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He Fell For Her

Nicole St. James was a nice woman. An innocent, pretty, twentysomething schoolteacher with her life ahead of her. But as the angel of death, it's Keenan's job to take that life away. So when a vampire attacks Nicole, Keenan is not supposed to snap and take out the vampire instead. It cost him his wings--but she's worth it.

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Katherine says

BOOK: Angel of Darkness

AUTHOR: Cynthia Eden

LENGTH: 305 PAGES

RATING: 3 STARS

REVIEW:

I'm not much into PNR, but I couldn't help myself when I saw this series. This is my first Cynthia Eden book. There were things I liked and some I just... *Ugh get it over with it.* For starts this feels REAL long. I thought it was 605 instead of 305 pages only.

Keenan is a angel of death, he carries the soulf of those who dies to another plane. Nicole is one of his charges, and he must carry her soul. Only he hesitates and she lives - or dies - to become a vampire. Now he's fell from the heavens and he wants her.

At first it was weird why Keenan was after Nicole. It seemed he was angry with her because he was now a fallen, when she had nothing to do with that.

Nicole... This girl really knows how to collect enemies. I lost count of how many people wanted her dead throughout this book. I mean what's so special about her? And then when the end came I was just.... Uh... Nothing. Figures.

The story starts in New Orleans, a place I LOVE to read about. Unfortunately there weren't much details regarding the city, beyond the French Quarter, and a small mention to Katrina. Since this is New Orleans we're talking about, there are a lot of magical beings that I'd like to know more, however they're just thew in it and I had to cope to follow the storyline. And for last but not least... Love... I think somethings were just way too fast for my tastes. For this reason some stuff just makes no sense for me.

Random thoughts:

*Keenan calling Nicole, 'sweet' really bothered me. Lol.

*Nicole was suposed to be a kickass female vamp - Sometimes she just came off as stupid. IMO.

*Sam, I loved him! Can't wait for his book.

*Az, WTF was wrong with Az? I can't believe he's getting a book (I Can't also believe his cover is hotter than Keenan's)

*The Epilogue was really... nothing (view spoiler)

Rach says

Loved this book. I will admit I did loose interest at one point, but not enough to give up and I still really enjoyed it :)

I liked the fact there wasn't many facts to remember about the PRN world within this book. As I have a short attention span and would give up or loose my place.

I will definitely read book 2 as Sam sounds like the sort of Dark Angel I wouldn't mind jumping into bed with bwhahahahaha

Thanks B for the rec :) mwaaahhhh

Steph says

2.25 Stars

This book definitely straddles the line between o-k and good. Even writing this I'm sighing because I really wish I enjoyed it more than I did. I could see people really enjoy this, as it is an easy read, and some of the characters are good. But, that being said, overall for me, I found I didn't care for the lead characters Keenan and Nicole, and the story left a lot to be desired. When there are such good paranormal romance books/series' out there, this one really missed the mark.

In this one, Keenan is an angel of death. He's there to take the soul -with a single touch- when someone's life is ending. When he is unable to essentially end Nicole's life, he is cast out and down to earth as a fallen angel. After six months of searching he finally locates Nicole in Mexico, where he discovers that not only is she now a vampire but she is also being hunted by Carlos, a shifter, among others. A good portion of this book is Keenan and Nicole on-the-run, and it is as they are trying to avoid the bad guys that they learn one another including their mutual lust-filled attraction.

Beyond just the two of them and Carlos, we also meet Sam. He is a fellow fallen angel who never seems to be quite good or evil (he's one of the better more intriguing characters). There is also Az the (mysterious)head Angel of Death who wants Nicole to die since she never should have been alive this long to begin with (and with her death may restore Keenan's angel status). While there are other minor side characters, to be quite honest, they simply weren't that memorable or really worth mentioning.

