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A fae witch, a rock star, and a passionate paranormal affair...

Stormy is cursed. If the fae witch ever finds true love, the man is sure to die a terrible death. Five years ago, she left her sexy rock star of a boyfriend Knox to save his life.

When her escort service for paranormals puts her face to face with Knox again, her passion grows like never before. Can she possibly keep it together when Knox insists that she be his escort? Will her curse make it all fall apart?

Breaking the Storm is the first book in the Credence Curse Saga, a series of adventure-packed shifter romance tales. If you like dark magic, powerful women, steamy love scenes, heart-pounding romance, and piles of sexy shifter secrets, then you'll love the latest romp from author Sedona Venez.

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From Reader Review Breaking the Storm for online ebook

Jenn says

3.5 Stormy Stars

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Storm Credence is a hybrid Fae-Wolf Witch. She and her cousin, Lightning, are the last of the Credence bloodline. They are afraid to let themselves fall in love for fear of the Credence Curse. Every time a Credence woman falls in love with a man, mainly human, he dies. But is it really a curse? Or something else at play.... Storm also has major trust issues thanks to her jerkwad of a father.

Knox is a werewolf, rock star singer of his band and so dang sexy hot. He's definitely in to Dominance. He's also very into Storm. He unfortunately has a bad childhood that causes major trust issues which plays a big role in his and Storms relationship.

Storm and Knox date for a little while, however, they let trust issues and rumors factor in to their relationship. Knox's band manager and band mate along with Storms crazy stalker ex, also factor in to their break up. They let their break up effect their lives and soon enough 5 years passes by. They run in to each other again and Storm is all about trying to get away from him. Knox on the other hand isn't having it. He will do everything he can to make her submit to him and become his forever.

While Knox is working on getting Storm back, she has to deal with pressing issues regarding her job. She runs an Escort service and some bad things are happening. Not only does she have to deal with learning to submit to Knox and her pressing work matters, but she also has reporters, cops and her crazy ex to deal with.

What I liked and didn't like:

This book sucked me in and I really enjoyed the story line. I enjoyed most of the characters. I loved that there was no cliffhangers as well as the couple ending the book in the way I like to see a couple end up.

HOWEVER! I didn't know the couple would end up having a Dom/sub relationship. I didn't care for this part of the book. It made me uncomfortable and I felt like it took away from the story line for me. I liked Knox at the beginning of the book but not so much after that. I didn't like his Dominance one bit or the things he made Storm do. I also didn't like how Lightning and Harper would talk Storm in to doing something she was dead set against. I also felt that parts of the book were just skimmed over or wrapped up too quickly. Another thing that bothered me a lot was Storm not being able to identify Luke or Knox's status and thinking they are purely human pretty much the entire book. She's a pretty smart kick ass girl, so why doesn't she have a clue? And why did Knox's pack members never correct her blunders?

Content: D/s sexual content, language and drinking.

Hazel *Craves the Angst Reviews* says

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

3.5 Rockin' Stars!

The Review:

I wanted so much to love this book. And though I didn't dislike it in any way, I felt it could have been exceptional instead of just good.

The beginning of the book started out with a fantastic prologue. We are decades into the past where one woman is trying to proclaim her innocence. There are wolf-shifters, a scorned Fae-witch and a council of Others that are out for blood. Exciting!

The main story itself, is great! After the prologue, we are introduced to Knox and Storm who are at the beginning of their rocky journey. And though we know the past will play a part in what is happening, you are so overcome with the thrilling present, you almost forget that history has a way of repeating itself as we are swept up in Knox and Storms drama.

Storm is a Fae-witch hybrid whose family curse is to leave their true loves dead after revealing themselves. Storm has grown up knowing she can never get close to anyone because if she does, they will likely die. So she's distanced herself emotionally from everyone.

Until Knox.

Knox is a budding rock star with a troubled past. He's sexy, he's talented and he really cares about Storm as he's able to break down her walls and make her *feel*. But there are secrets in their way and people who are opposed to the couple living a happily-ever-after. So when the chance presents itself, Storm uses it to her advantage to make her leave. And though her reasons are noble, it's still painful for both of them.

Skip forward in time and their paths cross once more only they've both changed dramatically from the young, innocent's they once were. Knox is now a HOT rock star with many layers and he has his sights set on Storm, determined to have her kneel before him and submit. He almost comes off as mean but understanding their past, you get why he acts the way he does.

