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**Passion is blind in vengeance and love ...**

Ayden's suburban home was invaded by a pack of Lycans.

The brutal attack is the only memory she carries of her former life.

Now, one motive burns in her soul:

**KILL THEM ALL.**

The Sons of Wrath—a brood of vengeance-dealing warrior demons—band with Ayden to hunt the Lycans on Detroit's most deadly feeding grounds.

Kane Walker should've been her easiest kill.

Unfortunately, the newly bitten Lycan has something she wants—clues that may finally lay her past to rest. To reach them, she must be willing to submit to the sensual pleasures awakened by his touch.

Time is running out.

In seven days, Kane will become what Ayden despises most. She can halt his transformation but the antidote requires the ultimate sacrifice. As the beast takes hold, Kane becomes more of a threat.

Ayden must choose between her lust for revenge, or surrender to her enemy and discover a horrible truth.

## **Sons of Wrath**

*Never gamble with vengeance*

## **Soul Avenged Details**

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## From Reader Review Soul Avenged for online ebook

### Myla says

I certainly enjoyed this one. It's like watching an action-packed movie where characters are well defined and plots are eloquently laid! Ayden, Kane, Gavin and his brothers kept me glued to the story as I turn each pages. Wrath Brothers definitely gave a new meaning to the word Demon in a good way! I cannot wait to read the next book Soul Resurrected. Keri lake is a new author to me and I'm excited to read more of her books now that my experience with this one is beyond good feel, it's excellent! If you're into paranormal/slayer/wolves/sexy demon this book will satisfy you to the nth level. Highly Recommended!

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### Elizabeth says

~4.5 AVENGING STARS!!!!~

"I don't suppose the saying, 'Better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all' means anything to you?"

**Soul Avenged** is a delicious blend of paranormal creatures, passion, romance, action, beautiful heroes, and one bad ass heroine! It is an addicting read that once it was started, I could not put it down!

Ayden is a Slayer. She is a crafted warrior who has the ability to take down evil with one swipe of her blade. She hunts her enemies, the Lycans, with a vengeance. She has allied herself with a broody bunch of "alpha male demons" who will protect her with their lives! She is a defector of an underground army of soldiers, the Alexi, led by her arch nemesis Wade. While hunting one night, she comes across an injured man. He has been infected by a Lycan bite and will transform into a Lycan in seven days. There is something different about this "Lamb". When Ayden touches him, she feels a surge of memories. In order to cling to the memories he has evoked, she brings him home with her to uncover the truth to her past.

"Ties, costly to someone like her, were best unmade."-Ayden

Kane is a doctor who is caught at the wrong place at the wrong time. Attacked by Lycans, he is left injured and his life is forever changed. Ayden, his captor, is a force that he cannot overcome. However hard her exterior seems to be, Kane sees beneath the wall of steel and discovers a broken girl longing for love. Can these two find solace in the storm and make a way to be together? Will Ayden have to kill him?

**"I'm broken. And neither you nor anyone else can ever fix me again." -Ayden**

In addition to the blooming romance between Ayden and Kane, the secondary character development kept me intrigued the entire read. Instead of being a distraction, I wanted more from the brothers and to discover their plight as well! Gavin, the leader of the brothers, has a history with Ayden and wants nothing more than to mate her and make her his. No matter how tender (and sexy) Gavin is with Ayden, it is unmistakeable that the two were never meant to be more than just friends. Gavin is the ultimate "alpha male" and a small part of me hoped that Ayden would make away with him. And yet, when Ayden and Kane come together there was no question in my mind that they were a perfect match for one another.

**"She belongs to me." -Kane**

Logan is the brother who brings the most humor to the read. He is big, broody, and brutal! With the way this read ended, I cannot wait to see what is in store for him next. Calix is the boy scout of the group. Although he tries to stay out of trouble, he seems to attract it wherever he turns. Zeke is the playboy of the bunch. Finally, and perhaps the most appealing to my ovaries, Zayne is a perfect blend of jock and goth. Tatted and pierced, he has been in mourning for loosing his mate. (Be still my heart....if only I could heal his pain!) This delectable band of brothers holds the promise of many more amazing heart stopping moments to come. Can we say, one click the entire series now? Yes! Yes, we can!

Overall, I simply cannot rave enough about **Soul Avenged!** I have been a huge fan of Keri Lake ever since I discovered her work. She is a skillful writer who paints every single picture (page to page) for her reader. Each moment is sequenced beat by beat. Every character is complex and developed down to the most minute detail. Additionally, the passionate moments between the sheets left me aching for more!

**"Gentle and slow, he brushed his opened mouth across hers. Her breaths, so warm, hit his face in a pant. He closed the small space and took her fully. So soft, her lips against his. His body stirred with the kiss, becoming restless, wanting more."**

This is by far a perfect example of why I read PRN and LOVE IT! When an author can transport me to another world, offer a beautiful romance story, and insert heart pumping action throughout, I become one with my kindle and there is just nothing better in the whole wide world! My only complaint is that I can't jump directly into the next book right now! But have no fear, my kindle will be stocked full with Keri Lake! Don't miss out on this gem! If you like PRN, action, passion, and romance, this is the read for you!

