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Intrinsically woven into the fabric of human existence, Aphrodite, Titan Goddess of Love and Passion, dedicates herself to matching soul mates.

Rebecca Carol and Robert Corvin missed their original chance to bond when Ares, God of War, took control of Robert's career ten years ago. Their souls have naturally pulled them back together for a second chance at love, but...How far will the gods go to get their own way?

Will divine influence create another perfect match or will it tear them apart forever?

## **Open House Details**

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## From Reader Review Open House for online ebook

### Valerie McQueen says

Open House by Krystal Shannan

Rating 5\*\*\*\*\*

This book was provided free from the author in exchange for honest literary review.

Rebecca has only wanted one man in her life since high school. Unfortunately, he left Texas long ago. Needless to say she was shocked when her important client turned out to be none other than her long lost crush Robert. Knowing he is relocating back to Texas gives Rebecca the chills, but it may not be smooth sailing because Rebecca and Robert are involved in a struggle between the Gods for who retains the rights to their soul.

Wonderfully written novella. It gives enough detail without being obscene. I have a fondness for mythology, so I could really picture both Aphrodite and Ares as they were portrayed. Several times characterization is sketchy in novellas but that is so not the case here.

The plot is well developed without being choppy. In fact, I could have read a lot more of their story. This is the first of a series, so I look forward to reading more of her tales. For me this is a great recommended read

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### Zed Whisper says

\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

At only 60 pages, Open House was a very quick read. In fact, I managed to read 25% whilst having my breakfast and because I arrived to work 45 minutes early (why is there always congestion on my way home but not on my way to work?!) I completed the remaining three quarters.

I have mixed feelings about this book. I enjoyed the beginning; how Rebecca and Robert knew each other beforehand at school because so many books I read are about love at first sight, which quite frankly is beyond my comprehension.

However, their 'love' moved a little too quickly for my liking. I understand the whole first romance thing, and how Rebecca would like to please Rob, but having a guy that controlling, who even orders your dinner for you is not what I find attractive. I found him a little bit arrogant.

I could not relate to the characters particularly or the storyline because a billionaire arriving unexpectedly, buying a mansion to move in with a girl he once tutored but was not romantically involved with is something I could not get my head around. Then just over a week later the guy proposes to her, seriously? In an ideal world it would be incredibly sweet but unfortunately it was beyond the realms of my reality but perhaps I am just too cynical.

On the other hand, I loved the inclusion of Greek Mythology in Open House. I have always wanted to learn more about the Greek Gods and Goddesses and was happily surprised to see them in this read. I especially found the banter between Ares and Aphrodite amusing, and how they were constantly trying to interfere with

the outcome of RR's relationship.

Ironically, the fact that Greek Mythology was involved in this, especially the Goddess of Love herself, helped me to believe the story and their love. This also pushed my rating of Open House from a 3.5 to a 4!

Thanks Krystal!

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### **Summer Hedrick says**

I received a copy of this book from the author for a free and honest review.

Once I started reading this book, I was instantly drawn in. I love a book that makes me feel like I'm part of a character. Aphrodite is pulling souls together while Ares tries to push them apart. Of course Aphrodite wins!

I had chill bumps reading this book! It is full of love, laughter, sex and happy tears. I cannot wait for book 2!

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### **Kim culbertson says**

I was given this book as a gift for an honest review.

Perfect blend of love, lust, romance, and hot steamy sex!

Will for sure follow this series! Great book and well worth reading! Great job!

great short, will read more by this author !

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### **Jillian (NetGalley Addict) says**

Rebecca works for a real estate agency and one day she gets personally requested to show a high dollar house for a guy who tutored her in high school who is now a rich tech guy. Rich tech guy aka Robert has come back to his home town because he saw Rebecca at a wine tasting, remembered and decided to move his entire company from DC to Texas so he could date her. They are soul mates and there are two gods who are fighting over them if one wins they will be together if the other wins they will forever be apart. Alright so this is a quick novella and while the two people knew each other in high school they haven't seen each other in ten years, Robert has been back for one day and within like an hour Rebecca the thirty year old virgin has given up her virginity to him then only a couple days later she is in his creepily decorated just for her mansion and they are going to get married.

