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Dakota Banks' DARK TIME: A Fantastic Read Plus Freebies

Supernatural, Urban fantasy, Romance elements

Dark Time: Mortal Path Book One

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About the Freebies: Dakota Banks is offering the opportunity to win an iPod Touch 32MB Second Generation device with a retail value of \$399. Entrants answer three questions about the book's main character, Maliha Crayne. All answers can be found in the book. A winner will be drawn randomly from among those entries that have all three questions correct. The contest runs from July 28 – November 30, 2009, and the winner will be notified on December 1st. The iPod Touch makes a very special holiday gift!

In addition Dakota is giving away twenty signed copies of *Dark Time: Mortal Path Book One*, one book each week for twenty weeks in a random drawing beginning August 1, 2009. No questions to answer – just click to enter. One entry per person; the contest and the book giveaway can be entered at the same time. Visit www.dakota-banks.com, select "Contest" from the menu, and follow the easy directions. .

About the Book: What if a woman sells her soul to a demon and 300 years later wants it back?

In the 17th century, a woman is ripped from her husband's arms, thrown in jail, and then set afire as a witch. Saved from the flames by an ancient Sumerian demon, she becomes the Black Ghost, his Ageless assassin gifted with otherworldly skills and superbly trained in martial arts.

Centuries pass before the woman now known as Maliha Crayne finds a way out of the life she hates. If she saves as many lives as she's taken, she'll break the demon's hold on her. If she fails, she will suffer the demon's torment ... *forever*. The ticking clock? Every time she saves a life, she ages. The deck is stacked against her.

"Sometimes you just need a kick-ass former demon's slave to tackle life's problems. Especially one wielding a whip sword. *Dark Time: Mortal Path Book One* is a novel to be savored for both its edge of suspense and the pure joy of its storytelling. Part immortal, all human, Maliha is a heroine who will leave readers breathless and craving more. Not to be missed!" - James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author of *The Doomsday Key*

"Seductive, sophisticated, and imaginative, *Dark Time* has a multi-dimensional quality with beguiling concepts and a labyrinth of fast-paced suspense." – Steve Berry, New York Times bestselling author of *The Charlemagne Pursuit*

About the Author: Dakota Banks lives in the St. Louis area and is a member of the International Thriller Writers, Horror Writers Association, Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, and Mystery Writers of America. She's at work on the next book in the series.

Dakota says: "The idea for the Mortal Path series originated with the looting of the National Museum of Iraq for three days in April 2003, but I didn't research it and write the book for several years. Thousands of irreplaceable treasures from some of the oldest civilizations were lost in the museum looting. Ancient Sumer is present-day Iraq. Thinking about artifacts that had survived five millennia generated ideas about other things that could have survived from that time. What if Sumerian gods and demons still existed in the present? Suppose they're here—mythological beings come to life—with humans as their pawns."

More detail available at www.dakota-banks.com.