

Previously on The Fallen Guardians...

Dearest Reader,

If you're anything like me and devour books only to close them and not remember a single thing other than that you loved it, or if it's been a while since you last hung out with The Fallen Guardians, then this "previously on..." is for you! If you're binge reading and recently finished Unending (The Fallen Guardians, book 5), then feel free to skip this recap and dive straight into River's story!

You're still here? All right then, let's see what's happened during the last five Fallen Guardian books... WARNING: SPOILERS AHEAD!!

UNFORSAKEN (book 1) – Raven and Tayla:

In Unforsaken, we discover Fate's elite Guardians protect *Chosen* mortals, but around 350 years ago, Fate banished them to the mortal realm on a mission to save Blaine (Raven's brother). This is no easy task, because Blaine is now a Fallen and no Fallen has ever returned to the Heavens. *insert dramatic music* During the book, we meet the three original Guardians (Raven, Aric and EJ) and two new angels join their crew – brother/sister combo Raine and River. Raven, the lead Guardian, is struggling with his soul (thanks to his centuries of self-torment) and is inching toward becoming a Fallen himself. Luckily, Tayla, the *Chosen* Raven's assigned to protect, turns out to be his soulmate and saves him from Falling. After some setbacks (like Tayla dying!), Fate grants Tayla immortality and she chooses to remain in the mortal realm with Raven. This is the first angel/mortal soulmate pairing Fate has created, and it leaves Raven and the Guardians thinking that Fate's plan is more twisted than they first imagined.

UNFORGOTTEN (book 2) – Aric and Willow:

Unforgotten begins from Blaine's POV where he's actively trying to recruit Willow (Aric's soulmate) to Team Blaine. But Aric is having none of that! After an awkward as Hell run-in and lots of groveling, Aric and Willow make-up only to discover Willow's soul is in *Anahel* (a halfway realm like purgatory) and her soul will die forever if it remains there. We also

discover Blaine intends to dethrone Zath (current king of Hell) and needs Aric's help. Aric agrees to a deal with Blaine so he can save Willow's soul, but at the last moment, Willow returns to the Heavens to save Aric from becoming a Fallen. The book ends with Blaine declaring war on Fate.

UNSEEN (book 3) – EJ and Hailee:

Unseen begins with Blaine marking the souls of Dumahel newborn twins, Hailee (EJ's soulmate) and Ebony. Once Dumahel turn 25yrs old, they can dreamwalk to any angel (Hailee) or any Fallen (Ebony). Twenty-five years later, Blaine recruits Ebony, and uses her relationship with her twin to blackmail Hailee into doing his bidding. When Blaine threatens Ebony's life, Hailee agrees to dreamwalk Blaine to Fate. This is Blaine and Fate's first reunion since Blaine Fell. The books ends with EJ (with Cole's help) storming the gates of Hell to save Hailee. Hailee transforms into her full powers and is now an immortal angel. But what did Blaine and Fate discuss during the dreamwalk? You find out all those juicy details in Unending!

UNTAMED (book 4) – Raine and Slater:

Untamed begins as Blaine negotiates with Zath to release a Fallen imprisoned in the Infernal Pits. We later discover this Fallen was Slater, who becomes Blaine's second in command. During the book, we learn Fate sent Raine to the mortal realm to recover the *Empryen* (a powerful sword capable of destroying any realm or immortal). We also discover Slater is searching for the *Empryen* too after Fate tasked him with its protection long before he Fell. Like any good romance, the two team-up! But when Slater is injured during a battle with Fallen, Raine uses her magic to heal him, revealing her true form as a *Raziel*. When Raine and Slater locate the *Empryen*, Slater is torn between following his destiny or his heart. Eventually he decides to complete his mission from Fate and betrays Raine by taking the sword to Hell and handing it over to Blaine. Once in Blaine's possession, Blaine activates the *Empryen* and the word *Sarael* appears along the side, meaning "protector of the Heavens." Toward the end of the book, Slater discovers that Raine's magic did more than heal his wounds...it healed his soul, turning him back into an angel. The book ends with Slater and Raine reuniting, and the Guardians realizing that saving Fallen souls is possible, giving new hope for their mission to return Blaine to the Heavens.

UNENDING (book 5) – Cole and Evie:

Unending begins in Blaine's POV where we dive right back to a scene in Unseen (EJ's book) in which Blaine *convinces* Hailee and Ebony to dreamwalk him to Fate. Of course, this goes off without a hitch and we get our first look at Fate for quite some time. But what you didn't read in Unseen is what happens after Blaine and Fate stroll off into the distance. Well, in Unending, you do! Fate expresses her concern about Zath's increasing powers and urges Blaine to act sooner than anticipated. We discover that Evie (Cole's soulmate) is a *Nuriel* with the rare ability to cast dark magic, and that she will play a role in ending Zath. Fate also stresses that this will be Blaine's last chance to kill Zath.

Blaine, in his nefarious ways, then spends most of the book one step ahead of Cole, who is trying to break the reincarnation spell on Evie so she can live beyond her 25th birthday (where she has died in every other lifetime). One of the notable things Blaine does is possess Jemma (Evie's mortal friend) and the Guardians don't discover this betrayal until toward the end of the book when Blaine *encourages* Evie to join him in Hell on a quest to kill Zath. Blaine, Ebony and Evie combine their powers in one deadly dreamwalk which gives Blaine the opportunity to finally kill Zath and take the throne.

Unending concludes with Cole and Slater storming the gates of Hell to save Evie before Zath's realm collapses around them. During this, Slater's humanity kicks into gear and he also saves Ebony (Hailee's sister & his previous Fallen sidekick). Which leads us right into Chapter 1 of Unwavering!

And... that brings you up to date with The Fallen Guardians! I hope you love River and Ebony's story in Unwavering – they definitely deserve their HEA! The end of the series is one book away...I hope you're ready!

Cassie x