I think some of the reasons I couldn't love this was because I was very unsatisfied with various developments - story and character-driven - throughout. When Keenan becomes fallen, he learns emotions for the very first time, and this is including but not limited to anger, jealousy, and let's not forget lust (therefore it's safe to say the angel's a virgin). So when he demonstrates the skills of man with a lot of experience with Nicole when they first hook up, and it's explained that it's because he's seen a lot, sex included, from watching people as an angel of death, I was like "puhh-lease". I understand that PNR's have accelerate timelines and are generally

unrealistic on many many fronts, but sometimes it's simply too much and way over the top. In my opinion this book had a lot of cop-outs like that to explain various situations and holes, and this is simply one of the most memorable examples I can think of right now.

With regards to the "villains/enemies", Az and Carlos were the two predominant ones in the book. I preferred Az because he had that devoid of humanity attitude but cracks-were-showing air to him, and as a reader you were curious yet disliked him for the right reasons. I can see the author potentially making him a lead in a future book as it seems these fallen angels are described as anti-heros. And then there was Carlos. Carlos had to have been one of the most annoying worst villains I've ever read. Even though he already hated and hunted vamps, he was extra pissed because Nicole killed his brother (there is a small backstory for this) and now wanted revenge. His scenes were so redundant, where the same things were said and done over and over and over every time he hit the page. It's the one time I will say that with a villain like this, this book could have been condensed into a novella because if you take many elements into consideration, he never should have lived as long as he did. Although, to be fair, Nicole was a big reason why that idiot Carlos lasted as long as he did. She was an ok heroine, but there are much much better female leads out there. And to be frank, without Keenan she could and would have bit the biscuit in pretty much every fighting scene.

I'm not big on talking poorly about a book, and I didn't hate it, but I was disappointed. I just get the impression that this is a bit of a lazy-man's PNR: not enough effort to properly develop the overall story, its plot, subplots, and characters. But as mentioned, it is an easy read, it's not complex in the least, and some characters did peak my interest (Sam and Az). It's also the first book of a series, and I usually find them to be the weakest of the series.

Sam's book is up next. As mentioned, I didn't mind him as a character. He's been a fallen angel for a while now, was also an angel of death, and he is mysterious and does flirt between good and evil, so maybe it will be better than its predecessor. I don't know if i'll read the next one. Time will tell.

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

A fallen angel who swears and kills...

A vampire who actually drinks human blood instead of animal like the fashion is these days...

This isn't sweet.

There is killing here, and the MCs actually do some of it.

Not one character here is miserable and suffering their poor misfortune.

They all deal with it the best they can.

AND I LOVE IT!!!!!!

I have to say I really love the writing style of this author, and I'm definitely going to read all her other series.

I like it that she **doesn't sugar-coat** everything, there are no brooding heroes like in some PNR, everyone is tough and they fight for what they want.

They get hurt in battles, they suffer sometimes, they have hot sex and fall in love (well this is romance, let's not forget that).

There are bad guys in this one who will somehow redeem themselves, and I am dying to see how it happens!

Sam

Off to the next one :)))

Saly says

I really enjoyed this, our hero the perfect Angel of Death instead of killing his prey the heroine, interferes and kills the vampire attacking her and falls, his wings burnt. He tracks her down six months later and finds a different woman, no longer the school-teacher instead someone who is being hunted.

Nicole never wanted what she got but she wants to live, she had done bad things because of her blood-lust and doesn't understand who Keenan is at first. Keenan meanwhile is experiencing emotions for the first time and Nicole is someone he will do anything for.

I enjoyed seeing Sam and Az as well and man Keenan was an awesome virgin, protective hero.

Shari Kay says

I should confess that I think I might have an issue with angel books as a whole. With the exception of Nalini Singh's Angels' Blood series (which I love) I find most of them to be just *meh*. Maybe it's a subconscious religious thing, and I have trouble buying the twists in the lore that are necessary to make them a romance? Well, whatever it is...angel heroes are just not my favorite subgenre and AoD didn't change my mind.