The gods who were in the story were more annoying than anything else, really it was all just leading up to the two of you having sex. Should have done that in the first place instead of messing with the two people in the story, they could have not been in the story at all and I would have been perfectly fine.

It's not a badly written novella, I just prefer to have more of a storyline than these two people are soul-mates,

Gods are messing with them, hey I just met you and I love you. If you like straight up sex and insta love then this is something you would love.

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### **Sophia says**

In essence, anyone who reads this is getting two stories for the price of one. And how cool is that? I love reading books that include the Greek gods and goddesses so I took the opportunity to grab this one. It was a sassy and sweet, but yet 'hotter than Hades throne room' short story.

The story is fairly short so it gets to the matter quickly. Two people who secretly crushed on each other in high school now have a second chance when Robert decides to move his tech business back to Texas. He spotted the grown up Rebecca at a wine festival and is now confident enough to try for her. Robert finds his way back into Rebecca's life by making sure she's the realtor that is sent out to show him a home that he's interested in buying. They hit it off quickly enough, but naturally things aren't that simple.

The trouble is that Robert and Rebecca have no idea that in essence their romance is the focus of a tug of war between the Greek gods, Aries and Aphrodite. Both want to use these human souls for their own ends and use the situation as a chance to show each other a little spite due to their thousand year long anger over a break-up. Both are determined to have their way so plot to thwart each other at every turn.

The plot or should I say plots offered enjoyable stories for different reasons, but I do wonder if they would have been even better if the focus would have been more strong on one or the other instead of almost evenly divided the way it was. I found the human story a sweet little piece and the gods' portion amusing. Both plots had the common denominator of providing some torchy sex scenes particularly Aries and Aphrodite- whoo boy!

So if you're looking for a quick read for some light, yet steamy entertainment, you might wish to give this one a try.

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### **Carol [Goodreads Addict] says**

Open House is book one in the Pool of Souls series by Krystal Shannan. This book was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review.

This is a short story about how the deities are battling to control us humans here on earth. Aphrodite, the God of Love, and Ares, the God of War, have a love hate relationship of their own. Right now they are battling over whether or not the souls of Robert Corvin and Rebecca Carol will be allowed to bond.

Robert and Rebecca met back in high school. Robert was a nerdy student and Rebecca was a cheer leader. They both felt mutually attracted to each other but neither of them admitted it to one another. Ares

intervened after high school, wanting Robert for his own purposes, and aimed him towards MIT and Rebecca went a different direction. Ten years later, their souls which are destined for one another, have another chance.

Aphrodite knows that these two souls are the perfect match and she helps their paths to cross once again, giving them the second chance they need to reestablish what once could have been. But Ares is having none of it and throws as many obstacles in their paths as he can.

Rebecca is now a Realtor and Robert a multi-millionaire. Rebecca is sure that Robert doesn't even remember her when she meets with him to show him a house in Houston where she just happens to live. But Robert knew all along that she was here and knew that he just had to have her in his life. He can't explain the pull he feels towards her but knows he doesn't want to fight it. The question is, can Rebecca and Robert make it through all the road blocks Ares tries to put in their paths or will true love, souls that are the perfect match, finally be allowed to bond together as they were intended? Book two in this series is called *Finding Hope* where Ares and Aphrodite find a new couple to torment and fight over.

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### **A.R. Von says**

I absolutely LOVED this book! It's a short beautiful, satisfying read that is fun, funny and exciting with a perfect sensual and paranormal touch that any romance and paranormal reader (18 and over) will love!

Rebecca works for a realty agency in her home town and is about to take on possibly the biggest sale of her career. She's very smart, pretty and lively and is determined to make this sale and show her boss how capable she really is. When she finds out who it is that's looking to buy the beautiful home things become more intense and nerve racking for her. It's been years since she's seen her handsome math tutor. Will he recognize her and what will he think of what she has become?