Storm is reluctant because she knows if anyone can break her carefully placed walls, it's Knox. And added to that, there's someone out to destroy her family's legacy and business.

Things get sticky and intense and it was fun watching these two come together. I loved all the ways Knox helped Storm come out of her shell and shed the stuffy, controlling veneer she's layered on since he last saw her.

But.. there's always a but!...

But what really brought the book down several notches for me is Storm's ignorance. She grew up in this world and though she may not have the "know how" for unveiling Others, she should have seen the signs. I saw them in the first chapter! No way could Knox's reveal have been a shock to her! She's this strong independent woman who's going through life avoiding commitment because of a curse and past heartbreak, having walled herself up so that she can't get emotionally involved. I loved that she was willing to submit to Knox and all the experiences he was willing to provide to her, but her not putting the pieces together about Knox and then about Luke only made her seem ridiculous and dumb. I hate when strong women can't see the light. Also, the bdsm in this book was... not! There was none. Knox kept saying you will submit to me and I

am a Dom but at no point was there any bdsm play, which is fine but why harp on Doms and subs so much during the book only to never actually do any play when you've finally got the hero and heroine together? Why pick a "safe word" if you aren't going to be in any situation to actually need it? And lastly, there was so much exposition and dialogue between character, I found myself zoning out several times. It bogged the book down and left me scratching my head because sometimes, it didn't even have anything to do with what was happening. There's a three page conversation between Light and Storm and most of it had nothing to do with the current story.

The Wrap Up:

I loved the world building, I loved the back story, I absolutely loved Knox, I even loved Storm despite her ignorance. The conflict was well thought out and I loved the story set up. And the ending was fantastic!

There were things I didn't like but I'll probably go on to the second book because I'm interested to know how it all turns out and where Light's story is heading. I liked her a lot as a sub-character and Ryker is just too interesting to pass on!

Patrycja says

Breaking the Storm is fast paced, crazy ride full of wonderful surprises and sexy times that'll make your insides wrench, melt and jump in ecstasy. This novel is fantastic breath of fresh air that every fan of paranormal romance and urban fantasy will appreciate. This book has everything a girl like me needs in 5 star read, it's sexy, thrilling and has kick ass heroine as well as swoon worthy alpha male to crush on. Pure perfection! And well, as everybody knows great cover is just another plus ;)

This book's full of rock stars, werewolves and Doms! What's not to love?

Breaking The Storm is a story about Stormy Credence and curse that falls on every woman in her family. Every man they fell in love with die and to the mix that being a hybrid Fae/witch don't make her very popular, she struggles in the world of Others. She's assets I love the most in protagonist: she's feisty, brutally honest and kick ass. Until she meets Knox Gunner, Storm believes, she will never fall in love and be another Credence woman who was mentally destroyed by the curse.

„But, Storm, get this once and for all; I need you. I always will. And if that's not close to the feeling of love, then I don't know what is” ~ Knox

Knox Gunner is extremely sexy rock star with Dom streak. Mysterious, dominant, dangerous and he always gets what he wants. And this time he wants Storm on her knees before him, totally submissive.

„What type of woman are you looking for, Mr. Gunner?”

With a dangerous smile, he responded, “I want a woman who will be completely at my mercy.”

His voice was low and sensuous as his gaze flitted over me, kissing my skin like scorching flames. “Someone to play with.” ~ Knox

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Knox Gunner is literally to die for. My kink for alpha male was always present and this sexy rock star provided me with crazy sexual roller coaster ride, even if it was only on paper (how bad). Steamy scenes were so hawtt that my all body tingled with need and I extremely enjoyed fight for power between Storm and Knox. Their relationship was insane! Back and forth from hate to lust, to love and so on. It amazed me how easily Storm could find a comeback for Mr. I-want-you-to-be-my- slut. In few books, talks like this could turn me off and made me hate hero, but fortunately it was not the case here.

What I liked the most was the fact that D/s relationship wasn't about humiliating or pain. There was not spanking or flogging involved, the same about bondage. It was only hot dirty talking with power exchange, which was absolutely arousing and exhilarating.

I also adored how paranormal world worked there. This twist made this book a hell lot of better and the concept with curse was fresh and unique. For a fan of werewolves, steamy sex and fiesty protagonist this book is a must read!

