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Fitting into the Old World isn't going very well for Boulder boundary witch Allison "Lex" Luther: she may have earned a place in a vampire's service, but now it seems as if every supernatural creature in town has found a reason to hate her. And when Lex and her partner are assigned to investigate the suspicious disappearance of two vampires during the night of the full moon, they find themselves with more questions than answers.

Was it murder...or mutiny?

The crusade for answers will lead Lex all over the Colorado Old World, from a prison cell for a broken werewolf to a haunted Denver brothel. And when Lex determines the responsible party, the hunt is just beginning: something has been awakened in Boulder, something as old and powerful as it is terrifying. Only the woman with death in her blood can stop what's coming.

## **Boundary Lines Details**

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## Karissa says

This was the second book in the Boundary Magic series by Olson. I really enjoyed this book, this has been a solid urban fantasy series that has a good storyline and makes for an entertaining read.

I listened to this on audiobook and the audiobook is well done. The narrator does a great job with characters voices and portraying emotion. I would recommend listening to on audiobook if you enjoy audiobooks.

This book is mainly a mystery, Lex is trying to solve a couple mysteries. The first mystery involves the disappearance of two vampires on the night of a full moon. The second mystery involves a mysterious regurgitated pellet found in the forest; it is huge and contains human remains. I enjoyed how these mysteries were unwound and ended up intertwining.

The larger story about Lex's Boundary Witch status and her magic capabilities also continues and makes some progress. I also continue to enjoy Lex's military background and the unique perspective that gives her on things.

There are a variety of interesting characters in here that I enjoyed reading about. I also enjoyed the addition of ley line magic and crazy mythical creatures.

Overall this was a great addition to this urban fantasy series. I continue to enjoy the story, the mystery, the magic, and the characters. If you are a fan of investigative urban fantasies I would recommend checking this series out.

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## Ian says

Something is out of whack in the Old World and the vampires, werewolves and witches are all acting strangely. Someone is messing with the line and with Maven, Colorado's ruling vampire, in a power struggle she has entrusted her most recent employee boundary witch Lex with sorting it all out.

She finds herself not just walking the line between the supernatural groups and stopping a war, but also dealing with ghosts and an ancient predator that will require the vampires, werewolves and witches to unite if they are to have any chance of killing it.

Book two continues Lex's story as well as introducing a few new characters. It's still early in the series but this is a great discovery for me. I'm completely addicted and can't wait for book three.

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## Rob Blackwell says

Once again, Melissa F. Olson delivers a fantastic urban fantasy novel. Allison "Lex" Luthor is a compelling, complex character who must learn learns more about her powers as a boundary witch to confront a

mysterious threat that is making the local supernatural community go haywire. The book is fast paced, perfectly plotted, and a gripping read. The ending was terrific. If you aren't reading this series, you should be.

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### **Ezinwanyi says**

3.5 stars

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### **Melindeeloo says**

I liked this even more than the first. I really like Lex as a character and I like the world. I am looking forward to more.

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### **Steph says**

I found it hard to not only get into this one (vs. the first, *Boundary Crossed*) but also to stay engaged once I did. But, I've had a ton on my mind lately, so it's most likely a case of "it's not you, it's me". That said, I really do enjoy the world expansion Olson provides with this *Scarlett Bernard* series spin-off. I like Lex and her boundary magic abilities are intriguing. We continue to learn more about them as she does. There's a mix of supernaturals (werewolves, witches and vampires) for those who enjoy that in their UF series.

**Boundary Lines** picks up near *Boundary Crossed*'s end and Lex finds herself disliked by many in the Old World, especially the witches. Due to events in the previous installment, she aligned herself with the vamps, which isn't sitting well with many of the witches. There is more than Lex's unusual magic abilities to worry about though, several vamps have gone missing and a mysterious beast is on the prowl for food. Magic is doing odd things to Old Worlders in Boulder and Lex must figure out why.

