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Abel Wilder, werewolf Alpha, has gone missing, leaving his mate and the pack in a panic. His captor magicked his scent out of the sanctuary so that his mate can't track him down. Only one witch can cast a spell that powerful.

James Faulkner has finally crossed a line that Elise Kavanagh can't ignore.

Elise is going to have to hunt James down before the werewolf pack loses its Alpha and Rylie loses her mate. And Elise will have to find a way to make sure that James never bothers the pack—or anyone else—ever again.

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Leah Speller says

I find it difficult to give this 5 stars because I am not sure how this particular story actually moved the story along. Though it did bring in some new characters and you can't help but wonder those that introduce themselves as friends do they become enemies?

There are always a lot of questions asked and not to mention once some are answered it brings more questions. I think this is going to happen more as this story progresses. But I believe that is what makes a good story. It is what makes you want to turn the page and keep turning. Or keeps you up later then you should because you want to read just one more paragraph or one more page or one more chapter. So here's to good books and good series. Especially this one as I move on to the next book.

Amber Zones says

This one took me a while to get into, but once I was sucked in boy was I hooked. So many things happened in this book. I think that is why it took me a while to get sucked in. But all those things needed to happen. I felt like in this book all the characters from both series were fully pulled in. After I read this one I went and one clicked all the Rylie books since I hadn't read them yet and devoured them in 2 days. It was like every book in both series were coming together for this one, kind of like everyone is at the party so now let the fun begin. I cannot wait to see what happens next!

Oh James and Elsie. What can I say about these two other than Holy Hannah about time! Things come to a head between these two and explodes. I felt for James and Elsie in this story, my guts were wrenched. You feel like they finally realize fate has made them what they are and they are finally playing with the hands they were dealt. I hate to say it, but I felt for James. After that long, well played game of chess and hearing your opponent say check was very hard to hear.

Abel, Abel, Abel. I loved him since the beginning of Rylie's books and I fell even harder in this story. This guy is amazing. He was willing to give up everything for something he thought would make everyone (Rylie) happy. And then what happens while they are in Shamain, gut wrenching!!

Nash has a much larger role in this installment and I really liked that. I didn't like Leliel before and I really didn't like her after this story. And the last line in the book, holy amazeballs! How am I suppose to patiently wait for the next book with a line like that?

SM Reine has an amazing way to pull her readers in and keep them. When I read her books I feel like I am there, feeling what her characters are feeling. Nothing is better than a book that makes me laugh and cry and be darn right angry that it is over. SM's books do that time and time again.

I was given a copy of this book from the author for an honest review.

Jaime Hendrickson says

I want to start off by saying I love this author. I really do. I keep waiting for one of these books to be Bad or not interesting but the series and the books just get better and better. I started with The Descent series and continued on to The Ascension series. This is the fourth book in the series. It really should go without saying, but you really shouldn't start with this book, start with the first book in the series, Sacrificed in Shadow. This book starts out with Abel, the werewolf alpha disappearing from the werewolf sanctuary. Riley and Elise take off to find him and James who also is involved. Elise is preparing to deal with James once and for all. While the last book took place primarily in Hell, this one is set mostly on Earth and in the city of Angels. We have Angels and a few demons. Werewolves and witches. There are some characters and things mentioned that are from her previous series. I've never read the authors first series ,The Cain Chronicles and Seasons of the Moon. (I think some of the are free right now for the kindle) There were things mentioned and characters that were definitely from those series. I was able to follow but it really made me want to read those books. James and Elise fans will be happy with this book. We defiantly get to see the two of them. The book culminated with a big fight in the angelic city. It was definitely a good read that really progressed the story forward. I did miss Hell and while I did get a glimpse of Nuema, I missed my favorite new character Gerard. The book ends with shocker that makes the wait for the next one unbearable!! I am grateful that the author writes fast! Definitely recommend this book!!!! *****This book was given to me by the author in advance for an honest review*****

Shirley says

I received Caged in Bone in exchange for a fair and honest review.

This series is not for the faint of heart. Wow! I expected an intense book, none of them have been light and fluffy, but this installment took that intensity to a whole new level. I'm not quite sure where to start and I'm positive that I won't come close to doing the book justice, but here it goes...

