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Elise Kavanagh is too busy liberating slaves in the City of Dis to worry about what's happening on Earth. She hasn't even noticed that more than three thousand people have gone missing—not until an anonymous client hires her organization, The Hunting Club, to rescue them. The man asking for help doesn't seem to exist. But the trail of clues is too strange to ignore, and she finds herself caught in the investigation.

Werewolf Alpha Rylie Gresham is absorbed in troubles of her own. The pack is disobeying her, and the cult camped out in Northgate seems to be the source of the problem. Her mate, Abel, has resolved to fix it one way or another—even if it means going over Rylie's head and killing their enemies.

Through secrets, lies, and assassination attempts, Elise and Rylie find that they have a new enemy in common. And what it takes to prevail might mean shattering the universe...

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Tina says

The Ascension series is still going strong with book five. The story line is fantastic, and the details of the places that Ms. Reine takes us to in her books are things that I could never begin to imagine myself. The scenes are described so well that it is not hard to picture everything in my mind as I'm reading. This is a must read if you like urban fantasy, but I do recommend that you read the series in order.

Elise Kavanagh continues to release the slaves that are still in Dis, but it is more time consuming than she thought it would be. She hasn't even noticed that things have gotten out of control on Earth until she is told that more than three thousand people are missing with no sign of when or how they disappeared. She's received a long list of names and an extreme amount of money in her business account. She has no idea who is giving them to her, but she also knows that she cannot just walk away without finding out what is happening to all of these people.

Meanwhile, Rylie Gresham is having problems with her werewolf pack. Most of them are rebelling against her authority, and the trouble seems to be stemming from the cult that has taken over the town of Northgate. Abel realizes how dangerous things are becoming and decides that in order to protect Rylie he may have to override her decision and take control. As Elise and Rylie realize it's a lot bigger than either one of them thought since they may be fighting the same enemy, they also realize this could be the end everything.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Mara says

[I felt he became a traitor all of a sudden. There wasn't much sense before that he didn't like his parents' way of ruling. Or

Kelly says

Holy wow. No joke, every book in this series raises the stakes for Elise, Rylie, and crew. Things go from bad to worse to OMFG!THE SKY IS FALLING IN A LITERAL SENSE AND EVERYBODY'S PROBABLY GOING TO DIE HORRIFICALLY!

I need to destress after reading these. Seriously. I get a little wound up.

Speaking of which, you know that point in a book where you can just see the bad thing coming and you want to shake some sense into a character or two, but even if you could, you know it wouldn't help? YEAH. THAT. BAD THINGS HAPPEN. Bad things that make me go all caps-locky. As you can see. There are several bad things that roar down like a freight train this time around. Abram and Summer and Nash and OMG! WHYYYYYYYYY IS THIS HAPPENING???

I honestly can't see how Elise and crew are going to work their way out of all this without making the world implode in some way, shape, or form. Come to think of it, it could be argued the world has already done that. Anyway. Things are dark and dangerous right now and they can't trust anybody except their inner circle. We do get a few hints to future shenanigans with James and his broody magic. As usual, I'm torn about James. I like him. I understand where he's coming from most of the time. BUT... the path he chooses is a tough one. As many times as he's betrayed Elise... well, those two have a lot to work through, methinks.

To recap: Big things! DANGER!DANGER!DANGER! OMG!WTF?BBQPIZZQ-style shenanigans going on left and right. It's a big, glorious explosion of body parts and hunger and terrible things.

I think I might love it.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Kira Leavens says

Continued Fun

The series was beginning to drag a bit for me, but this book is making up for that. We made some good headway on this book, had more Elise, and James. I'm content with the plot and overall outcomes leading to the next book. I'm concerned there are two more books to go because I feel like at this point the story will go a little long by that point. But we shall see!

Gerd says

Elise Kavanagh, the demon called Godslayer, is having a hell of a time ruling Dis. Her efforts to restructure the infernal City, to convince the Houses to let go off their human slaves, are increasingly met with open resistance. It's not easy to change a society. Elise however is perfectly willing and prepared to use violence when and where necessary.

There's dissent growing in her own ranks, too, and soon Elise has to face the threat of assassination in her own palace.

