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He's gotta earn his wings . . . again.

Love Detail's favorite angel has his sights set on his next target: the stoic and mysterious Noble Blackfeather. And it just may prove to be his toughest case yet. Noble's reclusive ways keep his angel at wing's distance, and love even further. But he's not playing a part-he's truly masking a painful secret and a profoundly wounded heart.

A cupid's worst nightmare.

Noble's been paired with Braelyn Campbell, the cute single mother next door. She's adorable, friendly, fun . . . everything Noble needs. This should be a Love Squad slam dunk. Except she's making a fresh start in Texas to protect her son from a volatile ex, and she's not about to risk her heart or her son on another man. Even if he's sexy as sin and always coming to her rescue.

Thank God for possibilities.

But, reluctantly, they are drawn together-thanks to their cupid's dogged efforts and a whole lotta chemistry. Can the girl next door learn to trust again and help heal Noble's wounded heart? Together, can they save the lost, hurting boy she's raising? Can the angels help it happen before it's too late?

Thank God for love.

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### Sharrice says

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received a copy of The Halo Effect for an honest review.

Holy crap on toast to say that Shauna Allen has done it again would be a complete understatement.

Michael the Angel of love has another mission, to bring his close friend Nobel Blackfeather and Nobel's next door neighbor Braelyn Campbell together. Braelyn moved to Texas to get away from her ex-boyfriend who threatened her son. In Texas she hoped to make a new life for herself and her son. Now she's getting calls from school about her son Tisten getting into fights and not doing homework. Not sure what to do anymore she signs Tristen up for the Big Buddy program and who does he get paired up with? None other than our wonderful angel Michael, Michael does whatever it takes to become close friends with Tristen and get Nobel into his neighbors life by breaking things so Nobel will have to come over and fix it. As time goes on and emotions become more and more involved the three some need to decide if they can let go of the past and move on and become the family they all so desperately need. Even when everyone becomes discouraged Michael knows God always has a plan.

The Halo Effect is one of those stories where the back stories of each character become intertwined very delicately intertwined with each character it's amazing. I loved all the characters, they all had such amazing growth and humor throughout the story it was hard not to like that characters. I think honestly that's what makes Shauna Allen's books is that each character has such a great back story with lots of struggles but in the end prevails and grows. I mean isn't that what we as readers and people like to think for ourselves? That we will one day overcome everything weighing us down and prevail? I know I do.

The only major problem I had with the story is..well there was SOOOOO much sexual tension throughout the book that when they did come together there was no going into the scene it was just "cut to" their future. Made me sad because believe me Shauna works you up to where you're like "I'm ready to see some action and then- nothing. Oh well that was only real complaint about The Halo Effect

This describes the "Cut to" of how I was feeling.

Overall, I really enjoyed The Halo Effect almost as much as Inked by an Angel. Shauna Allen is one of my favorite authors and The Halo Effect was definitely not a letdown as far as sequels go. I think a lot of people can get into The Cupid Chronicles, lots of swoony moments, sexy men with tattoos, and while there is the God aspect it's not overbearing if that kind of thing bothers you. I really hope readers can check this series out because it's awesome!! The Halo Effect is a story with deep and emotional characters that readers will identify with and a unique story line that will definitely leave them wanting more.

#### Favorite Quote:

His hands wrapped around and gripped her hips, sliding leisurely down to cup her bottom like he'd done it a hundred times, his hands a perfect fit.

"Gorgeous," he murmured against her lips. "First thing I noticed about you."

“My ass?”

“Mmm hmm.” He nibbled her lower lip. “It’s perfect. Just like the rest of you.”

She inhaled as his mouth found her neck’s sweet spot. “I think you’ve got me confused with . . . oh . . . you.”

He laughed against her throat. “Oh, no, it’s definitely you who’s perfect, baby.” He eased back long enough to pin her with his deep gaze. “Why do you think I call you Sweet Cheeks, anyway?”

Her mouth slacked open.

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### **SarahSmith says**

Great continuation from Inked by an Angel. The characters were very likable and the romance was very sweet and it was great to watch it blossom, even though the main characters were pretty oblivious. Loved the tie in to Inked... and to see the HEA continuing for Jed and Kyle. Can't wait to read more from the series. I hope that there is some sort of link between the upcoming book with the previous characters and not just the angels.