Everyone is still in recovery mode when Caged in Bone opens. The pack is trying to get back to normal, at least as normal as things can be when they don't know when the next attack is coming or even where it's coming from. They're all dealing with their grief and rapidly changing world in their own way. Unsurprisingly, some are dealing better than others.

Caged in Bone covered a lot of ground. More than one character's POV was given and not a moment was wasted with any of them. They all had their own personal battles going on and their interactions with each other were more tense than in any book in this series so far. Decisions were made that were more often than not the wrong ones, but for the right reasons. I felt like shaking more than one of them throughout Caged in Bone.

This is a book that you need to be in the right frame of mind to read. Mainly because you need to pay attention to every detail. I might have to go back and read a few sections again before the next book is released. If you've been following the series, you know how complicated just Elise's background is. Caged in Bone makes her history even more intricately woven with other characters. Some of those connections I should have noticed before. Some of them were expected and some of them totally floored me.

There were also more than a few twists and turns. Some characters made some painful discoveries and lives

– once again – were left dangling precariously – emotionally and physically. There were also some smexy moments between a couple (kind of) unexpected characters.

It's been a while since I've become this emotionally invested in a group of characters. I care about them and want to see things turn around for all of them – as impossible as that may seem right now. I've even started to gain a new respect for a few of the characters that I've wanted to hate. That, along with a very long list is what has put this author on my auto-read list. I've even forgiven her for the now expected cliff hanger. Yes, the intensity lasted until the very last page... in this case, the very last sentence. It's a good thing that S.M. Reine writes fast

Mara says

Every time I finish one of Ms Reine's books, I'm always slightly surprised. Every time I wonder why she hasn't landed a contract with one of the main publishing houses. I've read quite a few of her books, including the YA ones. And not once I've thought she isn't one of the good names in UF, even for the YA series, which I never finished (but then I never finished Ms St Crow's either. In both cases I read book one only).

Caged in Bone can't be read stand alone, even if the series can be read alone without the other two mixing up in this world. It's UF moving toward epic fantasy, and here I mean it's coral (one heroine, many lead characters, a world of voices), it has an epic battle going on (hell, heaven, earth), it's nuanced. There's no Good, Bad. There's right and wrong in each and everyone.

Honestly I had hoped for an deserved revenge on James and his arrogance, for all the hurt and the pain, for his total lack of care toward the others. I'm sorry the Elise is still human enough to be unable to get it. But I should have known the author wouldn't have disappointed me. Because James does learn a few points about betrayal. But I wonder what else he has to see to understand his folly. He's destroying all the worlds in search for power.

Politics, intrigues and multiple threads abound. You will need all your mind to follow this book to the end.

Arc courtesy of Ms Reine.

Gerd says

It starts out with the Alpha, Abel, vanishing from the werewolf sanctuary leaving his mate back in worry, and to worsen matters it's not just that Abel has vanished, so has all trace of him, giving sure sign that some powerful magic must have been involved. Rylie, who is still gnawing on Seth's death, desperately turns to the only person that can help her find her mate again, demon Elise, current ruler of Dis.

Meanwhile in angelic Shamain the body of Leliel is discovered, closer to death than life. Nashriel who gets called in to examine the site finds that the seemingly impossible has happened, a demon managed to cross borders into Heaven. When the attacker can't be found he goes for his fiancée Summer to enlist her help in the search.

Left by both Alphas, and now his sister, Abram reluctantly takes up temporary leadership of the pack. At this

time they get attacked by Clotho, a new sort of powerful demon-hybrid loyal to Belphegor and the Union closes in.

I loved this book - quelle surprise, eh?

As if I actually couldn't love a book that practically opens with Rylie.

Okay, okay, it does really open with Abel on his last day in the Sanctuary, before he vanishes, but Rylie does make an early appearance. The opening chapter shows us a different side of Abel, one that is usually hidden behind cocky stubbornness and possessive behaviour, making me inclined to like him more again.

As usual I loved the exploration of Rylie and Elise's friendship, them being such different characters, united in their hunt after James Faulkner.

James was the character that surprised me the most in this instalment of the series, or rather my personal reaction to him. So far I was quite contend with seeing him as the bad guy, but the more we do get to learn about his twisted love for Elise, the less I can help it but almost sympathize with him.