**~BR with my girl LOYDA!~**

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## Rain ~miss kinky knickers~ says

You know that feeling when you're staring at a blank page, trying to figure out a way to pour all the joy, excitement, happiness... all the spectrum of emotions bubbling up inside you, and failing miserably? No? Well, lucky you!

It's funny, actually, how words seem to fail me every single time I fall in love with a book...

Let's try it this way - have you read *Soul Avenged* yet? No? What are you waiting for? Go, right now, and once you finish it, you can keep me company while I bite my nails waiting for the SoW #2! Trust me, you'll want it - *need* it - as much as I do now. You won't be able to resist! This book will blow your mind!

But, let me explain things a bit...

First of all, a note to self - do NOT worry about the Glossary, and just start reading. Seriously, once I saw Brozszius, Gaszla, Servosx, Zshula ... I couldn't help but think - *what have I gotten myself into this time???* But, page one - I was already hooked, and forgot all about it.

I'm pretty sure this is the best paranormal/urban fantasy book I've read so far. It pulls you right in, holds your attention, and doesn't let go. Quite a page-turner! You'll meet a bunch of paranormals here - Demons, Lycans, Alexi, ghouls... You'll laugh, giggle, frown, yell and fall in love!

Ayden is an awesome, kickass heroine (the very first badass one that did not annoy the hell out of me!), and she just got herself a ~~human~~ halfling. Now she has seven days before the halfling turns into a Lycan. Seven days to find out what she needs, before she has to kill him. And those seven days are exactly what *Soul Avenged* is all about.

So, here we have Ayden - an Alexi soldier, killing machine, and then there's Kane - this poor, average human/halfling, and then here's me thinking - *this is sooooo not gonna work!* Well, that thought lasted until Kane opened his mouth and spoke properly for the first time. I was too busy happy dancing around to worry about him (not) being alpha enough - and, he is. Oh, my, he most definitely is!

Those witty/sarcastic/snappy dialogues and lines are just what I needed, wanted, and what I was hoping I'll find. Damn, I could quote pages and pages of it, and that would be just Ayden and Kane, without even mentioning the... oh, wait!

***“So Ayden’s been ... wronged. I’ll assume by lycans, considering how fond of me she is.” He rubbed his non-greasy hand down his face. “And she’s sicced the prince of violence and all his sons on me. Fantastic.”***

Let me introduce you to Wrath brothers! They are (picky) demons for hire. They live in a mansion. They are HOT! And, there's seven of them.

If I had to choose right now, I'd go with Gavin, Logan and Zayne - but I do expect to change my mind... often.

Please don't ask if they are similar to BDB. I have no idea. Haven't read BDB yet. I'll just stick with these hotties. They are more than enough.

So, why should you read *Soul Avenged*?

Because it's one hell of a story.

Because Keri Lake is incredibly talented writer.

Because her world-building is exquisite, her characters are flawed, damaged, alluring, witty, real...

Because she'll show you that the greatest weakness can sometimes turn out to be the greatest strength.

Because this is not an easy, light or short read. It's full of action, it's bloody at times - definitely NOT for the faint of hearts - but, once you start reading, you won't be able to stop, and by the time you finish it, you will most definitely want more. Much more. And you'll want it right now!

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### **Anna says**

I'd say a very complicated read, so many storylines and characters to be honest I got confused, even with the Glossary this world and all the many creatures and rules didn't all come together for me, I'd call it more a 3.5/6 read. The characters I really liked, though are Gavin, Kein, Ayden, Zeack, the main villain is definitely creepy and the perfect crazy scientist type, I also got intrigued by the Succubus Sibile, love me strong females with a sense of humour

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### **Miranda says**

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Check out my review here!! :) <http://www.bittenbyparanormalromance....>

\*Normally I don't write long reviews but I felt to do this book justice my review could not be surmised in just a few sentences.\*

Where to start..

First off I will start off by saying that I was asked to beta read and review this book by the author. Being honest my hopes were not high that I would like or enjoy the book. Needless to say I absolutely LOVED Soul Avenged. Keri packs you with a punch of all kinds of paranormals from Lycans and demons to ghouls and hellhounds. It's almost nonstop action and a few scenes that will steam up any window.

Ayden is one kick ass woman who has plenty of awesome "atta girl" moments. A total badass but without getting to the point of annoying. I absolutely loved her. Then you have Kane. I loved that even knowing what his future would look like still had time to pick on Ayden and make jokes. Ayden and Kane were great for each other.

The wrath brothers are an interesting bunch and I cannot wait to read more about them. Of them all I think I am half in love with Gavin. Grumpy as can be Logan has me biting my nails as to what is to come for him. Zeke annoyed me. His overconfidence was to the point of just plain vain. I cannot wait to see what is coming for him. I'm sure it will be a good.

Although not a light read, *Sould Avenged* was a great story and keeps you turning the pages. You get to experience a bunch of different POVs and see into what is going on with different characters. Keri keeps you on your toes and just when you think you know where the story is going to go, she throws you off the trail with a great plot twist. Her characters will make you laugh and piss you off.

