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Alex's Destiny Details

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Kat says

Title: Defenders Blood Alex's Destiny

Author: A. K. Michaels

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Series: Yes - Book 1 of the Defenders Series

I love my paranormal, whether it be shifters, were,s, vampires, ancient gods, archangels... I love them all.

This book gave a storyline that has them all and shakes it up so it's got its own original vibe.

Alexina or Alex as she like to be called is about to find out all is not what it seems... I loved that the heroine is in her 40's and that the Author has written the book with a Scottish style of dialect, so all you spelling critics don't start! Just read it as it's spelt and you will soon be speaking in a Scottish twang!)

But without giving any spoilers or revealing plot twists, I can say that I was engrossed in the story, reading it in 2 days, and I am going to get the others in the series too.

I must say the first chapter had me in stiches... And the heroine puking (lol not your atypical start to the hero meets heroine plot line) this was one of my favourite bits... Brought back memories of my courting days and fast fair ground rides... But I will say no more about that or I will get shot by the OH.

I had a few favourite character's - the heroine Alex and the hero Zach , but also Duncan, Vlad, Irina and Alex's Aunt have caught my interest, the way the author has written this book she has developed a world where the supporting characters are both full and interesting making you want to know more about their stories, and I hope that the author does this in Book 2. There are 6 books so far in this series - 'An Urban Fantasy' is the series title.

The characters are believable, they have flaws, you feel for them when they are hurting, or happy.

The scene where Alex takes up the task her destiny has set for her was one of my favourites, it was action packed and well written, the story grips you and keep you turning the pages... And the ending is a bit of a cliffhanger, but as I've already said, the next 6 books are already available so that's not much of an issue.

There are sex scenes in this series, so it's for over 18's but they are well written and not to prevalent.

The world building Mrs Michaels has done in this first book has you wanting to explore them different 'supe's' that Alex meets, and I for one will be reading further to explore this world.

5 stars

* This review is my own opinions and I have not received any compensation for this book.

Shaila says

Title: Defenders Blood Alex's Destiny

Author: Ava K. Michaels

Rating: 4.7 STARS

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REVIEW: While I was reading this book, I found my excitement level increasing. There is a lot of drama in Alex's story, with vampires, werewolves, fairies, witches, angels, demons, and lots more. This made the book packed with interesting plots. The storyline is fast paced and the writing is quite good. I found that the characters were thoroughly planned with great personalities. The best thing about this book was the names of the characters. Each name fit the character like a puzzle piece, and this made the book what it is. I loved the ending, and the story was constantly surprising me. My favourite character was Irina. She was such a subtle personality, and I loved her name. There is a lot of Passion and heat in the story and a strong emphasis on soul mates. Michaels has portrayed a unique storyline with a lot of twists and action. Hot guys! Brave women! Jealous witch! This book has a lot! You don't wanna miss out. Moreover, Defenders Blood Alex's Destiny, is now FREE FREE FREE!

Ann says

A young woman is suddenly targeted by demons and she has no idea why. A centuries old vampire who works for the Supernatural Council is sent to protect her based on a vision, but they have no idea why she's been target either. Together they will discover what Destiny has in store for both of them and fight the battle of their lives. This steady paced plot keeps readers guessing with action, suspense, and romance. The author brings the story to life with vivid descriptions, details and strong compelling characters that the reader has no trouble relating to and that capture the imagination. Alex is a middle-aged woman living in Scotland just trying to make it through life when suddenly fate steps in to change everything. Alex knows there are monsters out there, but she hasn't ever seen them up close and in person, it takes a spooky walk in a parking lot for them to start popping up in her life. Alex gets her own guardian, a vampire named Zach to protect her and lead her on her journey. His job is to protect her at all costs, while she needs to save the world before it's too late. Michaels creates a unique world where humans are aware there are vampires, weres and all other matter of beings walking around, they have their own justice system and rules. She elevates this idea and makes it far more tangible leaving out the groupies you see in other vampire novels. I'd definitely recommend this book, it's witty and original, a great mix that'll leave you wanting to grab the next installment.

Desislava Pavlova says

I got the book free of charge in exchange for an honest review(Lovers of Paranormal). The following review contains spoilers.

Rating 8 of 10

I liked the book. A lot actually. It was sooo not what I expected and in a very good way. Alexina for me was a very nice heroine. She is a woman in mid thirties and seems to know her place in the world. The fact that her world got shaken the core is another matter. She still manages to find her place in it. Alex is what i really like in main heroine - a fighter. She doesn't give up.

I liked Zach too. The strong, scary warrior found his match. Think there is more too see, thought. Or at least I hope so.

The other couples in the book I really found cute too. All of them - Tadius and Tatyana, Vlad and Irina, Duncan and Margaret...

What I didn't like in the book.... First - too much sex. it wasn't needed for ll of it to be so descriptive. At some points it seemed like it was put to feel space. More of Alex training would have been better. Other thing I didn't like much was the whole insta love. I get that they were made for each other but still... Would have been nice to see that relationship growing a bit. The last thing I expected more of was the whole Amelia situation. It was resolved too quickly.