Neuma does play only a minor role again, but it's nothing short of memorable as it shows us both sides of her, the succubus demon's and the human's, and there's a wonderful moment of bonding that offers Elise for one some well deserved quiet and peace and for other lifts their relationship beyond mere sex to something truly meaningful.

Following the tradition, the fourth book in the Ascension series also offers more information on one of the side characters, and this time it's Abram who gets to share some of the spotlight, allowing him to become a character in his own right.

"Caged in bone" is definitely more sexy than it's predecessors, yet I feel that it marks growth to S.M. as an author by the fact that she manages this by not putting more sex in, which seldom works to advantage, but to write the sex there is with more impact, adding emotion to it that goes beyond the simple satiation of some carnal hunger.

All in all the story is again extremely well told, never short of surprises, with new alliances being revealed and old acquaintances reappearing, all building up steadily towards an unexpected climax that takes the series in a new direction.

But where other books left off on minor cliff-hangers, just leaving enough open for us to stay curious about what the next book may bring, this one is almost leaving us in a free fall, desperately wondering what will come next and how bad things will turn for our heroes when we hit the ground.

Carrie says

These books are completely addictive. They suck you in and just won't let you go! Elise and Rylie once again joined forces in what seems like a small task, but ends up exploding to apocalyptic proportions.

Abel has gone missing and the only clue they find is a rune that indicates the ever elusive James Faulkner has been somehow involved. Rylie obtains the ruler of Dis's help (aka Elise) in a cross country search for her missing mate. Elise, of course, has an agenda of her own that is a mix of guilt, rage, and conflicted love/hate feelings that still bounce around between James and Elise.

I pretty much read these books for the heartbreaking little scenes we get between James and Elise. Every time James enters on the scene, I smile. As much as I know we should all hate James by now (especially

Elise), I'm rooting for every small sign of affection between the two of them. I think I finally figured out what first drew me to this book two-some. They completely remind me of Aeon and Trevor from the Aeon Flux series. It's a tortured love/hate relationship, but you still can't help but root for a happy ending. If that brings back fond memories for you, this series can't be missed. Start from the beginning, though, because all the torture is really worth it for the moments of true happiness.

There are some truly big events that happen in this book, further progressing the storyline and pushing us towards whatever massive ending this series has in store for us. We get slightly more happiness and slightly less torment by the end of the book. It's still a gritty and awesomely action-packed read that you've come to expect from S.M. Reine, with a little ray of sunshine to keep the HEA-chasers holding on to hope. I can't wait to see where this series ends up!

Ashu says

It gets better and better. Greedily waiting for more....

Tina says

An absolute page-turner! This is the fourth story in the Ascension series, and I have loved every one of them. Each story gets better than the last as you experience the destruction of Heaven as Hell takes over. This is definitely a must read for anyone who likes an Urban Fantasy story with a heroine who takes charge of the situation. I highly recommend that you read this series in order so that you have a better understanding of what is happening and why. I cannot wait to see what Ms. Reine has planned for the next story.

Alpha werewolf Abel Wilder is missing. The entire pack has searched for him with no luck of his whereabouts. Rylie Gresham, his mate has gone into full panic because even she cannot find any trace of him, and she knows that the only thing that could have happened to his is that he was hidden from them by magic. She has to find Elise Kavanagh as quickly as possible. They know it has something to do with James Faulkner, and they have dealt with his interference long enough. It's time to put a stop to James's plans once and for all. Can they locate Abel and stop James from destroying the werewolf pack before it's too late? Or will Heaven and Hell fall before they are found?

I received an e-copy of this book for free from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Darlene says

Whew! Another 3:30 morning for sleep. Today I slept until nearly 3:00 in the afternoon. Caged in Bone was so stimulating that I just couldn't go to sleep even when I finished reading it. Sure we were left in a safe spot having a few threads tied up. But you could tell there was more. Luckily, I was too tired to see if I had the next book ready so I didn't start reading it yet. I am itchy to get started on it, though.

Have I mentioned that I love Elise Cavanagh? After this many books with her as the main character, I nearly think of her as real. Heck, she did live in Reno for quite a while; she could have been a neighbor.

wink

This book is a continuation of the stories before, saving Heaven (Shamain), trying to resurrect someone we love (sorry, Spoilers!) all the while each character fighting their own personal demons, real and imagined. The book grabs you and won't let go.

