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He will slay her demons, but his love could cost her life...

Four years ago, a strange creature attacked Tegan Ashton and no one believed her. Determined never to be a victim again, she's devoted her life to martial arts and self-defense. When her assailant returns to finish what he started, she has to find the one man who might be able to help.

Gabriel Smith is a private investigator by day and demon slayer by night. After those closest to him were murdered, he vowed to defend people from a threat they don't realize exists. But his biggest threat might be the feelings Tegan brings out in him. He cares—too much. And since everyone he loves dies, he has to struggle to keep things professional.

Fighting the hordes of demons on their tail is a breeze compared to dealing with the secrets they refuse to share.

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Marta Cox says

I have only recently discovered this authors work and I am so pleased that I have! The books I have read by this talented author just keep getting better and better and this one is amazingly good. Fast paced and pulsing with romance with a storyline that will get the readers heart racing . Welcome to a world full of demons and slayers!

Tegan is a woman with grit. Attacked several years ago by a man who still haunts her dreams, she has built a life for herself that whilst lonely at least keeps her safe. Unfortunately everything changes when she is the witness to a man burying a body and that man is the same one who attacked her! With her history of mental illness and no body found the police don't really believe Tegan so she sets out to hire a private investigator but the man she hires is so much more than she expected.

Gabe is a demon slayer. Yes an honest to god slayer! A direct descendent of the celebrated Van Helsing he works officially as an investigator but utilises every trick in the book. Realising that the lovely Tegan has been previously attacked by a demon who won't stop until she's dead he sets out to help her track and kill the demon. Tegan is understandably wary at first but she knows that what she saw couldn't be an ordinary man and pretty soon other demons start to show up.

Gabe may be stronger than most men but he's not sure that he's strong enough to resist the draw of Tegan. Knowing he's a target of evil the last thing he wants is to lose anyone else that he loves but Tegan's brave soul just calls to him.

The demon hunting Tegan is not going to stop but Tegan's not a woman to just give up. She is a woman who is more than capable of standing by Gabs side and refuses to hide anymore. Her inner strength is going to be tested and family secrets will be revealed but will she survive to convince Gabe that what they have is worth fighting for?

Loved this! Fast paced, sexy and written with humour. I thought Gabs relationship to Van Helsing was a bit cheesy but hey ho it is fiction after all! Great bad guy and refreshingly different this is a book that deserves to be read . Recommended for lovers of paranormal fantasy and anyone who just wants a fun read!

Linda says

Tegan was attacked and bitten years ago. When she tried to explain to the authorities what had happened, they thought she was crazy. Tegan has relocated and tried to move on with her life pretending that everything is ok, but when she recognizes the killer of another woman on a beach near her home as her own attacker, she knew her assailant had followed her and that she had to seek help and closure. She started interviewing private investigators and just when she was fixing to give up finding anyone to believe her, she discovers Gabe, who is a PI specializing in the paranormal. But... being attracted to him wasn't part of her plan.

OMG... I LOVED Gabe! He has made the best out of the rough life he has been dealt. He's SEXY, loyal, supportive-to-a-fault, mentally and physically strong and just look at his delicious abs on this book's can't-ignore cover! Gabe is an awesome tortured hero!

The chemistry between Gabe and Tegan is electric. Tegan is a black belt kick-ass heroine who understandably has trouble dealing with emotional issues since her attack. I loved the world Lisa Kessler has created with demons, demon slayers, witches, and paranormal folklore. I even became quite fond of Gabe's quirky demon friend.

If you enjoy a good paranormal read, pick this up! You won't be sorry! Lisa Kessler writes the BEST stories and this one is excellent!

A 5 STAR PANTY-MELTER!

Erin says

If ever there was a book to make you re-think the bar dating scene, this is it!! When a night out drinking led Tegan into the waiting arms of what she thought was a hunky fellow patron, she found herself a victim of something no one could explain even though she was adamant that her version of the events were true. But her past came back to haunt her, and the attacker that plagued her nightmares was back and determined to find her. She needed help, and when she visited private investigator Gabe, things got all kinds of strange and scary...and steamy.