Overall, very nice read. Believable characters, not many things unexpected but enough and pretty sweet. The surprise at the end wasn't such a big surprise for me actually, but I think is a nice way to lead us to the next book. I can't wait to get it.

Gladys says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal)

Rate: 4.5 stars

I wouldn't be surprised if this will become a bestseller. The author sure knows how to incorporate her characters in an intricate plot that involves almost all creatures of paranormal. This is like a mashup of Twilight and Fifty Shades of Grey, which makes it more interesting for adult fans of Paranormal. The sensual and exotic parts are definitely the thing that's missing with the Twilight series. The book has so many characters and at first I almost got lost in knowing who's who but as I read on, I begin to accept the fact that everyone has his/her own part to play and they are essential to make the story as good as it is. Personally, it would have been great if Alex has her own powers (not just special blood, which is kinda bland).

The reason I've given this 4.5 stars is that there are some annoying parts that I can't help but notice. One of this is when the portal is closed, the story begins to progress rapidly, and I mean RAPIDLY. I can't help but feel it was written that way just to finish the book. Another is there are some unnecessary scenes, which I think the book will progress nicely with or without it. (Ex. Scene with the pilot)

Overall, the plot is definitely something and it really makes up for the bad. I would definitely watch out for the rest of this series and I would highly recommend this to adult paranormal fans.

Evie says

I am just going to be completely honest here, and admit i either found myself rolling my eyes or becoming amused at how easily predictable and

cheesy this book was.

You know what? People can read this book and be happily content, I on the other hand have been left in the midst between disbelief and frustration.

I just couldn't get over how quick things escalated and progressed between Zack and Alex... I mean WOW... there was no build up or anticipation to their relationship, (which in some cases may not be bad) but in this case however kind of removed how realistic the situation was. I mean, yes with fantasy anything can happen but when you are reading a book you want to be able to believe in the world the story is portraying. I found myself knowing exactly what was going to happen, and flipping through the pages to get to better bits. I mean the situation with the Physco-Bitch Amelia? **Like WTF???**

I felt like i was reading a high school drama at some point, i suppose that could be what the writer was going for? but i doubt it. To be honest the book does have potential with the story-line, which is what frustrated me. Zack is supposed to be hundreds of years old and yet came across as quite weak willed. (*or is the right word passive? idk*)

There are situations in this book that i can pick out to moan about, however i don't think its necessary. I see the book is one of many in the series and may get better in progression, and yet i don't care to begin to read them. This is my personal opinion and i think maybe anyone looking for a fluffy fantasy romance will probably not mind this, i guess i just acquire more mystery or anticipation to my fantasy reads.

Suzanne says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal)

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A great and quick read! Vampires, Werewolves, Witches, fairies, demons and an angel. This book has it all. I really liked many of the secondary characters and imagine they will be part of the next books in the series. Zack and Alex developed a deep love very, very quickly but this was OK when the reason behind their insta love was explained. The fact that the events occur from Scotland to the US also adds something extra to the story and I really liked hearing the alpha werewolves with Scottish accents talk. Makes me think of another favourite of mine, scottish highlanders!

I really liked that Alex is in her late 30's, almost 40 as she says. The cover is very misleading though with a very young girl pictured so I was surprised when her age was shared. An enjoyable read that has me wanting to check out the next books in the series.

Lanie (Lanies Book Thoughts) says

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Mitsy says

Yes! A paranormal book with humor!

Alexina is our lovable, almost 40-year-old, little heroine from Scotland. Zach is an ancient vampire and her protector. Yes, they fall in love. It is so hot and sweet! Zach is the sweetest vampire! :) These two are soulmates, hilarious, adorable, and wonderful. The characters in this story are all older than 20! :) That's refreshing.

Their story? Alex has rare blood that keeps the gates of hell closed. She is needed to perform a ritual and spill her blood to keep the gates closed. Yes, there are witches, wolves, and vampires to protect her while she does this. It's actually very funny, incredibly entertaining, and very well written! I love how the author keeps things light.

The climax is thrilling and surprising! What a fight! :-) Love it!

The aftermath had me worried a bit for our heroine, Alex.

However, the ending was amazing! I actually clapped! Love it!

Did I mention this is funny? :) I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and look forward to reading every book in the series. :)

Recommended to everyone, even people who don't normally read paranormal/fantasy novels. :)

I got this for review from the group LOP.

Shaly says

Okay, I know this book got some pretty good reviews and I guess on some levels it was an okay book but I just found it a tad bit boring. I don't know maybe its just me but, I found it very disturbing that Alexina was perfectly fine with finding out that 'Supers' exist, Vampires, Witches, Werewolves, etc., didn't react in any erratic way but accepted it with a dignity and grace, but yet public displays of affection make her angry and irrational...WTF! Homegirl needs to get her priorities straight, isn't she like pushing 40? Anyway, some things also happens way too fast in this book and I don't mean the sex, I mean the action. It took forever and a day for Amelia to finally act out on her anger but then the fight scene was over in less than a blink of an eye...that was so disappointing...