This is one of the best paranormal reads I have read in a long time. I cannot wait to see the "shiny" finish *Soul Avenged* will have. And I anxiously await the second books release! :)

\*\*As a side note if you look at Keri Lake's website she mentions that while writing this book she would listen to the song *Shelter* by The XX. I have been a fan of The XX and knew the song so I went to listen to it. I don't think there is a better way to describe Ayden and Kane. A truly great choice of song and band!!!

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### CC says

Ayden is an Alexi super soldier created to fight the Lycan race of wolves. Though fully human at one time, she no longer has any memories of her previous life. Upon hunting Lycans with the Alexi since her transition, Ayden rebelled against the General and is seeking her own vengeance against those who took her human life. Seeking the help of the Wrath demons, Ayden is on the verge of uncovering what's been hidden for so long but when Ayden comes into contact with a Halfling, she begins to question everything.

“You know, as humans, we’re allowed to feel. It’s what separates us from inanimate objects. It’s okay if the memories made you … feel something again.”

Kane Walker is a director at a Children’s Cancer Institute. Upon leaving work one evening, he is attacked and bitten by a Lycan (wolf) but instead of taking him as their own, Kane is left in his Halfling state and found by Ayden. While Ayden typically wouldn’t have any trouble killing a Lycan in cold blood, a transference of memories occurs between Kane and Ayden causing immediate shock. Needing to discover how and what it all means, Ayden takes Kane hostage in an effort to get more information before Kane becomes a full-fledged Lycan but Kane also learns more than he expected.

“Finally, a woman who seized his attention, set his body aflame, and made him want to piece her puzzling complexities together—the same one who’d be severing his head. What a cruel paradox.”

During Kane’s transformation period, Ayden openly shows her disdain for Kane’s new Lycan identity and declares she will be the one to extinguish his life upon his full transformation. However, Kane isn’t a man

driven by greed or immorality and his easy and lovable personality starts to wear on Ayden, as she didn't expect him to accept his demise with such honor and selflessness. As they forge a friendship and more, Ayden's memories become clearer and her vulnerability is tested yet Kane remains a constant strength by encouraging her to accept the truth and pain.

“Because I feel something for you. And I'd hate for you not to know how fucking fantastic it feels. Even if I die today, I'm happier than I've ever been.”

Adding to the complexity between Ayden and Kane are the surrounding forces at play. The General of the Alexi is intent on getting Ayden back under his command and continues to plot against the Lycans for his own gain. After going AWOL, Ayden hired the Wrath demons to find those responsible for her lost life and as more details are uncovered, the demon brothers are posturing to fulfill their contract obligations. However, with unexpected complications the action becomes tense with so much at stake.

“No species is spared,” she muttered. “We’re all victims of something bigger, aren’t we?”

In this book, the paranormal world is layered with different species – humans, hybrids, demons, beasts, succubi, etc. – that offer nuances within their own life forms. With many secondary characters in this story, the foundation takes some time to establish but once it takes hold, the pace is swift. I enjoyed all the character relationship dynamics, as each character had clearly definable traits that enhanced the plot direction. With the Sons of Wrath brothers, it certainly begs the question about each getting their own books within this series but I absolutely loved Gavin and hope he gets what he’s been seeking for centuries. Of course, Ayden was a kickass heroine that I won’t forget.

Overall, Keri Lake’s writing style is energetic and fresh yielding to a layered plot steeped in fraternity, acceptance, love and truth. For those who wish to get lost in a supernatural world, I recommend *Soul Avenged*.

Sons of Wrath series:

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\*This was a (F)BR with Anna Sweets!! ‘D

**? Sammy ?? says**

*ARC provided by the author, Keri Lake, in exchange for an honest review.*

*Ever since being brutally attacked, Ayden has only one purpose in life; to seek vengeance against lycans, the beasts who attacked her, and to prevent them from hurting anyone else. In order to carry out this mission, Ayden hires the Sons of Wrath, a group of demons who specialize in helping people seek justice against those who have wronged them. During one of their Lycan hunts, the Wrath Demons and Ayden come across Kane Walker, a halfling (recently bitten human awaiting full change to lycan), who may hold clues to what Ayden's life was like before she was attacked by the group of Lycans. Ayden has seven days to get information about her past from Kane before she must kill him before his change into Lycan is complete.*

### **Ayden**

**“Anger was a necessity. A survival mechanism. Cheery bullshit like flowers and laughter didn’t belong in her head”**

*To be honest, it took me a while to warm up to Ayden’s character. While I thought she was definitely a tough, lycan killing, badass; I had a hard time accepting her cold demeanor toward every single person in her life... especially when it came to Kane. At first, I couldn’t understand how she could hate him so much considering he didn’t ask to be attacked by lycans, he didn’t want to become one, and he hadn’t actually hurt or killed anyone yet. I also felt like she was somewhat hypocritical considering she had also been attacked by lycans and would have become one if it weren’t for the fact that she carried the antibody to the lycan venom. This was how I felt about her in the beginning of the book. My opinion of her definitely started changing as I got a better understanding of her past and what happened to her since the lycan attack. It helped give me a perspective of how she could be so uncaring and apathetic toward others.*