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### **Lynn says**

I received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Even though I read the first book recently I appreciated how Olson works information from *Boundary Crossed* (and the short story, *Malediction*) into this one and that it's not a huge info dump. It is worked in naturally throughout the first part of the book. It was really hard to put the book down (much like the first one).

I really enjoy Lex as a character more than Scarlett. Not that there is anything wrong with Scarlett, I just find Lex more interesting and I love her sass. I also love the pop culture references (even though Lex doesn't get them all). My favorite though was probably the "graboid" reference, oh and Harry Potter.

Olson's world building feels natural and I like the majority of the characters (Keller is a jerk). More Simon and Lily please... Maven is growing on me more.

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## **Angela says**

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## **Maggie says**

Five may be a wee tad generous, but I am enjoying this series and that's what counts. :-)

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## **Runningrabbit says**

### **Lined by Boundaries**

KU 3.5

This series has so far fallen rather flat, although not enough to ditch but enough for me to read another book at the same time so I can take a break. One of it's saving graces is the quality of the writing.

The problem is that to connect with Lex is difficult. She is a one dimensional character in terms of her personal objectives and her approach to relationships. Her purpose in life is a) protect her niece b) protect her niece by maintaining her bargain with Maven, leading vampire of Boulder. The concept of protecting her niece is constantly reiterated to the point that it becomes tiresome and a repetitive sentiment.

Additionally, her relationships with those around her, bar family, are one dimensional. They all provide a service for her. Witches, Lilly and Simon, provide her with developing skills, Maven protects her bargain and Quinn helps her do that. Her relationship with Quinn romantically seems immature, even though some leeway may be given in terms of PTSD background, conversly she is tough and is no simpering virgin. As Quinn sums it up, "Don't be a child."

Lastly, the plotline comes with no supprises and the novel meanders on with seemingly little purpose.

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## **Gwen says**

This book did everything it said on the tin it would do, but maybe that was the problem. Don't get me wrong I enjoyed the book but I found the read a bit clinical and for some reason Quinn does not light my fire , the question is this enough to get me to read the next one - the jury's still out on that one.

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## **Ami says**

[where there was a change of leadership in the Boulder vampire coven (hide spoiler)]

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## **Z-squared says**

Excellent followup to the last book. I'm digging this universe. Very Mercy Thompson, although Lex is an original character, not an imitation of anyone else. Great giant-lizard-stomping, UF fun!

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## **Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says**

Quick review:

**Cover:** Fitting

**Rating:** NC-17

**Steaminess:** HOT

**Thumbs Up:** 4

**Overall:** Better than the last

**Characters:** Well Written

**Plot:** Overcoming old prejudices

**Page Turner:** Yes

**Series Cont.?** Yes

**Recommend:** Yes

**Book Boyfriend:** Quinn

### **SUMMARY** (50 words or less)

This installment was better. There was still some predictability, but I found I enjoyed this story better than the first. I also enjoyed the side romance between Quinn and Scarlett even though she pissed me up some.

### Audio Review

Kate Rudd does a good job with narration.

For a full review and yummy pic, see my blog post at:

<http://www.mybookboyfriend.net/2015/1...>

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## **Alaine says**

I'm getting pretty bored with this series right now. Just feeling meh about it.

2/10: Lots of casual sexism that's irritating me.

The main character also makes a point to mention her rescue dogs any time she talks about her pets. She's barely home to interact with them but they're her RESCUE DOGS. God, shut up about it. And that's coming from a person with three corgi tattoos and a dog Instagram.

56% into the book, I kind of feel committed to seeing it through. But a "Frozen" reference was just made. I'm trying to unwind with a cheeseball book so I can fall asleep. I do not appreciate getting that stupid song stuck

in my head from a freaking vampire book. You know how you know you should second guess what you're writing? Are you literally putting the words "The cold never bothered me anyway" into it when it's not an illustrated adaptation of the movie? Stop. Stop right now.