Elise is not the only one who has to deal with growing unrest, so does Rylie in her pack.

Not known for the quality of her decisions at the best of times, she made her probably worst decision when her mate Abel vanished, leaving the pack unprotected against an attack of a new breed of demon hybrids when she went in search after him.

The pack hasn't forgot this, nor has Levi Riese, who rode in with Union forces to help them out. Having had made attempts to turn the pack against her before, Rylie's now unwillingly delivered the arguments Levi needs to finally succeed.

Abel, though, has other ideas, if it's up to him this fight is going to get settled once and for all – and certainly not in Levi's favour. What he doesn't know, is that he may have to face off against his own family to do so.

However, when Elise receives a mysterious message, urging her to investigate the disappearance of thousands of people and finds out that a werewolf may be involved in the goings on, the trail points to a

common enemy that may be real source behind both their problems, for the pack and the Godslayer. An enemy that in order to defeat, may necessitate to shatter dimensions.

It is amazing how author S. M. Reine manages to surprise her readers with each new instalment for the Ascension series, setting the stakes for the finale ever higher. I simply love it, and my only gripe would currently be that reading goes too fast, and time between books too slow.

Well, that and the fact that there's never enough Rylie, but that may be just as well as it keeps each meeting between her and Elise fresh. It's always a delight to see these so vastly different women, the kick-ass demon and the lovely girlish Alpha werewolf, keep up their friendship.

In other news, I was a little saddened to see that one relationship I did have my hopes set for should not be, but even demons have to follow their heart I guess. And it is another one of those things I love about this series, Reine makes it impossible to guess where events will lead her characters next.

But no, before you ask, I do not come strictly for the romance, it's just that those characters have grown very dear to me.

For the end, let me just say without being a spoiler:

You remember the words Nash left us with in the last book?

“...if Elise finds out—when she finds out—we will all pay for it.”

Well, she does find out.

Leliel's secret is revealed in a shocking conclusion which I'm willing to bet you didn't see coming.

*For new readers my usual disclaimer: Make sure to read the series in order, because the story of The Ascension series builds up stringently.

Beau says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review. So let's go.

I hate that it took me so long to finish this book, because its really good. Such is the life of a college student. Anyway, Elise is now ruling Hell from the palace of Dis. She's making some not so popular changes and is facing her own problems in Hell. No wonder she hasn't noticed literally thousands of people going missing on Earth, but someone wants her to know.

This is probably one of my favorite books in the series thus far. I really enjoyed reading it and I am excited to see where it goes from here. Reine has a few story lines going in this book: Lincoln, the war, Elise's reign in Hell, Summer and Abram.. I'm not sure she's left so many avenues open before but I can't wait to see how each storyline ends. I really enjoyed this book, even though James came back. (I am not a fan of that guy at all.) If you've read up until this point and are wondering if this book is worth your time, I definitely say yes. If you think you might be interested in this story, I would recommend going back to the beginning of the series or risk being very confused as to what exactly is going on. I really am enjoying the direction that Elise is going in, literally every review I think I've mentioned that while Elise is a character that can be enjoyed I'm not sure she can be liked, but I think she's moving towards an area where I respect her even more. She's as unyielding as ever, but we're starting to see not a softer side to her, but a more moral side maybe? Before, I felt like Elise did her job because it was her job. End of story. Kill bad guy. Save human. Rinse. Repeat. Now, she seems to be thinking along more moral lines. She tried for a while to keep Lincoln

ignorant of what she did to Adam, not because she thought it would make it hard for him to work with her, not because she didn't want to talk about Adam, but because she wanted to let him hold onto something. That isn't something old Elise would have even considered, she probably would have told him early in their relationship and intimidated him into working with her.

So basically: I'm enjoying where Elise's progression is taking her, Abel continues to grow on me, Rylie is as always frustrating in her desire to be noble but I think that's just me -I prefer Elise's methods-, I still hate James, Lincoln is a bit frustrating yet inspiring in his ability to have faith, I want to smack Summer and Abram in the back of their heads and I'm still crying about Seth.

Kelly Smith Reviews says

If you've read SM Reine's The Descent series, you're familiar with Elise and James, the kopis and aspis who were forced apart from Elise being reborn as a demon and ruling Hell, and James becoming a half-angel Gray.