Overall, I highly recommend reading Breaking The Storm! Perfect mix of rock star romance with paranormal twist and D/s sex.

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Thalia says

I finished this book yesterday...My feeling?

~Disappointment~

It started good...I thought It would be interesting!The whole supernatural thing , with the witches and the shape-shifters,it had something! And I am sad because with this background you can build a beautiful story ! But No...

You can't put in a 197 pages (only!!)

- 1)Supernatural elements
- 2)Introduce readers to the new supernatural reality
- 2)A love story
- 3)BDSM
- 4)Get to know the main characters

YOU JUST CAN'T! As a result, I didn't get to know Storm and Knox, other than their need and lust for each other... I got bored with the dialogues between Storm and Lightning which only involved Lightning telling Storm to get laid! Just this... over and over again! I liked their love story, but it seemed that all the other stuff was just a buffer... Regarding the BdsM thing, honestly I don't know how it fits in this book.. totally out of the blue! Sooo much talk about it and then nothing really happened!

All in all I got the feeling that the author tried to combine in this book more elements and genres than this book could handle! And what makes me sad is that this could be a really interesting read, and a really good series, after, if less elements were included and elaborated in detail!

Donna Hokanson says

Enthralling, emotionally, very entertaining

Wow, just wow what an awesome story. Lots of action and adventure throughout this well written self-contained story. Curses that keep the Credence women away from the men they fall in love with or those men fall pray to death.

A hot rocker guy who loves one such woman named Storm.

Five years later the two meet up, but not by chance. The emotions are high and lots of stuff happens.

Well worth reading. Looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Mandy says

I received Breaking the Storm for review via NetGalley.

Stormy comes from a long line of witches that are cursed. Upon falling in love with a human the one they love always ends up dead. So after centuries, the women in her family have avoided falling in love which is what she intended. That is till she met Knox but unwilling to let anything happen to him she ends it before it is too late. Spending the next 5 years locking her heart.

However, when Knox comes back into her life she has to play the game by his rules if she wants to save her family business. Just seeing him makes her feel things she didn't expect to and doesn't think she can last as his escort till he leaves. However, she's not willing to give up her family business and has to do or lose it all. Though staying with Knox may just change it all forever and what about the looming curse?

I love Stormy she's a sweetheart who has issues but has always done what she thought was best. She may not be able to fall in love for fear of losing the one she loves but she's dealt with the hand she was given. I wasn't sure about Knox to be honest at first as I felt he had revenge firmly in his grasp but he quickly redeemed himself. I loved Lightning that we are given a little chance to get to know as her cousin and business partner.

I've had this one on my kindle way too long, and I regret not getting to it sooner. Breaking the Storm is a paranormal romance set in an exciting new world filled with exciting new characters. The concept for the Credence women is interesting as fae witches who happen to be cursed unable to find love. I love the cover for Breaking the Storm it's what first captured my attention and after reading the synopsis I knew I had to dive right in. The characters are easy to connect with you can't help falling for Stormy and Knox they just belong together even if they can't see it. I enjoyed the story, the author has written a beautiful story that

captured my heart. I can't wait to read more of the Credence girls.

Krissys says

Breaking the Storm (Credence Curse #1) by Sedona Venez Author:Sedona Venez Title: Breaking the Storm Series: Credence Curse Cover Rating: Book Rating: Buy This Book:

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Excerpt

I was betrayed. My only warning was the chilling howls before the mangy wolf-shifters—Tiber Alfero's warriors—cornered me like a pack of wild dogs snapping and snarling. I knew what they wanted...for me to go with them peacefully. Hell no! That wasn't going to happen. Capturing me would be like herding stray cats—impossible. As they surged forward, I mounted an attack that shocked the hell out of them. What started out as a routine mission to retrieve “the crazy Credence Fae-Witch” turned into an all-out battle to capture me without adding a body count... Mission impossible. I was a vicious fighter. Something they should've known since my family was one of the deadliest around. They quickly paid for their naivety when I ruthlessly put down five warriors, leaving them writhing in pain on the ground. Not to mention the two warriors who won't be able to walk straight or have sex for a couple days from my cringe-worthy blows to their groins. Body count...seven for me, zero for the wolf-shifters. More warriors rushed from the shadows, making the battle wage on longer than I was comfortable with. Tired, I made the fatal mistake of taking my eyes off them for less than a second, when I was nipped on the ankle, causing me to fall forward clumsily. Disoriented by the pile of shifters that wrestled me to the ground, I could do nothing when they cunningly slapped the thick, gold metal cuffs around my wrists. The invisible chains of magic tightened around me, binding my powers. Double damn... I was outsmarted by a pack of wolves. Zero for me, one for the wolf-shifters. Hopelessly, I recited the teleport spell I'd used a thousand times. Nothing happened; my powers were gone, which was a disorienting feeling for a witch who relied on her powers as a backup plan to get out of dangerous situations. And this situation was as dangerous as they came. His warriors roughly pulled me to my feet. I almost swallowed my tongue when a larger-than-life wolf stalked out of the shadows. Shit, I was in big trouble. The Council summoned none other than Tiber to get me. His sea-green eyes were fixed on me as he circled me, snapping and snarling, a warning for me not to move. A warning that I smartly heeded as I tracked him carefully with my eyes...wary of any sudden movement. I gritted my teeth when he snorted sardonically before shoving my legs with his wide, cold nose, sending me crashing to my knees. Resenting his gesture of dominance, I shouted, “Shift back, wolfman, and I'll show you who's the boss.” My fingers clenched and unclenched, ignoring the pain of the cold cuffs biting into my wrists. He growled, nudging me again, this time harder, sending me sprawling onto my back. His body shook violently as he transformed into human flesh and bones. Tiber stood before me, not as a wolf, but as a very naked, tall, golden-tanned muscular man. His hard, square face was grim; his shiny black hair flowed wildly down his back. A large,

black wolf tattoo, the trademark of his bloodline, covered the left side of his massive chest. Its fluffy tail swirling down and wrapping around his well-defined waist. My eyes lingered a little too long below his waist, gawking at what was between his legs. Damn, this man was hung. What a tragedy it was all wasted on Bianca, the psycho she-wolf. He nodded, prompting two shifters, now also transformed, to pull me to my feet. My mouth twisted, looking at him boldly. "As much as I love a good show of masculine prowess..." I held up my bound wrists. "I must insist you release me right now! This is harassment, Tiber. I've broken no Other law." Technically, not true, but he didn't know that. Yet. His lips curled up at the edges. He had no intention of complying with my demand, especially now that he finally had me just where he wanted—at his fucking mercy. Okay then, on to Plan B: fight like hell until one of us became the victor. The vein pulsed along his wide jaw as he watched the not-too-subtle widening of my stance. "Don't you dare try it, Solista." His voice was deep and gravelly. His eyes narrowed as he absently rubbed the scar on his chin given to him by yours truly years ago during one of our many arguments. He knew I had no qualms about fighting dirty. Yes, it would be a bloody brawl that I had no chance of winning, but I refused to be a victim of circumstance. Besides, he had no plans to kill me. He needed—no, wanted—me alive. That much I knew. He stepped forward, invading my space, cutting off any chance of delivering a wicked kick to the groin. Shit! Okay, on to Plan C: annoy the hell out of him. "Must be serious if the leader of the Other Council has come to retrieve me." I pursed my lips and stepped back. He reached forward, yanking my cuffs so hard I slammed against his slick, taut body. I struggled, locking eyes with him. The weight of his stare tried to force me to look away like every other woman in his pack, but I refused. I would never give him that power over me. He had enough as it was. So I continued my war of words. "I would think you have better things to do, like the planning of your big mate-claiming ceremony, than to come to collect a defenseless witch whose only crime is taking a peaceful carriage ride on a cool winter evening." His warriors snarled, lunging toward me for my disrespect of their beloved Alpha. Impatiently, he waved them back. "Do you love him, Solista?" His voice was hard as steel. His accent was thicker, an indicator of how angry he was. I tilted my chin defiantly. He had no right to ask me anything. Not after he broke my heart. "Why? Are you having second thoughts about me?" Sighing heavily, he reached down as if he wanted to caress me in his familiar way. Stopping short, he abruptly stepped back. "Solista, why do you resent me for something that was inevitable?" Oh, to hell with this. Taking my chances, I shoved him, running away at top speed. I barreled into the thick of the woods, flinching with every smack of a branch across my face. I refused to let him hurt me again. I was done with all his bullshit, especially after it was so easy for him to let it all go and turn his back on everything I offered him so freely. No more... I refused to have him twist my feelings for his gain...once again.