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### **Kane**

*Kane is one of the book heroes that you can’t help but love because he is just an all around great guy. Throughout this book, he proves how selfless he is by putting the safety and lives of other people above his own and I really respected him for that. Instead of throwing a fit about the fact that Ayden will kill him before the change to lycan is complete, he actually agreed that his death was necessary so that he didn’t harm any other human beings.*

*I felt like he was a really good match for Ayden. He didn’t take any of her shit and responded to her heartless attitude with witty comebacks and sarcasm.*

***Kane to Ayden: "She told me you weren't scary once people got to know you. That you were actually sweet of all things. Yeah..." He slid down further into the bed, head back against the pillow. "...personally, I think you're serial-killer-in-a-clown-suit kind of creepy."***

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### **Gavin**

*Of all the characters in this book, I think that Gavin was by far my favorite and I definitely think he has the*

*potential to be one of my new book boyfriends! I just loved how sweet, caring, protective, possessive, and utterly loyal he is \*sighs\* Seriously, I could not get enough of him in this book and I am anxiously awaiting his story in book 3!*

*Overall, I LOVED THIS BOOK and this series is definitely going up on my favorites shelf :) It is fast paced, action filled, with characters I won't soon forget! I would definitely recommend it to others!*

### **Memorable Quotes**

***"Sometimes people touch our soul in ways we wish they wouldn't. Funny, isn't it?"***

***"What?"***

***"Our greatest weakness can sometimes be our greatest strength."***

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***"I think its exceptional talent when you can extract beauty in the midst of all that chaos."***

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### **Pam says**

*5 darklightful stars*

### **Ayden**

***Woman with a traumatic past, who seeks out unfriendly, ass-kicking Wrath Demon for casual sex and side-jobs, in exchange for complete freedom and the power to do as she wants, when she wants.***

Her goals are simple, hunt and kill the Lycans, make them all pay; but one night when she touches a newly bitten Lycan her world is thrown completely off course. She is a cold and remorseless killer but how could this Halfling project visions into her mind when no one else has, especially when those visions make her *feel*. She's a rouge Alexi warrior, who does what she wants when she wants, she has no intention of letting the Halfling live; anger is all she has ever known. After being subjected to mindslating, her past has been erased but can this Halfling have the answers she needs, there is only one way to find out. With seven days to examine her Halfling she brings him to her refuge to satisfy her curiosity.

***"The fact is, in less than seven days you will be one of them. A mindless, killing machine that I'll have the absolute pleasure of destroying."***

You know the saying "curiosity killed the cat", well Ayden is getting more than she bargained for, never before has she taken the time to "get to know" her prey, Kane challenges every belief her mind has conjured for these beasts. Even with her guard up, Kane is getting more and more under Ayden's skin, so it's no surprise when the thin line between lust and hate is blurred. To top it off, the only way for the memories to

come is to touch the man she has no sense wanting.

*She answered to no one, but right then, she wanted to belong to him. Just for one night.*

Kane has no desire to live beyond the seven days, he doesn't want to be a mindless killer, but as each day passes he is finding it harder and harder to hold on to his humanity.

*It wasn't right the way he wanted her. Not the way a man should desire a woman and make love to her, but the way a beast would take her and own her.*

The Wrath Demons and Ayden notice a rise in the number of Lyncan's being turned, as stated in the contract the Wrath Demons are at her disposal to help her exact revenge and get to the bottom of it all. But when they do, are they prepared for the consequences? Choices and sacrifices need to be made, who is prepared to make the call.

**Soul Avenged** is a darker erotic paranormal read, and as grim as the twist and turns are in this book, there is also a sense of light and hope. The balance between Ayden and Kane was refreshing because when Ayden is spiraling, Kane is there to lighten the mood. It's no secret I love me an alpha man, and Kane started off to be the complete opposite, but as his transition progressed, his personality changed as well, I don't think it had anything to do with being turned but more so because of Ayden. Ayden isn't a ray of sunshine, she is headstrong and stubborn, so you know the man that could turn this tiger into a kitten must be someone special.

The Wrath Demons are vengeance dealing warrior demons, they love to fuck and exact vengeance on those who have wronged. There are some intermingled plot summaries tied in to prepare us for the books to come, but never was it confusing. As with any paranormal read, the author has to paint the world for it to come alive and no expense was spared in getting us in line with her world. Although Ayden and Kane's story ends here, the story of the Wrath Demon's continue on. One I jonesing to get my hands on is Gavin, the leader of the Wrath Demons, this man is too delicious for words. Onto the next!

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**Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says**

**4 Holy Shit Why Did It Take Me So Long To Read This STARS**

*Anger and vengeance was all she'd ever known, all she'd ever lived for.*

PNR was the genre that first got me into reading, it continues to be one of my favorites to this day. But finding a good PNR series lately has become like finding a needle in a haystack. But boy did I hit the fucking motherload when I found Keri Lake's Sons of Wrath series.

