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Nalini Singh, the New York Times bestselling "*alpha author of paranormal romance*" (*Booklist*) returns to an immortal world of violent passion and lethal power...on the brink of a deadly archangelic war.

Angels are falling from the sky in New York, struck down by a vicious, unknown force.

Vampires are dying impossibly of disease.

Guild hunter Elena Deveraux and the Archangel Raphael must discover the source of the wave of death before it engulfs their city and their people, leaving New York a ruin and Raphael's Tower under siege by enemy archangels.

Yet even as they fight desperately to save the city, an even darker force is stirring, its chill eyes trained on New York...and on Raphael. Rivers of crimson and nightmares given flesh, the world will never again be the same...

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Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

Well Damn! When you think that Nalini Singh couldn't possibly have done it again she goes all the way to prove you wrong. I mean...WOW!!!(Eloquent I know.)

I have just one question for my very best author.

What can I say about this book without spoiling it? When Aly told me that this one was as good as Angels' Blood I wasn't so optimistic but this one was quite possibly better. I think this is officially my new favorite in the series and that says a lot since I absolutely LOVE the first one.

In this book Raphael and Elena(and the New York angels in general) don't seem to be able to catch a break. Danger after danger seem to threaten their lives and peace. When angels start falling from the sky and vamps to die from a mysterious disease when they should have been immune to any kind of virus our favorite couple knows they are in trouble. What happens next is in one word Epic. Nalini Singh managed to twist the story again and again without making you a mess, trying to figure out what happened.

The very best thing in this book was the dynamics in Raphael's and Elena's relationship. Since the beginning of their entanglement Raphael always seemed to be the one making the decisions, the one with all the cards. In AL we finally see a true partnership. He asks for her opinion, capitulates to some of her wishes, includes her in the decisions. It was great to read this.

Elena also grows up during the book a lot. Her headstrong ways don't change much but she begins to realise that in a world ruled by politics sometimes you need to think before you act. Btw I found really cute the fact that Elena was jealous. We have seen her get a pissy eye with Michaela but it never was exactly jealousy, she is just a bitch and Elena hates her but isn't really jealous of her and Raphael. Actually seeing Elena jealous was fun.

The other past of the book that I loved was Aodhan. He is rapidly rising in my list of favorites in the series. For now he is up there with Ilium, Venom and Naasir, because I really can't choose between them. I wanted his book to be the next, instead I get Ash and Javier. I have to admit that although I want to know what happens with them I'd have preferred it to be a novella instead of a full length book.

(view spoiler)

Can't wait for what Nalini has in mind for us next.

*****14/04/2014*****

I had two points I wanted to mention after my re-read. I even had them written down. Too bad I wrote them

on a post-it that I lost. I really don't remember page numbers or what exactly it was that I wanted to include.

I know it wasn't negative though....:P

Sharon ∞☛ is an emotional book junkie ☛∞ says

My Thoughts:

☛ It's *always* all about Raphael....

...for me and well, it's good that I really like Elena too.

☛ What I didn't expect was all the fighting. I had thought they would be past that although the makeup and angry sex was worth it!

☛ Sooo much went on that there's no way I can address everything and everyone, so I'll just highlight the main things.

☛ Raphael is a-changing and things are a-happening...are they related?

☛ Caliane is a bit better but the jury is still out on her.

☛ Some major events are one that is being called "The Falling" and another having to do with a disease that infects vampires to just name a couple. There are some pretty good ideas who the culprits are that instigated them. And I liked how everyone worked together to figure things out, fix things and then fight together.

☛ Eve, Elena's half sister, is having problems and reaches out to her. This leads to some confrontations with Jeffrey but also some insights come out of it.

☛ We get to know another Guild Hunter named Ransom better. (I *love* his last name - Winterwolf)

☛ A lot more page time with Aodhan and Illium aka Bluebell and Sparkle. **and don't get your hopes up regarding that little scene...I heard that's a big negative**

☛ Love Izak and how he has a crush on Elena.

☛ Also intriguing developments with Vivek.

☛ Can't stand Michaela. Thank goodness for Raphael's powers.

☛ And the situation with Tasha ~ that could've gone bad. I loved how Raphael handled it and it was great

getting his POV on things.

❖ I seriously cannot remember there being so much gore in this series. Some of the descriptions were really awful!

❖ New favorite character ~ Naasir! LOL...*what* in the heck is he?

❖ The "big battle" was pretty epic however, I did think the actual end was a bit too easy. The Legion is really fascinating...can't wait to read more.

❖ And one last thing about Raphael. What originally drew me to him was his arrogance and his power but I love that he has evolved and that he has evolved *with* Elena. He never underestimates her and he never takes their relationship for granted. I LOVE when he would stay with her so she could sleep and he would watch over her! ~sigh~

❖ And I heard a rumor that the next book is going to be about Ashwini and Janvier...love that Cajun! But it's weird since they already had a novella in *Angel's Pawn*. Either way, I'm still looking forward to reading more about them!

Favorite quotes:

✦ "Have I not been satisfying you?"

God, he was sexy.

✦ "*Each consort has her own unique weapons.*"

✦ "Eternity would mean nothing without you. For no power on this earth would I trade my Elena."