In true Lisa Kessler fashion, Beg Me to Slay brings us your everyday characters and spins an exciting paranormal storyline around them with a heaping helping of sexy! When Tegan went to see Gabe at his office, she had no idea what she was getting herself into. He was a force to be reckoned with anyway, but the fact that he was a demon slayer...well hot damn, he earned extra hottie points for that title! I loved how Gabe slowly lifts the veil over Teagan's view of the world, exposing her to all of the things that go bump in the night. He agreed to take her case, but on his terms, which left the Teagan who reinvented herself after her attack feeling all kinds of miffed. She may have been untrained to deal with the likes of the demons, but she was strong and no pushover, even when it came to facing gruesome creatures that were out to bring a plague of evil to the world. Awesome heroine? Yep!

These two butted heads a lot as they came across more and more of the demon minions, and it was so much fun watching them bickering all the while knowing they were crazy hot for each other. Teagan was a distraction for Gabe, but she proved she could hold her own both in combat and when her man gave in to his inner alpha! I loved them as a power couple, they had great chemistry and they both had finally found someone to fit in their strange and twisted life. I really enjoyed this story, as I always do Lisa's work, and I definitely recommend it to any paranormal romance fans!

Quotes:

His fingers brushed her wrist, sliding across her palm as he released her. Almost tender. She'd forgotten how a simple touch could calm instead of threaten. ~p. 12

There had to be some way to make her believe. The sooner she realized demons were real, that he was really who he claimed, the safer she'd be. ~p. 26

"I've faced hungry Slater demons in the sewers. I can handle a little mom gushing."

"Don't you hear how crazy that sounds?"

"Mom gushing?" ~p. 32

Tegan's fingers stayed laced with his, leaving him to wonder what the hell had just happened. Trying to second-guess Tegan was like trying to track a tornado.
A tornado he had no business chasing. ~p. 74

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Heidi Sturgess says

I was given this book by Author Groupies in exchange for an honest review.

Well to start off with I was left in a puddle of drool LOVE the cover !

My palm was itching to rub over that chiselled chest *blush*

First page and I fell in love ~ the reference to the Welsh Gaelic got my dragon blood pumping ! Being Welsh from descent I can proudly call myself a South African Welshman ♥

Tegan is viciously attacked her perpetrator was "kind" enough to leave her with a "souvenir" ,he never was caught and now she's got an eerie feeling that she's being watched *goose bumps*.

One night she sees a couple on the beach but its no romantic stroll , the man's burying the woman ! She calls 911 , the police come to investigate and as fate would have it find nothing so evidence there's no case but she's not about to give up and turns to Gabriel , a paranormal investigator to help her it also helps that he believes her !

I was all "hubba hubba" at " A tall man with broad shoulders" and "His voice was deep and a little hoarse" im thinking I've got to find me a spook of my own so I can hire this delicious paranormal investigator ! Lol! Just got to love the escapism ♥

Gabe believes Tegan because hes a slayer and her "souvenir" is a mark from an attack she never should've survived ! An attack by a Hingo is almost always fatal . He's impressed to say the least but I think it's respect for her as a woman and as a survivor ! I think this Hingo demon has a plan with Tegan which is rather frightening prosoect ! (at this point I'm squealing like a 2 year old)

Tegan and Gabe have their first "team" encounter with a drog and Tegan can keep her wits she's no damsel , damn girl you kick butt !

One's just got to appreciate that during all this demon slaying there's time for tonsil hockey and more *naughty giggle*

Being plagued by nightmares ,spells and hexes ,being stalked by minion and one obsessed demon makes for scary reading! Glad Tegan has dragon blood pumping in her veins?

There's also a gentle dark twist ,for lack of a better word .This is the story of 2 wounded souls ,dark times

&healing . Beautifully and Frightfully Possessed in a nutshell ❤

★★★★

Shauni says

Originally Reviewed For: Tea and Book

Beg Me to Slay is proof that from the darkness triumph rises.. Lisa Kessler has once again managed to win my heart with this wonderful story. From her notes, she comments that this was written when she herself was struggling with the darkness and yet, what a triumph!! It stands to reason that her characters would have that same power.