You want a kickass heroine that puts most men to shame? Meet Ayden

Usually when I start a new PNR series, I have what I refer to as a case of the "book firsts". What I mean is, it takes me a while to truly get into the book with all the character introductions and world building. Not here. Keri's intricate and unique world building sucked me right in from the very beginning. I knew right away that that I had a new favorite series on my hands. And the Wrath brothers? Holy mother of FUCK, those boys are drool worthy and panty melting hot.

Ayden is a very tough and yet cold heroine. She's survived a brutal attack that would have left her dead and then was molded into a cold-blooded hunter whose one goal is to hunt down and kill every single Lycan. With zero memory of her old life, all she's known is vengeance and death.

We're introduced to an intricate world of ghouls, lycans, demons, and much more. Ayden definitely stands out above the rest with her no-ties, cold hearted and brutal tendencies. This is not a soft heroine in the very least. This woman kicks ass and makes no apologies. When she finds a recently bitten Lycan (Kane) writhing in pain, it should be an easy kill...except one touch gives her memories that may very well be her own. She has seven days before he makes a full turn and she's forced to kill him to figure out just how this halfling ties into her old life.

I have to admit that Ayden was a tough heroine to truly like in the very beginning. She treats Kane like the dirt stuck to her shoe, even though he's not a fully turned Lycan yet and is a victim just like she was. Her treatment of him was so cold it was almost off-putting at times.

I would also say that the romance was not really the center of this book, or at least it didn't quite feel like that to me. But I couldn't care in the least because between all the secondary characters and the world building, I was so thoroughly sucked in that I didn't even bat an eyelash at it.

My other minor quibble was that Kane wasn't quite the alpha male that I usually prefer in books...or at least not in the beginning. He wasn't quite beta either, I'd call him a gamma hero. He really came into his own towards the end, and it was very satisfying. But he was more sweet and caring and at times I almost questioned how he could have feelings for Ayden after her treatment of him.

However, Keri Lake is an extremely talented author in that she's able to tie everything together flawlessly. Everything was a balance system and all questions get answered in the end about Kane, Ayden, as well as a few others. I LOVED how Keri was able to tie everything together. The reader really gets a feel for why Ayden is the way that she is and why Kane, although not quite as tough as she is, is the perfect match for her. Then there were the plot twists! Holy fucking shit those plot twists! You will never see them coming and when they hit you BAM! You'll be left with your jaw hanging open. Holy shit it was awesome!

Soul Avenged is a unique, action packed ride that you will not want to put down from beginning to finish add into that some incredibly sexy Wrath demons and you've got yourself a recipe for awesome! As a matter of fact, I'm diving right into Logan's book because I can't wait a second longer. If you're looking for a new PNR series with characters that you will absolutely pant over, look no further. I cannot believe it took me so long to finally start this one. Thank you to my lovely friend Sammy for giving me the final push that I need it. I highly recommend this for any fans of sexy PNR.

**Find me on:**

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## **texxie-PRUFreads.blogspot.com says**

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### **My rating: 5 out of 5 stars**

**"The Sons of Wrath wish to say hello."**

**~Head of Security**

**\*\*Please note, ARC provided by author in exchange for honest review\*\***

Hells bells. Ms. Lake has officially introduced me to a new clan of brothers to fall hopelessly in love with! I'll gladly go on the record right now and call for no less than 7 full books for this series. There are 7 brothers afterall! Please oh pretty pretty please?! Ahem. Moving on.

What would you do if your life only truely began 7 days before it's set to end? Kane Walker lives for his work, it's his entire life. He has no family, no girlfriend, he is completely engrossed in his role as the Director of a Childrens Cancer Institute in Detroit. The streets of Detroit have become increasingly violent, but even a security escort to the parking lot after work can't save him from his destiny.

Ayden, an Alexi soldier bred to slay lycans, is in contract with the Sons of Wrath to extract vengence upon the growing number of lycans plaguing the city of Detroit. For Ayden, it's personal and she will not stop until she kills the very lycan that attacked her some 5 years prior. Ayden has no sense of her life before her attack, she was saved and basically 'reprogrammed'. The result being a sleek lethal machine set on 'kill'. Before killing what will soon be another filthy lycan, the pathetic victim (aka Kane) grabs her in rush of desperation. Ayden is stunned to be thrown into mixed scenes, visions that she cannot make sense of. Are these flashes of her past, someone else's, and what does this pathetic hafling have to do with it? Instead of ending his life right then and there, Ayden takes him back to the Wrath Demon's manor while also watching her own back. Wade, leader of the Alexi, isn't thrilled to have lost his top soldier. Kane's turning process is not an instant one. It will take days for Kane to fully turn. In the meantime, while handcuffed to her bed, Ayden will study him, his transformation and look for any clues that may make sense of the visions she had through his touch. On the 7th day, she will sever his head herself.

**\*pause so that all my pervy readers can enjoy the pretty boy cuffed to the bed\***

Welcome back. In the 7 days that followed, both Kane and Ayden not only discovered a lot about one another, but also themselves. I have to say, Ayden is 100% kickass heroine. I really felt for Kane early on because despite his black hair, bronze skin, emerald eyes and charming demeanor, Ayden knocked him around, kicked his ass and enjoyed it. Ruthless. As their short time ticks by, Ayden struggles, a fight within herself between what she's been programmed to think and feel as opposed to new ideas, wants and desires that are coming to the surface. Ayden has her own way of dealing with the pain and confusion, her scars have a story to tell.

Kane can hardly wrap his brain around the information she provides, outside of hollywood productions, he didn't think such monsters existed. One thing is for certain, he will not become one of those monsters, a cold blooded killer. With this determination comes an odd sense of peace within him, knowing that he can possibly save more lives by his death. It isn't easy for Kane, he is a prisoner afterall, even though you wouldn't know it by how Miss Anna (housekeeper for the Brothers) dotes on him, brings him lavish meals, batting her lashes and is just as giddy as a school girl. Can't say I blame her though, Kane is a fantastic lead hero, he has strength and vulnerability with an alpha streak that's just getting started...

His only rival, or rival(s) I should say...

Meet the brothers...

**Gavin**-the leader, reformed, gorgeous and lethal

**Logan**-the chaotic live wire

**Zeke**-the impulsive, cocky, teasing playboy

**Calix**-the sweet 'boy next door'

**Zayne**-Zeke's twin, broken, jock meets goth with his multiple piercings and tats. All snuggled in a black hoodie? I. AM. DONE. FOR.

Also mentioned are **Ferno** and **Maddox**. I can't wait to 'meet' those two! With their cinnamon scented pheremones, 'like walking lollipops', what woman can resist?! Ayden seems to have won the hearts of each brother, they see her as a little sister with the exception of Gavin. Gavin sees her as something much more...complex. A girl could have bigger problems. lol

**Soul Avenged** is a high adrenaline, fast paced urban fantasy with fascinating characters, both lead and supporting. As the reader you will love, hate, laugh and yes, there will be tears as well. This first installment of the '*Sons of Wrath*' series is an emotional rollercoaster laced with action, humor, white hot sex scenes and a love triangle that will test you many times over. Brava indeed.

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★★Sara Lizzy★★ says

## **BR with Jo and Sammy!!**

I wasn't sure what I was going to think about this book when I'd agreed to read and review it, but I'm so glad I took the time to do so. This book exceeded every expectation I had for it!

In this book, Ayden is a woman who is part of the Alexi. The Alexi's mission is to get rid of all Lycans. She became a part of the Alexi after she was brutally attacked by a pack of Lycans and almost died. The Alexi see all Lycans as horrific monsters that will kill men, women and children and that is the only way they see Lycans.

Ayden happens to come across Kane, a halfling (a human in transition to become a Lycan, the transition can take 1 week before the human becomes a full Lycan) and upon touching him, she realizes that he holds information to her past when she gets a vision/flashback. She decides to take him with her and keep him prisoner to see if she can get the answers she needs, but says that when his transition is complete a he becomes a full Lycan she will kill him. Kane had worked at a Children's Cancer hospital and was attacked while walking to his car.

She is at war against her instincts and the need that is ingrained in her to kill him now, but resists because Ayden has no memories of anything prior to being attacked by Lycans and becoming part of the Alexi and thinks that Kane may hold the answers. The problem also is that the more time she spends with him, the more she feels for him and the more she wants to find a way to get "the antidote" to stop his transformation, but the only way to do that is for an ultimate sacrifice to be made. Will she make the sacrifice to save Kane? Will Kane make his transformation before Ayden can get him "the antidote"? What will become of Kane and Ayden's relationship as their feeling grow for each other? You'll have to read the book to find out.

I loved reading Kane's POV in this book as well. Kane's POV was quite entertaining at times. I loved how Ayden didn't rely on other people and she was a strong heroine who would stand up for herself. She was never a weak person like heroines in so many other books.

The Sons of Wrath demons were great too! I loved those characters in this book. Gavin, Calix, Zayne, Zeke and Logan all made the story that much more interesting. Gavin and Ayden have a history together and he wants so much more than Ayden does, but respects her decisions and there were times I felt so bad for him because it's obvious how deeply he feels for Ayden, but those feelings aren't returned. All the Wrath Demons were entertaining as well during certain parts of the book. They all had fascinating personalities and I can't wait to read more about them in future books in this series!

There is also a sacrifice that Gavin makes at one point in the book to save one of the Wrath Demon brothers and it just shows how great of a guy he is and how far he will go to save those he cares about. You'll just have to read the book to find out why he has to make a sacrifice and what brought all that on.

You will also find out there is more to the story on why Ayden sees flashbacks when she touches Kane and it doesn't happen to anyone else. The story also uncovers so much more than I've even mentioned that you just have to buy the book and read it to find out more about this awesome book!!

There is so much action packed into this book that it's way too much to try to fit into a review without going on and on. I'd definitely recommend this book to everyone who loves a great paranormal book with lots of alpha males!