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### **Cathy says**

Michael is at it again! He knows that Noble and Braelyn belong together but they fight it every step of the way. She is a single mother who doesn't need another man to hurt her and Noble is the sexy next door neighbor who has a lot of pain of his own. I couldn't put this one down. Read it in 24 hours because I had to get to the end to see what happened! This one is my favorite in Shauna Allen's Angel Series but I thoroughly enjoyed them all and can't wait for the next one! Check out this series! You will be glad you did!

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### **Anna-marie says**

The loveable Michael returns as cupid to help Nobel & Braelyn this time...and what a tough nut to crack they are.

You cant help but like this pair, but at the same time despair at their stubbornness to give in to the inevitable.

I found it just as heartwarming as Inked By an Angel, but had more emotional conflicts, for the main characters to overcome.

I really enjoyed it & would love to read more about this motley crew.

Shauna Allen really does let you get up close & personal with the characters & sets scenes perfectly, without going overboard on details.

Another MUST read

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### **Janet Nash says**

I loved this contemporary romance. With a super-hot hero, an adorable heroine, and a cast of secondary characters (including the return of my favorite Angel, Michael) this book is definitely a home run! The Halo Effect is engaging and packed full of unexpected twists. The author's voice is sassy, fresh, and easy to read. Soars to the top of my "recommended reads" list!

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### **Susan says**

Shauna Allen has done it again. THE HALO EFFECT, Book Two of The Cupid Chronicles, is another winner. Like her first book in the series, INKED BY AN ANGLE, she has given us fun, sassy, and unusual characters that are well-developed and completely likeable. She's brought back poor Michael, the lovable, angelic Cupid who has his hands full matching Noble and Braelyn.

Perhaps the most endearing character is Braelyn's son, Tristan. Ms. Allen manages to bring to light all his teenage angst over watching his mother fall in love. This book is very well done and I highly recommend it.

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### **Gail says**

I just finished reading this story. To me it was a story not just a book. I enjoyed this story a little bit more than the first one Inked by an Angel. To me this was more about growth and finding "family". Family is many things to different people. But mainly family is love.

This story had it all hot guy, teenager, strong mom and Angels. Lots of ups and downs, just a beautiful story of hope, love and family. Can't wait to read the next in the series...

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### **Christie Palmer says**

Best line from the book:

"I want you to help me fulfill one of my fantasies."

#### **My Review**

The Halo Effect is the second book in the Cupid Chronicles, and it doesn't disappoint.

Michael continues to work in the Love Detail, helping Noble find true love with the only woman that can help him heal his bruised heart.

Braelyn is a spunky female who fights for what she believes in and loves.

#### **Liked:**

I loved the depth of Noble, he has so much to offer but almost insurmountable walls. While Braelyn is a character anyone can relate to. Shauna has an amazing ability to write compelling characters that are real and

relate able.

Disliked:

Okay this might be nitpicking however, there were a couple of times when an act would be talked about but nothing would come of it. For example at one point Braelyn answered the phone and didn't like what she heard but she was to busy with Tristan to give it any real thought. But I felt like something was happening and left undone.

Also toward the end of the book Braelyn and Noble started referring to her as Bra which is fine but felt out of place.

Overall

A truly great read and wonderful second book. A love story with a touch of paranormal.

??Recommend??

I would totally recommend this book. It was a great and fun read. If you enjoy romance with a little paranormal than this book is for you.

Rating:

I am giving The Halo Effect by: Shauna Allen 4 1/2 stars out of 5

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### **Katrina Epperson says**

I received this book from the author for an honest review. It is the second book in the Cupid Chronicles series. From the description I was somewhat skeptical about reading it. I was under the impression it was a paranormal, but to me it was a contemporary romance with a sweet ending.

We are introduced to Michael who turns out to be an angel or more precise a cupid. He is sent to assist individuals who are meant to be together in their relationship to get to a happily ever after. This assignment Michael is to have an apprentice, Ariel, whom he is to instruct on what the duties of a cupid involves. What appears as a straight forward assignment takes on many different struggles for those involved.

Braelyn is a beautiful, single mother who teaches special education at school and volunteers at a local nursing home. She and her son, Tristan, move to Texas for a fresh start, but things are not going well for Tristan as she had hoped for. Braelyn feels that most of his problems are a result of his father signing over all his parental rights just before they moved. Maybe if he had a male role model in his life it would help, so she signs him up to be apart of the Big Brother's program thru school. Needless to say Tristan wasn't overjoyed, but after meeting Michael he decides it might be cool to have someone to hang out with.

