thea Harrison's Elder Races world, but these stories take place in the United Kingdom rather than the US. Sophie Ross was a magic user consultant for the LAPD when she was wounded on duty. When an unexpected chance to leave her job and possibly inherit a manor house in Great Britain arises, she decides to take it as well as look for answers about her unknown parents. Sophie was raised by witch foster parents; however, her magical heritage is nebulous. Her unusual talents and fighting spirit make Sophie very attractive to a Daoine Sidhe knight of the Dark Fae Court, Nikolas Sevigny, who has been battling to get back to his homeland in another dimension. The nasty Queen of the Light Court, Isabeau, is doing everything she can to wipe out Nikolas and his knights including unleashing her monstrous Hounds to destroy what's left of his fighting force. Sophie and Nick meet first in a vision, and then in a small English village when she comes to claim the property if the house will accept her. This enchanted house straddles both places, existing in her world and the Other Land. Nikolas sees her as a weapon to be used in the fae war, and as an aide to the way back home which he is desperate to find. Sophie is quite a saucy woman of exceptional and creative talent who is less than thrilled with the handsome knight's attempt to order her around like one of his troops. Despite their clash of wills, they are strongly attracted to one another with intense passion burning up the pages. Although some of the characters have been introduced in the Elder Races series, this book can be read as a

standalone. MOONSHADOW is a great new spinoff of the Elder Races; I enjoyed it immensely. For readers familiar with the first novel in the Elder Races called DRAGON BOUND, Sophie reminds me of Pia, who is one of my favorite characters. Sophie's personality is an appealing combination of strength and humor as well as kindness for the lost and hurt in the magic and non-magic world. Her strong, compassionate heart is a good counter to Nik's war-hardened one showing him in her quirky and sometimes infuriating way that love is the strongest and greatest magic of all. This is Thea Harrison at her best crafting a fine story of adventure and romance; fans of her work will be well pleased.

I honestly didn't think Thea Harrison could write a set of characters that I liked more than Dragos and Pia, oh man was I mistaken. I absolutely fell in LOVE with Sophie and Nickolas. Sophie was perfection! She was the perfect blend of sassy, spunky, take no crap, modern woman; who has been thrown in with an ancient high-handed knight. Nickolas who is cut off from home and watching his men dwindle down to almost nothing finds himself in a position of having to deal with the insolent Sophie. Sophie and Nickolas clash at almost every turn about almost everything. Sophie doesn't want a man to take care of her in any way, not even open doors. This is such a foreign concept for Nickolas. Oh, their interactions made me laugh. Especially when he tried to give her orders. OMG! Even if she agreed with the orders she had snark to dish back. She would not be ordered! Even still, there was a deep underlying sexual tension that you could just feel building until it boiled over. It was brilliant. The story was outstanding, vivid, fast paced, and super exciting with the perfect amount of romance thrown in. I honestly didn't want to stop listening. This is part of the Elder Races world so you could start here but I would recommend going back and reading the Elder Races so you have the back story on the other races. You won't be sorry. This was also the first Audiobook I've listened to in this series. Sophie Eastlake is a superb narrator. I think this might be a series I purchase in audiobook from now on! Moonshadow: Moonshadow, Book 1 is getting Five HUGE Boundless stars, if I could give it a 100 I would!

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