I really wanted to like this story unfortunately there were too many issues that prevented me from being able to finish this book. I thought that the author had a great idea to build a great story on sadly I don't think that her homework was done on the erotic relationship that the characters sexual interests were built upon and I didn't feel that it related really in any way to the story as whole because she didn't explain any of the reasoning behind why they were that way. The so so sex scenes that were included flopped for me because the dirty talk that was supposed to be sexy just wound up being insulting instead. The plot that was supposed to build tension never really gained momentum at which point I gave up trying to finish the book for now. I won't give up on the author or any future books for the series because I believe the author and the series have a great potential to make even better books in the future.

Until next time book lovers...

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Jess says

I scream, you scream, we all scream for... KNOX!!!

I need book 2 NOW!!! There is no relationship cliffhanger but this story is far from over.

Rock stars, Werewolves and Doms all in 1 book, how could I not love it.

The prologue to this book had me hooked straight away, this book was interesting, fun & had me intrigued the whole way through.

The story is about Storm Credence and Knox Gunner who meet and instantly have an attraction to each other but Storm's family's curse is whenever a Credence falls in love their lover dies. It's a heartbreaking and painful past for her and her ancestors. Stormy ends up pushing herself away from Knox to save him as she starts to feel more and more for him. But later down the track he comes back and goes full steam ahead at getting her back and TRUST ME it's H.O.T.T.

Knox ≡ Alpha, Protective, Dom (he definitely doesn't start out that way) and Bossy! He does 1 thing that makes me want to hit him upside the head, but Storm always pulled her big girl panties up and did it and showed him that she can take anything he throws at her.

“You and me...we will make it work. You will not run when it starts getting hard or when I demand more than you've ever given any man.” - Knox

“He inspected me coolly like I was his property. “Submit Storm.” His brow arched. “Down, Storm, I’m about to ruin my pants.” - Knox

“You needed to trust my love for you was strong enough to stay. And I’m staying... forever” – Knox

Storm = Beautiful, Sassy, Strong, Smart & I could go on. I have my first book girlfriend!!!

“I was doing fine, Knox.” He arched a brow. “Okay, yes, I had some issues subduing him. But I was working on it.” – Storm

“Really? You fucked her... repeatedly. It was a fuck-spank-repeat situation.” – Storm

“I’m strong, but I’m not strong enough to go through your death.” - Storm

books are love says

Holy smokes I want that gorgeous georgeous yet semi arrogant Knox. When you first meet him you know he is bad boy personified. You also know he is broken and that there is more to him than that bad boy image. He you can tell is sweet in his own way. He is also a touch bit on the darkside but his capacity to love is beautiful. And when he loves he loves wholeheartedly. Curses or not! when Stormy walks away because she thinks she's "protecting him" just puts my knickers in a twist but he never forgets her. How precious is that.

So when they finally meet up again you can understand why he is a bit gruff with her.

Stormy is a broken and scared woman. She exudes confidence and yet on the inside she is anything but. Her heart has the wall of China around it dang it. Her silly belief that love is a curse blech. She is a smart and kind girl but can be ruthless as well. I love her cousin Lightning though. That girl cracks me up and Ryker is just HAWT.

the story is one that shows love is bigger than a curse and that trust must be seen for love to thrive. An adventure and mystery that I am enjoying the ride into the next book now I am wondering who killed who and why the stolen documents and who took them??? But the ahh factour is there with Knox he will have you rooting for love.

Sarez Tomoan says

I was given a copy of this book in return for an honest review. I didn't really enjoy this book. I felt it fell short in all aspects. The characters had no depth in their personalities, the dialogue at times was drawn out, monotonous and hard to follow - especially mixed in with all the teenager type vernacular and the plot was lost in the sex talk. I normally enjoy anything paranormal and I thought this book would be a winner, i was very disappointed. There was no real intrigue, it felt like b grade porn. If they weren't having sex, they were talking about it, and the whole D/s BDSM themes didn't sit right with me in this context. I am not a prude and have no problem with books with these themes but the author missed the mark. I also found the

? Stormy:

Omg, I wanted to slap her. How can someone be so stupid?! I get that she didn't want to know about the Others but... really? She didn't know that Knox was a Shape-shifter nor that he was related to Ryker. There were soooo many clues about all that and she just didn't want to see that.

She was portrait as a intelligent girl but didn't behave like one. That Luke thing is proof enough!

Mixed feelings:

?The Prologue:

This was a really strong start. We got to know a little bit about what happened centuries ago to Solistar the ancestor of the main characters. I really wanted to know what happened and to her and what roll this played in the actual story.

In the first chapter I could see similarities between the Past and the Present:

Stormy=Solistar; Knox=Tiber; Lightning=Chance; Kaydee=Bianca; Luke=forgot-his-name-guy

But as Storm's story begins there is no mention of Solistar because she doesn't want to have to do anything with the non-human part of her. So when Storm decides to learn something about her family curse it seems like this came out of nowhere. And then Tiber appears in her dream...idk if this was just me but it didn't feel right to me. There was just so little information about what happened in the past so that I didn't feel the actual connection between Knox-Stormy and Solistar-Tiber.

?World-building:

It was a lot like other Urban Fantasy worlds. Still I found it interesting because of the Other Council and especially the Credence Family.

But I have to say I'm disappointed with how much we learned about this world. We got next to none information on it -.-

?The Curse:

"All of us are destined to be buried alive in a sea of loneliness and life devoid of love."

Translation: Every man the Credence women fall in love with will die soon after.

So, I liked this part(*muahaha*) but this aspect of the book was shoved into the background.

And I have a hard time believing that nobody ever suspected that there wasn't a curse at all -.-

To sum it up: I thought this book had a lot of potential but it was just too short. There were many questions that were left unanswered which was tiring after a while.

Celeste says

The ending was fantastic! The beginning and middle could have been awesome, but something was missing. It was just on the edge of greatness but.... I'm just not sure. Definitely looking forward to book 2.

The BookChick says

My Rating: ★★★

GOOD: The characteristics of a 3 star book include: interesting characters, a decent storyline, and unique story elements; there was something about the story that I didn't completely connect with; the book is a solid read. I would recommend it to a friend.

My Thoughts:

I am torn in my feelings about Breaking the Storm. There are parts that I enjoyed and parts that I didn't.

What I Liked...

I enjoyed the character dynamics in the story. The easy flow between Stormy and her cousin, Light and between their mothers, as crazy as they were, was even and easy. I really liked the premise of the story as well. A man coming back to claim his woman after years apart. What's not to love about an alpha male on the "I'm coming to take back what's mine" war path. Loved it!

Now, What I Didn't Like...

My first and second "dislikes" are connected. First, the use of "slut"...hated it. I ground my teeth every time Knox said that he was going to make Stormy his slut. He only said it twice, but that was two times too many for me. I get it...he was making a point with Stormy. Telling her without telling her that she was his and would always be his. But, I'm thinking "slut" wasn't the best "term of endearment" that he could have used to gain her submission and acquiescence. The way he said it was not sexy but rather demeaning, in my opinion.

Moving on...the second dislike for me was the insertion of the D/s theme in the story. Again, I get the mechanics of it but it just didn't fit well for me. I have read plenty of BDSM romances and I am in no means a prude but the theme in this story did not feel organic to me. Light and Stormy's mothers were Doms and Knox and Ryker were Doms. Why? *shrug*...I didn't get it. And honestly, other than Knox telling Stormy where to be and what to wear, I didn't get his Domness. He was alpha for sure, but not a Dom. One of the basic tenets of a D/s relationship is trust. Trust is always established between a Dom and a sub and there was zero trust between Stormy and Knox. Knox nothing to establish it. He tested Stormy's limits but those limits were based on her desire for him and not any trust between them.

>>>>**There is a slight spoiler in the next section so please skip ahead if you don't want to be spoiled.**<<<<

Moving on...again...Stormy *sigh, what can I say about Stormy? I was firmly put her in the *too stupid to live category* on a couple of instances. She just was clueless when it came to the Otherness around her. Again, I get it...she was a hybrid and was more interested in being human than other. But, I wanted to shake her when she saw Knox's tattoos — his wolf tattoos of a wolf pack and a single wolf with striking green eyes, like his human eye color. I think I was screaming at her by that point. It was just too obvious and she totally missed it. But I really lost all patience with her when she actually saw Knox in wolf form, green eyes and all, and it still took more than a nanosecond for her to clue in that it was him. She thought it was Ryker.

That's a wrap...