By the way, disclaimer: I was given this book by the author for an honest review. So I say, those five stars and my review are fully an honest reaction to a fantastic book in a fantastic series of serieses (is that a word?).

Please read these books. Starting with Seasons of the Moon series, then Cain Chronicles, then Descension and Ascension (which I think I am nearing the end) then the newest one is the Preternatural Affairs series. I can't wait!

Llaph | No Frill | No Shill says

I didn't take notes while I read so I will just express that I get a feeling of "wow what a freaking cool book" when I think about what I read. I love Reine's twisty, inventive, wtf inducing, and just plain mind blowing world. It doesn't matter the series, characters, or even the time period I've enjoyed all I've read and am glad I have a bunch more of her books to catch up on. (I started collecting them whenever one would go on sale hence why I'm finishing this series after the others.)

In relation to the characters ... she is so very good at creating those characters that don't follow a total black and white sort of morality. One time you hate them and another you love them. Oh and some you just hate all together no matter what they do because they're annoying as hell (I'm looking at you Riley.)

kk, done fan girling now

XX Sarah XX (former Nefarious Breeder of Murderous Crustaceans) says

? **The werewolves** in this series all act like silly drama queens.

? **The angels** in this series are pathetic bores.

? **But. Elise Kavanagh. Father of all Demons.** Damn you woman, I'd worship a book about underage fluffy bunnies and pastel-coloured rainbows if you were in it.

? **But. Chapter 15.** So fucked up. So perfect. So sick. So hot. So bloody amazing. Damn.

Full crappy review to come.

① Sacrificed in Shadow ★★★★

② Oaths of Blood ★★★★

③ Ruled by Steel ★★★★

⑤ Lost in Prophecy ★★★★★

⑥ Torn by Fury ★★★★★

⑦ Sins of Eden ★★★★★ (*only because there are no 10-star ratings on GR*)

Denise says

Caged in Bone continues on from where we left off in Ruled by Steel, it is book four in the third series by this author and combines characters from the prior two series with them collaborating to fight a common enemy, evil. In this installment Able vanishes and Riley seeks out Elise to help find him, all roads lead to James and boy is he going to be in trouble. Once again there is scheming and betrayal at every turn and eye-opening revelations that leave you going oh wow. The writing is wonderful, clean, and kept me at the edge of my seat devouring every word. There are some new allies and new enemies that emerge and there was one thing that bothered me with Summer just taking off leaving Abram alone to take care of the wolves, but I got over it later as it all served a purpose. Not all of the characters decision making was very rational or smart, but that is part of what makes a great story, if we agreed with everything that occurs it would be boring and Caged in Bone is certainly not boring. Once again recommend this series be read in order to appreciate the full impact of the world building and to receive the ultimate benefit from this dark and gritty tale. I signed up and requested this book from the author and received it with a request for my honest review without any compensation whatsoever, other than the joy of reading a new book.

James Hein says

Three to go in this set and it is getting more interesting

Kelly says

attempts to conceal my crazy eyes Guuuuys. THIS SERIES. It slays me. Just when you think things can't get any worse -- because, MY GAWD!, so much has happened since the barriers between earth and hell fell -- THINGS GET WORSE.

Part of me is exhausted from the emotional overload and part of me wants to next part of the story LIKE NOW. *flails quietly in the corner for a moment*

So. Things are looking a little tense for Abel, Rylie, and Elise. James is... I don't know what to think about him. Sometimes I think his intentions are understandable and sometimes I see ALL the ways his ultimate plan can go wrong. Elise's draw to James kills me. For all she knows she can't allow him to continue on the path he's chosen, she also can't kill him. Although she does come close several times.

'Tis a tangled web those two have stretched between them.

Throw in some badness in the angelic city of Shamain, betrayal from EVERY possible side, and what is nearly a literal hell on earth and this book was one non-stop ride. There are more secrets to be uncovered and I can only hope Abel finds all the ways he's worthy of being the Alpha with Rylie because his sense of self worth is severely lacking. Seeing as how I really do like him (now!) and think he and Rylie make an

excellent pair, I want him to be happy.

I'm still flailly. In a good way.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal
