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Twenty years ago, Emily Johnston's father drowned in the Silverthread River, and no one in the town of Lost Creek believes it was an accident. For years, Emily has been spying on the reclusive family that lives in Little Dip Valley. She has some ideas of her own as to what they really are. Now her chance has come. The Garoul she wants most has crossed her path, and Emily is determined to avenge her father. Emily is a strong and skilled hunter. And Emily has a silver collar.

Luc Garoul is outlawed and out of control. The Garouls have set their best hunters after her before she self-destructs and takes the whole pack with her. But will they reach her in time when a more sinister predator has Luc in her crosshairs—a hunter as cunning and unforgiving as her prey.

Fourth in the Garoul series.

## Silver Collar Details

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## From Reader Review Silver Collar for online ebook

### **Erin says**

I need the next installment! Another great book in one of my new favorite series, Silver Collar gripped me from the beginning and held on all the way through. This book wasn't mystery and horror like the first one, romantic comedy like the second or dark mystery thriller like the third, it was mostly an action packed tale of survival.

I liked Emily a lot, she was very sympathetic with a collection of anxieties and flaws, but also strengths that made me care for her deeply. Luc was interesting and it was great work on McKnight's part to make you start to care about someone who seemed purely like a monster for the last part of the previous book and the first half of this one.

My only problem with it, is that once again it ends too abruptly leaving you wanting more closure. I also felt that Emily and Luc needed one more scene together after all the craziness was over to give themselves to each other.

Still an excellent book and highly recommended, especially for fans of the series.

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### **lov2laf says**

This was a really charming, fun story. I was thinking this 4th tale in the series would be dark since it focused on Luc from the 3rd book but it had a tone closer to Ambereye. I really enjoyed getting to know Luc, the feral werewolf and her meeting her match in Emily. It was great to have two clever, determined hunters going after each other. It was also fun to have so much of the Garoul family make appearances. Definitely recommend reading.

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### **Loek Krancher says**

#### **Two thumbs up!**

This story is a fascinating blend of all the charming, strong, bold, rough and sensitive characters from the previous books. Except from the first one and that's the only thing I've missed in this installment. But otherwise the author has not disappointed me. Her writingstyle is fabulous and her description of this crazy, complex were world is amazing. Do yourself a huge favor and read the whole series. It's absolutely worth it. I have to warn you, it is very addictive.

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### **Natsu says**

Yup, another 5'r.

Surprisingly light read, given Luc's vicious nature from the last book. I imagined it to go way different than it did. The humor got me again even though it wasn't the LOL kind, more the grin-like-an-idiot one.

Luc's innocence /naivete/denial regarding her emotions towards Emily is endearing.

It was sweet how they found comfort in the simplest things (Emily's backpack or shoes, Luc's scent). They knew something was up yet they chose not to recognize it.

I was half correct in my hunch on what the silver collar was the moment Emily snapped it on. (yeah, my brain has a bad habit of spoiling stuff for me).

I loved the fact that almost all the characters from the series made an appearance. Especially Hope, Jolie, and Taddy.

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### **Jem says**

This is the 4th book in the Garoul series and if you've read this far, then you definitely have to read Silver Collar. The author hasn't run out of ideas. The book is a bit uneven, but it's probably because the lead character herself is like that--cunning yet naive, wild yet ritualistic, and totally unpredictable. Like the Elite Ops and Supreme Constellations series, Gill McKnight's Garoul series ranks way up there on my list as the only book series that never gets boring.

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### **Mary says**

This fourth installment in the Garoul series is a delightful addition to the set. The principal werewolf character is bad girl Luc, who meets a human antagonist hell-bent on dissecting and/or destroying her. All I can tell you is that Luc, a resourceful super-predator, finds herself for once at a huge disadvantage.

I've loved these paranormal "beauty and the beast" (the sexy werewolves are both beast and beauty) lesbian romances right from the start. Since Ambereye (second in the series), they are less plot-driven, more about the special accommodations a human and a wolf-human must attempt in becoming a couple. Ambereye was hilarious, and poignant, because it provided all manner of insight into the lupine playfulness and devotion of the monstrous shapeshifters (McKnight was brilliant to introduce a little canine mongrel as a foil to the werewolves' top-of-the-food-chain personae).

In Silver Collar, we realize that Luc is near-feral above all by comparison with the hyper-civilized werewolf pack residing in the ancestral forested valley of Little Dip, in Oregon. She has all kinds of peculiar drives (including a fixation with arboreal heights, and with hoarding assorted "trophies," as if she were some sort of colossal squirrel) that set her apart from her more settled relatives and provide a lot of the humor in her narrative. But these quirks are also the keys to her animal being. McKnight does a wonderful job of revealing the guilelessness at the core of the scary, morally dubious were-human.

These novels are always worth savoring. Humor and angst are balanced against luminous sharply focused descriptions of the natural scene.