Overall, the book read like: days passed, weeks passed, months passed....but nothing really happened after the demon portal was closed, everything was just a blur on the life on Zach and Alexina. I just couldn't relate to any of the characters and the story just didn't flow for me, but that's just me. Others seem to like it just fine, I know I will not be investing any more time into this series...

Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines **“He was always so in control and he had never experienced this lack of restraint before. He was extremely attracted to this tiny human.**

It made him more convinced than ever that he would do anything, anything at all, to make sure she was safe.”

“I am so glad fate crossed our paths.”

“You need to be sure Alexina? If I drink from you there’s no going back. You will be mine and only mine, you need to understand that.” He was trying desperately to hold back but he didn’t know if he could for much longer.

“I love you Zach, I am already yours.”

“That’s only the beginning, lesson one, there are many, many more to come”

“I don’t know about you but I would go crazy if I couldn’t do something worthwhile.”

Defender of Mankind? That's what Alexina's name means LITERALLY!

After a scary night of almost being attacked by black smoke she meets Zach the yummy warrior who takes her breath away. He swoops in and saves her.

Zack tells her things that make her head spin. She finds out her aunt is really a fairy and that there has been a vision about her in danger! While this whirlwind of crazy goes on around her she finds Zach is the constant steady he's there for him protecting her. It's a whirlwind romance that knocks both of them off balance.

While Alex prepares to fulfill her namesake!

Great story, strong Characters, and I can't wait to have more of this series!

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review (RBTL)

FOUR DEFENDER FAIRIES

Sandy Ambrose says

Great start!!!

Wow! Wow! Wow! What a great beginning to what promises to be an explosive series. Is there anything this book didn't have? Vampires, check. Werewolves, check. Witches, fairies, demons and an angel, check! A world on the brink of total devastation? Got that too! Enter on short curvy lass, with attitude and a saucy mouth. Can Alexina accept her roll in all this? Will she accept the advances of one sexy as sin Vampire named Zach, hell bent on protecting her in and out of his bed. I guess you should do yourself a favor and READ THIS BOOK!!!

hIpnoticraQs says

Booooooriiiiinnnggg.....

Good lord, I'm glad I'm finished with this one, took a HUUUUUGE detour through skim city during the second half of this book. Felt like I was losing a game of cliché dodgeball

What story would be complete without a blushing 40 year old almost virgin woman?
(like those exist these days)

Of course there's a case of love at almost first sight

Gotta throw in some nookie on day two when you find out he's a vampire the day before, duh.

On day three we find out that their love is so loving it defies all logic,

I mean this is some lovey love,

it puts all other love to shame, you ain't never seen love like this before.

It's so all consuming that outside celestial angelic council is needed to explain the intensity and ferocity of said love

After reading about how in love Alex and Zach are, we have a two sentence climax, which seemed more like

I've read some boring books that put me to sleep, but this one was so bad it pissed me off.

Rebecca says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal).

I finished this book and had to smile. I enjoyed it throughout and can't wait to read more in this series.

The main characters Alex and Zach are put together when demons threaten the life of Alex, and Zach is sent to protect her. Soon after being put together the main characters learn that they have been chosen by the gods to be mated to each other and no others. This is the kind of paranormal love story I love to read, one where we have a slightly reluctant female put in a situation with a male she can't say no to. I loved reading about how the bond between Alex and Zach grows throughout the book and found the titbits about reading each other's minds fairly amusing.

The secondary characters include a wide range of other supernatural creatures which all help Alex in her transition from normal life to life with Zach. I especially liked Irina, James and Scott and Bri who I would love to hear more about.

The pacing was great allowing the readers to grow to love the main characters before putting them in a difficult situation and threatening that relationship. I also liked that it didn't end on the initial problem that I got to know the outcome and the progression of the initial problem and learned more about both secondary and main characters before introducing a new problem.

The story line was great, it was nice to see vampires and werewolves actually getting along instead of the enemies storyline I feel is played out far too often. I also liked the inclusion of faeries and the mixed couples of vampires and werewolves as in the case of Vlad and Irina.

3.5 stars.

Sandra says

Alexina is a Scottish 40-something Divorcee. Normal, boring, works in IT at a bank.

Zach is a couple-of-hundred yrs old Vampire. He works for the Supernatural Council, policing the rogues. He has been tasked with making sure Alex is safe. He can't see that being a problem, nothing happens in her life, though he has been fantasizing about her while watching.

Turns out Demons want to escape Hell and the only thing keeping them there is Alex's blood.

I enjoyed the story but the writing was a bit clunky. Alex is Scottish but we don't see her dialogue slip into Scots speak, yet Duncan's dialogue does, totally unnecessary, especially as none of the other Scots have that problem either. Duncan is the local Alpha werewolf.

I'd have to say that this story is also strung out at the end. Usually I deplore a hurried rushed ending, and I can now state that I deplore a rambling waste of my time as well. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy basking in a HEA as much as the next person, BUT this was messy, weeks turning into months with nothing happening that could of been resolved much sooner.

I may or may not continue with the series.