I was pleasantly surprised with how much I loved this book. I'll definitely be reading every book in this series - Keri Lake has me sold on this series and I don't know why it took me so long to read it in the first place now that I've read it and seen what a great book it is! I'm definitely looking forward to reading Logan's book next!!

*ARC provided to our Smexy Bookaholics blog by author Keri Lake in exchange for an honest review.*

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**Penelope ✖ that awkward girl that doesn't go here ✖ says**

**FOUR STARS!**

When Lana tells me to read a book that's part of a series, three things come to mind:

- 1) Aw, hell, this is gonna be good
- 2) Aw, hell, do I have enough money for this?
- 3) Aw, hell, just one-clicked the whole series.

*Souls Avenged* is the first book in the Sons of Wrath series that introduces us to a life filled with Alexi soldiers, Lycans and a brotherhood of demons that are just too hot to handle. Set in Detroit, it follows the story of Ayden (kick-ass extraordinaire), who's on a mission to exterminate all Lycans. On one of her ass-kicking jaunts, Ayden stumbles across Kane Walker, a victim of a Lycan attack, who is on the verge of turning into one of those mindless beasts. Coming into contact with him floods her mind with memories that may hold the key to her unknown past. Taking him with her, she has seven days to unlock the truths to her past, seven days to seek her revenge, seven days until she'll have to kill the man she loves.

I enjoyed this book. Enjoyed the writing style, the action packed scenes, the gruesome scenes, the heroes, the villains and the secondary characters. But what I enjoyed the most about this book was Kane Walker. He absolutely made this book for me. He's witty, intelligent, well-mannered, and possesses an innate strength made of bloody titanium. My heart absolutely broke for him and like a hopeless fangirl, I found myself ridiculously plotting ways to save him from his impending death.

Ayden and Kane as a pair was awesome to me. The sweet moments they had together when Ayden let her guard down, the trading of barbs, the shared memories had me wanting for a deeper communication between the two of the physical kind. They certainly had to work for it but when it finally did happen, I couldn't help the massive grin that broke over my face. Yoooo.

As much as I enjoyed this book, there were a few things that stopped this from being an absolute winner for me. The first thing was Ayden's character during the first half of the book. She was a complete bitch to Kane, so much so that I wanted to punch her lights out. I was infuriated with her and really only came to like her when she does a turnabout face with Kane. The other thing that kinda rubbed me the wrong way was the

constant mention of Gavin and Ayden's past affair. Honestly, I didn't know whether the hero was supposed to be Gavin or Kane, and as much as I loved Gavin as a character, the constant screen time for Gavin/Ayden annoyed the hell out of me. One hero is enough for my one-track mind. Also, I'm not sure I'm a fan of the "mating" concept portrayed here. Though to be fair, I may be letting my bias for other PNR books cloud my judgement.

Overall, a great start to what promises to be an amazing series! Would definitely recommend this book to readers who like to delve into the paranormal and lose themselves in non-stop action.

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**\* Meli Mel \* says**

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**\*\*\*5 Badass Stars\*\*\***

Ayden doesn't remember anything before a group of Lycans attacked her. She is driven by her revenge and wants the Lycans who bit her to suffer as she did. She decides to get the help of the Sons of Wrath -- a group of demon warriors-- to help her find the Lycans, so, she signs a contract with them. But on one night of killing Lycans, she stumbles upon a Halfling, Kane Walker who has recently been bitten and is already going through his change. When he touched her, she sees a few pieces of memories that feel familiar to her. He is her key into finding out who bit her and maybe even about her past. She needs the information he has before his change is complete and time is running out.

Ayden was one badass chick and I **LOVED** her! She was tough and just plain awesome! Killing Kane after the seven days was supposed to be easy for her, but she never counted on feelings to blossom for *him*, the enemy. I enjoyed seeing her come out of her shell a little bit as the story progressed. She saw herself almost like a cancer when it came to relationships. So I loved how Kane was able to make her *feel*.

Kane Walker was one **SEXY Lyean** Halfling! \*swoon\* He was a doctor at a Children's Cancer hospital. He was walking to his car when he was attacked by Lycans that caused him to change. He is a really nice, sweet, funny, and **HOT** man! He seriously had my panties melting! He kept trying to stay in control for Ayden and never let his beast come out. He was also **POSSESSIVE** and I loved it! I don't what else to say about him, I really loved him.

Then there were the Sons of Wrath -- Gavin, Zeke, Calix, Logan, and Zayne. What a **Hot** group of Demons. I liked them all, especially Zeke, he was a total **flirt** with a **dirty** mouth. Well, also Gavin, He was loyal, sweet sometimes, and such a great guy, for being a Demon and all. I am wishing him the **best** in the next book. But I did love them all, you just can't not like any of them. I am really interested in Zayne and hopefully we will get to learn more about him.

The scenes of all of them fighting Lycans, was **AWESOME!!** I just could not get enough of their badassness! I want **more!** Oh, and I hated Wade with a passion. I could not stand him and what he was doing with the Alexi. Just had to say it!

