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Passion Has a Darker Side...

Kathy McKenna was sure that the little Midwestern town of Oak Hollow would be isolated enough for safety, but the moment the black-clad stranger walked into her bookstore, she knew she was wrong. Raphael Cordova exudes smouldering power, and his sensual touch draws Kathy into a world of limitless pleasure and unimaginable dangers.

Oak Hollow was supposed to be neutral territory for supernatural beings. Instead it has become home to an evil force determined to destroy them—and kill any mortal who gets in the way. As leader of the North American vampires, Raphael has always put duty first, but then, no woman ever enthralled him the way Kathy does. And as the enemy's terrifying plan is revealed, Raphael's desire could be a fatal distraction for all his kind, and for the women he has sworn to love forever.

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From Reader Review Night's Master for online ebook

Audrey Cienki says

Really. Kathy is a creationist? For someone who has “faith”, she sure does not get it. And!!!! She loves Rafe, but..., etc. just drags on, and on....

Susan Qualls says

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Lover of Romance says

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Summary

Kathy McKenna was positive that her new home would be safe from vampires and werewolves. A war between the two has broken out, and even though both sides are trying for a peaceful resolution, Kathy is determined to find a safe haven and thought that Oak Hollow would be just right. It is said that Oak Hollow is one of the few safe places from the violence that is erupting all over the world and Kathy is human and can't defend herself against such creatures. She sets up a local bookshop, in this small town. But one day, a handsome stranger walks into her shop, Raphael Cordova, who has power and prestige and is a leader. Raphael and Kathy begin a shaky romance, where their relationship is packed with hurdles. There are strings of kills happening around the town, and Kathy feels more unsafe than she did when she lived in the city. But there is a foul plan, innocent people being killed, and Kathy and Raphael will be stuck in the middle and will need to fight an enemy none of them expect....

The Hero

Raphael Cordova was born a vampire, which is quite rare along with his twin brother. His father is a vampire and his mother a human and later turned. He has always struggled with being a vampire, but eventually learned to accept who he is and the only downer is the loss of his brother leaving them and vanishing. Raphael is close to his family but still feels a aching loneliness. Raphael was quite a sexy hero and I loved his magnetism and strength and how he works his way around Kathy and her 'stubborn' nature.

The Heroine

Kathy McKenna, is a heroine that wanted to escape the big city especially with the violence of the vampires and shifters that broke out and seeks a peaceful haven out to a small town with her books. Kathy is a heroine full of strength and courage and stands her ground. I just loved her spunk, and I love how spirited she is even when she is faced with the worst. She is quite resilient and even though she can't see herself becoming a vampire at all...she is very accepting of Raphael and the life he leads.

Plot and Story Line

Night's Master is the third book in the series and what a BOOK!!! I truly adored this story so much. Amanda Ashley is becoming a new favorite of mine especially with her vampire romances!!! They are so wonderful and mysterious and compelling. It has been a while since I have been so pulled in by a PNR author. And they are bit spooky enough to put the chills down the spine that I have found to be missing lately. I love a good spooky read, and if you love them too...Amanda Ashley is a author you NEED to try out. I haven't picked up this series out yet, and I like the whole "war between the two paranormal creatures" and seeing them work toward a peace and getting to the bottom of the problems and seeing a solution together. The romance between Kathy and Raphael is sensual and mysterious and thrilling. It's a story that I couldn't put down. What I liked was seeing the strong family ties Raphael has with his family, and I became so intrigued with his lost twin brother (whose story is next), and I liked the mix of paranormal elements that create a beautiful and sexy paranormal romance to curl your toes and make you eager to read more from this talented author!!!

The Cover

I like the blue background with the faces....but other than that its a bit typical for a pnr cover.

Overall View

Night's Master is written by a brilliant storyteller that will take your breath away, give you a romance to send shivers down the spine and deliver a masterful story!!!