Tegan Ashton had been attacked by a demon.. yeah hard to accept in our modern day world. She was attacked and tried to explain but no one believed her. Instead she spent a year in a mental institute, before fighting and clawing her way back. Now four years after the bite, she is a successful business owner, a black belt and no one's victim. But now she is seeing the man/creature who attacked her and no one believes her. Knowing the damage he can do and already aware of one woman he has killed Teagan is willing to do what it takes to bring him down. Including hiring a PI/Para Normal Detective.

Gabriel V.H. Smith.. Licensed PI and paranormal investigator.. is a Demon Slayer, one born per generation in his family bloodlines. Gabe is it. He has spent his adult life doing just that, slaying Demons. When pretty Teagan Ashton walks into his office asking for help, Gabriel is determined to do his job.. and ignore the sparks that are flying because Gabriel flies solo. He refuses to form attachments with anyone, they always wind up dead.

WOW.. let me say it again. WOW.. this was supposed to be a filler book, just a little something to read while I was waiting for a few more books to show up. Instead it totally captured my attention. I read it in one steady gulp! Fabulous!!

Teagan and Gabe fit together perfectly, both survivors of darkness and both have risen to basically give the world a big "in your face". While Teagan isn't aware of demons initially, once she accepts their existence she understands the need to fight back. The need to protect and the need to make sure those demons stay in their place.

Gabe on the other hand, has to accept that good things can come from the darkest places. That he doesn't have to go it alone. That maybe, just maybe someone can stand at his side.

Excellent character portrayals, including the secondary ones. I would like to see more of these characters but honestly, this was a perfect stand alone book! I am so thrilled I found Ms Kessler!!

Shauni

This review is based on the ARC of Beg Me to Slay, provided by netgalley and is scheduled to be released on December 30, 2013

Marlene says

Originally published at Reading Reality

I always wanted Buffy to end up with Ripper, which would have required a time machine and somewhat of an attitude change on Ripper's part before he settled down and became Giles. That almost makes sense if you look at it sideways.

But this story made some of these dreams come true, and in a really hot way. Only this slayer is the guy, and he hunts demons instead of vampires.

Work with me here, people!

Two people with the same secrets, except they both need some time to figure that out.

Four years ago, Gabe was lured away from his fiance by a demon attack on a woman who managed to escape. While he was saving the mysterious stranger, his fiance was brutally murdered.

Four years ago, Tegan escaped from a demon attack. Of course, no one believes her. She's spent the past four years becoming a martial arts expert and trainer, opening her own dojo. She decided that she will not be a victim again.

Gabe has spent the past four years continuing his search for the demons that break through to our world from the hells. It's his duty. He's this generation's demon slayer for the Van Helsing family. He's also kept himself from becoming emotionally attached to anyone else.

Then Tegan sees her demon nightmare bury a woman in the sand on a webcam, and she starts looking for someone who can help her hunt him down. Someone like Gabe, who advertises his services as "Private and paranormal investigations".

As soon as they meet, he knows that the demon is still hunting her. Her scar is a beacon. He tells himself that his need to bodyguard her is all about catching the demon; and not about sticking close to Tegan.

What Gabe doesn't bargain on is Tegan's refusal to let someone else, even a man as utterly delicious as Gabe, take away her right to deal with whatever happens to her. She will defend herself this time. She can take on whoever, or whatever comes.

Even if she has to cut out a demon's heart with a bloody knife.

Even if Gabe takes her heart with him.

Escape Rating B+: I just found out this is a stand-alone story, and I am seriously bummed. I want more demon slayers. Why does there have to be only one?

Moving right along...*Beg Me to Slay* just begs for a sequel. Really. There absolutely have to be more demons that need slaying, and more yummy slayers in need of partners who can both kick down the armor around their hearts and kick demon ass.

Because that's what this story is all about. Both Tegan and Gabe have chosen to wall themselves off from any emotional involvement after some serious emotional trauma. It makes sense.

But they are perfect for each other. Watching them fight their intense attraction at the same time they learn to fight demons together is just plain fun. And hot. And did I mention fun?

Nicola says

Beg Me To Slay was recommended to me by a friend who knows I have been going through a paranormal romance phase. She never fails me because this was fabulous. With suspense, action, fun and a sexy, passionate, yet surprisingly heartfelt romance, everything else ceased to exist around me whilst I was reading; it has a gripping storyline, is fast-paced yet flows perfectly, is realistic and descriptive to the point that it transports you into the supernatural world. I was captivated from the first page and I couldn't put it down.

Tegan Ashton was attacked four years previous, but rather than be a victim, she throws all her focus into her work as a martial arts instructor in order to defend herself. His leaves zero time for relationships. When she sees the man who attacked her, she turns to Gabriel Smith who happens to be the most delectable Private Investigator/Demon Slayer on earth.

They have an amazing chemistry and both surprised me as they become each other's strength yet weakness. Tegan is no wallflower, she may be scared, but she's a survivor; strong, determined and feisty. Gabe oozes appeal and is a man of many layers; he has that air of alpha and he is the strong protector but underneath is a gentle, fun, thoughtful man with his own vulnerabilities. I fell completely in love with him.

Needless to say, I recommend. I'll certainly be reading more of Lisa Kessler's books; if they are as fabulous as this then my reading world will be an even happier place.

Elaine says

Oh boy, what a superb paranormal adventure this proved to be! I really shouldn't have been surprised, though, as I've loved every book I've read by this highly talented author - and this is certainly no exception!

After being attacked and bitten four years ago, Tegan Ashton just wasn't believed when she said what happened. It has taken time, but she's determined and resilient, taking steps to ensure she will never again be a victim by becoming an expert in martial arts and self defence. When she believes she's seen the man who

attacked her burying a young woman on a beach, again she is not believed. This time, however, she decides to pay a private detective, Gabriel Smith, to investigate. He's not your usual PI, having a secret role of being a demon slayer. When Tegan describes what happened to her and what she's witnessed, he knows exactly what attacked her - and how to slay it!

Get ready for a superbly crafted roller coaster ride with secret family history, welsh mythology, demons, dragons and so much more packed into this enthralling adventure! The characters are well developed, easy to relate to and intriguing. Tegan is feisty, independent and has great self belief. Gabe has never met anyone like her, expecting her to hide rather than fight alongside him! Their attraction is powerful - but so is the danger. Can they survive their demonic encounters and look beyond their pasts to have any chance of a future and a HEA together?

This is a fast paced thrilling read with humorous moments interspersed throughout to alleviate the tension. I have no hesitation in highly recommending this to anyone who enjoys well written demonic paranormal thrillers incorporating plenty of romance and humour.

Kelly Smith Reviews says

Lisa Kessler has given us vampires, werewolves and jaguar shifters. Now, in her latest book Beg Me To Slay, she brings us demons, slayers and witches.

Tegan was attacked by a demon four years ago, but she didn't know what he was at the time, and when she sees he followed her to San Diego, she knows that she needs to do something to stop him from finishing her off, so she hires a private investigator/paranormal investigator.

Gabe is sexy as Hell, but the truth he reveals to her sends her world into a tailspin: demons are real, they're looking for her and his real occupation is as a demon slayer, keeping humans safe from the evil that inhabited the Earth.

But WHY is Tegan so important to the demons? And does her father's Welsh bloodline hold the key to saving them all or destroying the human plane?

I've read every single book Mrs. Kessler has released, and I can say with utter confidence that this is her best work yet! Perhaps it's because I've always enjoyed stories about demons and demon hunters, or perhaps it's her colorful demonic cast, but I think it is because in Tegan and Gabe she created two of the most intense, realistic and emotional characters yet.

Aside from a good amount of violence and steamy sex, this is a story about survival, and never letting your past dictate your future. It's about fighting for your life, your love and your world.

For fans of her previous works, horror television/film and stories with great meaning.

5/5--magnificent!

For more with Lisa Kessler and many other mainstream and indie authors, visit my blog
www.kellysmithreviews.wordpress.com

Lorna says

I will read all kinds of paranormal books, but I just really don't like books featuring demons all that much. Sometimes, but not often. I picked this book up because I enjoyed the author's work in the past, and actually I did think the premise sounded good.

Tegan endured a horrific attack four years ago, and ended up in a mental institution because she couldn't handle her memories of that attack. She's finally getting a sort of life back, owns and runs her own dojo, and is a black belt. Her whole life revolves around self defense. What she doesn't realize is that she was attacked by a demon. Through a series of events(no spoilers!), she hires a private detective with paranormal experience. Gabe, as a secret demon slayer, realizes as soon as he sees her scar from the attack, that they are dealing with a really terrible demon. He also realizes that he really wants Tegan for himself. As for Tegan, she's just afraid of any man's touch since the attack.

The characters of Tegan and Gabe were so well drawn by the author, that I felt like I knew them. Their sexual chemistry together was off the charts. Tegan is beautiful, determined, strong, and a true survivor. Gabe is everything a demon slayer should be, strong, hard headed, and also determined. It doesn't hurt that he is also a super hot guy! He's had his own share of heartbreak in his life, losing his fiancee, and parents to demons. Weirdly enough, my other favorite character, ended up being a roly-poly, demon snitch, named Lago.

Not only was this book a really good, sensual romance, it was a pretty kick butt read as well. Action packed, with lots of green demon blood, and goo for days. Well imagined world building rounded out this book beautifully. In this world, all different kinds of demons exist, as well as witches. Tegan's Welsh ancestry comes into play, with a family line that she never knew she belonged to, a line that puts her in the demons path. I enjoyed the authors vision of all the different types of demons, their names, descriptions and abilities. Very imaginative.

If you enjoy a fast paced paranormal romance, with easy flowing dialogue, good characters, steamy sexual situations, and lots of action, I highly recommend this read. I am not sure if there will be more books in this series, but it sure seemed like there could be, and by the same token, it can also stand alone.(RabidReads.com)

Megan says

Tegan Ashton is tired of being a victim. After being attacked four years ago she has retreated from the world, focusing on her dojo and honing her self defense techniques. Until the night she sees her attacker burying a woman's body on a beach and she knows she has to act. When the police don't believe her she takes matters into her own hands and hires a private investigator to find the man that attacked her. What she gets is a demon hunter that not only believes she was bitten in her attack but that her attacker is still out there.

Tegan and Gabe are both survivors in different ways. Tegan from her attack and Gabe from the deaths of his fiancé and parents. We get alternating pov's from Tegan and Gabe so we are able to see how their tragedies

affect them in different ways. Gabe has closed himself off from relationships and his emotions so that the demons he hunts can't use anyone against him. Tegan has distanced herself from life out of fear of her attacker. Throughout the book, we watch as they learn to trust one another and the emotions that are being brought to the surface.

I enjoyed watching Tegan and Gabe circle each other before finally taking the steps into a relationship. This book progresses really fast but it doesn't seem unrealistic when you are reading it. Everything that happens seems perfectly plausible. The pacing was pretty fast and there were quite a few twists and turns that surprised me. There were demons, witches, slayers, curses, legends, romance etc. Each page was interesting and made it hard to stop reading when real life would interject.

I really enjoyed this book. This is my first book by Kessler but it will not be my last. The writing was great and had a very natural flow. Moments of humor broke up what could be a pretty serious story and made the characters more enjoyable to read. I also really enjoyed the epilogue (I am a sucker for a good epilogue) and how it gave some insight into the characters a few months later. I would love to read more about these characters and see what else the future holds for them.

Margaret says

4.5 Stars – A fast-paced, suspenseful, emotion-packed ride!

Tegan Ashton suffered an attack four years ago and her assailant has never been found. She has tried to rebuild her life, learning martial arts and self-defense skills to be able to protect herself, even opening her own dojo, but her emotional scars have never healed. After spotting her attacker while watching the beach on a local motel's webcam, she decides to hire a PI to help her find him and help bring closure to her attack.

Gabriel V.H. Smith, Licensed PI and paranormal investigator, is not your average private investigator – because of his Van Helsing (V.H.) bloodline, he is also a Demon Slayer. Gabe is also haunted by tragic events of his past, having witnessed everyone that he has cared about fall victims to the demons that he hunts.

When Tegan hires Gabe to help her find her attacker, he immediately recognizes that the scar she has is actually from a demon bite, and he knows he has to help her. He also can't help the attraction that he feels for her, which only grows as he gets to know her and sees her inner strength.

“He'd never met a woman like Tegan Ashton. She had moxie. She also had lips that drove him to distraction, not to mention those dark-brown eyes shadowed with wounds no one should have to carry, and so much fight and courage that it twisted his gut.”

But he knows he cannot risk caring for Tegan since history has proven that if he does, it will only result in her getting hurt.