As with all old houses problems will arise and they do. Michael offers to oversee some repairs which turn out to be a little more difficult than he expects. He turns to his friend and coworker Noble Blackfeather for assistance. Noble just happens to be Braelyn's next door neighbor and they had met previously. Noble reluctantly agrees, not because he doesn't want to help, but because there is too much chemistry between them. He doesn't do relationships and she was a "forever after" type girl. The more time they spend together the greater the attraction on both sides.

Each fighting the attraction, the more complicated Michael's job became and then throw in Tristan and his objections. Michael feels he may be unable to complete this assignment.

I loved this book. Shauna Allen brings us a sweet romance. She brings us well developed characters with flaws that show true family and relationship issues. The plot flows effortlessly. I would recommend it to anyone.

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## **Sadie Forsythe says**

*The Halo Effect* is a nice continuation of *The Cupid Chronicles*. If I'm honest I didn't like it as much as the first, but I still liked it. Braelyn is a forward woman who knows what she wants and isn't afraid to go after it without coming across as easy. I liked that about her. I also liked her relationship with her son. She was protective, without smothering him and he was polite despite being 14 and in the midst of an emotional upheaval. Noble was, well noble. I felt really sorry for him and was so glad to see him finally opening himself up. I would have liked to get to know him a little more though. You learn his history in this book, but except for lustng over his neighbour you hear very little of his internal dialogue (which would be important since he isn't much of a conversationalist). I was also little disappointed that Michael wasn't as much of a character. This book is much more a romance with a little help from above as opposed to the story of how Michael goes about his Love Duty mission (as in book one). It was still a really sweet romance though.

Like the first book I felt that the author built up the emotional hurtles to be overcome and then let them fall almost miraculously. I was often not explicitly aware of where characters change of hearts came from. It was emotionally satisfying that they did change, but I would have liked a little bit more understanding of how or why instead of just when.

My only two real complaints are that It was a little predictable (and questionably realistic) and the preachiness was amped up compared to book one. In *Inked by and Angel* the religious characters spouted off about god a bit. Ok, makes sense that's part of their character after all. In this one the narrator had a much more religious bent going on and as a result the whole thing felt much more Christian to me. I don't mind religion in my fiction, but since I'm not in the market for a new religion I don't generally enjoy mini sermons. Luckily, though more apparent, it wasn't overpowering. I look forward to Eli's story whenever book three finally comes out.

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## **Amanda Masters says**

Wow! what an amazing Book! I couldn't put it down from start to finish! I loved the characters and the storyline. Shauna Allen makes you feel a part of the story and you live the lives of the characters right along side them.

Braelyn Campbell and Noble Blackfeather are match made in well Heaven to be exact. Michael an Angel from the Love Detail of Heaven has been given his most difficult assignment yet.

Braelyn Campbell has just moved in next door to Noble Blackfeather and for some reason her house seems to be falling apart! Luckily with a gorgeous and sexy handy man like Noble around things don't stay broken for long, now if only he could do something for her broken heart?

Noble Blackfeather is a man of few words and even fewer manners, but something about Braelyn and her son Tristan has just gets in under his skin. He can't help but see his own pain reflected in the eyes of Tristan and Braelyn makes him feel as he may be more then just a dumb Indian like he was always taught to believe.

Together they conquer their pasts head on, but will they let their guards down long enough to let love in? Michael sure hopes so, he hasn't lost a couple yet and he isn't about to start.

this book was awesome! I loved every min reading it! I will have to go back and read the first one now as I didn't realize this is the second book in the series. The book totally stands on its own story wise and I am excited to read more to see how it all fits together. The mark of a great writer when the book can stand on its own and still be part of a series! Shauna Allen blew me away again and again with this amazing story! If you haven't read this yet I recommend it highly! so make sure you go out and get your copy today!!!!

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### **gillian (Tattooed Book Review) says**

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*“But here, he realized, everyone had created a family of sorts. A family of lost souls.”*

Truly a joy to read, *The Halo Effect* broke my heart and put the pieces together again. When Braelyn and Noble meet, it doesn't seem likely that they will save one another, as well as Braelyn's son Tristan, from their broken pasts. But with a little intervention from a couple of angels, plenty of natural chemistry, and a bit of faith, this couple just may have a chance at a trust, family, love, and freedom from their pasts.

