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### Pam says

Arran left those he knew and the human who has his heart to go after his former partner and kill him. Even for a vampire this is a dangerous mission as Dead vampires are in the way. Gabrielle the human with his heart is also in the way. She is looking for her missing sister and Arran just wants her safe and away from the danger. That danger includes him as he knows he is no good for her. Gabrielle will let nothing stand in her way including the vampire she loves. Both are headed into a dangerous place where the past may come between them if a vampire doesn't kill them first.

Gabrielle isn't a bit afraid to jump into danger if it means her sister can be found and she can bring her home. She will take Arran's help if he will just see she isn't a coward and can take care of her self. She also love Arran even knowing what he is. She is a strong woman who isn't one to sit on the side lines. Arran is a sexy vampire who holds a lot in. He has done things in the past people hold against him and he likes to put a front up that he doesn't care what others think. He cares for Gabrielle but would rather push her away than be near him and in danger.

I haven't read the first book in this series which I will soon redeem but I love this book and world. There is two different types of vampires in it. One is good and one is evil. I love how the author splits them up. I loved getting into this world and how they all tie in together. There is tons of action after all this is a book with vampires. I love the scenes with Arran and Gabrielle as they have lots of sexual tension between them that you just can't wait for them to act on. I won't give spoilers but the evil ones will stop at nothing to get what they want. I didn't see several things coming and the author does a good job with the surprises. I look forward to what will happen next as I have to know what Gabrielle's sister will do. If you love vampires be sure to pick this up.

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### Tina says

This is the second book in the Enclave series, and the first story that I've read by Jessica Lee. I was able to read this story without feeling lost. It's a paranormal romance about vampires who are willing to fight for what's right including protecting humans, so it has a lot of fighting. I will definitely be reading the first book in the series and am looking forward to more of her books.

Arran MacLain was a member of the Enclave. A group of vampire warriors who have promised to protect humans from Marguerite, the Enclave sire, and her rogue followers who want nothing more than to take over humanity any way they can, including destroying the Enclave. After his ex-partner secretly followed their sire and ambushed them, Arran left the Enclave to hunt him down on his own. Now, he's a vampire who is biding his time not caring if he lives or dies. Two things are keeping him from giving up all together: His love for Gabrielle, and his past that holds onto his soul.

Gabrielle Stevens has worked with Enclave for a few years. She takes care of the technology that's involved in helping protect humans and keeps contact open between the warriors while on missions. She cannot locate her sister, and she is determined that she will not sit around waiting for someone else to find her. But she

never expected the clues she found would bring her so close to Arran again. Since she needs to find her sister and Arran needs to find his ex-partner, and all the clues they find indicate that they both need to look in the same area they decide to fight the evil together.

They are both haunted by the past, but as they search for answers their passion for one another burns. Is it enough to help them forget the past and move on? Or will the evil they fight make it too late for all of them?

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

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### **Beckey says**

A Dangerous mission not only for a human but a vampire as well...

Arran is on a search for a traitor but who is it?

Gabrielle's sister has been missing for a while. What is a sister to do but track her down...

Arran and Gabrielle has history together what happens when the past comes back...

The story was slow to develop but you could sense that there was an attraction between Gabrielle and Arran.

The storyline has unexpected as well as some expected plots, twists and turns... If you like reading Vampire books then this is one that you may like to read as well...

The book seemed like it was a single read rather than a part of series but you will want to read more...

Overall I would rate it a solid 4.5 and one book that I receive as an ARC for an honest review, thank you.

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### **Gigi staub says**

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Review:

Let's start by saying these are sexy, tough vampires and nothing like those sparkly ones.

This story was full of action, which I really enjoyed. I was so taken with the book I could not put it down with wanting to see what happened.

I just want to say Arran is one sexy, tortured, alpha vampire...yum There are so many layers to Arran that he keeps hidden from everyone in an attempt to protect people. The one person who wants to get through to him, Gabrielle, had a tough road. Gabrielle is perfect match for Arran, she is tough, holding her own in the company of vampires. Even though she was attacked by a vampire in the past she overcomes her fear to love

Arran. I liked that she goes after what she loves and wants whether that is her sister who has gone missing or her vampire Arran.

This story has some twists and turns and I don't want to give away too much. I think the DEAD vampires were well written and now I want to go back to the first book and read more about Marguerite and Markus. Is the next book about Alex and Markus? I cannot wait to see what happens next.

