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Danielle says

Thoran Alexander MacKetryck, the Sixth Duke of Kettryck. He became a vampire over 400 years and just found his mate. Jolie Pritchard is attending college in Scotland and while at the library, she is accosted by a man with a Scottish accent, wearing a kilt and sword over his back. He invites her to dinner which she continues to refuse.

Thoran earned his fortune being a paid assassin. Jolie is taken by the vampire hunters and a rogue clan that want to kill Thoran. They tell her about Thoran being a vampire and she does not believe them. She later learns the truth and is determined to find out more answers to her questions.

While out on an assignment, Jolie and the household come under fire by the hunters that placed a tracker on her earlier. Thoran is determined to keep Jolie as his mate and keep her safe. Jolie falls in love with Thoran and accepts him as her mate.

It was good for being such a short read.

Gidg says

It was okay. I had some issues with the writing style and some grammar and punctuation usage that made me the story feel a bit fractured at times. I thought the story concept was a good idea but just now executed as well as I would have liked. But who am I to complain as it was a free book. I have two more books in the series that I intend to read. Although I don't particularly like the author's writing style I'm not put off enough to not want to read the other two books in the series, especially since the books are free and novellas.

Michelle says

This was an awful start to a new series. It provided no background into the Vampire Assassin League. And this story in particular was horrible - what does a centuries old vampire have in common with a teenager? And Jolie is a whiny idiotic child who has no depth at all. Thoran and Jolie barely speak then surprise - they're in love. I was barely able to finish the short story; not worth reading even if you get the book for free.

Jenny - Book Sojourner says

Quick read with interesting characters, but underdeveloped in general. Lots of potential, but needed more.

Alaina Lang says

Definitely a wonderful start to the series, love the Assassin twist I mean you think of vampires generally as blood sucking fiends now it is getting paid for yet you still cheer on the "bad boy" made me laugh, cry, and almost chuck my kindle. All in all I am loving it. I started late in the series as you can tell but I found it very easy to begin in the correct reading order with the lovely series set that has 8 different volumes. This particular book is in one with a set of 4 I am on the last of that and about to move on the volume 2 each has about 4 of the books in the series in the correct reading order if bought in proper sequence ;) Enjoy!

Susan says

This book is....really something. Not a book I will soon forget.

Mhari says

Short, aaannnddd. Well it was short. And my biggest grumble, if your gonna do a Scot character and are not A native Scot, read The Broons or Oor Wullie!

Tiffany says

I bought the first four as a bundle, so I am going to review them individually before I do the entire bundle. Keep in mind these are novellas so the story doesn't quite get the chance to develop to its fullest. This is my first book in this series, but I get the impression that these books are setting the stage for the rest of the books (but I could be wrong).

Jolie is studying. She got a scholarship to study in Scotland and she plans to make good on that scholarship. She hears a voice, disturbingly, right by her ear. But she sees no one. When she hears the voice again, she looks up and finds what appears to be a Scottish highlander sitting across from her. The highlander's name is Thoran and he has been looking for Jolie for centuries. He is not about to let her brush him off, which is what she attempts to do repeatedly. He needs to convince her to go with him and keep her safe from the hunter's at the same time.

There wasn't quite enough detail for me. It alternated POV between Jolie and Thoran. When we were with Jolie, we got quite a bit of understanding about how she felt about herself, Thoran and the situation. However, when we were with Thoran we didn't quite get the depth of emotion from him that would make the extent of need for Jolie believable.

There wasn't quite a climax in this book. It almost got there, but then just kind of tapered off before anything really happened. And Jolie seemed to be refusing the entire time, and then suddenly changes her mind. It was an awkward ending.

Maabena Jossy says

In love ?????

Omg finally, one down more to go. I wanted to read this series since high school! I can't wait to read the second one. I like how Jolie was not too dramatic and hysterical about vampires being real. And is always nice for the hunters to lose cuz I love my vampires and their mates ♥?♥?♥??. The sex scene is alright but not seaming hot like Christina Feehan Dark series but I still love this series.

Judy Lewis says

ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTFUL !!!

Wow! What a delightfully different and wonderfully entertaining short read! This was my first time reading Jackie Ivie and I'm sure it won't be my last. The story was imaginative, entertaining, compelling and romantic. The dialog was smart, well written and witty. The characters were fascinating and intriguing. Scottish vampire Thoran Alexander MacKetryck is an assassin and after four hundred years has all but given up hope of ever finding his mate until suddenly, he feels her call. But what in the name of the saints can he do when he discovers that she a very young and very inexperienced student from a place called Alaska. He can barely understand anything the lively lovely lass says so how can he convince her to be his for an eternity! But when he sees the lovely Jolie, he knows that he must convince her to be his!

Kevin MacKenzie says

Not much of a story. Felt more like some interesting ideas barely tied together and then it was over. Not my type..

Delta says

Aaargh! So much potential in this story -- dashed because of the abrasive and unlikable heroine and her ridiculous dialogue.

Even after Jolie Pritchard, a medieval studies major, learned that the gorgeous, kilt-wearing duke wooing her was a 400+ year old vampire, she continued to use all manner of modern-speak idioms that were incomprehensible to him. On the rare occasions that she explained them, it was in a rushed, snide manner that has the reader envisioning a tossed head and rolling eyes. Besides being obnoxious, this is inconsistent with someone having so much appreciation for his culture that she traveled overseas to pursue her medieval studies education.

No doubt this was intended to be snarky humor, but it really missed the mark, instead coming across as insensitive rudeness. This continues throughout the story and ruined it IMHO.

Knight after Night get two stars (instead of one) because Jackie Ivie did some interesting world building, and

our antihero, Thoran Alexander MacKetryck, is swoon worthy in both manner and appearance.

Sadie Forsythe says

Man, what a waste! Ivie can write. There's witty dialogue. There's a cute, kind of clueless alpha male who begs. (I love me some begging man.) There's smart female lead. There's vampires. Really, this should have been a slam dunk for me. But no. No. No. No. NO! NO!

It's not even half as long as it needs to be to allow for a believable plot. So it's incredibly rushed and almost every aspect of it is underdeveloped. Thornan is apparently some sort of vampire assassin (the series is even called Vampire Assassin League) but that's not addressed anywhere in the book.

Jolie is unnecessarily rude to Thornan from the moment they meet. Really, people usually present a little social grace when confronted with new people before turning mean. He bullies her into a date by threatening violence against anyone she tries to call for help and ignores all her attempts at agency. Then, despite the author trying to show Jolie angry at the idea of being materialistic, a full on third of the book seems to be dedicated to describing his wealth and Jolie's response to it.

There is slut shaming and the requisite naive virgin whining about how his big penis will tear her. WTF? Jolie just accepts everything with ease by deciding not to think about it (what happened to the smart girl in the beginning) and seems to have some sort of personality transplant about halfway through the book. Then they declare ever-lasting love after one night together.

I am so disappointed!

Margaret says

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*EXCERPT

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"You want this?" He lifted an eyebrow.

"Not especially."

"Good."

He pitched it into the center of the river without any effort. They both watched it hit water and immediately sink. The muscles displayed in his arm had moved. Flexing. Rippling. The guy was built. Masculine. And he was gorgeous. And he was worried about performing for her. Jolie sighed. She'd known it was too good to be true. But it had sure been a fun fantasy.

"What is it?" he asked.

"You. And your...uh...impotence. I'm sorry. Truly."

"What impotence?"

"I should've known, really. It was right in front of my face. No wonder you're here. Right now. With me."

"What...does that mean?"

Thoran had his hair pulled back, but a lock had escaped the bond. Jolie noted how it caressed his brow and moved with every blink of his eyelashes as he looked down at her. He'd moved again, turning toward her, as if to envelope and encompass her completely. With the confused look reflected in those silver eyes, it was impossible not to feel a swoon coming on. She knew exactly what it felt like. And to disguise all of that, she opened her mouth and started talking.

"There's no reason to get all uptight and upset. I'm sure it happens to every guy. If they've used it too much. Or taken the wrong kinds of drugs for too long. Or had a bad experience with the wrong party. I read the tabloids. Get bombarded with the television ads. It's not that uncommon. Even in a guy as young as you."

"What are you speaking of now?"

"You're unable to...get it up. And now you're mad," she whispered.

"Get what up?"

"That's it. I'm done. I can believe you're a world class playboy who's lost his ability. I can definitely believe you'd attempt to get it back by pursuing and then charming the hell out of a little nobody from the end of nowhere. But I can't believe I actually thought for one moment you were a vampire. I can't. I must've inhaled something from the fumes in that basement. That's the only explanation."

He wasn't just closer. He was overpowering, looming over her and making certain of his domination with an arm about her back. He pulled her close. Right atop his lap, while his eyes narrowed to slits of mirrored silver.

"It's ok, Thoran. Really. I won't tell anyone. I promise. You don't have to worry."

"Tell anyone what? That I'm a vampire?" He hissed the words.

"Who would believe that?"*

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Amanda says

This was an entertaining read. The beginning really caught me, the library scene where/when the main characters meet was fun, lighthearted, and I must say, I quickly fell for Thoran.

Thoran is a sexy, extremely wealthy vampire and an assassin, who did not expect to find his mate - well, at least he had never envisioned a woman like Jolie would be meant for him. Their conversations were amusing since Thoran has remained on the sidelines of society, knowing very little about modern slang and even clothing. They were a wonderful couple.

However, I felt the story was too short and that it was a bit choppy in the beginning. Also, due to the length, the world building left much to be desired.

I purchased the ebook set of the Vampire Assassin League series. I LOVE vampires and I can't wait to get started on the next book, which is at the top of my To Read pile.

If you are looking for a new take on vampires, you should give this book a try.