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### **Jae Jae says**

Gill McKnight's Garoul series was a mixed bag for me. I didn't much care for the first book, "Goldenseal." I loved the second book, "Ambereye," which had a great sense of humor. "Indigo Moon," the third book, was a solid, entertaining read, but not as good as "Ambereye."

With that mixed record, I wasn't sure what to expect of the fourth book, "Silver Collar."

Well, I liked the book. There are some funny scenes that reminded me of "Ambereye," and we meet Hope and Jolie again, but the main characters of this book are Luc (Lucienne), the rogue werewolf from book 3, and Emily, who is obsessed with hunting down a werewolf because she thinks the Garouls killed her father.

I liked the fact that the characters don't fall in love at first sight or are instantly attracted to each other. When they meet, they are enemies, but that changes quickly. Sometimes, maybe a little too fast. Emily became a scientist and practically lived to take revenge on the Garouls, but she gives that up readily enough.

All in all, though, it's a fast and entertaining read, and I recommend the book to anyone who enjoyed "Ambereye."

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### **CK says**

"tasted scent...Sly suggestions swilling around her teeth until she snapped them away like flies."

I love that sentence. A well turned phrase makes a book fun to read.

I read Silver Collar again today (7/13/13) and remembered some of the fun I had with this book and all of the Garoul series. When you enter Little Dip, you'll be enthralled by intense scenes, laugh at foolishness and engage with characters you can relate to.

Oh - and if you feel clumsy and awkward, don't worry, you can still get the girl. At least that's what I read. :)

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### **Heather Henkel says**

I loved this book. I liked the fact that Emily was just as weird with the mating habits as Luc was. In previous books it was always the wolven that did the strange crap and the humans wondering what was going on with this mating behavior. I liked the fact that while Emily didn't understand what she was doing, she was also initiating the mating rituals. I also liked the nest building as I have been known to that with my wife and blankets too.

I'm ready for the next one in the series already.

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### **D. Leigh says**

I've enjoyed all of sharp-witted Gill McKnight's Garoul series, but I didn't think she could equal my favorite "Ambereye." "Silver Collar" equals and maybe tops it. McKnight has honed her descriptive tools so that she puts you right in the scene, in her character's skin better than almost every author I've read. She somehow manages to take the character, Luc, who you've learned to despise in "Indigo Moon," and turns her into a bumbling lovable werewolf you just want to hug. The story is so masterfully crafted that Jolie, my other favorite werewolf, plays a significant role in the story without outshining Luc. When Luc becomes obsessed with Emily, the scene in which she sneaks into Emily's bedroom to explore and steal a souvenir will make you laugh out loud. I did.

This is a delightful, fast-paced tale you shouldn't miss.

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### **Jeanne says**

If you like the series you will enjoy this book. It isn't your average run of the mill werewolf story.

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### **Nikki says**

I liked this one quite a bit. More than Indigo Moon, probably just because I missed all the humor from Ambereye and Hope and Jolie's interactions. I've been in a big humor mood lately, so If I wasn't my review might be the opposite, with the darker Indigo Moon bring my favorite. Who knows?

Whatever, I really liked them all.

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### **Alli says**

Took me about 50 ebook pages to get into this, but I ended up liking it. In a way it was the reverse of the previous one, which I liked a lot for the first half, and then it seemed too disjointed and had too many plot holes to be good (the one that sticks in my head from book 3 is Isabelle somehow knowing "wolven" terminology when she was never once told any of it). This one wasn't necessarily as disjointed in the beginning, just slow to interest me.

I was very happy to see another book in the series though, overall I have enjoyed them from the first.

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### **Lunatic says**

The whole concept of evil character from the beginning of a story turned into a main character always hooked me up. I won't hesitate to say that this whole story's concept is my most favorite out of all the Garoul series.

I feel like this one really deserves an epilogue. I am wondering if this author has a problem with perfecting

every of her endings or something, because I am sure the second book and third book also make me feel abrupt. Almost everything is great, from the story line to the concept and the characters development, excepted the climax is dissatisfying.

(view spoiler)

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PS: Why is it that the Garouls are always the one who do the pleasuring, and the human (or ex-human) never return the favor? There are none of those type of scenes in this book (kinda), but I waited until the fourth book to comment about this.

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### **Lex Kent says**

Silver Collar, the 4th book in the Garoul series, was even better than I hoped. The book felt very similar to the best in the series, Ambereye (book 2). To me Ambereye was one of the better paranormal, f/f, romances, I've read in a while. While Silver Collar did not have as big as a romance as Ambereye, so many of the elements that made the writing so great was in this book too. Including, the humor of being in a head-space of a werewolf. There was multiple times I laughed out loud from Jolie's thoughts and behaviors as well as Luc's. In book 3 we question if Luc is evil, to me she's very much like Jolie, just a bit more crazy and wolven, but still likeable. The other main character Emily, was likeable too. I was glad that Mcknight didn't make her a flawless person. I don't like my characters too perfect.

If you enjoyed Ambereye, read this you won't be disappointed!

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