The protagonists were okay. Beyond a few inner thoughts that seemed *off* with the line between right and wrong blurring a bit too much for me....I liked them.

The concept of an angel falling because of acquiring human emotions, and whether or not that "fall" was a punishment from God or a blessing, was unique. The secondary characters for future books were set up nicely and *did* get me interested in their stories. Which I'll probably read... eventually.

(I got the impression that this might be a spin-off of another series as there were a few mentions of people in our heroine's past that seems like we should have known about.)

Catherine says

Despite popular belief, angels were not the favored ones. They did not have choices like the humans. Angels only had duty.

Well hello, *Cynthia Eden*. I see I've been missing out by putting off giving your books a try. I can't remember where I got the impression, but for some reason I always assumed that *Eden* wrote light, fluffy PNR. I'm relieved to be mistaken. I liked the way she kept me guessing through the story. I wasn't sure who was good and who was bad and how everything would resolve. The uncertainty of it added a nice tension to the read.

Keenan was a very interesting character. He was an Angel of Death for years and had no life beyond his duty. He didn't experience emotion the same way humans did so he never had a problem fulfilling his task. Until Nicole. For some reason she got to him in a way that no other person had. He was drawn to her goodness and found that when the time came, he couldn't help but intervene. Of course, it still didn't turn out perfectly, but he was cast down for stepping outside his role and daring to take a life that he wasn't ordered to take. He lost wings and powers and found himself bombarded with human emotions and sensations that he previously lacked.

When Keenan finds Nicole he's shocked to find how much she's changed. She's done some bad things since becoming a vampire and he has a hard time reconciling her with the woman he spared. I liked this aspect of their relationship. Nicole talked a good game, but she didn't always like the person she had become. She was worried about what Keenan would think of her because even she didn't approve of what she had done. Keenan and Nicole both had to learn to love the woman she had become, vampire baggage and all.

I really liked the way this book was setup. It had a bit of a "City of Angels" vibe to it, except without the depressing ending. Speaking of "City of Angels"--*Why? Why would you do that to me at the end???* *That was so upsetting. I'll hate you for it foreva, I swear!* *ahem* I'm back from my little tangent now. Keenan falls and gets to discover the wonder of life and emotion with Nicole. He's never loved, never touched—*hear that virgin hero lovers?*--before her. But I didn't quite understand why *this* girl, out of all the girls through time, was the one to reach through and cause him to let her live. It was a small niggle, but I would have appreciated a little stronger of a foundation. Once they were together it was smooth sailing for me. I loved watching them learn to trust and rely on one another and then eventually fall in love.

The uncertainty of who to trust was very well done. Keenan was walking in unfamiliar territory and had no clue of what to expect, let alone who was telling the truth. I found myself bouncing back and forth between believing Sam and believing Az. It helped that they both seemed to have a thread of truth running through whatever they said. I enjoyed being confused about who to believe, right alongside the characters and I'm very curious to see where the next book will take us in this world.

I've heard that this series is lightly tied into the author's *Night Watch* series, but seeing as how I'm new to this author, I can say that this reads just fine with no outside knowledge of the other series. The only time I felt that I might have been missing something was when Nicole spoke about her past torment at the hands of another vampire. I have no idea if that tied into something else, but I felt that there was more to that story than I was already supposed to know.

Favorite Quote:

"Some things in this world were more important than duty, and some things were even stronger than death."

Review originally posted on Fiction Vixen

Melanie says

W-O-W. Just wow!

A dark and sexy story set in a gritty world of fallen angels, honest-to-goodness blood-drinking vampires, savage shifters and evil demons with vices. Honestly, I was blown away by just how much I enjoyed 'Angel of Darkness' - needless to say the rest of 'The Fallen' series just topped my to-be-read list!

willful says

A fallen angel and the woman he fell for... this started out with a bang and had a lot of potential. Unfortunately it all devolved into repetition -- constant cycles of bad guys coming after them and Nicole whining about how she didn't mean to kill anybody and Nicole and Keenan having sex. In between, there are endless conversations that go nowhere.