If you read her Seasons Of The Moon series, you know about the werewolf pack led by Rylie, the Alpha and The Apple.

If you haven't read them, warning: THIS REVIEW INCLUDES SPOILERS!!!

Elise is trying to get human slaves out of Hell. Rylie is trying to keep her pack from falling prey to Levi Riese's lies as he tries to take them over. Elise is being betrayed by her so-called allies. Rylie is being betrayed by her son, Abram.

Elise needs to help Rylie when the pack has mysteriously vanished, but the pack are only 50 out of three thousand missing people she is searching for and she can't do it alone--she needs her aspis, James.

Old friends and enemies return and Hell and New Eden are shaken up in the latest engrossing story from Ms. Reine.

Reading Elise's stories are like reuniting with an old friend. She's one of my favorite fictional characters. Lost In Prophecy (the latest in The Ascension series) is a tantalizing story with depth and a new plot twist every so often. The cliffhanger ending is the icing on this bloody and delicious cake!

So wonderful to read! If you are new to her stories, you might find yourself a little lost, but even then, you will love this book!

5/5--great!

Kitty says

2.5 stars. This was just meh from start to finish. Not up to her usual high standard.

Shirley says

I received Lost in Prophecy in exchange for a fair and honest review.

What was the last book you read that made you think more than once WTH? I've actually had a couple in the past few weeks, but I can honestly say that Lost in Prophecy tops the list. So much happens in the 5th installment of the Ascension series that I'm not really sure where to start.

The plot thickens in Lost in Prophecy in a very big way. Both Rylie and Elise find out the hard way that places they thought were safe aren't and people they thought they could trust, they can't. Allies come from unexpected sources and even though some mysteries are solved, even more crop up. This was definitely a nail biter!

Lost in Prophecy was actually an action packed, jaw dropping turning point for a lot of characters. I can honestly say that a few things that happened I never saw coming, but looking back I probably should have. The thing is that so many things have happened in this series (as well as the series before this one) that it's hard to keep track. That's what I love about these books. S.M. Reine has created such an amazingly intricate world that it keeps you on your toes. It is definitely a re-read worthy series because I can guarantee that even though there isn't a long wait between books (she writes really, really fast) I have either forgotten or missed something.

And yes, Lost in Prophecy did end in a cliff hanger, but even without that there was so much left unknown at the end of this book that I can't wait to get my hands on the next one. Readers aren't exactly sure how many books will be in the Ascension series but we know we can count on at least 7. There are a lot of loose ends that need to be tied up and there are a lot of characters whose fate hangs on some fairly loose threads. S.M. Reine has her work cut out for her, but I have no doubt she is up to the task.

XX Sarah XX (former Nefarious Breeder of Murderous Crustaceans) says

WOW. Just WOW.

Feathery bastards + asshole demons + stupid stupid werewolves + silly humans =

And then there's Adam. Always Adam. And *dumb bitch* Eve with her limitless love. **And freaking James Faulkner.**

Just eat them all Elise and get it over with. Well don't eat James just yet. His case might not be as desperate as it once seemed. Then again, who knows? **S.M. Reine cannot be trusted.**

?? Crappy review to come. Whenever I recover.

① Sacrificed in Shadow ★★★★

② Oaths of Blood ★★★★

③ Ruled by Steel ★★★★

④ Caged in Bone ★★★★

⑥ Torn by Fury ★★★★★

⑦ Sins of Eden ★★★★★ (only because there are no 10-star ratings on GR)

Rakki says

This series still might save itself

This book 5 still suffers from the same problems the other books did even though the author tries to address them. The book is mostly about Elise which is good. She's the strength of the world. Elise still suffers the near death wound and weakness she does in every book. She talks about feeding and never looks strong. Yeah she rules hell but there seems to be many demons far stronger than she is. It's book 5 and I'm wondering when Elise will get tough.

Rylie and the werewolves are part of this book and I just can't make myself care. Rylie has grown into a weak character that's not entertaining. The werewolves themselves aren't very entertaining. This brand of lycanthropy is lazy. They are just people that change into wolves, except for Abel. Even Rylie is just a girl with a couple of wolf urges every now and then. If you've read other werewolf books you have some expectations on what a wolf pack is like. There is none of that here. I can't even fault the bad guys.