✦ "*I'll enter first.*

I'm the hunter, Elena reminded him. I should go first.

Of course you may go first. When I am dead."

✦ "*Raphael, I'm going off to parts unknown with this vampire who isn't a vampire.*

He has promised not to bite without warning."

✦ "*Raphael, in case you're getting ideas—I won't be this civilized if you decide you need a concubine. In fact, it's a good bet I'll turn homicidal.*

He didn't look up from his conversation with Astaad as he said, *A pity, in that cool "Archangel" tone of his. I will now have to ask the pilot to empty the hold of my chosen females.*

We're going to have to talk about this new sense of humor of yours."

✿ "There is no comparison," he said to the only woman he'd ever claimed for his own. "You know me in ways no one else ever has or ever will again."

✿ "Dmitri clearly gives good . . . blood."

✿ "You have never, and will never, weaken me. You make me a better man and a better leader than I would've ever been without you." He shook his head. "You said once that you couldn't do this without me. Well, I can't do this without you, Guild Hunter."

Jilly says

Oh my gosh, Nalini Singh!! Girl's got some serious skills in making me **feel** the beautiful relationship between the two main characters in this series. I actually find myself smiling when I am reading, and feeling all swoony over the beautiful words.

Never had she expected to find him, to fall so deeply, wildly, insanely in love - and sometimes, her soul-deep joy in their passionate entanglement terrified her...

...her archangel who'd never wanted her to be anything but what she was....

"You make me a better man and a better leader than I would've ever been without you."

"Eternity would mean nothing without you. For no power on this earth would I trade my Elena."

In this book we have a bunch of crazy things happening on Earth that are a sign of very bad things to come. Things such as birds falling from the sky, the river turning to blood, and blood raining down from the sky. Of course, this is New York, and it takes a hella lot more than raining blood to get to jaded Manhattanites.

"Dmitri says recordings of the event are already trending on media sites worldwide."

"Right, what was I thinking?" Elena threw up her hands. "That New Yorkers would actually, I don't know, hide or something else sane when the sky was raining freaking blood?"

Haha! Yeah, right! I was in a giant earthquake 22 years ago and it was insane - the damage, lives lost, everything... But, dammit, there were guys selling t-shirts that said, "I survived the Northridge Earthquake" on every street corner the very next day. Never underestimate the power of the human spirit - especially when it comes to making a buck.

Out of curiosity, I Googled to see if there were pics of the one I specifically remembered, and here it is. ;-)

Along with all of the strange events, the angels are also getting increases in power. Raphael is trying to reject the power that keeps trying to come to him because too much power makes the angels go crazy. And, crazy angels have a tendency to become homicidal killing machines from above. He wants to avoid that...

But, other angels are not avoiding their new powers and Raphael's enemy decides it is time for a full-scale war of biblical proportions. Angel-fight!

Yeah, you do not want to be under an angel-fight! You'll be pulling feathers out of your hair for weeks. It's like sand, after the beach...

The characters in this series are so complex and intriguing. After all of these books, I feel like I know them and I'm desperate for some of them to have their own love stories.

What adorable fan art!! They look so cute!

There is one scene in this book between two of the male angels that was so touching that I can't wait for the next book just to see where it goes. I'm not hoping for an Aodhan/Bluebell ship - although I wish - but to see the continuation of the healing that Illium offers Aodhan.

For anyone who hasn't read this series. If you like PNR, you have got to try this one! There are lots of books out, so you don't have to wait forever for the next one for a long time. Go, go read the first one now and let me know what you think! ;-)

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

I love this series! I love this whole universe!

Raphael

There was A LOT of action here, OMG I don't even remember how many battles, it was uber-exciting!!!!

Power is growing among the archangels and everyone is gaining new abilities, though I wish I knew what they were!!!

And the characters <3 <3 <3 <3 <3

I have to admit, as much as I love Raphael and Elena, I wish they wouldn't have their books anymore, I want other characters :((((

1. Ash and Janvier (thank God they are having the next book, I seriously can't wait)

2. Aodhan!!!!!!!!!!!!

3. Illium <3 <3 <3 <3 <3

4. **Venom!!!!**
 5. **Naasir!!!!!! (wtf is he????)**
 6. **Ransom!!! (and I want a WHOLE BOOK, not a novella about him!!!)**
 7. **Elijah!!! (I can do with a prequel novella about him and Hannah <3)**
 8. **Vivek! He has potential, but I am thinking he won't have his book in the next couple of years :S**
 9. **Keir!! Uber-potential there too!!!!**
 10. **Alexander!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! He doesn't have to have a book but I want him to appear, at least!**
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Angela says

October 2016 Re-read: Wow. I'd forgotten so much of this book! I was glued to the pages, waiting to see what would happen, struck by the implications of things we learned. I had my heart broken, and bursting with happiness. Just wow.

Original review:

Just when I think Nalini Singh can't possibly outdo herself, she proves me wrong. From the earliest pages in this book, until I turned the very last one, I was on the edge of my seat - unable to think of anything but needing to know what happened next.

I'm not even sure how to review this book without fan-girling, I loved it so much. I've read the whole thing twice now and done scenes even more.

This is the fourth full-length novel focusing on Raphael and Elena - and despite my thoughts that their story was pretty much told in *Archangel's Consort*, there's still plenty to explore as evidenced here. I've always loved the relationship dynamic between Elena and Raphael. There's such a huge power differential and, unlike a lot of books that will just gloss that over and make it *seem* like it's dealt with, Nalini Singh continues to actually deal with it. Raphael is a centuries old Archangel - one of the most powerful beings in the world - and Elena is a new-immortal, with only twenty-some years of life behind her. That alone will create a gulf that a lot of people might not be able to overcome. Yet, Raphael and Elena are continuously negotiating their boundaries...in a smart, intelligent, caring way - they talk about it. When something comes up that is going to press up against Elena, potentially leaving her in a very large power deficit, she finds the words to discuss it with Raphael and he listens. They may not always resolve it satisfactorily for them both right away, but they're always working towards that. That, right there, shows their love for each other so clearly to me.

The overarching plot of the book, I'll admit, had me in tears more than once. The first scene with angels falling from the sky was heart-wrenching, the aftermath as much so. It's clear for most of the book that things are coming to a head; there are overt signs of war, and insidious signs of something else - something that's nearly stalking Raphael, and we're not quite sure what it is. It's a challenge for him, though, that's for sure -

and again, it's Elena that helps keep him grounded, a little bit mortal, if you will. I was on the edge of my seat the entire book; I had to know what was going on. The last 100 or so pages are so intense that I stayed up until 2am just to finish; I immediately turned to the beginning and started again so I could take the journey a little more leisurely.

Also, we finally get to learn more about Naasir - and can I just say what he manages to do with just two other people in the climactic scene was amazing, and made me grin completely unexpectedly. Raphael's Seven, and Elena's friends play important roles in this novel, and as always I'm left wanting more. They're, each and every one, fantastic.

Archangel's Legion is a thrill ride of a novel, heart-wrenching, exciting, beautiful, romantic and absolutely game-changing. I was blown away, and I can not wait to see what's next!

Review also available at The Book Eaters

Excellent. Heart-stopping. Romantic. Beautiful. Deadly. Shocking. Game-changing. Uplifting.

Full review to come.

Esra says

wow , what a steamy , action loaded book. I absolutely loved it. we waited whole year to read this , nalini didn't dissapoint us as always. She's the goddess of all writers.

I must say I love all hot scenes between elena and raphael . I was like

lol , yeah thanks nalini ,you've ruined all other men on universe for me :D

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Lana *Lifeinwordsandlyricscom* says

"This is my city, you bastards."

Now to everyone who helped defend it. With a special thanks to the Seven, of course!

The most EPIC book so far in the series!

That was awesome! That was more than awesome, that was freaking amazeballs! Can you get high from reading a book? Well, that's how I feel. Nothing can bring me down right now.

I can't in any way give this book justice, and retelling you everything that happened in it would be frowned upon by the book gods, and I'm too hyped anyway, so I'll just highlight the brightest points. Ok? Ok.

1. Montgomery. I could seriously use him in my life, not that I could afford him. I'll have to think of something.

2. Raphael's sense of humor is growing, good thing too, that man is too serious for his own good.

3. Sparkle and Bluebell. They are just precious. I adore them to death, they are so adorable.

4. Naasir. This guy seriously cracks me up, he might be my new favourite vampire(?).

5. Elena is growing into her big Consort shoes, doing a pretty impressive job. She's earning respect not only from Raphael's men, but from other archangels too.

6. And last, but not least: the Battle over New York. Damn! That was just wow. Can I say that again? Wow!

That bitch better stay down!

Over and out

Val...Shameless.Skanky.B*tchy. says

I swear, nobody does urban fantasy romance better than Nalini Singh. Her world building is out of this world

and her characters are awesome. I LOVE Raphael and Elena and I love this series - and this installment did not disappoint. I will read anything Singh writes and I cannot wait for her next one!

Lady Heather says

[*"The Cascade happens and*

Sammy Loves Books says

Ahh...Archangel Raphael. I have missed you!

Ferdy says

Spoilers

Archangel's Legion wasn't quite as engrossing as I thought it'd be. I still enjoyed it but in comparison to earlier Elena/Raphael books it was lacking in originality, excitement, and intriguing characters.

-Certain parts of the plot felt quite recycled such as Elena's Guild Hunter duties and her investigation into what was making all the vampires sick/die - I've read that sort of plot in countless other PNR/UF books so it didn't captivate me much.

I did enjoy all the stuff that was happening in regard to the archangel war, and the different disasters (birds falling from the sky/the Hudson River turning bloody red/the crazy weather) that indicated the start of the Cascade (a confluence of time/certain critical events that lead to a surge of power in the Cadre/archangels — so basically already powerful archangels gain new powers and become even more powerful).

-What's what: Elena still getting used to being an angel, her and Raphael's relationship going strong, Raphael's city under attack, angels falling from the sky, and vamps infected with tainted blood. Elena and co also have to deal with the Cascade - Raphael is getting weird new powers, as are other archangels. There's also a war brewing between Raphael and creepy-crazy-zombie-making-weirdo-who-thinks-she's-a-god-but-is-actually-an-archangel, Lijuan.

