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Sequel to Covenant in Blood
Partnership in Blood Volume Three

As the Alliance wizard-vampire partnerships grow stronger, the dark wizards feel the effects and become increasingly desperate to find enough information to counter them, unaware of the growing strain of the blood-magic bonds on the wizards and vampires alike.

The conflict is spreading. The strife of uncomfortable relationships, both personal and professional, is threatening to tear up the Alliance from the inside, despite the efforts of Alain Magnier and Orlando St. Clair, Thierry Dumont and Sebastien Noyer, and even Raymond Payet and Jean Bellaiche, leader of the Paris vampires, who is fighting to establish a stable covenant with his own partner so he might lead by example.

As the war rages on and heartbreakng casualties mount on both sides, the dark wizards keep searching for clues to understand and counter the strength of the Alliance, while the blood-bound Alliance partners hunt through ancient prejudices and forgotten lore to find an edge that can turn the tide of the war once and for all.

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Lee says

I'm finding it very hard to extricate this book, *Conflict in Blood*, from its series and write a succinct, focused review. The problem is that while there are four books in the series, there is really only one story, one long, continuing story that was broken up into four parts. Compounding the problem was my decision to read all four books back-to-back. Which may not have been one of my brightest ideas because it feeds into the idea of there being only one book. In the end though, I think it's best to look at this series as one book with four very large chapters.

I can't imagine anyone picking up one of the middle books and making any sense of it. If you don't read this series from the beginning you'll be lost and the beauty of the story will be destroyed.

So, given all of that, I'll end this review with one statement; Whatever I've said in the reviews of the previous two books applies to this book as well. I give *Conflict in Blood* four stars.

Love Bytes Reviews says

4.5 star review by Vicki

In this third part of the Partnership in Blood series, the battle between the good wizards with the help of the local vampires, and the dark wizards continues.

The members of the Alliance continue to explore the bond between the vampires and wizards and how best to use the pairs. A rite is performed that helps to balance the magical energy that has been negatively affected by the war. The rite works in a sense, but it causes some interesting side effects amongst the pairs! Hot yummy sex for some, angry sex for others. This issue is also solved by Raymond, who tries so hard to be accepted by the Milice. There are a couple of wizard battles, including a fight for the Eiffel Tower, and a major player is captured by the enemy. There is a death that deeply affects Jean, and royally pisses him off. Not a good enemy to make!

On the romance side of things, Alain and Orlando try to work through Orlando's continuing and somewhat tiresome trust issues, Jean and Raymond, and Sebastien and Thierry are moving along in their developing relationships quite nicely. I'm finding that I'm liking both of those couple more during this read than my original time through this series five years ago, and I'm not liking Alain and Orlando quite as much. I'm not sure why that is! The two problem couples, Adele and Jude, and David and Angelique are making progress, but Jude is just a douche. David is not a douche, but is just clueless!

One of my issues with the last book was that it focused more on the relationships and didn't have enough plot for me, this book was a nice balance. Some relationship drama, but a nice bit of plot drama as well. The war has certainly picked up the pace between the two groups, there were more battles and more of interest happened. Not that I didn't like the last book, but this one was tighter somehow. I liked that I could see the plot moving forward toward the conclusion, but we still got to see lots about the various couples.

I love different interpretations of vampire lore, it fascinates me that Ariel hadn't read a vampire book before writing these... I like the differences she introduced, and the similarities to traditional vampire stories as well. I love the various characters (except Jude, I HATE him!), and I love the world she has created. It's our world but not. I'm struggling with the French a bit, it's a language I don't know at all! But I wish I did...

A copy of this book was provided in exchange for an honest review. Please visit www.lovebytesreviews.com to see this and many more reviews, author interviews, guestposts and giveaways!

Susana González says

Sin comentarios. No sé porque sigo con esta saga

Katy says

Please note: I originally read this series in November 2011. I'm updating the formatting and adding the disclosure that the author provided me a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

My Synopsis: The war rages on; although the alliance with the vampires is increasing the Milice's wins, the leader of the dark wizards is incensed by this and starts to search for a way to get back on top. When Marcel and Jean officially announce the alliance, the dark wizards start to target vampires in order to try to fracture the alliance. Of course, they don't know about the partnership bonds. When they snatch Orlando in the midst of an operation, the heat is on. Will the Milice – will Alain – be able to rescue Orlando in time?

My Thoughts: Another wonderfully plotted story, introducing a few new characters and giving us more insight into existing ones. My recommendations from prior books stand – check it out!

Becca Waldrop says

Man this book was harsh in many ways. I can't give them away, but she's one of it was rough. And just when you think things are finally getting better. Bam. Something else happens. I just hope they can all recover from this one.

, • * ° *• Gwendolyn•°*★°***★ says**

The Magic, just get's better and better!