Although I had a few issues with the story, I didn't hate. It contained a solid premise and I believe it set a

solid foundation for the series. I would have liked to see more by way of the supernatural though. There were only two instances of obvious supernatural activity in the entire story. I would have enjoyed seeing the Fae-witches do something Fae-y or witch-y. But, as this is the first book in the series, it is understandable that the author had to lay the groundwork for what is to come. I enjoyed Light's teaser at the end and look forward to read about the Clash of the Titans: Light vs. Ryker. Now, THAT should be a fun story. Overall, I give this book solid marks for being vivid, detailed, and interesting.

Ratings Detail:

Rating for female protagonist: 2½★

Rating for male protagonist: 3★

Rating for secondary characters: 3★

Steam Level: 3★

Plot Viability: 3★

General Storyline: 3★

Story Ending: 3★

Ease of Reading: 3★

Cliffhanger: No.

Overall rating: 3★

Would I recommend this series: Possibly.

Would I continue the series: Yes.

Would I read other books by this author: Yes.

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Trigger Happy says

ARC provided in exchange of honest opinion

Give me wolves any day! I just love them !!!

This one was a big surprise! I really liked it and wasn't satisfied until I reached the last page...

I find very little well written shifter books YES I say shifter not specifically wolves because I felt the need to widen my shifter range because there are just so many really bad ones that can make you hate the genre. And this little book here I enjoyed quite much.

So I am recommending to wolves lovers. This is a good book even though there are some things that I didn't like I was swooped in the story. I believe the writing is exceptionally good because (view spoiler)

That is the first thing that pokes you in the eye when you go for so more information about this book and it's beyond be to understand why nearly the hole book is written like the Hero IS NOT a shifter but a HUMAN and the first word in the book description is yes indeed SHIFTER. This is confusing me BIG TIME !!!

The other slightly annoying thing was the ignorance of the heroine ... seriously you have cool powers and live in a world with the Others and you will chose to DON'T KNOW how the RECOGNIZE them. Yes that is absolutely logically justified !!! Crazy woman ! (hide spoiler)] <=the rest of the review is FULL with SPOILERS ;)

Definitely will be reading the next one ;)

Lori Palle says

Holy smokes. Stormy Credence should be renamed Steamy, because there is a lot of sex in this novel. A LOT. And when there's not a sex scene, it's probably a sexual situation, and—if not that—then a discussion of sex. So, I would definitely rate this as super high on the heat level meter!

Anyway, that aside, Stormy and her cousin Light have the unfortunate curse that any human they fall in love with will kick the bucket. So, easy solution: don't fall in love! Well... it should be that easy, but Knox Gunner had to go and be all sexy and amazing so that Stormy is thisclose to losing her heart and endangering Knox's well-being. When she breaks it off by breaking his heart, Knox is out to fight for what he wants—and he's not adverse to using some blackmail to do it.

I really liked the women in this novel. Stormy is tough, Light is hilarious, and their dysfunctional relationship with their overprotective cougar mothers is pretty funny. Their scenes together were fantastic, and we got to learn more about them through their dialogue rather than being told. The opening scene to the novel really grabbed me, and that was with a tough ancestress who I'm glad we got to learn more about later in the novel. Yay for the women in this novel!

I wasn't too much of a fan of the guys though. I love stories with overprotective alpha males going all caveman for their women, but this one caught me off guard. It deals with Dom/Subs, which also included some scenes of voyeurism and exhibitionism that I wasn't too crazy about. It didn't make sense to me how Knox could be so jealous and protective over her but then have her exposed to others in degrading ways. On the other hand, I love how Stormy took control of those situations and owned them, so maybe that's what the author was trying to highlight in those scenes. Irregardless, those scenes made me root for Stormy to show Knox his place, when I should have been rooting for them as a couple.

I also wish that Knox would have opened up and told Stormy his secrets so they would have cleared up so many issues and misunderstandings at the start. Towards the later part of the novel, it was getting ridiculous that he was still keeping secrets.

The story is entertaining and written well, and I liked the mystery plot line although it's left unresolved at the end (this being a series and all). So, although there is some closure, there are still questions I'd like to see answered. I should also mention the language is not clean so be prepared for raunchy talk and f-bombs galore! Overall, I'm giving this a 4 out of 5. Light's book is next, and I'd love to read about her story since she was so fun and has an interesting problem that I'm dying to know how she fixes!

(Originally posted on my blog; I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.)