Also 2/10: "No, Quinn," I interrupted. "I don't want to spend my life depending on mind control to make things run smoothly. It's too much power. Too seductive." STFU, Derwood! You're a boundary witch. He's your vampire boyfriend. Stop pretending you're normal. Use the force!

Still 2/10: So this woman says she works with patients who have psychological problems. She also says "I can't heal natural-born psychological problems like manic depression but...." Did this just happen? This just happened. If Sashi actually did this work, she'd know the word is bipolar.

2/11: I'm a math student. When I read "Two of the black circles were fairly close to Boulder, and the rest all a distance away" I am going to sit there and stare at the sentence for a solid five minutes trying to figure out wtf that even means. An adjective before "a distance" would have been good here.

I decided I'm not bored with this book anymore because the writing is bad enough to be entertaining.

"Quinn had included a sharpening kit in his weapons cache, and Mary had offered to sharpen the Danish sword for me during the car ride." I mean... safety third! Right after that, the same person says "I didn't hear a word from her the whole way." She has a werewolf sharpening a sword in a moving vehicle and she's talking about it like she found a clever way to pacify a cranky baby. Just... what? What is this writing?

The best part is from the first line of the acknowledgments bit at the end. "The book you're now holding I'd arguably the most-researched project I've ever worked on...". THE MOST-RESEARCHED. But she couldn't spend thirty seconds googling to find out the term "manic-depressive" fell out of favor "a time" ago. Details matter.

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## Angie says

*\*\*I received an ARC through Netgalley courtesy of the publisher in exchange for an honest review.\*\**

Hmm...so this book was just okay for me. Lex is now working for Maven in exchange for Maven's protection of Lex's niece, Charlie. Lex's first assignment is to discover what is causing the surge of magic in Boulder which is drawing in the werewolves, a bad thing for the vampires, and there's now some creature threatening the Old World and humans.

Things between Lex and Quinn have also been heating up and Lex was finally allowed to make a decision regarding her brother-in-law, John, that I was happy with that I'm looking forward to seeing play out in the next book.

Olson's storytelling and her heroine's detective skills are why I pick up her books but I didn't find the case terribly interesting in this book and that made it hard to get into and finish. But one so-so read in a sea of excellent books won't stop me from picking up the next one. Can't win 'em all.

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## **Coyora Dokusho says**

Like this book just as much as the first one. There are adorable childrens!!!! And animals!! The strong points of the first book keep going strong in this one as well. Thinking back, I realize that the plot was really complicated with a lot of disparate pieces, but while I was reading, I was just completely absorbed and didn't get discombobulated at all!!! Good job author!!! Loved it.

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## **Meigan says**

Review coming.

\*\*eARC received via NetGalley in exchange for my honest opinion.

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## **Brandi says**

Melissa F. Olson's "Boundary Lines" is an excellent, engrossing book that keeps the reader's curiosity and interest until the book is finished. That and it's almost Halloween, what better time for a vampire tale? I started reading the book the other day and stayed up most of the night to finish it.

I enjoyed the plot and characters and the story flowed well. The only problem is, now I have to purchase book one!

My copy was won from the Goodreads.com website. I appreciate the opportunity to read and review this book. After I get Book 1 from Amazon, that review will follow shortly.

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## **Simply Sam ? says**

Not much to say about this one. It was another 3 star addition to this series. For some reason, I just don't think the books are living up to their potential. I'm not sure if it's the writing style, or the characters, or the story line. Something is just falling a little flat. Anyhoo. With that being said, it's not a bad read. Lex is a little annoying. She thinks she knows how to handle every situation better than those with way more experience. Sure, you know how to handle vampire politics better than the vampire queen. Sure, you know more about biology than the actual biologist. Of course you do. That was probably my biggest hang up with this book. Other than that, it was another easy to listen to UF and I'll probably go ahead and listen to the third book as well.

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