Tina says

Disclaimer: This is a signed ARC from a blog contest. I was not requested by the author to review this book.

This is a new series by Cynthia Eden. She introduces us to her Dark Angels or The Fallen. This story is about Keenan, an angel who goes against the rules because he was tempted, loses his wings, get tossed out of heaven while enduring excruciating pain. "I've heard it's the fire that makes you scream the loudest." I was hooked by Chapter 2. If you are a Cynthia Eden fan like I am, you will recognize some elements from her Night Watch Series in this book.

Keenan is a blue-eyed fallen angel who is obsessed with an ex-kindergarten teacher turned vampire. His number one goal is to protect her and make her his-NOT get his wings back. Being a former angel of death he has no experience with feelings. All he knows is he will not lose his vampire. After all, he fell for her.

Nicole the heroine was very likeable. Cynthia Eden writes this character in such a way that you experience all of her emotions. When she was attacked by a vampire-you could feel the fear-hear the screams. At this time Keenan was an Angel of Death who was sent to collect Nicole's soul when she died. He stood back hiding in the shadows watching the attack. Nicole could sense his presence and literally begged for him to help. The emotions in this scene were so vivid.

You are introduced to several characters. All of who are either after Nicole or Keenan and you don't know

why. The one burning question that you will ask yourself throughout the books is: WHO IS THE BAD GUY? WHO IS THE GOOD GUY? You WILL find out by the end of the book. However, the journey to get the answers is so worth it.

I am looking forward to the next book in this series.

Ami says

3.5 stars

My experience with Cynthia Eden's paranormal books is limited to her "Bound" novellas. This is the first time I read a lengthier story of hers in that genre (my experience with her on novels is with her romantic suspense, "Deadly" series).

Keenan used to be an angel of death -- he fell because he failed in taking one life of Nicole St. James. That fateful night, Nicole looked at him, begging for help, he hesitated, and ended up taking life that is not supposed to be his job. Then, after he roams to Earth to find Nicole, turns out she is 'technically' died anyway, since she is turned into vampire -- and she has been having death threats on her trail.

I find this plot interesting because of the unique prologue. Nicole begged Keenan for help, but because of his duty, Keenan only watched. Definitely not a good way to start a relationship, huh? With a Fallen, that just stands there while you were dying :).

I like how Keenan discovered the emotional part of being human, like pain, pleasure, rage, love ... He spends his two thousand years of being an angel not familiar with those. I also like how Keenan rediscovers his power, even after he falls.

Nicole as heroine is not as interesting, though. She's either running away or trying to justify that she kills because she is being controlled. She doesn't impress me much.

Although it is quite fast-paced, some of the scenes are repetitive -- the running, the encounter with either human or shifters who want to kill Nicole, the fight seems easy and quick to end only to start again with similar threat.

HOWEVER, the secondary characters of Sammael and Azrael help moving the story along. Especially because they seem to be walking on gray area but at the same time they are plotted to be the hero on the sequels. Azrael, especially, he seems to be a villain here, with his determination to kill Nicole in order to give Keenan redemption. But I discover he will be getting his own book in November. That makes me curious.

Definitely tune in for the sequel in July. It will be Sam's story.

Cynthia says

Not bad, but not great. What I have come to find as the usual Ms. Eden PNR storytelling. It doesn't feature one PNR-type, but includes a cast of characters. It kept my attention - I'll continue with the series.

♥Linsey Pop♥ - mybooksnthings.com says

Review from www.mybooksnthings.com

I received an ARC from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

I haven't read any Cynthia Eden books before but I really liked the look of this one and boy am I glad I read it because now I have lots more books to add to my ever growing TBR list.

I really liked the idea of this book. The storyline sounded a little different to what I've been reading recently. I haven't read any Angel books for a while so was particularly looking forward to this for that reason alone.