Despite all the annoying, page skipping content, there is some really good stuff. Elise makes progress with magic. She and James make progress. The overall story starts slow but ends strong. Most of my reviews are either 3 or 4 for the series but I'm still sticking around.

Llaph | No Frill | No Shill says

I will most likely sound like a fan girl, but whatever I love everything Reine writes.

I just finished this book and a lot of it is a jumble for me right now, but the things that stick out.... Stephanie, I still don't like her and I dislike her even more (if that is possible) in this book. I was in hopes that I wouldn't see her character again (I really hope Hannah doesn't come back btw James's ex-girlfriends are both heinous.) She is more stuck up and pretentious this time around. I curious to see what all it is that she learned when it comes to magic with the reveal at the end of the book.

When it comes to Levi.... He was a butthead in the werewolves' series and an even bigger twat in this book. Though I was sort of happy with what happened with him near the end of the book. I wasn't expecting Abram's anger towards his parents and the choices he made, but that is one of the things I love about Reine's characters you don't really get all you were expecting.

The revelations regarding the demon houses in Dis were pretty freaking cool. I liked the last fight with the demon who owned the flesh farm (I don't remember her name atm.) it was nifty different.

The whole situation with Lincoln and Ben ... whoa I wasn't expecting that and thought it really, really neat. I feel sorry for Lincoln; I did when he was first introduced but even more now. I'm curious to read the War of the Alphas series again to read that glimpse of him again. It will probably have a different context to me when I do.

Leah Speller says

With each book puzzle pieces come together yet, oh wow you have another tray of pieces you didn't know about that need to be added so you can see the whole picture....surprise!!!

This is what I really love about Reine's writing. She has a way of adding more surprises as she ties up other storylines. I could really hate to see what her outline of the story looked like with all the lines that alone would look like Christmas lights that you have to untangle.

I think what I enjoy most is how she makes her characters so very real. Even though they have all these powers and can do so much they still have weaknesses. Yes, Elise has a lot of power but some of those demons are very old and the older they are the more powerful they are. Elise is still learning what she can even do.

Once again I lost sleep reading this book and had a difficult time putting it down. I did not rest much between each book it was really one great big one so makes it fun to try to do the critiques so just know each has their own surprises.

Carrie says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Where to begin with this book? This one was filled with twists and turns and lots of surprise guests. Just when you think you know where the series is headed, everything and everyone ends up getting beat up, destroyed, or betrayed in the most unexpected way. I am absolutely in love with the gritty and broken world that the author has created. It combines things that absolutely should not ever be mixed together and it is beautiful.

So, obviously, I love this series and all the related ones. If you haven't read the previous books, I recommend that you pick them up (start from the very beginning) and work your way to this one. You won't be disappointed. The basic building blocks from the first book still manage to tie in here. Which means I should probably talk about the specifics of this book. Obviously there are going to be spoilers from the past installments because it's just impossible to talk about otherwise.

Elise is still the awesome ruler of hell, trying to do good in her own way. She's on her own type of path to redemption (which is pretty difficult in hell) that takes her past all of her previous failures. You can't talk about her past without mentioning James. He gets some serious time in this book, and you don't spend most of it hating him. I'm still secretly wishing that James and Elise could ride off into the sunset together, but I'll take what I can get. There are some moments in this book that had my heart soaring, even though the progress was infinitesimal. A little smile here, a little touch there and I'm in heaven (actually, they're in hell, but you get the idea).

Riley is still a bit of a conflicted alpha. There's too many bad guys to count at this point and somehow the werewolves are pretty much the only guardians between hell and Earth. Pretty big responsibilities have been placed on a small group of misfits held together by a curse. Drama ensues (when does Riley *not* have drama?) and I'm sure we'll be picking up the pieces from it for a while. Riley and Elise's friendship is a little

bright spot in that they sort of balance each other out. There's big things on the horizon and I'm excited about where things are headed. There's more honesty for almost all the characters, but oodles of surprises jammed in. This is the part I hate most -- waiting for the next one!

Candice Luk says

This one was really hard to get through. Found myself not liking ANY of the characters. Maybe the next one will be better
