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This is a standalone Scars of the Wraiths.

MAX

Feelings are a luxury I can't afford. Hidden behind a shield of quiet placidity, I keep my secret safe from those who'd use it against me. Until him—the tatted up, self-centered Scar assassin hired to protect me.

He takes pleasure in tormenting me, chipping away at my defenses as if I'm a toy to be played with. I hate that he continuously reminds me that I'm nothing more than a job. I hate that my body responds to his touch. I hate him.

JASPER

I'm not a good guy and I don't pretend to be. Condemn me if you want, I don't give a fuck. You're nothing to me. No one is ... except her—Max. She's my target. And I was hired to do a hell of a lot more than protect her ... I was hired to kill her.

It should've been simple, but it was complicated as hell.

*Standalone. Full-length novel. Come meet the **Scars**.*

Scars: Immortal warriors with capabilities derived from the senses: **Trackers**, **Sounders**, **Healers**, **Tasters**, **Visionaries**, and the rare **Reflectors**. They each have what is known as an **Ink**, a tattoo that can be called life.

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Lo Bookfrantic says

Is it February 23rd yet?? Hitman/EroticaParanormal say what?! Bring it....

The moment I saw this book was about hitman/erotica/paranormal?? I knew this book was for me.

It sure didn't disappoint. I wasn't sure what to expect but from the beginning I was hooked. The fact that is written on both POV makes this story so much interesting. Jasper had a sad past that made him a cold blooded hitman.

This book opens up with Jasper's past and I tell you I was hurting for him and I instantly loved him.

Max had a horrible and sad past too that she kept to herself and guarded from everyone. This past made her strong and I really love a strong female heroine.

The story captures you because Jasper is a badass, HOT, and cocky killer who was hired to protect Max or kill her whatever lol. Max hated his cockiness but at the same time loved it because it brought out the fighter in her.

He loved to mess with her and get her all worked up, it was awesome! I loved it, the chemistry was amazing and HOT lol

Her strong stubborn character and power is what I usually like on female heroine so I absolutely loved her. I don't want to give out too much but I most definitely recommend this book do not let the paranormal dictionary at the beginning full you. The story is fabulous, lots of suspense I was freaking out, nervous as hell but enjoyed every second of it LOL

Steamy hot scenes when both finally stopped their stubbornness and gave into their feelings. Neither wanted to feel emotions because emotions led to pain of losing who they love. But when they gave in there was no going back.

Both characters were amazing to me, hot alpha male, strong female heroine. They both put their lives on the line for each other.

Everything about this book was fantastic. Loved it loved it loved it!!

Christie«SHBBlogger» says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

This has been a week of firsts for me and let me just say, it has not disappointed. NASHODA ROSE...where you been all my reading life???

I kinda liked this a lot, yet strangely enough, I kinda had no real idea of WTF was happening! Perhaps I should have read the "glossary" or terms in the beginning of the book, but just like the cover, the story sucked me in.

We were all a product of our past; it was just how we lived with what we experienced that shaped us into who we became.

Kinda profound right? who cares if I had no flipping clue what a Talde was right?

My quick synopsis: This is obviously a paranormal read. This story has vamps, healers, and Scars(immortal warrior that are somewhat guided by senses/emotions). The story spans eons of time with scenes of torture, death and despair witnessed by a 10 yr old healer, Breanna and a young Scar, Jasper. Present day and a young Breanna/"Max" is finally free of the hell she had endured as the slave healer to a very bad Scar. She keeps to herself and keeps her emotions at bay in attempts to keep her "healer" status hidden. Enter Jasper, Scar assassin, and bad boy sexy talking alpha. He wants Max...first for a job, you know to kill her. But then he was having too much thought and too much fun. Oh snap before you knew it, he wanted her forever. She just wasn't sure what exactly Jasper was about!

“Hey, I only take what wants to be given, sunshine. And I’m only referring to women. Anything else, I pretty much just take.”

So the basic problem here in this tale is that while Jasper takes the job of Max he is torn between keeping her safe and completing his assignment of her death. Seems like there is something way bigger that just taking a run of the mill healer right? Well, Max is beyond special in more ways than one! So, Wild chases, lots of hard smack talking, and finally steaming hot body claiming. The game has changed and no one will TAKE Max from Jasper!

What an intricate tale of deception, super powers, lust, and emotions. While I admit that whole tale was a bit unknown to me, I didn't care. I could have been reading complete physics but as long as Jasper was talking his cocky talk and staking his claim on Max I was full on invested! Of course the whole I would die for you theme got me too! Looking forward to where this Scar's story leads...I think there is a lot more explaining

and story to tell!

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

5 Stars

...we were all a product of our past; it was just how we lived with what we experienced that shaped us into who we became.

Having read Nashoda's entire back list, it's safe to say that she has this incredible ability to completely suck you into her stories in just one short chapter. And then she'll keep you glued to the pages, at the edge of your seat, with a quick paced plot that's as sexy as it is entertaining. When I found out that she'll be releasing a new PNR book, I jumped at the chance to read it, because let's be honest, I'll read anything she writes. But I also love PNR; it was the genre that first got me into reading, so I hold a special place in my heart for it. In her other books, Nashoda has given us her dark and gritty effortlessly, and now she can safely scratch PNR off her list, because she has a new fan in me.

*The final pieces of me burned into ash then scattered into the sky- disintegrating.
Disappearing.
I stared up at the bright stars and they twinkled as if they were laughing at me.
I closed my eyes. Then coldness descended and sank into my heart.*

You really don't get eased into the story at all. Nope. You get thrown right into the deep end. And good luck putting it down after that.

Jasper Kyelin is an asshole. He's also a ruthless assassin Scar known for his ability to kill first and ask questions later. His past makes sure he drowns out any feeling that may tie him down, and his present is filled with meaningless women and violence.

Max is hiding; hiding from an evil that turned her life upside down when she was just 10 years old and forever left a scar on her body and soul. She's also hiding behind a shield of placidity. But she's not quite the shy little mouse that she comes across as being. Beneath her indestructible shield is a woman that has a fierce heart and backbone to boot. Neither one of them know what hit them when Jasper is hired to protect Max from an evil force that's after her...

I was good at reading people, knowing what they'd do before they did it. Jasper was a broken puzzle piece, one second sexy and flirty, the next dark and scary...

One of the biggest things that will differentiate a great PNR series from a mediocre one is world building. And Scars of Wraith introduces the reader to an incredibly unique world with a rich and vivid world building. At first I felt like I was jumping into a book that read like it should have had a predecessor. I was wondering

if perhaps I missed a novella or something that had first introduced us to the Scars. I later learned that this was originally a series that is no longer published and has since been re-written. However, I can tell you that by the end of the book every loose end and question is explained.

Now there's one thing Nashoda knows how to do, and that's give us a super sexy asshole. Because let me tell you, Jasper was that in spades. I couldn't get enough of him. He was mercurial, cocky, and you didn't know whether he'd insult you one moment or come onto you the next. Gawd. It was delicious.

Looked like I'd have to work a little to sink between her legs. Because that was what this was. A lusty obsession with a girl I shouldn't take, but I was good at doing the wrong thing. Had done the wrong thing my entire life, now I just accepted it and didn't make excuses for who I was.

The sexual tension between Jasper and Max was so hot it was almost unbearable. The author really makes it stretch and burn. So that when the two of them come together? It was an explosion of nuclear proportions.

I'm not nice, Max."
She raised her chin a bit. "I know."
I looked away for a second and said quietly, "Don't hate me in the morning."

I loved the constant banter between Jasper and Max. Max, although with demons of her own, still managed to give as good as she got. She really made Jasper work for it at times. Their relationship was definitely no smooth sailing with the hidden secrets they both had. But it certainly made for one action packed read.

I loved that both of the MC were strong characters but with an endearing vulnerability to them. It just made me fall for them all the more.

The world of the Scars is definitely unlike anything I've read before, and I'm so hooked. I loved it from start to finish. It made me laugh, it made me swoon, it made me pant, and it made my heart pound. It was everything I love about a great PNR series and I sincerely hope we'll get more books in it soon. Especially for Xamien and Guise.

You're the stars that burn away the darkness, Max. That's what it feels like when I'm with you. Like I'm all lit up inside with brilliant specks of light. And when I touch you, it's like I've grabbed one out of the sky and I'm holding it in my hand. Flawless. Bright. And fuckin' beautiful.

If you're a fan of sexy PNR, then you definitely don't want to miss out on this one. And if you've loved Nashoda's previous books, then you'll definitely enjoy this one. I can't recommend it enough. It was a perfect combination of rich world building, sexy romance, and action.

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Dee Montoya says

****4.5 Healing Stars****

(Arc courtesy of Netgalley)

(BR with Mel)

This book was PNR perfection to me, I enjoyed every single minute of this story in a way I didn't think it was possible. Jasper owned my heart the minute he opened his mouth and I want to be his *Angel* forever....

Max and Jasper live in a dangerous world; one where they must always be ready to fight to protect themselves. Both have lived a life of pain and loss and ever since they met the bond is too strong to ignore. Max has a powerful healing gift, one that if fallen into the wrong hands could mean the destruction of their race. Jasper is a contract assassin who has been put on charge of watching Max, he's an asshole and doesn't apologize for it and I loved him even more because of it. Max has been numbed for years so she's terrified of the intensity of her feelings and the reaction of her body anytime she's next to Jasper and he is paralyzed by the fierce need to protect her. Their love was something so powerful that I was almost blinded by it, so intense, so pure, so completely memorable.

"You're the stars that burn away the darkness. -Jasper

This author completely blew me away with her ability to create such a breathtaking setting where fantasy and romance take you on a beautiful journey that you wish it would never end.

Eda** # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says

** 5++ "my sunshine" STARS **

*"You're the stars that burn away the darkness, Max. That's what it feels like when I'm with you. Like I'm all lit up inside with brilliant specks of light. And when I touch you, it's like I've grabbed one out of the sky and I'm holding it in my hand. FLAWLESS. BRIGHT. AND F*CKIN' BEAUTIFUL."*

God, I love PNR!

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***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

3 Stars!

I think when I saw the two page glossary of terms I should have backed away slowly.

Because pretty much from page 1, I was like

Grits

Lilac

Long Necks

Maite

Pests

Sublymns

Talde

Taldeburu

Wraiths

I have no idea what's going on...

My puny brain can't handle that much thought. I need simple.

I never really understood the CWO - Center World Order.

I never really felt the connection between Max and Jasper.

INSTA-LUST!

I should just stay away from paranormal....unless they involve cute cuddly male cats!

This one just wasn't for me...personally! I think if you're a fan of Nashoda Rose (as I am) and paranormal (as I am not) then you will like this one!

Nashoda Rose says

"Take" is a full-length paranormal romance standalone.

MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 "Just You, Max. Only You" Stars!

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(BR with Dee)

-With one emotion came others. Others that would break me wide open.

-We were all a product of our past; it was just how we lived with what we experienced that shaped us into who we became.

-"I lived this long because I bet on every possibility."

Max is a 20 yr. old girl who feels broken & disconnected after she was taken as a child from her home & held captive by a man who wanted to use her for her powers. She is a Scar, an immortal with different abilities. After being rescued four years ago, she still lives in fear & has kept to herself, & tried to be as invisible as possible. She wanted to stay hidden for her own survival, & for the safety of those around her. She lives in Spain with a kind man named Xamien who rescued her, & is the only person she trusts. He is her only friend & the only person around until a gorgeous guy named Jasper Kyelin shows up to stay with them on occasion. She tries to hide her attraction for him, but it's no use. Jasper has powers of his own, & can sense how badly she wants him.

Jasper is a rogue Scar assassin who is arrogant, selfish, & without morals. He doesn't do attachments, cause they lead to caring, & he doesn't know how to do feelings. He protects himself by pushing people away, & never letting anyone close. He didn't ever want to feel controlled by anyone & liked to live free. There was nothing he cared about & he had ties to no one, but he couldn't quit thinking of the beautiful girl named Max. He hasn't spoken to her in six months, but when he is given the opportunity to take a job that will put them in close quarters, he jumps at it. She is suddenly in danger, & he is hired to keep her safe. Max is shocked when the hot guy she keeps having erotic dreams about is suddenly protecting her. He seemed genuine at times, but she wasn't sure she could trust him.

-He was kissing me and it was...Jesus, it was penetrating and unforgiving and hard. It was beautiful.

-He had this aura about him, a magnet that awakened the molecules in my blood stream from the slow lazy river to an ocean of tidal waves.

-Nothing could have prepared me to be taken by him with a power that didn't just grab me- it changed me.

-For years, I'd been dead to emotions and it was like everything inside me was exploding.

For years Max kept her emotions contained & didn't let herself feel. She never connected with anyone until Jasper. As she gradually opens herself up to him, his want for her becomes all-consuming. He is obsessed with Max, & she slowly makes her way into his heart & repairs what had once been shattered. They were both closed off when it came to their past, & both knew what it was like to lose someone they loved. They struggle as their feelings turn real, & Max questions if she's more than just a job to Jasper. This was a fabulous book full of action, suspense, love & healing. I just adored the sexy Jasper! He was flirty, fun, & says exactly what he's thinking. This was a great paranormal read! I hope some of the other yummy men like Xamien, Holden or Guise get their own books. This was my first book by Nashoda Rose & I can't wait to read more from this author! :D

-"I want you. I've wanted you from the beginning."

-I tried to block out the sounds of her heartbeat, her breathing, but I'd listened to them from a distance for months and now they were so close, it was as if they were inside me.

-I didn't just want her, I wanted to own her. And the crazy-as-fuck part was that I wanted her to want to be owned by me.

-This was different. Everything about it was different. Max was different.

-She gave me all of her. She gave me the pieces of her that she hid from everyone.

-"Fuck, angel, I want to hand you the world, yet I can't promise you anything."

-He was opening up and it scared me because it made me want him more.

-What sucked was I liked the sound of his laugh- a lot. Good thing he rarely laughed. His chuckle and grin I could handle, the laugh, not so much.

-He'd chipped away at my resistance and made me want to live again. Made me want to fight for something.

-We connected on a level neither of us expected. I knew what he was feeling. I could see it in his smoldering grey eyes; it mirrored my own. It had been trickling from me since the day we met- there was no hiding or running from this.

-He was mine and I was his.

Jennifer Kyle says

DNF...

I'm a romance fan and I love a good paranormal but for some reason gifting a dictionary at the beginning instead of explaining stuff throughout the story just didn't work for me.

I was left utterly confused and frustrated by the plot and delivery. You know it's bad when you have to ask friend to simplify story so you can try again because you're just not getting it and/or connecting.

Overall, this is probably a case of it's not you it's me because I do like this author's work and I love a great paranormal.

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Laura says

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Mixed feelings, people, mixed feeling going on here.

I can't even begin to try to give you a proper blurb because, well, everything is kinda bat shit crazy but I'll

give it a try.

The Scars are these people, warriors, and they are Trackers, Healers, Sounders, Visionaries, Tasters and Reflectors. Each of them have one ability and they fight against evil forces (vampires) but there's this dude Drake (a major asshole) who pretty much is one of the original Scars and he's very powerful but he wants to destroy the other Scars and the clans and the same all villains want. Our MC are Max, a young girl, a Scar, who was taken by Drake as a child. She's a Healer, but a special and powerful one, and he kept her, torturing her and making her heal him for six years until she was rescued. Now she lives her life in solitude, just with one friend, Xamien. She learned how to block everyone out of her mind so her secrets could stay like that until Jasper came along. He's a Scar but he's also more than that: he's an assassin and he was hired to protect Max. Jasper doesn't want to care about the girl, he only knows how to kill and fuck and has nothing to do with her, but as time goes by he realizes how damaged she is and how good she is to him even though he has to kill her.

I kinda don't know how to feel. The thing is I wish there was a prequel so I could get to know this world a bit more because I was confused several times. I feel I need a few pages about how everything was set. Well, okay, like maybe 87 pages will do. But that's just my opinion.

Let's get to business!

Overall I really liked this book but what made it for me was that it's a standalone (~~it is an standalone, right? I saw it~~) *I only need that prequel...*

Get me some alpha men and I'll be happy and I really thought I was going to **love** Jasper but I just only liked him. Why? Well, he was actually mean and while I enjoy when they all pushy and a sometimes a bit assholes, well, I wasn't feeling the guy.

There was a particular scene where they were having an argument and Jasper appears with some ropes. Now, he knows that she was kidnapped and tortured. Even though he was doing it for her safety, man, you can't pull that shit out. I know she enjoyed it later but he didn't stop for a second and think if that could trigger something. It might seem like nothing but that part was like a slap in the face for me. That and the fact that Jasper jumped like way too fast from being a "heartless jerk" to "possessive lover". I feel that it could've been handled better.

Anyway, those are my only objections to this man because the rest of him I liked. He was haunted by guilt and violence and he needed control and more violence to get the pain out but he was also funny and sweet when he wanted to and changed **a lot** when he meets Max.

I mean, **"Max, everything about me is ruined and sour and I don't deserve you. But I swear every damaged piece I have left belongs to you."**

He kinda wins you over. And let's not forget:

"You're the stars that burn away the darkness, Max. That's what it feels like when I'm with you. Like I'm all lit up inside and brilliant with specks of light..."

I absolutely loved Max. She's my favorite character in the whole book. She's really strong and stubborn and she doesn't let Jasper boss her around ~~too much because, hell,~~ I enjoyed reading her. She was dark and

twisted and I adored it!

She was real and even when she was afraid, she didn't give it the power to break her down. She knew she changed and she knew she could fight back and she did. She was really badass. I mean, *she shot Jasper in his thigh because he was being a total ass*. You gotta love her.

The sex scenes were okay, I think I didn't enjoy them that much because of Jasper. Damn, I think I really didn't like the man. Gotta re-evaluate my feelings for him.

And the final fight, damn.

When Jasper Scar came to life, damn, I felt like I was watching some mean pokemon doing its thing.

Like I said, I need to re-evaluate what I feel about this book.

S.M. West says

4.5 Sunshine STARS

This was my second read by Nashoda Rose and I gotta say, I really like her writing. I'm so-so on PNR, it depends on my mood, the story and the writer. Well, the **stars were aligned because I loved this!**

First off, this story had **what I love the most, a super hot, sexy, cocky, arrogant Alpha. My panties were soaked over Jasper Kyelin – an assassin Scar – “...threatening and virile. A predator.”**

Jasper's been hired to protect and if he has to, kill Max, a healer that's being hunted by one of the most powerful and evil Scars.

These two together were dynamite. Both seriously feisty, controlling and stubborn characters with their pain and hearts buried so deep within. When Jasper and Max are together, there's action, attitude and major attraction going on!

“We had men coming after us. He was shot in the leg and he was kissing me and it was...Jesus, it was penetrating and unforgiving and hard.”

“It was as if Jasper was spinning the lock to my emotions and each number he got right set free another emotion in me.”

I know I mentioned how much I loved Jasper and not to sound repetitive but, here's favourite quote from Jasper - totally sums him up:

“You waiting for a kiss or a smack on the ass? Both are up for grabs, sunshine.”

This was a super-fast read with lots of action, Jasper and Max are on the run; Max is being hunted...

and there's super powers, vampires and the battle of good and evil.

If you love PNR and want compelling characters and an action packed story, you will really enjoy this read!

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Snow says

5 Fuck, TAKE me, Jasper stars

RE-READ October 16, 2016

It was perfect!!! Effin PERFECT!

Nashoda, I bow to you!!!

and I love everything you write...

I have to emphasize that this was scorching hot and that I still have burns from it...

the way Nashoda brings heat on the paper is simply beyond any vivid vision and steamy dreams that haunted me after reading this...

**everything else was perfect,
the plot,
the action,**

**JASPER, the asshole of a hero turned to be a protector with an amount of passion to move mountains
and MAX, a heroine whose broken pieces were mended together by a stubborn fire...**

their banter - hate to love interaction, the wild, passionate heat that just...

Sweet Jesus... dear God,

yeah, I combusted..

just so you don't think there's only THAT in the book, well duh?!
Don't be silly, it has everything you need besides the hotness...

Two people, shattered and hardened by pain, found each other under unlikely circumstances and fate wouldn't want it any other way then to have their broken pieces mended back together in each other...

And that was what it was, us molding into one another. Us becoming one.

Hell, I need more...

And to hell with it all, I did RE-READ this AGAIN!!! And i'll probably do it AGAIN!

Cause the beauty in pain is all about surrender of mind, body and soul...in the notion that you finally belong!

Max, everything about me is ruined and sour and I don't deserve you." His fingers tightened on my hips and he lifted his head and met my eyes. "But I swear every damaged piece I have left belongs to you."

Elizabeth says

5 LOVIN' Jasper Stars

"I didn't think either of us expected it. Nothing could have prepared me to be taken by him with a power that didn't just grab me— it changed me."

Take (Scars of the Wraiths) is a spectacular blend of romance, action, and paranormal pleasure! Nashoda Rose offers two amazing main characters with depth, heart, and double dose of power!

MAX

Max is a healer. She has survived torture and now lives under the radar in hopes of never being found. She is terrified that her captor Drake, one of the original Scars, would find her and use her healing abilities again. Her life changes when Jasper shows up in her bathroom.

JASPER

Jasper is an assassin. He is a bad boy with a take no prisoner attitude. He is the finest of male specimens and he makes no qualms about it. When it is discovered that Max is in danger, Jasper is hired to protect her. Jasper is attracted to Max. As soon as he accepted the job, he began to watch her. Jasper has never had a hard time breaking down a woman. But Max won't let anyone in.

"I was good at breaking boundaries, rules and whatever else. Living my way of life there was no time for personal bullshit. Mine was locked down so tight, not even a Scar Reflector could reach my secrets."-Jasper

Jasper doesn't waste anytime revealing his attraction to Max. Despite her best efforts, she can't help but reciprocate.

"Jasper Kyelin was an overbearing, morally deficient asshole. But for that one moment when his lips took mine, he made me his. And for the first time, I felt wanted and beautiful. Then he groaned. And the sound broke through my moment of vulnerability."-Max

Max and Jasper take off and escape their would be captors. Jasper continues to pursue Max.

Both main characters have faced pain in their past. Despite their obvious differences, they are actually identical souls searching for solace.

"Because we were all a product of our past; it was just how we lived with what we experienced that shaped us into who we became."-Max

Jasper works hard to tear down her walls. He uses every form of verbal banter to rile her up and pull her out of her submissive spirit.

"This was the only place both of us could let go and she had yet to learn that. I had to push her until she broke, not to hurt her, but to set her free."-Jasper

As Jasper is unraveling Max, he himself begins to recognize the depth of his feelings for her. The emptiness that he has been pushing down for so many years. Max awakens something in him.

"I was just feeling emotions I shouldn't and had to get my shit together. My edges were peeling away and she was under my skin so tight I couldn't breathe without her."-Jasper

Jasper weaves his way around Max's heart. She lays down the walls and lets him in. Not everything is as it

seems. When the secrets are revealed, Max is devastated.

"Maybe this time it wasn't physical wounds, but this was worse. Jasper had reeled me in, made me feel safe and strong, and alive before he cast me out into an ocean of starving sharks."-Max

There were multiple twists and turns in this story. The secondary characters were interesting and enhanced my enjoyment of this world. As for my favorite aspect, Jasper and Max! They are beautiful together. Individually they are strong and courageous! Together they are unstoppable!

Overall, Take dazzled my eyes with its text and the visuals it evoked. The passion between Max and Jasper was like an inferno. The depth of the characterization kept me invested in their story. The gritty and raw aspect of the story kept the plot grounded. The paranormal aspect of the story felt so natural. I was able to immerse myself into this world and live there. I will remember this story for a long time. I will be looking for more in this series therefore, I highly recommend this read.

"You're the stars that burn away the darkness, Max. That's what it feels like when I'm with you. Like I'm all lit up inside with brilliant specks of light. And when I touch you, it's like I've grabbed one out of the sky and I'm holding it in my hand. Flawless. Bright. And beautiful."-Jasper

Thanks to my buddies at Turning Pages at Midnight for another amazing BR!!!!

Pam says

5 stars

"Flawless. Bright. And fuckin' beautiful."

First off I really have to say, this has got to be one of my favorite covers by far, there is just something that called to me from the very first time I saw it; leaving me completely captivated. I'm even more excited to say that it isn't just a beautiful cover, but the story was equally captivating from the beginning to the very end.

Don't mistake her quietness for weakness...

Don't mistake her withdrawnness for fear...

Don't mistake her placidity for obedience...

with my freedom came the nightmares as I began to thaw and crawl out of the darkness. I fought it. I wanted to remain numb and alone.

Without questions.

Without answers.

For **Max** may be small but she is fierce, stronger than any warrior out there for what she has survived is more than anyone should ever have had to bear. And all because of a gift that is hers to protect a secret she is forced to keep ... She needs it all her shields, her numbness and her concentration, because she can never be found and never be forced to heal...

That all changes the moment that **Jasper** barges in on her after one of her episodes, being a Sounder, he can hear her pain and suffering but nothing prepared him for the spark in her eye, willing to fight him by any means necessary. He's doesn't hide the fact that he is a ruthless-asshole, willing to do the job few are capable to do, so when he gets the assignment to watch over the girl and keep her out of reach from an ancient Tracker scar, he jumps at the chance. Not willing to let any one else close to her, allowing his obsession with the girl to drive his need.

“Yeah, I saw the scars. Don’t give a fuck either. Means you have a story is all. One I plan on reading while sinking between your thighs.”

Max finds her carefully constructed walls begin to crack, her peace and control gone every time he opens his mouth challenging her, pulling a reaction right out of her. After all these years, why him...why is it Jasper who awakens the parts of her she believed to be dead inside?!? But what she realizes she isn't the only one with a damaged past and in some fucked up reason fate brought them together...

“My heart is yours, sunshine...Never knew I had one until you. It lost its beat a long time ago when I lost myself. I never thought it would beat again—until you.”

But fate has a twisted sense of humor, because now that they have each other, everything is being thrown their way to tear them apart ...

“Jasper, love me, protect me, but let me love you and protect you, too.”

Take is a paranormal read, with a strong willed sassy heroine and a domineering broken warrior. I LOVED it, hooked from the very first page. I for one mistook Max for something she wasn't and had so much respect for her. Jasper was a little bit harder to get a full read on, as his intentions were believed to be one but we find out he was only really trying to convince himself. The sarcastic banter, the promises of sexual retribution and punishment, made this action packed paranormal read all the more great. The terminology as in any paranormal series is always something new to get used to but it isn't so far fetched of an idea, making me forget at times that it is a paranormal read. I am hooked and I am ready for more, glad to say there is a whole lot more coming!

A special request: Does anyone have the author's Senses series, it is no longer published but would really love to read it, if you know where I can find it, please let me know! Thank you :))

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