

Betrayed: A Guardian Legacy Book

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Lil Falcon may need help with her physics homework, but when it comes to battling unseen evil forces, she gets all A's. In *Awakened*, the prequel to *Betrayed*, Lil discovered that she is not an ordinary teenager, but a nephilim—a descendant of fallen angels and humans. She begins her training as a nephilim Guardian, learning to combat evil and protect humanity, and learns that she has a special bond with an ancient weapon, the Kris Dagger. In fact, her bond with the Kris Dagger marks her as the Chosen One, destined to play a pivotal role in the battle between good and evil. And if that weren't enough to keep her busy, her boyfriend is behaving suspiciously, her best friend is not talking to her anymore, and her estranged father, a nature-bender demon named Valafar, is determined to be a part of Lil's life—whether she wants him or not.

In *Betrayed*, Lil finds herself torn between her loyalties and her fears. She has become accustomed to relying on her fellow junior Guardians, her grandfather and aunt, her small group of human friends, and, most of all, her Guardian boyfriend, Bran, but when danger invades the safety of their enclave, Lil finds herself confused and alone. Strange things are happening, things that make her question the motives of those she loves and trusts. If she doesn't figure out what's going on and put a stop to it soon, she may lose those she loves—forever.

While vampires, werewolves, and supernatural powers have become a staple of young adult fiction, in *Betrayed*, Ednah Walters has brought to life an interesting group of characters, each with their own faults and peculiarities. Readers will be drawn to the unique cast and to the mystical world of *Betrayed*, a landscape filled with mystery, menace, and unseen forces vying for control over humanity. Trying to find balance and her place in the world, Lil Falcon is graced with amazing powers, a special destiny, and a handsome, brooding boyfriend, but she also has insecurities and vulnerabilities. Lil's not perfect, but she's determined to find her way through deception and betrayal while protecting those she loves—not so different from the rest of us, after all.

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