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Sensor Series Reading Order:

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Darkness Divides

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Darkness Clashes

## **Darkness Clashes Details**

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## Katherine says

some of my favourite things about this series:

- the witty, but natural dialogue! the exchanges between the characters are actually really engaging
- the plot. I know that's broad, but suffice to say that I've been thoroughly entertained throughout the series - it definitely was a trial to get through 4 books in 1.5 days

I do wish for one thing though; the romance between Melena and Lucas is ridiculously enjoyable to read, but I keep looking for progression of their relationship (i.e. emotions, trust). I mean, sure, Lucas definitely loves Melena, but it doesn't really seem like he's pushing himself to be better. Their lifestyle doesn't really leave much time for talking and somehow it seems like there's no growth in that direction at this point.

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## Melissa Bales says

### Great series

I try really hard to stick to the free books, but occasionally I get sucked in by a set of characters. That happened with this series. Melena and friends feel like family, and I need to keep reading more.

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## Laulitta says

On retrouve tous les éléments qui en font un bon roman : des personnages attachants et intéressants, de l'humour, de l'action et un rythme dynamique qui fait qu'on ne s'ennuie pas du tout. On s'attache même aux personnages secondaires. De plus, l'intrigue principale ne fait que se complexifier tout en restant très claire, et on ne souhaite qu'une chose : poursuivre notre lecture pour en savoir davantage. Franchement, si vous ne connaissez pas, foncez vite sur le tome 1

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## CasPerfitz~SLiTsReaD says

4 Action Packed, Super Hot Stars!

I really enjoyed this series... A world full of Nephilims, Vampires, Guardians, Demons, Fairies, Trolls, Werewolves, Angels and Sensors....

On the first book, I learned a lot about Melena Sanders, the heroine... that she is a sensor, meaning she can sense the paranormals within the surrounding area near her, she can tell what kind of supernatural, how many, and how old... She can also tell if one is telling the truth or not. Sensor's are hated by the supernaturals and when you read the series, you will understand why.

Melena's character grew on me... she is a very giving person who would fight to her last breath if it means saving her friends. She is a good fighter and it helps that she has the background or training of an army.

Lucas, the hero, is a Nephilim, a half angel..... He is the perfect alpha. Though he was harsh towards Melena in the beginning, but he was always there when she needs saving.

I fell in love with Lucas on the second sequel of this series. For me, it was the best one amongst the series so far.

The hotness factor started in the second book as well, it is also where feelings were finally revealed. And boy was it HOT! ;) I loved it!

Like the series before this, it is action packed and full of suspense.

Here, Kerbasi, a guardian... brought the humour in the story, his innocence in the human world I certainly find amusing. And somehow, despite the role he played as the torturer, I could not really hate him... in fact, at the end of this book, I have grown fond of him.

There is a lot of angst and edginess with the tensions amongst the supernaturals... and then there's a lot of secrets going around. It was actually giving me a headache with everything that is suddenly happening that, for me, sometimes could get confusing or overwhelming... It doesn't help that this has a lot of unresolved ending.

Still, I enjoyed the action and aaah, the sizzling romance. I have a love/hate relationship with Lucas and Melena's constant clashes and I hate all the secrets that they keep from each other... BUT, let me just say, these two can get really steamy HOT!

A lot of interesting characters... Great world building... And a huge character growth... Very apt title, there is certainly a lot of darkness clashing with this sequel.... Looking forward to the next one... :)

Review also shared here : <http://slitsread.com/2014/09/24/darkn...>

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## **Kara-karina says**

One of the pleasures of being a book blogger is discovering and supporting self-publishing authors since the very beginning of their journey. I'm happy I was there all the way for Elizabeth Hunter, and I am just as happy for Susan Illene.

Susan writes classic urban fantasy with a stoic, sensible, believable heroine, and I'm glad that by book #4 her series is still going strong.

You know by now that Melena's status changed and with her new immortality comes a bunch of new problems. She is being challenged and the expectations from her friends and enemies both are very high. She gets more and more embroiled in other immortals schemes and intrigues, and frankly she doesn't know if she ever had a chance to refuse to participate in their intrigues.

Darkness Clashes is a dark, intense book. A lot of people get hurt or killed, and there is an overall feeling of

rage, hopelessness and desperation hanging in the air. I think, Melena feels more and more cornered with nary a possibility to escape. She is forced to hide some important truths from Lucas and doesn't know if he ever forgives her, and even hilarious moments with Kerbasi struggle to lighten up the atmosphere of doom and gloom.

Ah, Kerbasi! You are growing on me... If you are a fan of Kate Daniels, you will probably find some similarities between him and Saiman, although on the surface they are completely different.

There is also an intriguing new character in this book, Yerik. He is very eccentric right now, and I am not convinced of his loyalties, but one thing I'm sure of is that there is more to Yerik than his damn kilt.

At last, the best part is the fight scenes. My personal favourite is one on one between Melena and Lian, and I totally got an adrenaline rush out of it, but there are a couple of others that are very well done.

Overall, this series is just getting stronger and more surefooted, and it's especially obvious with the last two books. Definitely recommended.

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### **Jules Poet says**

An elaborate scheme is set up and once again Melena finds herself a key component in supernatural forces beyond her control. Guardian angels can be devious and half demons can have good intentions. Melena's moral compass is spinning out of control and she has no idea how to decide what to do.

In this book we lose 2 key characters to the series and their loss is felt heavily.

Zoey continues to be a superb antagonist intent on getting her way no matter what.

Kerbasi seems to be loosening up ever so slightly.

Lucas and Melena still treasure every moment they get to spend together.

Emily is a full fledged teenager with all the angst and attitude that comes with it.

Saying anymore would give away the point of reading a good book! Susan Illene is a very talented writer. Cris Dukehart continues to narrate wonderfully and she is able to go back to using the same intonations & voices for each character - no matter how rarely they show up - each time their voice is the same. That takes a LOT of talent!

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### **Kaisa "Giga" says**

This is solid UF read. I just read White Hot and thus reviewing this now is unfair, but I like this series and it passes my time while waiting for next Ilona Andrews.

Full review soon to come.

3,5 stars.

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**Josephine says**

The plot is thickening making the story line interesting.

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**Mycoton32 says**

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17/20 - J'adore toujours autant les personnages et ce que fait l'autrice de son intrigue !!

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**Kari Marie says**

I have had a hard time really connecting to anybody in this series except for the cat. I really want the cat. So I skimmed through this audiobook because it was even harder to connect. Imagine my surprise and disgust when I got to the last 30 minutes and somebody dies. The main redeeming character is killed and everybody just forgives the murderer. PS the murderer became more of despicable character as time went on. The only reason I would continue with this story if I knew he was going to die. The potential of the series has not made it to me by book 4 I cannot do two more books.

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**Sabrina says**

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If you thought the first few books were great, then book 4 in The Sensor series will blow you away! Darkness Clashes is simply mesmerizing. Susan Illene is as creative and bad ass as ever, and writes a UF like no one else I know!

Darkness Clashes picks up right where we left off in book 3. Melena and Lucas are still searching for Micah, Lucas's missing brother, and the Sups are trying to recover from the aftershocks of the "earthquake".

Tensions in Alaska are at an all time high, between Nik and Derrick, and Melena is once again stuck in the middle. With danger lurking around every corner, Melena must figure out how to balance all of her responsibilities and help her friends stay out of trouble. But when human agents show up and seem to know what's really going on in Alaska Melena knows the town of Fairbanks is in deep trouble.

For me Darkness Clashes may be the best in the series! We get to meet a few new friends/enemies and we say goodbye to a few others. Out of all the books in the series so far this one is by far the most emotional. I cried so many times I can't even begin to explain the Rollercoaster ride the author brought me on. In a good way. I am so invested in these characters and this series! I need book 5 and 6 right now!

Book 4 in The Sensor series will sweep you right off your feet, and carry you straight to UF bliss! I can not get enough of this series! I have read the books back to back, and I feel like everytime I finish one book I am compelled to pick up the next! No matter what time it is lol (seriously...I'm talking reading until 5 am when I have to work at 10! That's how good this series is!)

I would recommend this book to all lovers of Paranormal Romance and UF.

5 Stars

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### **Kbrazell says**

I just don't feel like Lucas is really on Melena's side. I don't know how else to explain it.

I mean he's never around and when he is its to constantly test her, keep secrets, and then criticize her, or just bang the crap out of her. Sex is great but that's not everything. I don't know, I kept wanting Melena to be like "Stop! Line crossed and you're on the wrong side!"

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### **Sarah Leenart says**

I'm not really sure how to write a review to do this amazing book justice. Susan Illene has already set the bar high with the previous books in the series putting her in my firm favourite and auto buy list of authors but Darkness Clashes, book 4 in the sensor series pretty much blew my socks off. This is what urban fantasy is all about, in it's absolute best form, rivalling and bettering many of the publishing house giants.

There was a lot going in this book and all the plots threads are very intricately woven keeping the reader on their toes throughout. Melena has Lucas back now but it's certainly not all cosy coupledness, they have their problems and Lucas is mostly concentrating his efforts on finding his missing twin, Micah. Meanwhile life is very fragile in Fairbanks with Nik, the master vampire and Derrik, his second and alpha werewolf at odds with each other. I've come to love these characters and the people of Fairbanks and I watched with baited breath as this story unfolded and I'm still reeling a little in shock from all the happenings there. Just to complicate matters someone from Melena's military past crops up and all sorts of problems occur as we slowly learn how it's all interwoven. Another person from Melena's past also crops up and I can't wait to see what his eventual destiny is! I know what I hope is in store for him anyway! Melena, Lucas, Kerbas and Kariaan head to New Orleans, which I adored, and leads to some interesting politics as an awesome fight scene. Melena really kicks some ass.

All these plot lines begin to merge into the other and I am very curious as where life in Fairbanks is headed now, but also the implications for a far wider population hang in the balance. I would also love to know more of what goes on with the angels and their politics/rules. We are given enough to whet our appetite but I really really want more books now! Kerbasi is a complete showstopper and I absolutely love the part he plays in the story, also getting some of the best laughs! I am intrigued as to how he develops in the future.

Everything about this book was explosive from the fireworks when Melena and Lucas do get to meet up, to the new characters, the fights, the story, the intricacy and balance. To say I loved this book would be doing it a huge disservice! This deserves more stars than I can give. Go read the whole series.

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**Elise ✕ a.k.a Ryder's Pet ✕ says**

**Rate: 2.5/3 stars.**

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**Tiblu says**

**Deeply Disappointed....**

Disappointment, is the only way to describe how I felt after reading this book,after reading it I realized things and had my eyes opened just like Melina did during this installment.... Melina never puts in these terms but once again she's someone's puppet and pawn,she's playing her part while others pull her strings leading her here and there telling her what to do while they usually know a fuller picture she doesn't ( her time in the army) .... Only this time the ppl ( sups) with the Machiavellian machinations, whose daily mantra is how the ends justify the means and not caring nag who gets hurt as long their tools ( ppl like Melina) stay " safe". Any and all collateral damage is ok, as long as NOTHING inhibits their plan.... The nerou ( the children of sensors and Angel mixes) who taken and then stashed in purgatory for slave labor is wrong. I agree but lying,cheating,using and abusing others ,trusts,lives etc. w/that whole "the end justifies the means" mentality is right up w/ me , and equally asinine BS phrase " being cruel to be kind" ... BS!!!

Sometimes,sometimes those lame tired ass phrases might be true but when it's describes all the havoc and destruction these sups in hiding the background are willing to do... No one here has been Melina's " friend" almost a n the entire series w/out some master plan or manipulating the heck out of her, and the few " good" ppl I like have been ruthlessly killed off because we're either careless collateral damage or ppl who they needed to maneuver out of their way... Everyone has been revealed just about as either a user or as the used in a plot that might sound "noble" on the outside but when you truly stop caring how you achieve your goals,who hurt or what you have do to get there,what the difference between these creatures and the terrorists Melina she used try and fight ? Personally ? I don't know .. You might think that's too strong but I became disillusioned w/this series when I realized this series is just one long story arc w/out h being used as a pawn almost the entire time,( I mean no one I think could guessed she'd end in Alaska because of her stupid friend or how things w/change between her and Lucas ) but she's been used and or manipulated almost from day one by one person or another and while rescuing a race from being slaves could be "noble" their machiavellian ways are not,disappointed that everyone I'd tried to like was either a part of the scheme,letting themselves be manipulated into the scheme because of their own selfish ambitions ( like Derrick) or allowed to be killed off in selfish collateral damage ( Charlie and Felisha) .. Oddly enough the only one not using Melina in the crazy warped scheme is Lucas and he's being and his trust abused 1st mainly by his twin and sadly by Melina because allowed herself to be duped ;( and saddened because as much I "did" enjoy the



enthralling story I liked the romance between Lucas and Melina it's never really get the chance I Know both Melina and I would love because the slow thaw the writer has Lucas emotions/trust etc. ( like trying thaw a 8x8 ft. Block of ice w/ blow dryer and maybe a magnifying lens) can't be down in just two more books... Is this was a shorter plot or a longer series where ( shorter plot) we would be privileged to see it worked out and then see things made " right" on the other side maybe but no after this long twisted machiavellian plot where the quote " good guys" use and and manipulate others in ways that show not matter noble they think they are, their honestly NO better that the ppl Melina and the writer herself once tried to stop... They to believed in their cause ,and believed it just and used it to justify any hurt or cruelty they perpetrated.... For me no different for the behind the scenes cowardly bastards here... Came see Nik as weak and pathetic ,letting pride be his downfall but Derrick really earned my disgust ,he's a "man" who's allowed himself to be used and abused by others in this usually sick or sadistic plots never really helping because it might get in the way of his revenge!! WTH , ok what was done to him was horrible but living ONLY for revenge for over 200 years and closing your eyes to things as bad as or worse than what was done to you just to achieve it? Aaaaaaaa no! When he attacked Emily and Logan and allowed kids to attack kids in his plot,he lost what little like or respect he had from me... Finding out what he like Nik to to him didn't help... Speaking of,while Vamp.s are WELL known sexual creatures and Nik was a Manwhore each writer sets the rules in his or her own world/s and adding that and the scene in the restaurant/club in N.O. seemed like some weak attempt to add an "erotic" touch or something that ok, while I didn't care for it at all,also felt out of place in a book that had never really been all that sexual except for the few scattered scenes here and there between Lucas and Melina ,so honestly weird.

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