We start with Nichole being viciously attacked in an alleyway by a vampire. Keenan, an angel of death, is watching from the shadows as he prepares to take Nichole's soul to the afterlife. But when it comes to it, he hesitates, he can't seem to take her life and instead touches the vampire who is trying to kill her. By breaking the rules, Keenan falls and it's not a pleasant experience.

"I've heard it's the fire that makes you scream the loudest."

6 months on, when he eventually finds Nichole again, he is sad to realise that due to his actions in the alley all those months ago, Nichole didn't die but transformed into a vampire. Because of her unfortunate new life, she has made some enemies who are determined to kill her. Of course Keenan isn't about to let that happen an while he's not used to experiencing emotions, he can't seem to stay away from 'his' vampire. He couldn't let her die in that alleyway and is certainly not about to let her die now.

Angel of Darkness is an action packed story with something happening on every page. The storyline is fast paced and easy to read. I liked the character development in this book. Nichole isn't happy with her new life style and has done some things she's not proud of due to bloodlust, but she gets on with it. It seems everyone wants a piece of her and all she wants is to stay alive and to be left alone. Keenan has fallen but he's still got powers and eventually realises this. As the story progresses, and his feelings for Nichole start to become quite clear, he becomes stronger and is determined to fight the bad guys to the death if it means keeping Nichole safe.

The romance is enjoyable, it's not too sickly sweet and is, at times, enjoyably hot.

All in all, I enjoyed this first book of The Fallen series and will definitely be checking out Cynthia Eden's other work.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

<http://www.demonloversbooksandmore.co...>

I have been looking forward to this book for about a month now, and the wait was totally worth it.

Keenan is an Angel of Death, and one of his charges is a lovely, innocent, and nice school teacher named Nicole. When it comes down to the moment where Nicole is meeting her death by vampire in a dark alley, she fights. Nicole fights until she has nothing left in her. Keenan is an unfeeling angel who has seen it all. They don't lust, or hate, or love, or anything (yep, virgin hero-yay!). And yet now, he *feels*, he *wants*, he **breaks the rules**.

By killing the vampire instead of Nicole, Keenan is cast from heaven by Azrael, and is now Fallen. First item on his list? Find out if Nicole survived. He was cast out of heaven for saving her, she damn well better be alive.

Six months later, when he finds her, he can't believe that his sweet little school teacher is the same woman as this seductive vamp trolling for victims. Frankly, neither can Nicole. But she's been on every demon-hunter's wish list for a while now, and every bounty hunter at **Night Watch** knows all about her, she thinks she just has really bad luck. She's not wrong.

But to Keenan, she's his key. Key to what? You'll have to read to find out. ;)

There is one thing that I wish I'd had more insight into-Connor. It seemed he would have a bigger role, than what he had. I mean, he was the ex-boyfriend/a-hole who deserved a fiery and painful death...kinda wish we'd seen more of him. Or more of what he'd done to Nicole.

I like how with Sam, you never know if he's your friend, or frenemy. I hope we see much more of him. I also totally had the bad guys backwards in this one. Sam really isn't a bad guy, Fallen Angel, sure, but bad guy? Nah.

Sam and Keenan made a pretty impressive team, one Azrael won't forget...and I don't think he's gone, either.

With fast-paced action, and great characters, this was such an intense book that I got sucked into it and could hardly put it down. So into it, in fact, that I burnt dinner. It's a really good thing my husband doesn't read my blog, or I think he'd be mad at the real reason we didn't have twice baked potatoes last night.

***thank you to Kensington for the review copy

Julia says

Cynthia Eden is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors but this book didn't do it for me.. Which is totally fine! Since this book came out in 2011, I can see how much her writing has grown. The hero was amazing but I couldn't finish the book because the heroine was a total block-head. She yells "I'm an independent woman!!!!" and then runs right into danger at least 3 separate times. Use the brain that god gave you, you "strong independent woman."