-Elena was kind of a Mary Sue. Everyone pretty much loved her or was in awe of her brilliance - I was sick of all the different angels/vampires thinking she was the best thing ever. She did very little to gain their love, respect, and approval — she didn't deserve that level of acceptance. They didn't need to be dicks to her, but I would have preferred them not worshipping her when she hadn't done enough to warrant that level of adoration.

Elena's issues with her douchey dad and dead mum/sisters has gotten boring. All she did was whine, and moan, and have nightmares about them. Which would be fine if she hadn't been like that in the first book — where's the character growth?! It was just the same shit that was going on in book 1. Yea, there was a little bit of development with her dad but it wasn't nowhere enough for my liking.

Elena was a cow to her half-sister, Amy. She barely paid any attention to her, she only cared about her other

half-sister, Eve or whatever her name was. Because Eve had the Hunter gene, she always checked up on her and did all sorts for her but poor Amy got ignored. I hope Amy tells Elena what a rubbish sister she is to her.

-Raphael turned into such a Gary Stu. He used to be much more compelling, there was nothing interesting about his character in this one — probably because he suffered from speshul snowflake syndrome. Him becoming more powerful, gaining freaky new angelic powers, and being the bestest archangel of them all, didn't equal a personality... If anything, it just made him more dull. I really didn't like him. He had it all — he was the archangel of New York, he was the youngest ever angel to become an archangel, he had super speshul powers and was the only one that could hurt the bad guy (Lijuan), he had the Seven who were loyal to him and who were the bestest-most-strongest angels ever, his people all loved/respected him, his mum worshipped him, and Elena was madly in love with him. Sure, he had a bit of a crappy past when his mum went crazy and tried to kill him but in the present, he had everything going for him. Okay, he was at war with Lijuan but that was his only obstacle. He had the most important things in his life — love, power, loyalty, money, friendship, respect, family. He didn't have any real personal difficulties, he had it all, and that made him bland.

-There was something so smug about Raphael/Elena's relationship.

-Everything was written so dramatically... Elena's issues with her past, Raphael's issues with his past, Elena's investigation, Aodhan and Illium's tortured past, the angels being injured, the vampires who were diseased, and the war at the end — if everything is meant to be fucked up and bad, then nothing comes across as fucked up and bad. So yea, because every situation/person's past was horrifying/upsetting/tortured it just took the horror/gravitas out of everything.

-I rolled my eyes at the 'young' angels who died and the supposed horror of them dying so young when they were actually centuries old.

-Every one of Raphael's Seven had deep seated issues/scars, and a horrific tortured past of some sort. It was ridiculous.

-I was annoyed with the cliched jealous ex (Tasha) who wanted the hero again. I'm sick of this trope, its in most books I read. Most women don't actually want to get back with their ex, so I don't understand why every ex-girlfriend of a hero is so desperate to get back with them, especially when they're with someone else.

-I loathed Elena's dad, Jeffrey, he was a wanker. He thought it was a cool to act like a complete dick to his daughters because of something that happened decades ago — he saw his Guild Hunter mum killed by vampires, and that was why he was such a fucker to Elena. So instead of talking to Elena about why he hated her being a Hunter, he instead threw her out when she was a teenager, acted like he didn't love her, and alternated between ignoring her and being a bastard to her for a decade... He destroyed his relationship with her over something that happened when he was 4 years old. Ugh, it was disgusting that he was so willing to forever ruin his bond with Elena all because he couldn't confide in her. He was a rubbish dad, he was happy to fuck up Elena's life instead of confront his own fears. He put himself above his daughter. He was a fucking bastard.

-Why the hell were ALL of the female Cadre so fucked up? Every single one of them had serious issues: Michaela: jealous of other females, selfish, cruel, lies about being pregnant.

Lijuan: creating an army of undead, crazy, wants to take over the world.

Neha: tortured her niece, questionable sanity, filled with hatred.

Favashi: has a cruel streak, is petty, plays around with men's emotions.

Whereas most of the male Cadre (Titus, Astaad, Raphael, Elijah) were decent archangels... They were all honourable, intelligent, and respected.

So basically women in power end up fucked up because it's unnatural for them to have power, they become corrupted because their weak minds can't handle too much power. Whilst most men are able to handle it and thus won't abuse their power. Ugh.

-I liked the addition of The Legion, although they did come across as a bit of a deus ex machinas when they turned up in the war.

What the hell was the Primary talking about? What's an Aicclair? Does it just mean soulmates? If so, then I don't see why it's being kept such a mystery since it's no secret that Elena/Raphael are meant to be.

-The ending was really action packed. The war between Raphael and Lijuan was the most entertaining part, everything before then was kind of slow and blah.

I'm guessing Lijuan isn't dead, I'm sure she'll come back and cause loads of chaos again.

-Beth was dumb taking back Harrison, he obviously didn't love her if he turned into a vampire without knowing whether she would be able to as well. He doesn't deserve to be her husband or the dad to her child.

-I noticed a heated moment of sorts between Illium and Aodhan. I'm not sure if it was meant to be romantic or not, it wasn't very clear.