Robert is a very good looking successful business man that's looking to move back to his home town for various reasons. One of them is relocating his business. Finding the perfect real estate agent was a breeze after he found out the woman he has had feelings for since high school but never let it be known, works for a local agency. Making a specific request for her and only her, he anticipates seeing her again and hopes the fates are on his side.

Behind the scenes the gods really do have their hands in the outcome of many things. But when two of them are fighting against one another for the same thing, it gets a bit rough. Which one will come out on top in the long run?

I look forward to reading much more from Krystal Shannan. She created such excellent short with lovable characters, vivid settings and her writing is very fresh. I found myself hooked up until the very end and I bet you will too :)

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### **Lauren says**

Wow! This hot and sexy short read is about two adults who never acknowledged their love in high school and come together as adults. I loved how this story included a few of the greek gods into the story line. Excellent read! WaAR

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### **Gaele says**

In a cleverly plotted short story that weaves the gods of Olympus with two recently reunited high school friends, Krystal Shannan has created a story that is both fun and unique, with love, laughs and some really steamy sex.

With two souls fated to match finally meet and connect, their relationship moves at warp speed, even when two very determined gods are invested in the outcome. Robert is the owner of a major defense contracting company, and Ares is most interested in keeping him alone and focused on his day job. Aphrodite knows that Robert is destined to his match in Rebecca, and will stop at nothing to ensure the match. With several divinely placed roadblocks in their path to an HEA this short moves at breakneck speed, and though it will leave you wanting more, it is perfect for a light evening with a book.

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### **Michelle says**

Great mix of mythological, adventuresome, and romance. I loved how she tied all of the aspects of the book together and made it a great story you wanted to keep reading, even after it was finished.

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### **Leanne Crabtree says**

I preferred reading about the Gods antics more than the romance playing out

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### **Heidi says**

I received this book from the author for an honest review.

A fantastic hot and steamy romance with a bit of Godly influence! What happens when you play with Aphrodite? You fall in love.. what happens when you make her angry? She will destroy you! So don't mess with her souls! In this adventurous novella we hop from mortal world to Aphrodite's palace as we discover

what the Goddess of love has in store for two soul mates kept apart. The two souls have no idea they are in the hands of two angry Gods battling each other to gain control of them. Great story line, well developed characters and steamy hot love scenes this book has it all and you will not be left wanting! I can't wait to read Book 2!

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### ★Moonrise Books says

Open House is a novella that introduces us to Robert and Rebecca, two high school sweethearts who parted ways over ten years ago when Robert first left for college. After building up his company and securing a contract with the Navy, Robert returns to his hometown in search of the woman he left behind. But now that the great god of war, Ares, senses that Robert is drifting off course, Robert's plans to reunite with Rebecca may be derailed. It wouldn't be the first time. But the gods are fickle and the future is in flux. And while Ares has been working behind the scenes, the goddess of love, Aphrodite, is battling to gain control over the fate of these two human souls. Although her mission appears noble, she has her own reasons for her desperate quest. Can the love between Robert and Rebecca withstand the immortal powers of the gods? It has been three lifetimes, and Ares isn't about to surrender so easily.

I am a little apprehensive when I start a book that attempts to meld the ancient Greek gods of Olympus with the modern world, but Krystal Shannan has accomplished just that! Not only has she seamlessly melded these two worlds, she has brought such incredible sexual chemistry to the characters that they sizzle off the pages! I know the history of Ares—a brutal god who is feared amongst the gods themselves. But how can you resist this leather-clad, hunky and gorgeous god of war that exudes pure, raw sexual energy? This is how I imagine Ares should and would be, if he were to enter our realm. A truly fantastic, fresh take on mythology in the modern world, I fell in love with this novella and all its mythological charm! I am eager to see what transpires in book #2!

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