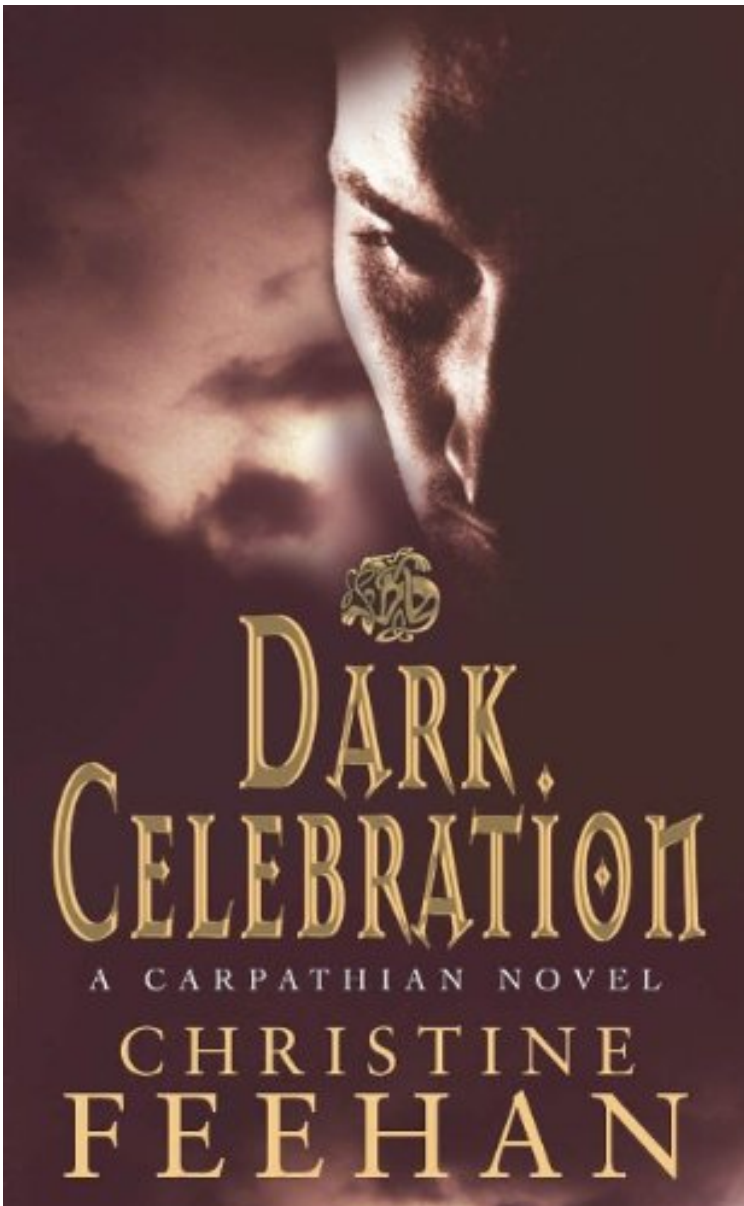


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**Description :** Description du produitA NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER With her erotically charged Carpathian tales, Christine Feehan has enthralled a legion of fans, captivating them with a seductive world and the unforgettable characters-both human and not-who inhabit it. Now, she reunites all of them in a Dark Celebration...

Prsentation de l'diteurCarpathians are an immortal race of beings with animal instincts and the ability to shape shift. Every Carpathian male is drawn to a life mate: a woman - Carpathian or human - able to provide the light to his darkness. Without her, the beast within slowly consumes the man until turning into a vampire is the only option.'Mikhail Dubrinsky, Prince of the Carpathians, fears he can't protect his people from the

extinction of their species - a fate that has become the wicked prayer of his enemies, who plot to slaughter all Carpathian females. Mikhail's lifemate, Raven, and their daughter, Savannah, are both vulnerable to the encroaching evil, but all is not lost. In this desperate season, Carpathians from around the world are gathering to join their strengths, their souls and their powers. But so too are their adversaries uniting - hunters, vampires, demons and betrayers - bringing untold dangers into the fold of the Carpathian people. From Publishers Weekly The blood-drinking, mind-reading, shape-shifting Carpathian clan and their human friends gather for Christmas and to stave off encroaching enemies in bestseller Feehan's latest entry in her Dark series (after *Dark Demon*) and her first in hardcover. The guests hunt vampires, confront a dark mage and, most importantly, face the extinction of their species due to a mysteriously low birth rate and high infant mortality. She once a human surgeon, now a Carpathian healer studies the Carpathian's procreative problem even as she carries the child of her "lifemate" Jacques, whose brother, Prince Mikhail, also hopes for more children with his mate, Raven. The action suffers from the author's efforts to feature each of these couples and others, but the stage is set for future, more plot-driven books. A section of recipes by Feehan fans, "Dark Desserts," rounds out this sex- and magic-filled treat, which makes a good entry point for newcomers. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Booklist The seventeenth in Feehan's Dark series, and the first in hardcover, features the Carpathians, their lifemates, and human friends who have gathered in the Carpathian Mountains of Romania to celebrate Christmas with a children's pageant, a feast, and a visit by their fiercest hunter as Santa Claus. Mikhail Dubrinsky, the prince of the Carpathians, worries that his people are dying out because of very low fertility and an extraordinarily high infant mortality rate. It seems that some force may be trying to eradicate the Carpathians. Feehan assembles an enormous and somewhat confusing cast of characters. Fans of the series will be delighted to see old friends again and two new life-paired couples who will undoubtedly appear in future novels. Amidst preparations for the holiday festivities, there are vampire attacks, deadly danger from a mage, and steamy sex between the telepathic, shape-shifting Carpathians, who suck blood yet are deadly enemies of the evil vampires. Feehan even offers holiday recipes sent in by her fans. Diana Tixier Herald Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved