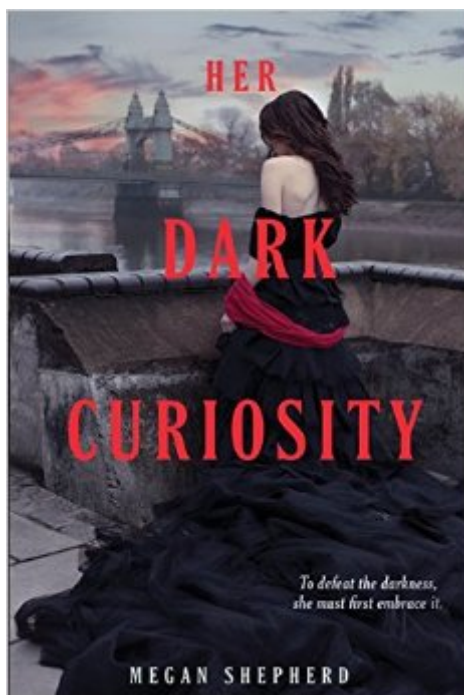


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Her Dark Curiosity (Madman's Daughter)



Synopsis

Inspired by *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, this tantalizing sequel to Megan Shepherd's gothic suspense novel *The Madman's Daughter* explores the hidden natures of those we love and how far we'll go to save them from themselves. Perfect for fans of Libba Bray. Back in London after her trip to Dr. Moreau's horrific island, Juliet is rebuilding the life she once knew and trying to forget her father's legacy. But soon it's clear that someone—or something—hasn't forgotten her, as people close to Juliet start falling victim to a murderer who leaves a macabre calling card of three clawlike slashes. Has one of her father's creations also escaped the island? As Juliet strives to stop a killer while searching for a serum to cure her own worsening illness, she finds herself once more in a world of scandal and danger. Her heart torn in two, her past bubbling to the surface, and her life threatened by an obsessive killer—Juliet will be lucky to escape alive.

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o many thoughts are still swirling inside my head after finishing this book. Where to begin? Well, let's start with the obvious. I loved it! It has all the best of the first book but with some darker plots in motion. More danger, suspense and intrigue than *The Madman's Daughter*. While the first book is a retelling of [book:The Island of Dr. Moreau|29981], this book brings us a twist an the famous tale of [book:The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde|51496]! And during the blending of the tales, Megan Sheperd doesn't miss a beat!**Warning: If you have not read *The Madman's Daughters* plot and character spoilers may be mentioned in this review. Turn away now if you have not read the

first book and don't want anything revealed. This book takes place a few months after Juliet is set adrift from the island. She has been found and taken in by the wealthy and caring Professor Von Stein. While her life may seem to have taken a turn for the better, they have not. She is ill. The serum she was taking is no longer properly working. She is hurt over Montgomery's betrayal to send her off alone and guilt is nibbling her about how she aided in the death of her father. Then former wrongdoers unto her are found dead and murdered! Talk about a lot to take on at her age! Sheesh. Double (triple?) lives, secrets and then murder?! It does not help when she knows who the murderer is.... Edward and Montgomery are also in the city for this book. Edward needs help, Montgomery has become a hunter and there are other dark secrets roaming the city streets. This book has a lot of great suspense and intrigue. It is darker and more violent than the first in my opinion. And more mature.

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Her Dark Curiosity by Megan Shepherd
Book Two of The Madman's Daughter series
Publisher: Balzer + Bray
Publication Date: January 28, 2014
Rating: 3 stars
Source: ARC sent by the publisher
Summary (from Goodreads): To defeat the darkness, she must first embrace it. Months have passed since Juliet Moreau returned to civilization after escaping her father's island and the secrets she left behind. Now, back in London once more, she is rebuilding the life she once knew and trying to forget Dr. Moreau's horrific legacy though someone, or something, hasn't forgotten her. As people close to Juliet fall victim one by one to a murderer who leaves a macabre calling card of three clawlike slashes, Juliet fears one of her father's creations may have also escaped the island. She is determined to find the killer before Scotland Yard does, though it means awakening sides of herself she had thought long banished, and facing loves from her past she never expected to see again. As Juliet strives to stop a killer while searching for a serum to cure her own worsening illness, she finds herself once more in the midst of a world of scandal and danger. Her heart torn in two, past bubbling to the surface, life threatened by an obsessive killer Juliet will be lucky to escape alive.
What I Liked: Believe it or not, I have a positive opinion towards this book. You'll see my next section, with the dislikes, and probably think that I absolutely hated this book. Not the case. I enjoyed it. I was interested throughout the book, even if the overall plot was cyclical. The events in this book kept my interest, even if some pissed me off.

I had read *Her Dark Curiosity* back in January of 2014 when it first came out, and at that time I did not love it. After eleven months passed, I picked this book back up to read in preparation for

â œA Cold Legacy,â • which comes out late January, and I am so glad that I did. Without a doubt, â œThe Madmanâ™s Daughterâ • is my favorite, but I really do love â œHer Dark Curiosityâ • now that Iâ™ve read it again. Second books are always hard for me to read because they are usually the darkest point in a trilogy; the tone becomes darker, the characters begin showing more and more of their flawed, human nature and sometimes that is difficult to see as a reader. Such was the case with Juliet and her surrounding characters. Everyone has their dark secrets and they are desperately trying to hide them behind fake smiles and 19th century chivalry, but there is a certain darkness that became more apparent with each passing page. It was hard at times to read, but it added a lot to the story in the sense that I was beginning to wonder who would make it out with their humanity (and maybe a little of their innocence) in tact. The whole time I was reading â œHer Dark Curiosity,â • I was questioning how Megan Shepherd could fix everything that was going wrong and how she would redeem the main characters in this story. I still donâ™t know how she can do that after finishing this book, and I am anxious about the crap thatâ™s going to go down in â œA Cold Legacy.â • Juliet was a very different girl from the one I read about in â œThe Madmanâ™s Daughter,â • and it made me so sad to see how the island and the experiences on it changed her. I couldnâ™t imagine how awful it would have been to go through what she did, and so these changes in perspective were believable as well as understandable.

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