-I think I want to read Aodhan's story most of all. I'm no longer interested in Illium or Venom, Venom is too much of a manslut and Illium keeps banging on about that human he once loved and it's pretty clear that she was the love of his life, anyone he loves after her will just be him settling and yea, that's not romantic.

All in all, this was a bit of a disappointment. There were certain parts of the plot that were enjoyable, and the romance wasn't completely terrible, but Elena and Raphael were no longer endearing to me, they turned into boring speshul snowflakes. Hopefully, the next Elena/Raphael book won't be as much of a let down.

Paula says

Archangel's Legion starts out as a typical day in New York City until chaos begins when Angels start falling from the sky. Then Vampires start dying from a disease they should be immune to. Guild Hunter Elena Deveraux and the Archangel Raphael know they must get to the bottom of this as fast as possible to save their city--all while appearing like their forces haven't been weakened. Many of the Angels were severely damaged and it could take months for them to heal. Guild Hunters and Raphael's Seven join forces to find out who the ominous force is behind the devastation that is threatening their city. Over the course of the story, secrets are revealed, bonds are tested, love is strengthened, and alliances are formed. With war on the horizon, will they be able to save their city and survive the dark, powerful, and relentless force that wants ultimate power?

"We fall, we fall together."

Nalini Singh's writing is like fine wine. It just gets better with age. This series revolves around Raphael and Elena, who are one of my favorite couples in this genre. And the majority of this story focuses on the already

prominent relationship between them. There is something so incredibly heady and primal about their relationship. They have an unbreakable bond that continues to strengthen with each installment. This is a solid couple that is 100% in love with one another and will sacrifice themselves for the other. I don't think either one could or willingly survive without the other. Elena helps bring out Raphael's human side, while Raphael influences Elena to become a stronger Angel and Consort. I really enjoyed seeing Elena come into her own as the consort in this installment. She really steps up as the compassionate and strong consort the angels can look up to and find solace. But these two are still trying to find their footing with one another. They both have strong personalities that tend to clash and, while they do bring out the best in each other, they can also bring out the worse.

Elena is a warrior hunter used to taking care of herself. She's fiercely stubborn and hates showing her vulnerabilities. She continues to struggle with the nightmares from her past and issues with her father. Relying on Raphael proves to be a challenge. But she is coming to emotional terms that she is still considered a baby angel in their world, even though she is still a bad ass hunter, and learns to lean more on Raphael for strength and support. And, while Raphael is her equal in many ways, he's still the powerful, almost omnipotent, Archangel that has lived many lifetimes. It's a challenge for him to understand Elena's human side that has a soft heart for all species. But every day he grows and changes as he learns more about humanity from Elena. Elena might possibly be his weakness, but this weakness works in his favor.

We are shown in this installment how different they are personality-wise as they grapple with compromise and crossing lines on certain things. They grow frustrated and angry with one another at times, which made for some molten hot angry sex scenes that were raw and passionate. But, when they made love, it was sensual and lovely. Raphael and Elena continue to leave me breathless with their achingly beautiful words, sensual touches and kisses, loyalty, and shining love they have for one another. But no matter how often they might not see eye to eye on certain matters, they always find a way to make it work as they learn from one another. They are the perfect balance that makes each other whole.

My favorite secondary characters include Raphael's Seven: Dmitri, Aodhan, Galen, Illium, Jason, Naasir, and Venom. They are all incredibly intriguing with their dark secrets. They are powerful, unique, beautifully sexy, and always loyal to their sire, Raphael. I was stoked to get plenty of page time with my favorite warrior, Illium. I love that blue angel Elena calls Bluebell. My new favorite angel is Aodhan. There is one scene in particular that had my heart in my throat between Aodhan and Illium. I'm always mystified by these magnificent warriors Singh has created. We've already gotten Dimitri and Jason's stories. I really hope we get the other five of the Seven.

Archangel's Legion was an emotionally charged and intensely brilliant story that had me staying up late devouring it. It's full of gripping action, suspense, mystery, intrigue, romance, wickedly sexy angels and vampires, kick ass hunters, and the world building is extremely well-developed. Nalini Singh is a master storyteller when it comes to spinning captivating stories with uniquely flawed and vibrant characters. The writing is rich in description and eloquent. I love the little twist at the end of this story that has me curious to see where Singh is taking that little piece of the storyline. *Archangel's Legion* has easily reached the top of my list as one of the best paranormal romances I've read this year. I'm a total fan-girl when it comes to the Guild Hunter series and can't recommend it enough. Though I do recommend starting with book one, *Angel's Blood*. You won't be disappointed.

Rating: A

Heat: Hot

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Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

Angels, Archangels, Power and Love, among a galaxy of Stars

A world where angels rule as creatures of extraordinary power, to be admired from afar. Archangels hold the balance of good and evil in their hands and vampires are slaves to their angelic masters.

Where strategy saves your life and dooms thousands in a complex and deadly game of chess.

Where the most powerful Archangel fell in love with a mortal and dying he fed her ambrosia uniting them in life and death.

In this world, Cascade, is in full effect and no one will emerge unscathed.

Rivers of crimson and nightmares given flesh, the world will never again be the same...

Angels are falling from the sky in New York, struck down by a vicious, unknown force.