4 stars

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### **Jeannie Zelos says**

Undying Embrace Jessica Lee.

I enjoyed the first book in this series, Undying Destiny, and was pleased to get this one for review. We met Arran in book one as working partner to Marcus, who betrayed the Enclave. He feels he should have noticed something was wrong with Marcus, so has left the Enclave and spent the last two years trying to track down and kill him along with Marguerite, the Master who lured him away, and is frankly a real nasty piece of work. Oh I do love a good Bad female :)

At the same time human Enclave employee Elle is in town searching for her sister, who has been missing for three weeks. Elle and Arran have a brief, shared history, a single kiss that reduced Elle to a quivering wreck, before Arran then left suddenly. They're really attracted to each other, a gritty, internal longing that won't be suppressed, though Elle still wants an explanation for his sudden disappearance. However Arran feels he's not good enough for her because of his past actions, that she deserves better and he won't give in...so far anyway. Elle meets him in her search for her sister, when he spots her at the club he's been told Marcus frequents and sparks fly – in all ways!

There's some sultry, sensual, spicy sex between them, taking them two steps forward forward then one step back in relationship terms, with Arran being domineering and protective, saying it's too dangerous for her to be involved and Elle standing up to him, and arguing for her place in the search for her sister. Of course that brings them into contact with Marcus and the dangerous and mad Marguerite, and their survival is on a knife edge... They need more help, but Arran doesn't want to get the Enclave involved.

There's some good interludes with other vampires, extending the characters involved and when that happens I always wonder if some of these will show up in later books. I hope new vampire David does, given a second chance I think he'd make a good addition, as he seems a moral but practical person. Even big, tough vampires – in fact especially big, tough vampires need strong morals if they're to avoid going the Dark route and join the DEADs...and then of course there's Elle's sister – what's going to happen with her?

So – plenty of action – of the vampire violence kind, and not just the sensual and erotic action between Arran and Elle, and a good though simple storyline. This novel is a great follow on to the first one, and I enjoyed reading it. I have a preference for longer novels, that really mean the story can go in depth in the plots and characters, but I know many people like these shorter books. It's priced at £3.57 for 175 pages.

ARC provided via Netgalley.

Stars: like book one I enjoyed the story, but a bit deeper and longer needed for my five stars, but this is a worthy four stars.

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### **Maria says**

Oh my another great read, Undying Destiny was excellent and this one is just as good. Another sexy, yummy vampire joining in the action with hot sex to boot. Kick ass Gabrielle and sexy Aran make a great couple. Cannot wait for the next installment in this great series.  
A highly recommended read for all you vampire fans

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### **Patricia says**

Well what can I say about book two . The only words that come to mind are .loved it . This is Arrans story . He is a vampire with one thing on his mind . Finding his ex partner and destroying him. Until the night he sees Ella in the goth bar. Feeling he shut down for two years come back to the surface. As he fights his attraction for Ella , while helping her find her sister . There attraction comes full circle as they realize that they are bound to be together. But will they survive the threat of Markus and margerette . With the help of the enclave they just might .

I loved Arrans story he is such a bad boy in every way . Sexy as sin and a warrior . Who would not love him . Ella is a woman who with the gels got over her honorific past with his help . The rest of the warriors are there to help . And ladies each and everyone of them are just as sexy as sin . This is a great series and going to recommend to everyone . If you love paranormal , love hot sexy vampires and their mates check it out . Jessica has hit it out of the ball park again . Can't wait for book three

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### **Jen says**

*Check out the full review on Bookaholics Not-So-Anonymous.*

Undying Embrace is the second novel in the Jessica Lee-penned The Enclave series and picks up a couple of years after the events in the first novel. Arran MacLain left the Enclave to seek his own revenge on his former partner Markus Santini, who turned his back on his fellow warriors after being manipulated by Marguerite Devonshire, who he now serves as her commander. Arran has always had feelings for Gabrielle Stevens, who is on the search for her missing sister Alexandria, but he doesn't see himself as worthy of her, even though the feelings are very much mutual and Elle would love nothing more than for both of them to finally pursue something other than a working relationship. She also has the love of Logan (whose last name was never mentioned in the first or second books), another Enclave warrior and someone who has never hidden his dislike for Arran.

