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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 8 Up—As 18-year-old Lady Helen Wexhall prepares for her audience with Queen Charlotte at Buckingham Palace in 1812 London, she is constantly admonished by her aunt and uncle not to mention her mother, Lady Catherine, to the queen. Helen's mother and father drowned at sea, a result of her mother's wild and reckless pursuit of intrigue and excitement. Her aunt and uncle adopted her and her brother, and while her brother is as staid and stolid as they are, Helen shows the same reckless streak, intelligence, and curiosity as her mother. When her lady's maid mentions that one of the other housemaids is missing, Helen undertakes her own investigation. As she enters a season of parties and social affairs, she meets Lord Carlson, whose family has the ancient duty of investigating a cabal of demons who have infiltrated all levels of London society and want to bring an enlightened world back into a darker age. Although warned against Lord Carlson, she finds herself drawn more and more into his work, which seem to parallel her own and plunge her into greater danger. The first of a series, this Regency romance/supernatural mash-up introduces Lady Helen and Regency London as well as the underworld of the deceivers. Fast-paced, rich in description, with fascinating characters and excitement, this tale from Australian author Goodman will leave fantasy fans wanting more. **VERDICT** With mass crossover appeal, this genre-pushing tale will be enjoyed by those who don't usually read historical romances or supernatural works.—Janet Hilbun, University of North Texas

Review

"This fantastic introduction leaves us hungry for more." —*Entertainment Weekly*

"It's rare — but thrilling — to find a book that takes both generic conventions and historical accuracy seriously, as Alison Goodman's delightful fantasy novel *The Dark Days Club* does." —NPR

★ "Delicious. . . . Lady Helen is a well-drawn heroine, and her struggle to free herself from the stilted life of an early 19th century noblewoman and embrace her wilder, darker self is powerfully delineated."
—*Publishers Weekly*, **starred review**

★ "Fast-paced, rich in description, with fascinating characters and excitement, this tale from Australian author Goodman will leave fantasy fans wanting more." —*School Library Journal*, **starred review**

"[*The Dark Days Club*] takes off in a delightful way, juxtaposing the laced-up expectations of society against the newly stirring blood of a worthy heroine. . . . Try this with fans of genre twisters such as Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith's *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*." —*Booklist*

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An ALA Best Book for Young Adults
A CBCA Notable Book

Eona: An Indie Next Selection
An ALA Best Book for Young Adults

Singing the Dogstar Blues: An ALA Best Book for Young Adults
Winner of the Aurealis Award, best YA novel

About the Author

Alison Goodman is the author of the international best-selling and award-winning *Eon/Eona* duology, as well as the acclaimed *Singing the Dogstar Blues* and the adult thriller *A New Kind of Death*.

Alison lives in Melbourne, Australia, with her husband, Ron, and their Machiavellian Jack Russell Terrier, Xander. She is working on Lady Helen’s next adventure.

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