The writing in this book was **great!** I loved the alternate POV's of several characters and how everything about this world was well explained for the reader. The storyline kept me interested throughout the book, so I never felt bored. I recommend this for any of you paranormal fans out there. It was truly **Awesome!** I am **so** looking forward to reading more of this series. Thank you to Keri Lake, for allowing me to read your amazing work! I can't wait to read more!

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### **Didi says**

#### **3.5 STARS**

As far as Pnr's go, this was good. I liked the action, world building and suspenseful edge to the plot, and really liked the heroine, Ayden. She was quite cold and bitchy to poor Kane, mocking his suffering and almost blaming him for his predicament, but I did understand her bitter approach. Kane was a great guy, never using Ayden's vehemence against her but maintaining a level of sympathy and kindness she often didn't deserve.

The secondary cast of Wrath brothers were great. It'll be interesting reading their stories in the proceeding books. So why just 3.5 stars? I did like this but thought it was a little too long. The several pov's was okay and helped get into the other characters heads, but it sometimes felt disjointed. That's all I've really got, nothing tangible but something was missing here for me, can't quite put my finger on it. And although this has nothing to do with my rating, I can't get past the cover of the 'Kate Beckinsale' doppelgänger from the Underworld movies. I wish the cover was different because it almost sets up this book to follow how those movies went. Anyhow, this was good but not the best pnr out there. Aside from several incredible pnr/UF series I've read, I highly recommend the Fever series by Karen Marie Moning--absolutely amazing--and the most recent one I've read, The Disillusionists trilogy by Carolyn Crane, which was fantastic.

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### **Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says**

SPOILER FREE REVIEW -mature content reader discretion is advised.

4 STARS out of 5

Genre: Paranormal Romance

***She's Fun, Fierce and HELLO she is Female! What a deadly combination! Just the way I like my heroines!***

There is nothing better then when a book exceeds you expectations. This book did just that for me! It's been a while since I had a kickass heroine who is not afraid to bring a man down to his knees. Ayden is that chick and then some!

*“..The fruit that feeds the soul is vengeance.”* ~Ayden

Ayden was brutally attacked by a pack of Lycans. After almost dying she joins the Alexi where she is trained to become a non-stop killing machine against Lycans. The mission of the Alexi is to eradicate ALL Lycans. Lycans are monsters living amongst humans. They kill entire families men, women, children even unborn fetuses.

When the book starts Ayden is no longer a member of the Alexi but she is still killing Lycans. A chance encounter with a halfling(human going through the change to full Lycan) has her taking him with her instead of killing him on the spot as she usually does when on the hunt. Ayden has discovered that this halfling(Kane) holds information to the past. Well, at least she suspects that he holds the info after getting a flashback/vision when she touched him.

He has 7 days before his transformation to full Lycan is complete. At the end of those 7 days Ayden will kill him. Because killing Lycans is ingrained in her. Of course her plans for keeping him alive are unknown to Kane. The only thing she does make clear to Kane is the fact that she *will kill him*.

*“We work on the motive of vengeance...”* ~Gavin

### **The sons of Wrath**

Once you meet them you will want more. More more more!!! Led by the oldest brother, Gavin, the sons of wrath are vengeance Warrior Demons who work with Ayden to kill Lycans. They are selective with each case they take. Ayden is their most recent client. There are seven brothers total. In this book you meet Gavin, Calix, Zayne, Zeke and Logan. And let me tell you each and everyone of them are **panty-dropping-H O T!!!**

As each day passes the intensity of sexual chemistry between Kane and Ayden goes to new levels. If Ayden decides not to kill him she would have to get what's known as “the antidote”. The problem is..getting “the antidote” comes with a price. A high price called sacrifice.

***Is Kane worth the ultimate sacrifice?***

Truths start to surface as Ayden gets closer to her past. And the Alexi start to close in on their only other target besides the Lycans. Ayden.

### **My Thoughts**

LOVED IT! A lot of different characters and more then one story line built to one helluva showdown! Not gonna lie it took I had to get a little more than 30% in to finally feel comfortable with the flow but once I was there... I. WAS. SOLD. I think it took me so long because I struggled to understand Ayden. She was so cruel to Kane, when the poor guy had just been bitten by a wolf. It was literally out of his control. Yet she treated him as a killer from the start, before he fully turned Lycan. The more I got to know her the more things became clearer. All was revealed in a plot that I cannot speak to much on for fear of spoiling the story.

I am super excited for Logan's book! I am also curious how the story will play out between Gavin and Sabelle. What will she require from(view spoiler)

If you enjoy PNR's that have multiple plot lines and sexy-alpha-male-brothers that are to die for with a good suspenseful arc! This book is for you!! READ IT!

### **My Ratings**

Characters- Lovable

Writing Style- Good world building

Plot/Storyline- Multiple plot lines, Great arc with Suspenseful events

Steam Factor- Medium/Moderately Steamy

Overall- I LOVED IT! READ IT!

### **Now go forth and read. Then come tell us about it on Goodreads!**

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