Skimming, through the fem bits~again...still not a perfect book for me.
But, it still is worth the skim~

Chris Jeffreys says

I'm currently reading this book, and I am so grossly disappointed with its contents, I want to throw it in the garbage (but for the fact that I paid for it). Right now, I am reading through nothing more than a glorified rape scene between a female wizard and a Male vampire. It is absolutely offensive to have that trash in a purported romance novel. But, then again, if the author believes that forced sex is a substitute for romance, I believe that there is more wrong with this book than just the contents.

I will write more at the end of this book, but after the first 100 pages, I would give it zero stars if the goodreads system permitted such a rating. But for right now, I will give it the goodreads minimum of one star. I truly hope that the balance of this novel is better than the crap I have just read.

I am now nearly finished with this "book", and I have come to learn that this author is truly demented in the presentation of a romance novel. Rape and unimaginable cruelty has run rampant through this story. The author intertwines and equates romance and rape -- it is incredibly disturbing. In total, there are about 75 pages of this book that are worthwhile. For those who are following the plot of this series of books, here's a brief summary to help you to avoid this book -- good wizards cultivate the relationship with vampires; any wizard who forms a military alliance with a vampire ends up being madly in love with that vampire; battles occur and the good wizards triumph with the help of their vampire partners; vampire partners are required to feed from their wizard partners once or twice a day; Orlando gets kidnapped by bad wizards; Alain searches for Orlando. That's it -- everything else in this book is extraneous garbage.

Completing the book does not change my thoughts about how angry I am about this author wasting my time by writing this book! Zero stars from me, although goodreads has a minimum of one star. (I give that one star under protest!)

Caroline Brand says

REVIEWED FOR PRISM BOOK ALLIANCE

As the war wages the stakes get higher as the bonds between vampires and wizards grow.

The partnership between the wizards and the vampires was initially only meant to fight the dark wizards but now we have vampires walking in the daylight hours and couples falling in love left, right and centre.

The world that Ariel has developed in these books has great depth and it seems every day is a new discovery as the paranormal beings of society defy old legends and discover just how well they can work together.

There is still too much MF and FF in the story for my liking but that is purely my preference as it is not something I choose to read. By skimming these bits I don't feel that I missed any of the story.

As magical imbalances, kidnapped mortals, unscrupulous dark wizards and a myriad of other problems are thrown at the new alliance there seems no quick fix to ending the war. Serrier and his army always seem to stay one step ahead even though the alliance is having more luck at killing and capturing their enemies.

The story remains pretty much the same throughout all the books in this series and often there doesn't appear

to be much progress made. The real story for me was the relationships that developed, of which there are many, and this book ends on a cliff-hanger for the most important one of all.

BTina says

[extended f/m "dubcon" scene, supposedly meant to be hot and consensual (hide spoiler)]

Romance and Fantasy for Cosmopolitan Girls says

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Questo è il terzo libro della serie Legami di Sangue di Ariel Tachna e ritroviamo vecchi e nuovi personaggi. Come nei precedenti la coppia Alain/Orlando è sempre molto presente, ma si tratta, in questo caso, di un romanzo maggiormente corale dove vengono ampliate e sviluppate le vicende personali di più personaggi che erano solamente comparse nei libri precedenti.

La scrittrice ha concepito questa serie come un unico libro diviso in capitoli quindi, ogni volta ci troviamo ad una brusca fine nel bel mezzo dell'azione. Non sono particolarmente appassionata di paranormal, ma ho trovato originale l'alleanza magica maghi/vampiri alla base di tutta la vicenda dove il sangue dei maghi rende i vampiri immuni al sole e più forti anche se ciò può accadere solo quando si trova il proprio compagno/a.

Ciò che apprezzo di questa serie è la grande quantità di personaggi che si incrociano e che danno un pezzettino di sé pian piano fino alla composizione del quadro totale. Non lo si può definire un vero e proprio paranormal m/m in quanto l'amore è sicuramente presente, ma senza restrizione alla sfera omosessuale. Per chi, come me, si fosse particolarmente appassionata alla strana e, apparentemente, male assortita coppia Raymond/Jean qui finalmente assisterà ad una vera svolta nel loro rapporto.

Insomma, per chi ha già iniziato a seguire la serie, questo libro rappresenterà sicuramente una lettura appassionante e coinvolgente, ma per chi non sia ancora entrato in contatto con la Parigi di Ariel Tachna consiglio vivamente di iniziare con Alleanza di sangue e lasciarsi travolgere da queste vicende ricche di sentimenti, vendette, conflitti, il tutto in nome dell'eguaglianza delle razze davanti alla legge e della possibilità di esercitare la magia senza nuocere a chi non la possiede senza limitare la libertà di chi ne è in possesso.

Cindy (eclecticfirefly) says

I usually like to read a series back-to-back. But, this time I couldn't. It has been a couple of months since I read the first 2 books in this series. Even so, I picked right up in the story almost immediately.

Ariel Tachna gives us a unique view of vampires and sorcerers alike. The partnership between the two is something I have not seen before. The sex scenes, although not all are "scorching", definitely have something here for everyone. This particular book contains M/M, M/F, F/F, some "rough" play, although no

bondage I remember. There is one instance of possible non-consensual sex.