Is a new angel with midnight and dawn wings, the fault in an Archangel's armor or together will prove even stronger than fear and abomination? Time will tell, if they manage to survive...

Complex, unique, lyrical, beautiful, brutal and almost haunting, Mrs. Singh world is full of emotions and twists. Excellent and consistent story, unparalleled world-building. I could (and I want to) read 12 more books about Raphael and Elena and not be disappointed even for a page.

Alas, I can't reveal much about the actual plot without spoiling it for someone who is about to start this series. Only that he or she must do so, NOW! It has it all... Intrigue, passion, sensuality and power, all interwoven in what came to be my favourite series.

My only complaint? It's going to be awhile to revisit the all-powerful Archangel and his Guild Hunter Consort that makes him more mortal.

Lijuan has a few wounds to lick and more monstrosities to think of. And they do deserve a private dance.

Moreover, i can feel it... Something sparkly and something blue, are getting anxious. They have some great stories to tell and they have been waiting for too long.

So, Aodhan or Ilium? My bet is on Bluebell. He is too pretty to patiently wait his turn. Not unless his Archangel demands it!

PRE-RELEASE:

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MORE RAPHAEL & ELENA!!!

Already pre-ordered it.... ;)

Kristen says

4 to 4 ½ AMAZING Stars

Well...I'm all caught up. DANG!!! This book is my favorite of the series thus far. It's absolutely fantastic! I would have given it 5 stars but there was a bit *too* much action fighting toward the end for my taste. I understand this is Urban Fantasy and that's to be expected, but, for me, it was just too much. I ended up skimming a few chapters because of it. Still, I highly recommend this series. I've had a blast reading it (I actually listened to it).

After reading both this and her Psy-Changeling series, I can wholeheartedly say that Nalini Singh is my favorite paranormal author. She's the best of the best!

Jo says

26/10/2016 Buddy reading with the wonderful UF fans over at BB&B

“Eternity would mean nothing without you. For no power on this earth would I trade my Elena.”

When angels start falling from the sky and vampires start dying from an unknown disease, Guild Hunter Elena Deveraux and her Archangel consort Raphael needs to find out whether the impending Cascade could be responsible, or if a more sinister enemy is at work.

With the Tower's defences low and time running out, Elena and Raphael find themselves fighting desperately to keep their territory from the hands of enemy archangels. And when lakes turn crimson and Raphael becomes the focus of an evil power, Raphael needs to decide what is most important: power or his heart.

"Your love is a fierce thing, Elena, a thing with claws and teeth when it comes to protecting those you claim."

I freaking love this world! Elena is such an amazing heroine, so strong and kickass, but also so vulnerable when it comes to the people she loves. She would do anything for those she cares about. I love watching Elena grow stronger as an angel, but what I love most is her mortal heart, the way she cares about doing what is right, and treating people fairly. And it's fun seeing her learn what it means to be Raphael's consort, and how amazing she was with the injured angels, making sure they were cared for. (view spoiler)

"Without you, I might one day have become another Lijuan." Scowling, she would've shaken her head, but he stopped her with a grip on her jaw. "No, Elena. This truth I must confront—in me lives more power than any other angel my age has ever had. That much power changes a man, and it changed me."

I love Raphael, who is still just as arrogant as always, his love for Elena has definitely rounded out his rough edges, but he still as lethal and ruthless as he needs to be. I love how protective and possessive he is with Elena, and how he always knows just how far to push her when her demons are trying to get the better of her.

His thumb caressing her cheekbone, his face close to her own. "You have never, and will never, weaken me. You make me a better man and a better leader than I would've ever been without you." He shook his head. "You said once that you couldn't do this without me. Well, I can't do this without you, Guild Hunter."

swoon The relationship between Elena and Raphael just keep getting better and stronger, and it really is pretty amazing to see how they settle their differences, and how they value their relationship. I love how passionate and romantic their romance is, and the sexy times is so damn hot!! I adore them together :-D

Elena's father Jeffrey is such an asshole, and I still hate him. However we actually learn more about him and his tragic past, which made me sympathise with him, although just a little.

"Sparkle and Bluebell, nice."

"Never," Aodhan said, hands stubbornly on the girder, "ever repeat that. Illium seems to have forgotten I promised to separate his tongue from his mouth should he utter it again in his immortal lifetime."

"You have to catch me first," Illium taunted . .

I love Raphael's Seven, and Aodhan and Illium are favorites of mine. Their friendship is so beautiful, and I'm so happy that Aodhan seems to be improving a bit after 200 years of being so damaged that even his best friend couldn't touch him. I really hope each of them get their own HEA's soon.

Elena made a squeaking sound as Naasir nipped her sharply on the chin. "I've decided I won't eat you," he said, putting her down on her feet before turning to Raphael.

And we got to see a lot more of Naasir, who is so damn intriguing :-D I really can't wait to find out what he is.

"We will not be intimidated, and we will not surrender. We did not begin this war, but we will end it!"

The plot was FANTASTIC! All the archangels gaining new powers, and trying to find out who was targeting Raphael's territory. Alliances were formed, and I must say I was extremely happy with the ones Raphael

chose, and then there is the new power Raphael received, and it was AMAZING!! I love the fact that his love for Elena, which is seen by most as a weakness, is actually making him more powerful. And the final battle was EPIC!!!