There were a number of things that came into play in this second book--Arran and Elle's love story, Markus's transformation, and the Enclave's ongoing mission against Marguerite and her minions. Everything tied together quite smoothly and there were certainly a few surprises that made the story even better than I would have expected (and my expectations were high). I liked Arran and Elle together, but my heart did break for Logan, especially near the end of the book. The whole thing with Markus was, well, frustratingly good because he's a character that still shows glimpses of the vampire he was prior to Marguerite sinking her claws (and fangs) into him, especially when it came to Alex, but there's no doubt that he's also become such a cold-blooded bastard so even though it's so easy to hate him, there are still lingering feelings of hope for the former warrior.

The Enclave is an irresistibly addictive paranormal romance series, one that will have you needing the next fix as soon as you've consumed the one before it. The characters are complex and there's certainly nothing ideal or perfect about them. There's nothing about Arran and Elle's story that makes it similar to that of Kenric St. James and Emily Ross's from book one, other than Elle and Emily were human. Yet, even with the different love stories, the tale of the Enclave and the cause they fight for is still very much there, along with Marguerite. However, there is a cliffhanger of sorts, one that involves an unexpected twist that had me all excited. And yes, as soon as I was done with book two, I went on to book three because there are just some things that can't come between me and the Enclave (like sleep). ^.^ I loved Undying Embrace and give it five stars. ♥

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### **Denise Van plew says**

Who needs a hero? Is there one around? But what if the hero thinks he isn't a hero and fights with himself and his one burning desire as he does in going after a traitor and some really bad uglies in this delicious read. Elle in looking for her missing sister trying as a lone heroine enters into a dangerous club fronting a dark side to a world only to encounter a neverforgotten memory of the one who rocked her world-Arran, who also can't forget knows it is her after all this time. Yeah for us here is the hero and a fine one at that.

As I am reading love the intense magnetism going on between the two. They develop a slow agonizing dance between them that keeps you riveted and at times I would be a impatient pete wanting things to happen sooner. Action is ongoing between factions throughout thrilling that it is. That sister she's searching for not who she remembers hooked by her own bad guy literally. Smart girl that Elle knows that can't get this done alone. Anything more said would just spoil it for the reader but a not to be missed experience in a read. Love you die for, passion that would leave you breathless and danger that twists you in knots storyline. Warning label though tears will be shed near the end -sad ones but followed by joyous ones. The dance between Arran and Elle deserves a standing ovation.

Received arc for a honest review.

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### **Roses Book Blog says**

This is book two of the Enclave. For this of you who met and fell in love with Gabrielle and Arran in Undying Destiny you will absolutely love this novel.

We were first introduced to Gabrielle and Arran in Undying Destiny. That story was about Kenric, Emily, and the Enclave, this story is about Gabrielle and Arran. For the enjoyment of the series and to enjoy these characters it's best to read Undying Destiny before reading Undying Embrace.

Undying Embrace picks up two years after the end of Undying Destiny. Gabrielle is looking for her sister Alex who has been missing for the last few weeks. Her search leads her to a club that reeks vampires. Still human, Gabrielle can't tell for sure that's what this club is but she can tell that if her sister went missing in this club something sinister has happened to her. It's been two years since she last saw Arran, since the night he kissed her and ran away, never to return. It's here that she sees him again and as much as she wants to feel nothing for him she still feels the sting of his rejection.

Gabrielle came to the Enclave seven years ago after she was rescued from a DEAD and has been apart of the family since. Arran and Logan have both loved Gabrielle for a long time, but Arran is the one that has

captured her heart. Feeling unworthy of her love, Arran doesn't allow his feeling for her to show on the surface. As much as Gabrielle wants to run away, she wants more to find her sister and like it or not Arran is there to help her find her sister. As their search delves deeper into the more sinister and vampire world, it becomes apparent that at the heart of the evil is none other than former Enclave member Markus and the evil vampire Marguerite.

Markus has become a cold shell of the vampire he used to be. Cold, calculated, and completely under the spell of Marguerite the ancient evil vampire that will do anything to exact her revenge against Kenric and the Enclave. The only shining light is Alex. Alex was taken in by Markus and Marguerite and she's the one weakness Markus has shown. He starts to become possessive of Alex, only allowing her to be fed by him. Will Alex be what can finally save Markus from the evil hold Marguerite has over him? Can Gabrielle and Arran find Alex before it's too late? And can they finally admit their feelings for one another and find love and forever in each other's arms?