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Paranormal Romance says

As the owner of a small bookshop and very much aware that vampires are not to be trusted, the heroine is torn between her unease and attraction to the hero. He's much more light hearted and less dark and brooding than the other vampires in the series, mainly because he's the child of a pair of characters in the previous book. But...shocking; this book was extremely boring and had zero pulse. You can rarely expect more than 2 stars for your typical Amanda Ashley book because her characters have dull personalities and the written is flat and unimaginative. Plus, it's like the same plot in very story. My main problem with this story is that the heroine readily admits to be afraid of the vampire hero, wearing a silver cross to each of their dates and not looking him in the eyes for fear of being hypnotized. Yet 6 chapters in, not even halfway through the book, she's proclaiming she loves him! It was forced and fake.

Karen says

"Enjoyable Read for Urban Fantasy Lovers"

Kathy McKenna owns a quaint bookstore in the Midwestern town of Oak Hallow. She has a rare gift of spotting preternatural beings. She thought Oak Hallow would be safe away from the Vampire and Were wars, but she finds out that her town is the neutral zone, where all creatures of the night meet and discuss peace. A Were, Cagin asks her out on a date, a Vampire, Raphael (Rafe) wants to court her and a Hunter, Travis wants her for a whole different reason. She should just pack up and leave town, but then she can't stop thinking about Raphael and the way her heart beats faster when he's around.

Raphael (Rafe) Cordova and his twin brother are unique Vampires. They were not turned but became vampires when they were teens. Rafe is the leader of the North American Vampires and in charge of keeping the peace. When he walks into Kathy's bookstore, he didn't plan on courting her, but there is something about her that warms his soul. All he has to do is convince Kathy they belong together. Kathy is human and she wants to stay that way. Will her love for him be enough to make their relationship work?

While Rafe and Kathy try to work out their differences, they must also contend with the Hunters. Travis and his cohorts want to eliminate the preternatural world and they have a diabolical plan in the works to achieve the goal.

Ms. Ashley has written an intriguing Urban Fantasy with good, evil and little in-between. I liked how her characters stayed true. Kathy may love Rafe but she's very human and acts accordingly. She fears what Rafe is. She never forgets he isn't human and she hashes over all the pros and cons of having a lifetime relationship with a Vampire. Can he control his blood lust? Will he turn her without her permission? Will he tire of her when she grows old? If she became a vampire, would she hate that she couldn't go out in the day? Would she miss chocolate, coffee and all other good foods? All good questions. She may love a vampire, but it doesn't mean he's right for her.

Rafe is a strong Alpha male, who is sympathetic to Kathy's plight. I also liked that he didn't treat her as if she couldn't take care of herself. She may be human, but he knew she had a life before him. I also liked the secondary characters, Cagin and Susie. They could have a story all their own. All in all this was an enjoyable read. I believe the tale would also attract the young adult crowd. There's nothing too graphic and the sex scenes are left to the imagination.

Review for PNR Paranormal Reviews

Paige says

Another good vampire story from Amanda Ashley.

Raphael Cordova is hoping the war between the supernatural and humans won't ruin his chance at happiness with bookstore owner, Kathy McKenna.

Wendy *Sebella Blue* Mitchell says

I'm sure there is a market for these books, but it is not me. Very sweet and tame. Ugh!

Jessica says

Meh. I didn't like this.

It seems to have been written for those with NO knowledge about paranormal characters. It frustrated the heck out of me that the main character didn't know what vampires ate, for instance. She constantly asked questions like, "So what's it like to be a _____?" [fill in the blank with vampire, werewolf, or shapeshifter:] These questions from a character who supposedly lived in a future USA where vamps and weres roam freely!? Unbelievable.

I guess this was aimed at first-time paranormal romance readers.

And the relationship between the two main characters. Where the author had to spoon feed us what it means to be a vampire, she skimmed over the reason why our vampire lead HAD to be with our heroine.

As for the romance: anti-climatic. The author basically turns the lights off on us. I guess it was good for them. I wouldn't know.

I bought the next book in the series. I'm taking it back to 1/2 Priced Books... unread by me.