Smooth writing, clever, natural dialogue, wonderfully layered and relatable characters, burning sexual chemistry, the exact right amount of darkness and angst balanced with humor, and a truly wonderful story all come together in this book. I was so excited when I found out about a second book in The Cupid Chronicles and even more eager to read it when I found out Noble was getting his own book. He was so enigmatic in the first book, I couldn't wait to find out more about him. His character exceeds my expectations: a sexy loner with a good, if damaged heart. He's perfectly complimented by the sassy and sexy Braelyn, the protective single mother of Tristan. In an effort to protect their hearts, Noble and Braelyn follow an atypical path for a romance, forming a tentative friendship before a romantic relationship, in spite of their obvious sexual chemistry. Though the path was bumpy, watching the relationship grow among Braelyn, Tristan, and Noble warmed my heart, made me cry, made me laugh, and gave me hope.

This story has the perfect balance of darkness and the light at the end of the tunnel. Even with the “paranormal aspects”, it remains very real and accessible. With emotional, well-paced and exceptional storytelling, a fantastic cast of characters, (both human and angel) and a beautifully satisfying ending, this is a fantastic book that a broad range of romance readers will enjoy.

*“She took him in, from his rain-soaked ponytail, to eyes black as the starless night sky, then deeper to the man she knew was underneath. The man who could make her laugh with his dry-as-toast humor. The man full of such quiet spirituality. His sense of honor. His everything. He'd quickly become way too much to her.”*

\*I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Claire says**

I've taken to not reading the blurb on books, and it's working out really well, as I'm not sure of the storyline

or any hints or anything.

This was a really sweet book. I wouldn't call it paranormal, there were angels (well, cupids really) who have a role in it, but generally its just a nice story of love and its up and downs.

Really well written, likeable characters and as the reader you can see what both the main characters, Noble and Braelyn are thinking and seeing and it can be frustrating, but in a good way! Of course you know how its going to end, but its a good read, before you reach the end, and actually makes you smile and think "maybe theres hope for love in the world after all". A little optimism from a pessimist here!

If you're looking for a good read, some romance and a good storyline, and not too heavy - this is perfect. I enjoyed it immensely, and I'm not normally a romance fan!!

Read on behalf of Bewitching Tours for an honest review

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### **Janey says**

Was looking forward to this one, after enjoying the first book "inked by an angel", leapt right in, now I thought Jed was a broody type, but my life, Noble was the epitome of broody male. solitary, angry over his past, he just needed to see what could be if you just took a chance, I loved Braelyn and Tristan just perfect to help melt and mend Nobles heart, the wonderful Michael, there to lend a guiding hand in their relationship, great story, takes it time, but that's a good thing, you get more involved and feel for the characters, read it pretty much in a day, definite tbr.

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### **Beth Cutwright says**

I loved Shauna's first book in this series, Inked by An Angel. It was sweet, sassy, full of romance and a struggle for the lovebirds to get it together with a unique setting....a tattoo parlor of all things! Well let me tell you Shauna is no slouch. I thought book # 2, The Halo Effect was even better than the first! She nailed this difficult come to fruition love story with heartfelt depth and wisdom. Those angels of hers were doin' a lot of prayin for guidance.

This time Braelyn Campbell has moved her 14 year old son to Texas to get away from his father's influence and her ex boyfriends threats of harming her son, Tristan. She is making it on her own. She works as a special ed teacher and volunteers at a retirement home. She is strong and her own person and she is ready to meet a real man, although she claims she doesn't need one.

Noble Blackfeather lives next door and he is hot and available, although he doesn't think so. He has built many walls, not allowing anyone but his best friend Jed into his life. Even those he works with, Michael and Ariel, have not gotten but a toe in the door.

Let me just say, Michael had to work hard to get these two together. Once I started the read I was in it to the end...stayed up all night and was busy the next day with no regrets for the lack of sleep. In a nutshell, this book was an awesome romance and I am so thankful I got to read it. It is just awesome to be a part of a new blossoming author's beginnings. Great job Shauna!!

Shauna's third book in the Cupid Chronicles, Wounded Wings will be out this winter....I for one, can not wait!

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