Full of passion, vampires, and the search to find oneself and heal, Undying Embrace was a novel I will not soon forget. I cannot wait to read the next Enclave novel and continue the story of the Enclave and all the vampires I have come to love. Jessica weaves a delicious tale that I will not soon forget and I don't really like paranormal romance, 5 stars.

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### **RoloPoloBookBlog says**

Undying Embrace by Jessica Lee

Book #2: Enclave Series

Source: Purchase

My Rating: 4/5 stars

My Review:

The Enclave doesn't take kindly to traitors and Markus is definitely a traitor. After abandoning and betraying the Enclave to be with Marguerite, Markus has spent more than a year in hiding but his former partner, Aaran MacLain is still looking and for the first time in a long time, he has a lead. Aaran is ready to do his duty and once Markus and Marguerite are dead, he can (hopefully) return to the Enclave and his life. The only thing standing in his way is Gabrielle Stevens. Just what in hell is she doing in town?

Gabrielle Stevens has a few loves in her life, Aaran MacLain and her sister, Alex. Aaran has been gone for a year, and now, Alex is missing too. As one of the Enclave's most trusted human helpers (read: tech goddess!) Gabrielle knows when things are hinky and Alex's disappearance is definitely hinky. Finding her sister will take all of her skills plus some but she refuses to involve the Enclave. Thank goodness Aaran MacLain left the Enclave? While trolling Wicked Ways, a dangerous Goth club frequented by vampires, Alex runs into the one man she thought she would never see again, Aaran MacLain and he is so not happy to see her. Just what in hell is Aaran doing in town?

From the moment they reconnect, Aaran and Gabrielle have an intense sexual attraction to one another. Gabrielle is more than ready to give herself to Aaran but he is hesitant – in his head, not in his heart and body. When Gabrielle finally unloads the whole story on Aaran, he agrees to help her on the condition she stay out of harm's way. Yeah, like that's going to happen. Gabrielle is more than willing to do anything

necessary to get her sister back and once she makes that clear to Aaran, he has no choice but to allow her in and protect her. Let's hope he can get his body under control because every moment he is in contact with Gabrielle is one moment closer to losing all control and making her his for eternity. Aaran absolutely enjoys the thought of making Gabrielle his but his past is dark and ugly and he is certain once Gabrielle knows the full extent of his dirty deeds, she will want nothing to do with him.

Within just a few nights, Aaran and Gabrielle figure out their missions are overlapping and Gabrielle's worst nightmare comes true, Markus has her sister and she has been turned. Better than anyone, Aaran knows what Markus and Marguerite are capable of so taking them out has never been more important. With the clues he and Gabrielle have managed to gather, they know where to find the evil duo and are ready to go in guns blazing. Thankfully, Gabrielle has more than one suitor in the Enclave and before she and Aaran can launch their suicide mission, the rest of the crew shows up. Marguerite is bat-shit crazy and Markus is almost completely under her control so when the Enclave shows up it is quite literally a battle to the death. The Enclave intends to take no prisoners but Markus is devious and has a strong sense of self-preservation. To save his own skin, Markus has taken over Gabrielle's sister's mind and made her his puppet. In short, if he dies, so does she. Gabrielle isn't willing to sacrifice her sister and Aaran certainly isn't willing to sacrifice Gabrielle.

**The Bottom Line:** There was a spectacularly long time between my reading of this book and the first in the series, Undying Destiny. It was quite easy to fall back into the Enclave series and I immediately knew each of the characters and their drama. Aaran is such a strong character but he lets his past weigh him down and keep him from a truly happy future with both the Enclave and Gabrielle. Gabrielle is one stubborn and highly intelligent woman who, before her time with the Enclave suffered a horrible attack at the hands of a DEAD. She, better than most know what an out of control vampire can do and so, she does her best to save her sister without endangering anyone else. Gabrielle's stubbornness is matched only by Aaran's and when the chips are down, the two come together in order to save the other. Though I enjoyed Aaran and Gabrielle's story, there is a lot of ground covered in this read and I think that kept me from enjoying the overall read as much as I enjoyed Aaran and Gabrielle's story. With that being said, I'm not going to let one minor issue keep me from the rest of the series. I must know what becomes of Alex and Markus :)

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### **Samaris Creech says**

This is the second book of this series and though I have not had the pleasure of reading the first book if the second is anything to go by it will be amazing .This story starts out with Gabrielle wanting to find out what happened to her sister Alexandria. During her search she runs into Aaron, here's a little insight into these two main characters: Gabrielle is a strong spirited woman who has been thru many a tragedy that would make most people not just women want to give up on life but yet she has made it her mission to not give up on life but to fight back and help keep the things that happened to her from happening to others. Aaron is the bad boy who is in love with everything that makes Gabrielle who she is but of course like all bad boys thinks he's no worthy of her love. This is truly a must read it captivated me from the beginning.