Megan says

This was the best Amanda Ashley contemporary vampire romance book she has written so far (in my opinion of course)! This was Ms. Ashley's third book in her "Night" series. The heroine Kathy is a very strong character physically, mentally, and emotionally. The hero, Raphael, is a vampire, of course. He is not the typical "old world" vampire. He is a little more modern and "hip." He has only been a vampire for around 85 years. He was born to vampire parents (in Night's Touch). His maternal grandparents are also vampires (in Night's Kiss). He also has a vampire godmother, Mara. Hopefully Ms. Ashley will have a book about her story coming up sometime soon. The next book in the series will be about Raphael's twin brother Rane, who has disappeared (Night's Pleasure coming out in Feb. 2009). This was a great read and a fast one too (unfortunately!) so pick this one up and the others in the Night series and enjoy!

Meagan Paul says

This book revolves around Kathy McKenna, a young woman who has just moved to a small town and opened a bookstore. In this world supernatural beings are known to humans and a war has broken out between werewolves and Vampires. Kathy moved to get away from the danger of the city, to a small town which she discovers is a neutral zone (paranormal creatures meet to discuss peace without threat of violence). Kathy is overwhelmed by overtures of romance, from werewolf, Cagin to Vampire, Raphael (Rafe) and a Hunter, Travis. However, it is for Raphael that Kathy feels the most connection to. Unbeknownst to Kathy, Rafe is unique, a vampire since birth, leader of the North American Vampires and in charge of keeping the peace. While Kathy and Rafe are exploring their relationship, dangers lurk in the form of Travis, a Hunter who wants to eliminate Rafe and all supernatural beings.

I liked this book, it provided me with a good light read after a day at work. I was unaware that Ashley's

books were a series and can be intertwined and would like to read this series from the beginning. What drew me to this book was the light plot and sensitive romance. With most vampire books I have read, the seducer can be quite overwhelming and I liked that, while Rafe was a strong protector, he also allowed Kathy her space. While not one of the best vampire novels I have read, I nonetheless enjoyed the story and will continue to read Ashley's books.

Samantha says

Read a short story by Amanda Ashley in an anthology that I loved, so I thought I'd pick up one of her full length books.

I really could not get into this book. Ashley's writing is smooth and easy to read. However, the characters and pacing of the story just did not hold my interest. The main character, Kathy, opens up a bookstore in a small town and suddenly finds herself caught in the middle of a battle between werewolves and vampires. From that I thought I would enjoy it as it was a very *Underworld* set up. But Kathy was such a dull character. She barely played an active role in the book. Most of the time it just seemed like she was just along for the ride. Her one role in the book seemed to ask a crap ton of questions. She was constantly grilling Rafe about his past and what it is like to be a vampire. And when she wasn't grilling Rafe she was brooding because he was a vampire. Rafe seemed like an interesting character, but he never really got the chance to develop on his own. Instead we get information dumps on his past through Kathy's questions. Also, for being the leader of the North American vampires he sure didn't seem to have very many responsibilities.

The other thing that really bothered me about this story is that things about the setting didn't mesh. At the very beginning of the book we learn that this story takes place in a future where vampires and werewolves are known to exist by humans and that there's been an ongoing war between them for quite some time. What bothered me about this is that despite vampires and werewolves being known to exist the character knows absolutely *nothing* about them except the myths. Which just did not make sense within setting that Ashley had set up.

Overall, I enjoy Ashley's writing style but her pacing and the way she developed her characters drove me crazy. I think I'll be sticking to just her short stories from now on.

Anne says

I am a long time fan of Amanda Ashley and have read all her books to date. When I started this one, I was surprised to find it in first person, and set at some point in the future. I think it was about 85 years. The beginning was different and interesting.

The first person chapters began to be interspersed with third person chapters from a different character. (Isn't that cheating?) The woman (a 23 yo virgin) was interesting. The book was rolling along nicely. And then....

About halfway through the book completely bombed. To point out just a few of the flaws, the woman became TSTL, the writing became juvenile, and the wrap up at the end was unbelievably stupid. It was extremely difficult to even finish this book. Though I have kept all of her previous books, this one is not

staying here. Only because I love to force myself to do unpleasant things will I read the other 3 books I have here of hers. I hope that she will redeem herself in my eyes with the next one.

Marie-Josée Larouche says

Being the third book in the series, I figured it would continue on with one of Cara and Vincent Cordova's sons, Raphael and Rane Cordova. I was right and very happy about it!

Raphael Cordova is the leader of the North American vampires. Wait...what? I expected the story to be like the other two. The world seems so much different in this one, so much has changed. I was very surprised to learn very early on that it wasn't going to be like the other two books, (first chapter). For one thing, the world knows about the supernatural. The humans know all about the Vampires and the Werewolves, and everything that goes bump in the night. How did that happen? Since Raphael Cordova says he is 85 years old in the story, that means only 85 years have passed since the story line of the second book, *Night's Touch*. How did the world change so drastically in 85 years? From the human world being blind about the supernatural to suddenly waking up to a war happening on their doorstep between the Vampires and the Werewolves? Everyone was just to calm about it, it's not realistic at all in that department.

Warning! Spoilers!

It was a very good entertaining read, despite the confusion in the beginning. I have a hunch that the two old ladies that were following Cara in *Night's Touch* were Edna and Pearl. To me that makes sense. It came to me as a shock that they ended up being Vampire hunters. They are old ladies in there seventies! And on top of that they were making a formula to destroy/return the supernatural back into humans. Makes sense since they don't have the strength to actually take on the supernatural physically. I found myself very happy that they didn't have a swift death in the story. It was ironic that Raphael turned them into Vampires at the end. The hunters become the hunted, ha! I couldn't help but find that part funny.

Overall, I absolutely loved this story just as much as the other two. I loved the relationship between Raphael and Kathy McKenna. There was nothing simple about there relationship at all. They had all the realistic reactions and emotional baggage that would accompany dating a vampire. They loved each other, but could she accept what he truly was? They had real problems, problems that would absolutely happen if it were real. I liked how *real* the characters were, they were so down-to-earth. On another note, I have a suspicion that Kathy comes from a Vampire hunter family. Since Travis Jackson has the same 'gift' as her, it would make sense. Kathy's parents admitted it to her about having the same 'gift' that she inherited. Suspicious.

Larry Adkins says

Absolutely love this series and author!

Storyline was great, easy to follow and interesting enough to keep my attention. Highly recommend Amanda Ashley's books. Comparable to Christine Feehan

valee says

I just don't get it. What the hell just happened? I mean I was reading a very entertaining series and then... I read ---->THIS.

SNIFF

I was loving it at first, it even seemed it would be better than the first 2, but then everything went down hill fast. I mean the "bad guys" in the book were the worst I have read about. SERIOUSLY. The ending of the book was even worst. I'm only giving 2 stars because I enjoyed some parts. But after finishing the book I was so mad I wanted to burn the book. Specially because it had a lot of potential. So many things were just wrong that I don't even know where to start.

**may contain SPOILERS

What's to be afraid of two all ladies without any power at all trying to kill all the werewolves, shifters and vampires in the world? But worst than that was that they were able to do some killings, which is stupid as the supernatural species were described way more powerful than humans, but specially way more powerful than a couple of retired all ladies. And instead of killing them after they got them, they made them vampires, WTF? They got to live for eternity and they even loved it! They were happy about it and everybody else didn't care.

Then no kids? Just like that? All the others got kids, why didn't this couple? The book felt so unfinished! I was just so mad once I finished it. And what about the heroine only being able to admit she would admit the hero to turn her but in time. The whole book she just kept saying no to him. I just hated so many things about this book.

**end of spoilers

I really would not recommend this book. The first 2 were good but this one was one of the worst books I have read in a while. I will read the next because I really did enjoy the first 2, and I really hope it's better than this one. We'll see.