I become more caught up in the characters as the books progress. Even though Orlando and Alain are the main couple the story revolves around, many of the secondary couples are quite important. All are distinctly different in the way they interact with each other. Each couple seems to have their own flaw or hardship to overcome. With probably half a dozen couples, you would think the plot would get muddled. It doesn't. I don't know how she does it, but Ms Tachna is really good at revealing the private aspects of the couple's interactions while still moving the main plot along.

I am really enjoying this series. I almost hate to read the last one, because then it will be over.

Sabrina (Soter) Sally says

"Raymond rabbividì. Non avrebbe mai immaginato che il marchio della sua vergogna potesse diventare una zona erogena, ma con le dita di Jean proprio lì, il simbolo di ciò che odiava era divenuto qualcos'altro, qualcosa di più. Abbandonò la rabbia che aveva utilizzato come scudo contro il mondo e lasciò che venisse sostituita dal potere del loro legame."

Anche in questo terzo capitolo della serie non raggiungiamo le quattro stelline piene ma rimaniamo sulle tre e mezzo. Mi rendo conto che a livello della macro-trama succedono davvero poche cose in ogni libro, si avanza a passi così piccoli ed incerti da essere estenuanti XD Come al solito il finale è tagliato sul più bello e come se non bastasse si aggiungono altre coppie ad aumentare il caos delle varie relazioni che seguiamo in contemporanea XD Lo devo ammettere, alcune coppie le sto prendendo in antipatia, non mi piace come si stanno evolvendo e faccio un po' di fatica a seguirle (per fortuna i tanti POV limitano lo spaio disponibile per ogni coppia). La coppia "protagonista" Alain e Orlando è dolce e passionale come sempre, certo i tanti problemi di Orlando bloccano l'evoluzione del loro rapporto e per questo sono scese nella mia classifica al secondo posto, mentre grandi e graditi cambiamenti colpiscono la coppia Thierry e Sebastian (era ora! *ç*) e ancora di più la coppia Jean e Raimond che sale al primo posto nel mio "gradimentometro" XD I due finalmente passano da riluttanti alleati a coppia vera e propria, conosciamo meglio i sentimenti di Jean, che non vuole essere visto dal suo compagno solo come il leader della sua razza ma semplicemente come Jean, l'uomo che sta con lui. Anche Raimond si libera della sua corazza di amarezza e diffidenza e capisce che a volte fare lo sforzo di tendere la mano verso qualcuno può dare in cambio una grande gioia e sicurezza *ç* Come al solito non mancano battaglie/scaramucce e qualche colpo di scena (specie verso il finale) e quando il cattivone comincia a lanciare acqua santa e spicchi di aglio con convinzione l'ho trovato esilarante XD Ormai sono affezionata a questa serie e continua a seguirla con vero piacere ma spero anche (per l'ennesima volta) in un'accelerata altrimenti diventerò vecchia prima di vedere qualcosa di sostanzioso XD

Morgan Skye says

In this, the third installment of the Partnership series, there is more conflict between the dark wizards and the wizard/vampire alliance.

As in book two the various couples have their own emotional hurdles to overcome and their relationships change and develop.

They develop a new way to counter the magic imbalance – through sex - of course!

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This book still has the problem of balancing all the various couples (including m/f!) and the war. There is slightly more relationship building in this book (yay!) and each couple seems to be moving forward nicely, though there isn't much dramatic change in the way of the war, yet.

Overall a nice, if perhaps overly long, addition to the Partnership series.

If you've been caught up in books one and two you will undoubtedly want to keep going...

Brooklyn says

Gah! Once again I've been left hanging. And I've got to find out what happens. I love that this book jumps and there is no couple that is the true focus of the book. There are several and the author spends equal time with them all. So you get invested in a whole set of characters rather than just two.

Semplicemente Sara says

Adoro questa saga ma questa volta c'era troppa carne al fuoco.

Troppi personaggi, troppi pensieri, troppi spezzoni di vita e troppe cose da ricordare riguardo la trama. So che nelle saghe avere le trame complesse e ben articolate è un pregio, ma qui abbiamo davvero troppe cose da seguire e da capire per essere un libro solo. Se fosse stato diviso in due, forse non mi sarei persa così spesso come ho fatto in questa lettura.

Adoro la coppia Alain/Orlando, ma l'abbiamo già conosciuta e vista nei due libri precedenti e speravo di leggere di qualche altra coppia, invece mi sono ritrovata degli spezzoni di vita di altre coppie, cercando di collegarle le une alle altre perché altrimenti perdevo il filo della trama.

Decisamente è stato un pochino difficile seguire tutto e capire tutto, infatti credo che dovrò rileggere gli altri due libri e poi riprendere questo, magari facendomi uno schema per capire chi va con chi, i loro legami e altre cose.

Decisamente troppa carne al fuoco.

3 stelline perché i vampiri sexy continuano a piacermi nonostante tutto.