I really loved this book. Nalini Singh is an amazing writer and her take on angels and vampires is unique and magnificently done. This series has excellent world-building, fantastic characters, passionate romance and lots of humorous moments. A definite must read for all UF, PNR and romance fans!

Originally reviewed 11/11/2013

This book was so amazing, I was actually sad when it ended because I wanted to read more.

The relationship between Elena and Raphael just keep getting better, and it really is pretty amazing to see how they settle their differences, and how they value their relationship. We actually learn more of Elena's dad, which made me sympathise with him, although just a little. We also see more of Aodhan and Illium, whom I just love. I really hope each of them get their own book too, as well as Venom:).

If you love paranormal romance, this series is a must read.

Robin (Bridge Four) says

After a few books with other characters/couples in the series I was a little sad to be back with Elena and Raphael. It isn't that I don't like them....I do, they are okay, but I feel like this has been set up in normal PNR fashion to explore multiple relationship beginnings and so I was looking forward to reading someone else's story.

Here is the problem I have with Raphael and Elena sometimes. One minute they are great and having sex and everything is pretty wonderful and then there is some silly *and I do mean silly* argument that comes a little out of nowhere. Or Raphael becomes an arrogant ass and decides he knows all being like 1000 so Elena should just suck it up and why are you still upset over this. It gets a little dismissive and sometimes doesn't mesh with that '*we are so in love*' thing they have going on.

However, the good news is that the overall plot line progresses well. Overall I am enjoying how it is taking time for Elena to come into her power and like us she isn't quite sure what being Consort really means. So we are learning with her how to incorporate more and more of Angel life and politics into what she is doing. The few big reveals in this book like the power that is trying to overtake Raphael was interesting and I really liked a few of the developments there.

But the best parts in this book for me rarely had anything to do with Elena and Raphael together. Most of those had to do with the side characters like:

Elena and Ransom just interacting –

Do you scent the same things I do?"

Ransom made a face when she described what she'd picked up from the passing vamp. "Yeah, except I don't say shit like 'cinnamon spice with a hint of burnt oak.' I say 'dude smells like an

electrified tree with a side of doughnut topping.”

The revelations of Elena’s Father and her heritage. While I still think he is a totally jerk at least I understand his motivations a little better.

Naasir though...he is a creepshow I want way more info on.

“A long-dead angel who thought to own me,” was his enigmatic answer, the silver in his eyes almost liquid. “I tore out his throat. After that, I ate his liver and his heart. The remaining internal organs weren’t as tasty so I gave them to his other creatures.”

Elena’s hand tightened on the handle of the knife, conscious Naasir carried gleaming blades of his own in the sheaths strapped to his arms. “I wouldn’t think a vampire who killed an angel would be permitted to live.”

A slow, feral smile. “I didn’t say I killed him.”

Ah and Galen the weapons master looks like he might have some squishy parts somewhere after all.

Over time, it has become a tradition—Galen is always the one who gives basic flight instruction to the babes, and some, like Izak, never stop training with him.’

The idea of Galen, with his wings akin to a northern harrier’s, leading a squadron of babies—not all of whom could fly exactly straight—had Elena shaking her head. ‘I’m sorry, I need to see to believe this. It’s like you just told me the sky turns purple every Wednesday.’

There was a huge battle at the end of this and I’m not going to lie I got a little bored with it. They are outnumbered, there is no hope How will they ever win. Stuff like that....but then something pretty awesome happened then I wasn’t so mad the battle raged for so long.

Overall I’ve liked the stories with the other couples a little more. But this did have some very valuable developments moving on in the story and so it was worth putting up with some random angst thrown in.

Mersina Seena says

I HAVE TO WAIT A WHOLE YEAR FOR THE NEXT BOOK?!?!?!?

Oh helllllll no! Seriously a whole year??? I know I am repeating myself but I am hyperventilating HERE PEOPLE!!! I don't know how I can wait a whole year. I will go crazy over thinking about this.

Sue "DavinciKittie" Brown-Moore says

*** THIS REVIEW IS SPOILER FREE! ***

Guild Hunter novels are always so intense they cause me to lose sleep and stress out about a happy ending. This series, folks, is urban fantasy at its finest. Throughout the story, I couldn't get enough of Elena and Raphael and Illium, but I was also thrilled to get to know a few of the other members of The Seven better. Naasir and Aodhan both have significantly larger parts in this book than in any of the previous ones and their character development is superb. I'm already speculating about the relationship between Illium and Aodhan, and what the heck is Naasir anyway? It was fab getting to see Honor and Dmitri again (and especially to hear her commentary on his, ah, skills), as well as newly-in-love spymaster Jason.

The action in this book is beyond intense and the last 30 pages just about killed me, my heart was racing so fast the entire time. Ms. Singh really amped up the danger level for ALL the characters in this one and held off on revealing the big development until right at the end. It made me crazy and jittery and glued to the pages! The story also wrapped up nicely after the nearly-traumatic ending, so there's enough time to come down from the ledge and take a safe breath again, get our proverbial feet under us before we have to wait another many months for the next installment. I want to avoid spoilers as much as possible but I will say this...