Although she too feels the attraction toward Gabe, she is still too emotionally scarred to act on it. The more time she spends with Gabe though, the more he helps her begin to heal.

“You told me you weren't a victim... Don't let that attack hold you back from living.”

When the history of Tegan's own bloodline is brought to light, Gabe and Tegan must work together to unravel the mysteries and stop the demon who has targeted Tegan, all while trying to manage the attraction that is growing between them.

I really enjoyed this story and the lore that surrounded the demons. With so many books being written about vampires and shifters (which I do love!), it was refreshing to read a story with a different paranormal creature in the starring role – especially one that was the bad guy and really had no redeeming qualities! Tegan was totally kick-ass, using all her martial arts skills to be able to fight side by side with Gabe. I loved watching her begin the emotional healing process throughout the story, drawing on the strength and support from Gabe, but also finding her inner strength. Gabe was such an alpha-male, but when it comes to Tegan he is so supportive and caring. He has his own emotional demons to slay, and I found it refreshing that he put his emotions out there for Tegan and didn't keep them bottled up or try to protect her. I also loved Tegan's father – although he didn't have a huge role in the story, his character was integral to the plot and he was quite colorful.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone looking for a fast-paced, suspenseful story with some heat and romance. Kudos to Lisa Kessler for creating such a great story that takes you along for a fast-paced, suspenseful, emotion-packed ride!

I received an eARC from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Kim Reads (Read Your Writes Book Reviews) says

Reviewed by Kim
for Read Your Writes Book Reviews

The book description really does sum Beg Me to Slay up nicely. This was my first Lisa Kessler book and I was NOT disappointed. It's taken me a long time to embrace paranormal books because I have to suspend my reality. Everything about this book was believable. Lisa has managed to give you characters that you can visualize and a storyline that could be real.

Beg Me to Slay gives you romance, suspense, and a kick-ass hero and heroine, who refuses to be a victim any longer. Gabe and Tegan meet each other through a mixture of fate and destiny. What transpires between these two is simply magical.

Four years ago while living in Los Angeles, Tegan Ashton was attacked by a Hingo Demon and managed to survive. Now living in San Diego, she catches a glimpse of her attacker on a webcam burying a body. When the police refuse to believe her or help, she turns to the one person who she hopes will do both, Gabriel V.H. Smith a private investigator and demon slayer.

With the Hingo demon sending several other demons to get Gabe out of the picture, the question becomes why did Tegan survive the attack, when others don't and what does her father's family legacy have to do with it? Just when you think you have everything figured out and that these two are going to defeat the demons and finally find happiness, think again. One decision can lead to a tragic result but that one decision could be the one that saves the world.

Beg Me to Slay will suck you in from the very beginning and will have you on the edge of your seat until the very end.

Source: Publisher

Linda says

Tegan survived an attack on her life four years ago, an attack that has made her draw back from life in a way, she rather stays home or in her dojo, training martial arts, in a sense hiding.

When she one night sees her attacker again, she needs to take action. Hiring a PI turns out to be the smartest thing, since he seems to know the creatures of the night. Does he have to be so yummy though?

Gabe can't believe he's face to face with someone who's survived an attack from a demon, but how to break the news to her? And how to keep his distance, for both of their sakes..

PNR, smutty fluff, action and suspense in a great combo.

Roseanna says

Ever read one of those books where when you reach the end all you can say was "HOLY CRAP! That was a good book!" Well this was one of those for me. Gabe was flawed beautifully. He was strong, loyal, and was so supportive. However he did have his issues he needed to work out to have the HEA he deserves. Tegan was broken while being strong at the same time. It shows the talent this author has to write characters such as these. The book showed us that while everything is not always rainbows and unicorns, there can be happiness in a dark twisted reality. While being chalked full of action, adventure and romance there was enough of a breather so you could absorb everything. Gabe was scrumptious. He is a Van Helsing demon hunter with an athletic lean muscled form. I was so glad Tegan was not a weak shrinking violet. She was a young woman who is a headstrong kick butt sensei. I love that there was no cliffhanger. I was worried there for a while about the ending. I kept thinking, would they ever find their happily ever after? I won't give any hints... read the book and see if they overcame all that challenged them. You won't regret it.