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### **Emily (Mrs B's Books) says**

We knew from book one in the series that Arran and Elle had the spark for one another and in this book,

which happens two years after the first ends we see the explosive coming together of Arran and Elle.

We knew Arran had protective feelings for Elle, so when he finds her in a dangerous bar looking for her missing sister he feels that he has no choice but to help her in order to keep her safe.

Both have issues in their past that hold them back from giving each other all of themselves, but with the growing bond between them, they both relive pasts they would have preferred were buried.

The enclave face an old nemesis, rescue Elle's sister Alex and bring back Markus into their lives abate he gets put in a sliver cage.

We lose a member of the enclave, yet we also learn of a secret the Marguerite had held very close to her chest one that leads us very neatly into book three.

A better book than book one and I really got swept up with the story.

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### **Tory Michaels says**

As usual, I didn't know that this was part of a series (you'd think the "A novel of the enclave" on the cover would clue me in, but noooo...then again I read on my phone, so the print's pretty tiny and easy to overlook). But that didn't stop me from enjoying the book. It pretty much can stand alone, although there was a lot of hatred and anger aimed at one of the villains of the piece that I didn't entirely understand, though the villain's actions for this book certainly deserved anger.

Gabrielle ("Elle") wants to find her sister who's gone missing. She's left her comfortable home with the Enclave to go searching for her. It also gives her some time away from Logan, the vampire who wants to mate with her, because she needs to think about whether or not she wants him like that. They've been working together for a long time now, and though she doesn't want to admit it, she's never gotten over Arran (they were in a hot and heavy relationship a couple years earlier that ended...not so good).

Arran is searching for a couple of pretty evil vampires and his investigation crosses paths with Elle's at a nightclub frequented (owned) by vampires. The sparks fly pretty darned quickly and he tries to protect her even as he's drawn once more to her. He's never gotten over her.

There is a great deal of growth for Elle. She comes to terms with the fact that Arran is a vampire (she had pretty big fang-fear) and falls in love with him all over again. Arran reluctantly has to let Elle risk her own life to keep from smothering her. Of course that doesn't exactly please him because well, he's a typical protective male! And there's a high cost that gets paid for her pursuit of her sister.

There's plenty of blood, guts and action in this book. Lots of lovin' once the two gets past their issues. I was drawn into the world-building Ms. Lee does. I liked her take on vampires, both the Enclave and the DEAD (Death Euphoria ADDicts) vampires. I'll happily read more of her work when given the opportunity and hope to see more from her soon.

And of course, once again, it's Entangled. They get the best books! I'm totally starting to recognize the cover art style when I see them on NetGalley, btw. I don't even need to see the logo - I just recognize the style. YAY!

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## **Katrina says**

Meet Arran MacLain , vampire and former member of the Enclave. He's taken a couple of years off after having the distinct misfortune of being partnered with the traitorous Marcus. Arran has no greater desire than bringing Marcus to justice for the deeds that he'd done.

Meet Elle, Gabrielle Stevens, a human techno whiz that's worked for the Enclave since her unfortunate run in with Vampires. Did she roll up into a fetal ball and whine about her attack? Oh no, this woman is all spit and fire. She still has issues to deal with, but she's not one to take no for an answer, for one, Arran MacLain. She loves him, maybe, but there's more to it than just that.

Meet Logan, now he loves Elle. Arran is a dirty dog in his book, there's a lot of history in Logan's and Arran's relationship. It's definitely complex.

It's a delight watching the dance between these comrades. Logan is so moonstruck with Elle, Arran feels he's so undeserving of Gabrielle, and all Elle wants is to find her missing sister (for the most part). She's so upset; she doesn't know what she wants from either of these two warriors. Torn between two lovers comes to mind because she is torn. She doesn't want to hurt Logan, but Arran is determined that he's not good enough for her. It's a fight for what's right for Gabrielle.

It's great to see the team back together, working as a team to vanquish their enemies. This story is fast paced, and leaves the reader breathless with the action, and fanning from the 'other' action (wink, wink). I cannot wait to see what happens next! Write on, Jessica Lee, write on!

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