No matter what it feels like while reading the final chapter of this book, take comfort in knowing that it does NOT have a cliffhanger ending and it is totally worth the ride! I'm both glad it's over and impatiently awaiting the next chapter in this scintillating and addicting universe! Long live the Guild Hunter series!! This series, and Nalini Singh's Psy-Changeling world, might as well be the raison d'etre for the urban fantasy genre! Here are some fun quotes to send you off with...

Trying to keep her wings from trailing in the crap, [Elena] took a step inside... and a rat as big as a goddamn cat scurried over her boot.

Biting back her instinctive scream, she glared at Ransom - who was very conspicuously not grinning. "You couldn't warn me?"

"You're a tough-ass Hunter who gets naked with a freaking archangel, has a miniature flamethrower - which, by the way, you should leave to me in your will - and a crossbow, all within easy reach." His cheeks creased, eyes glinting. Rats quiver at your presence."

Raphael held her gaze. "Eternity would mean nothing without you. For no power on this earth would I trade my Elena."

"Narrow, but we can get in if we angle our bodies."

"I'm the Hunter," Elena reminded [Raphael]. "I should go first."

"Of course you may go first. When I am dead."

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Choko says

*** 4.44 ***

A buddy read with the Wednesday group at BB&B! We need to get our hunting on!!!

"...“My mother,” he said, “has invited us to a ball.”

Elena pulled a blade from one of the butter-soft forearm sheaths that had been a gift from Raphael.

“Excuse me while I stab myself in the eyes-and disembowel myself while I’m at it.” ...”

We are back with The Guild hunter Elena Deveraux and the Archangel Raphael and it is one of the reasons I am becoming a bigger fan of Nalini with every passing book. She does not stop at the moment when a loving couple hooks up and where usually fairy-tales say "And they lived Happily Ever After!". She is not satisfied with that, because, just like us, she knows very well there is life after the moment of falling in love and committing to a relationship. There is work! Noooo, don't take that as me saying there is tedium. Maybe, at times, but hopefully rarely, there is that too. But mostly, there is the long period of living and caring for someone else as much or maybe more than you ever did for yourself. There is the period of adjustment having someone in your space at all times, having to consider their wants, needs or dislikes, having to adjust to what matters to you and what you could leave behind in order to smooth the edges of daily struggles and making your couple a true unit, ready to stand together against the difficulties the rest of the world could bring against you. End even those seemingly mundane struggles, Nalini makes into a fun and enjoyable read, and this is what I call a storyteller:):):)

"... “I’m the hunter,” Elena reminded him. “I should go first.”

“Of course you may go first. When I am dead.” ...”

The overall plot had to do with a very disgusting and virulent disease taking hold in the Vampire population, birds and Angels falling broken from the skies, surges of power driving Archangels mad and powerful, Lijuan being bet-shit crazy and going more so by declaring war on Raphael and his territory, and all type of other destructive forces, all being a result of the Cascade of Power being unleashed on the World! In one word - a tone of action, blood, war and drama - what more can a girl want????

"... “The Cascade happens and Neha calls fire and ice, Elena said into his mind at the same instant.

Titus moves the earth, Astaad the sea, while creepy Lijuan brings the dead back to life. Meanwhile, my gorgeous archangel, not satisfied with, I don't know, shooting lightning bolts or something, actually taps into the energy of the planet and calls an army of bogeymen from the bottom of the ocean.

Of course you do.

The dry commentary made him wonder how he'd ever walked through life without the wit and laughter of his hunter by his side. He could no longer imagine such a cold, remote existence, the idea of it spawning an immediate repudiation in his bloodstream.” ...”

We also got to delve deeper into Elena's family dynamics and how her little sister can wrap a many centuries old vampire butler around her little finger:):):) Also, we met some more of the faithful Seven, whom Raphael's mom very appropriately calls "The Menagerie":) And some very gray, very odd creatures are introduced, which gave the name of this book and despite of making the ending very much a "lucky coincidence" of an outcome, I think will make this Guild Hunter World even more interesting. Reading this book was so much fun, it felt like it flew by and I was left craving more!!! An absolute MUST READ for the fans of the series!!!

I wish you all Happy Reading and may you also never get enough of the literary adventures of your favorite heroes!!!!

Maya says

Third re-read: January 17th 2017

First read: January 2nd 2013

Another great story from this awesome author. I think this is the story and action that we've all been waiting for since the first book. Finally we get the fight between Raphael and the archangel of death. I simply loved it. The build up to this point is long but that's how it should be. It made the whole journey that more exciting and at the same time mysterious. And the battle itself was perfectly executed. There were some new answers, new powers and new clues about the future. I really enjoyed the whole story. Not even Raphael's ex was able to ruin that for me, although she did get on my nerves. I felt the same way Elena did and I wouldn't mind, if she did do the things she wanted to do to this 'past friend' of Raphael's. But anyway, I loved that there was truly nothing that could even remotely harm their bond and their love. They are a super couple and there is simply nothing that could bring them apart. I wished we would see more of Bluebell and Sparkle but there is still hope that they get their own stories. :)
