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Andreas Nikandros has one focus, to kill the vampire he believes murdered his sister, and he knows with their greater strength, the surest way to kill a vampire is to become one. As a zoologist, he's used to looking at the world from a natural standpoint, but when he sets out on a quest to find a vampire to Turn him, what he finds in Titus Antonius Calidus is the last thing he expected.

Titus has lived for over a thousand years, and in that time has only ever given his heart to one man. As they follow their natural instincts, they discover something truly worth living forever for, each other.

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Anna says

4.5 Someone should scream at me for putting off reading this for so long. Why, oh why did I not read this sooner? It was so good!

Wendy says

I've read other books by this author which I really enjoyed. This unfortunately, was not one of them. I really wanted to like it, because it sounded so promising, but maybe I've read too many great vampire books, and I'm now spoiled.

Andreas is a human, who's sister was murdered by a vampire. He wants his revenge, but he knows he can't go up against a vampire, so he decides to find a vampire to change him into one too. That way things would be more equal and he would actually have a chance at revenge. His first attempt at finding a vampire, turns into a disaster and he is saved by a beautiful ancient vampire.

This is where my first frustration comes from. Normally with fantasy books I don't mind insta-love/lust because of the whole mating thing. However that was not the case here. You would think that a man, whose sister just got murdered by vampires, would feel some kind of hate towards vampires as a whole. Not here...no, there was admiration and wonder and hard cocks. He was literally gagging for this vamp.... What also pissed me off, was the fact that Andreas went to the vampire who killed his sister, to be turned...does that make sense? No it doesn't, it was just stupid.

After a night of sexing it up with this vamp (Titus), Andreas makes his escape in the morning, even though he really doesn't want to, because he's feeling a pull towards him. Titus apparently feels the same way and goes looking for him to make him a proposition. Andreas is to live with him one month. In this month, Titus will show him what it's like to be a vampire and if he's convinced, that Andreas would make a good vampire, he will turn him. However if he feels this is not that case then he won't, but Andreas is still to be his, for food and fucking. Of course Andreas agrees, because like I said...he's gagging for it.

While they live together, one of Titus's ex-boyfriends shows up (also a vamp), and of course there is jealousy. I actually liked Daniel (the ex). At least he showed some normal and sincere emotions.

Andreas declares his undying love....after being with this vamp for such a short time. Of course he felt it right from the start, but waited to tell until he couldn't hold it in anymore....sigh. In the meantime, he seems to have forgotten about his sister, because he was so happy. Eventually, his big bad, but sappy vampire tells him he loves him too. Even the sex scenes did nothing for me.

Like I've said...I've read a lot of vampire and shifter books and this one really didn't do it for me. I like my vamps to be badass. I like their lovers to be strongwilled and opinionated. Andreas to me, felt like a doormat. This was all ridiculously sappy. It read like an m/f book and even those I've read in this genre, were more hardhassd than this one.

I'm not saying that that is a bad thing, because a lot of people love that kind of thing. I just don't, at least not

in this genre. However, don't let my opinion stop you from reading this book. It has a lot of great reviews from those who loved it.

Eventhough, this was not the book for me, I will continue reading books by this author, just maybe not this genre. I loved all the other books I've read.

2,5 stars from me

Lasha says

You know you are reading an engrossing book when you don't realize that your backyard is flooding until your neighbor bangs on your door to inform you of the rising water! And then you get annoyed because that disaster means you have to stop reading the book. So to say I really liked S.J. Frost's *Natural Instincts* is a vast understatement. I thoroughly enjoyed every single page in this gripping, sexy and complex tale of vampires in Chicago.

Titus and Andreas are three-dimensional characters who are equals on every level, and even though Titus is a vampire, his human lover matches him quite easily in wit, intelligence and strength. It is apparent to see why Titus would fall so hard, so quick for Andreas. It was their relationship that dragged me into *Natural Instincts* and kept me spellbound for 252 pages. The chemistry between them literally jumps off the page, and the love scenes are scorching.

Plus there are amazingly complex secondary characters who provide a wonderful backdrop to the plot and S.J. Frost is able to effortlessly weave their storylines into the main plot, without it taking away from Titus and Andreas. And although I loved Titus and Andreas' story, I certainly hope S.J. Frost will be revisiting this universe because I really want Daniel to have his happy ending too.

So, if you love vampires, great writing, brilliant characterizations and an intricate plot, then *Natural Instincts* is the read for you. Highly recommended. 5+ stars.

SheReadsALot says

FOUR & A HALF STARS--What do you get when you cross a human zoologist bent on being turned into a vampire to avenge his sister's death and a centuries old Roman Centurion vampire?

One hot M/M romance, let me tell you!

Andreas, the human willing to give up his life to gain the vampiric strength needed to defeat the vampire who killed his sister has this plan to confront his sister's killer. And his plans are thwarted fairly quickly. But...Titus Antonius, the Roman vampire, saves the day and the man.

I was on board in the beginning for Andreas to turn into a vampire but as the story progressed, I didn't want him to. It wasn't necessary. And the love Andreas and Titus grow into? It's delicious. I loved each man's

possessiveness of each other. And the author doesn't let the story turn into one giant love fest. Exes, murders and vampire politics are thrown into making one entertaining and satisfying read. And the world created by S.J. Frost? Very intriguing.

The fight scenes? Bloody good.

Daniel, Titus' ex-lover & good friend? Sarcastic and necessary. (I'm happy to see he has a book, I'll reading that ASAP)

And I'm happy to what more S.J. Frost has in store for this series. With characters like Titus, Andreas, Ryu & Daniel, I'm chomping at the bit.

V says

This is another one of those times, that I should slap myself for not reading this story sooner. Fantastic!!!

Mickie Ashling says

I don't often reach for a paranormal but the setting of *Natural Instincts* is Chicago and I couldn't resist. S.J. Frost is new to me and I'd like to thank her for a wonderful reading experience. I really hope to see a sequel with Daniel and Ryu playing major roles. They are both great characters, as are Andreas and Titus. I especially enjoyed all the animals that played secondary roles in this great adventure. Titus is one of the sexiest vampires around. Yum...highly recommended!

Bookwatcher says

Grab your stake, it's vampire season!

Reading the blurb I had the impression it would more another gay vampire tale... same old.. same old... I'm SO GLAD I had MUCH MORE! It's a paranormal-romance, with a lot of twists and some surprises! Love it!

Andreas Nikandros is angry, sad, and he want revenge...

...because a vampire killed his sister. And his desire is to be turned, and kill the bastard. Only a vampire can kill another vampire... so it's his only hope, find a master vampire (better a old one) and beg to be turned.

Titus Antonius Calidus is a VERY old vampire...

... and his life is very boring. Going around from the a Roman empire to the moderns days his last concern is what a human could ask. But well, let's say Andreas good look make also a very suborn vampire think twice.

Their will seal an agreement: one month, to Andreas know the vampire world... and serve also Titus on bed. NO NO; WAIT, it's not a non consensual story, because well, who wouldn't grab that hot vampire???

But there are more... many more characters. Let me just talk about two.

The one that made me Love/Hate/Love/Hate him (yeah very confusing)... Daniel

His angelic face, and dubious intentions. I really adore this character... but hate him too! Read to know why!

And the last one I want to talk about. He was introduced in this story with this words:

"The rider's black leather trench coat billowed lightly around his slender body... as he lifted off the helmet, his black hair, smooth as fine silk, fell just past his shouders"

... the Japanese samurai.... Ryunosuke

So yes... it's a 5 stars book!

Great characters,

Very good plot, and

Wonderful suspense full of action scenes! It's a pity I read it so fast!!! **I want more!!!!**

P.S: This book is perfect, and I would LOVE to read more. Because it's only Titus and Andreas story... much more could happen... and if a certain samurai is searching his soul mate too , please can I give my phone number???

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

This one sucked me in. I loved Titus, but I did feel he fell for and gave in a little too quickly to his feeling for Andreas, though he seems to be holding steady as the story goes. I loved how Andreas' focus changed from revenge to his relationship with Titus. He and Titus are a very good fit.

Daniel is a bit annoying at times, and while I understand the reasons behind his dependence on Titus, it gets to be a little much. I'm really looking forward to his book and seeing him move on.

Hellen says

3,5 stars

Before I start writing this poorly written review, I have to get it out of my system: *Titus*? It took me a lot to concentrate on the story and not on the character's names.

I'll begin with some things I disliked:

-Love at first sight if it's not justified. In some books the lovers are meant to find each other, destined to be together since the day they are born. This is not the case. It was a surprise when I got up to 23% and read *"He realized then he wasn't falling for Titus. He'd already fallen, so very far, so very quickly."*

-When it comes to vamps I'm a little fussy. I would've liked them to show off their powers. If it weren't for the blood sucking, they could pass for humans. I don't like humans who think they can handle a bunch of supernatural beings either. There was this fight scene...

-If the Tribunal were seven people, why the hell only three are mentioned? If they had nothing to say, why bother "visiting" Titus?

On the other hand, I love power in paranormal stories. The mightiest vamp/shifter/ or whatever. All the more interesting when they are vulnerable. Also, I really liked Andreas and Titus. I think they were the main reason I kept reading. The two fit perfectly and have this personality that makes you love them from the very first page. Not to mention the supporting characters. I couldn't stay mad at David, and Carl added a comical touch. The author knows how to engross the reader in the scenes and describe a lot with such a few words.

Betryal says

This is SJ's attempt at writing a vamp book and let me tell you if you haven't read it yet I highly suggest you do. If you think she's done exceptionally well with the boys of Conquest you don't want to miss out on this one.

I highly recommend reading it.

Karen K says

****5 stars**** I fell in love with this story and with both Andreas and Titus. I don't think I'd ever read any of S.J.'s books except the Conquest series so I wasn't sure what to expect, but this was fabulous. Andreas was such a needy, confused character at the beginning, aimed on revenge at any cost - I just wanted to scoop him up and cuddle him until all the darkness in his heart went away. And Titus was such a stubborn but loving creature (not to mention hot) that I wanted to take home and torture (only in good ways) until he finally admitted his feelings. I loved the storyline and as always, the writing style and descriptions. I also heard from a "delurker" that there will be more and that makes me very happy and impatient for more. :)

Susan65 says

I really like S.J. Frost's writing style. Very easy to read and I easily connected with all the characters...whether I like them or not. In this case I loved them all...excluding Renart(whom I eventually just felt sorry for). Titus Antonius Calidus is my new fave-alpha, the big man on the block, my newest fantasy man, and one hot vampire.

I loved him!!!

And the more I read about him in the sequel, Enduring Instincts, the more I love him...he just keeps getting better. Andreas is awesome...gotta love a man who loves creatures with claws and fangs (that would be cats and vampires). He is not a weak man and does not take any crap off big-bad vampire Titus at all. He may be human but he is all man.

Now Daniel, poor Daniel stole my heart. You just want to take him home and hold him tight, make the mean world go away and soothe his pain. If ever a man needs a HEA it has to be Daniel.

This is a great vampire story...a bit of angst but not too much. It is truly a love story...between a couple and the love between friends. Recommended for those who believe we all have a soul mate out there somewhere.

Sunny says

3.75

Not a complex story, and a bit cliché , but I enjoyed it :D
And yes, I'll be reading more of this series.

Tags: beautiful people, sappy but I liked it, hot sexy times, alpha male

Side note:

I thought this story ended twice before it actually did, so I was surprised when it really did end :)

Trisha Harrington says

This was an amazing start to the series! I fell in love with Andreas and Titus, and yes, even Daniel. Natural Instincts wasn't what I had been expecting. In fact, I would say it was even better than I had been expecting. This is definitely one of those books fans of vampires who don't mind sweet and sappy reads would enjoy. If you can get past the fact that this isn't a dark romance, you should really give this a shot.

Andreas had kind of a sad reason for becoming a vampire in the beginning. And, even though I guessed how it would end, I was glad the author took her time, dragging it out and crafting a beautiful story for the reader. Titus was an ancient vampire. Basically, he is royalty in the vampire community because he has lived for over a thousand years. Unlike most of the vampire books I have read, this world didn't classify vampires as

being dead. I've seen it a couple of times, and I will admit to liking the unique(ish) twist.

The sex scenes... what can I say, some of them were hot, others were emotional, and I enjoyed each and every one of them. Titus worried me for a while even though he was kind of obvious during those scenes, I couldn't stop myself from worrying about him sleeping around. Thankfully, though, he didn't and I was able to really get into those sex scenes.

There was a secondary character, Daniel, who you will either love or hate. In the end? I loved him. Yeah. Shocking, I know, but he grew on me and I could tell he was mostly genuine when it came to his feelings. For a while, I thought he would end up becoming the bad guy. When he didn't I was more than a little relieved. His love for Titus was real, and even though it wasn't reciprocated, he still was likable afterwards.

I'd highly recommend this book to fans of the author or of vampire stories. This is definitely a new favourite of mine.

Kari Gregg says

Wow. Just wow. THE BEST m/m vamp erotic rom I've read in a long time, if not The Best Evah. The world building is rock solid, the characters superbly drawn and the plot enthralling in its intricacy. A full stable of secondary characters you fall in love with right along with the heroes will make you as desperate as I am for sequels.

S.J. Frost is now on my autobuy list. Cannot possibly recommend this more highly.
