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It's survival of the fittest, but first you have to fit in.

Shae is sure the icy rage that eats away at her is driving away her friends and pulling her closer to the wrong boy. But, as her protected world unravels, she discovers the violent supernatural world that lurks in her quiet hometown and the ancient feuds that threaten to destroy both her friends and her family. To save those she loves, Shae must succumb to her own fury, but at what cost?

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Patricia White says

*** Revised. Received ARC as a free read. Was not asked for a review but, giving one anyway ***

I loved the book. I don't write reviews often. But this book was for "young adults" I realized afterwards. It was a good book. I liked it. It mixed biblical with paranormal with mythology.

It's about a young girl named Shae who has anger management problems. But, she's not the only one. Her mother does too. And they clash. Her young brother and father try to be the peace makers.

In order for Shae to find peace she runs to her "sanctuary" that she and her closes friends built when they were younger. The same friends who abandoned her this summer.

They're back now, but they're different. They don't want her around. And she doesn't know why. They're keeping a secret from her. She's determined to find out what that secret is. But at what cost? And who will pay the price?

Katie Rogers says

I started this book and couldn't put it down, I just had to know, is she? Shae keeps wondering why her friends have left her? Why can't it go back to where it was before? Why are they still close but now shes on the outside looking in, with Callum? Zan and Aidan have pushed Shae as far away from them as they possibly can, but Aidan just keeps teasing her with a little attention here and there but nothing more. Callum has started giving her attention but she cant fall for the first guy. All of them are hiding something big from her, even her mother is, but will curiosity kill the Shae?

Very very good read. Can't wait for the next book to find out what happens. Does curiosity kill Shae or does it make her even better? And you know also because im hoping Zan and Aidan fall off a cliff, don't hate me, im team Callum, even with his intentions not clear.

Kristin says

What a gripping tale of mystery and paranormal by a debut author. Shae is consumed by rage that her mother won't let her go out and see her friends who have all been gone all summer and are finally back. All, it seems, to the same place. Without her. When she finally sees them, two people are killed by a mountain lion and nothing is the same with anyone. No one will talk to her, her best friend and the guy she has been in love with secretly for a year are now dating. And she could swear she saw a person turn into a bird.

Full of surprises with an ending that could not be guessed at, this book will keep you from putting it down as you try to find out just a little bit more of the mystery. Even at the conclusion, not all the answers to the riddles have been provided although enough that it can be assured this story is over but there will definitely be more to follow. And I will be reading those too.

This is really a story of self-discovery and understanding that parents do the best they can with the situation

and skills they have but that doesn't make any of them perfect. In fact, none of the parental figures in this novel are perfect although some have better intentions than others. It also shows that sometimes, we have to trust that even though we don't have all the facts, that sometimes people who care about us do what is best for us without telling us why and if we care about them, we should trust them.

Very well written. I can't wait for the next in this series.

Sharlene says

Slow at the start, then couldn't put it down!

The beginning was slow, I actually thought of not finishing it. Then things began to happen and before you know it, you are hooked and can't put it down - you have to know what happens on the next page!

Paula says

I started this book in the afternoon and I have to say it is awesome. It has an unusual take on the shifter universe. At first I thought that it was kinda slow however before I knew it it was midnight and I was 3/4ths of the way through the book. It really held your attention once it got ya going. I really liked how the author fleshed out the characters and brought them all together. I finished the book the next day. All in all it was a great read, it kept you guessing till the very end. All I can say is I love a strong female lead!

Thanks Melle Amade for a great book I hope to read more from you.

Paula

Rosemary Hughes says

A girl with 4 friends growing up and playing in a tree house. Every thing changes after one summer holiday,

when all but the girl, Shay, had been to Europe on holiday. The first encounter between these friends ends when a mountain lion kills two of the other teenagers at a bonfire party. There is more revealed that night when one of the friends shifts in to a crow in front of Shay, as they race towards the murder scene.

This is only the first reveal of the legendary shifters and their clans. A story best read fully to get the true impact of how significant and interwoven the past is chronicled with the shifters laws.

This is a book for all generations, with friendship love and family, being the important values held by our five heroes. Yes, sometimes they disagree amongst themselves, but they stand United against outside forces.

Dianne says

True to young adult fantasies, **SANCTUARY** proves out the resiliency of youth to accept the impossible and to rise above the insurmountable, and doing it with flare.

Shae has spent the summer alone, her best friends all away at camp, but now they are back and she is still just out of the loop...until the night of the big party...

Now her world is caught between fact as she has always known life and the reality of who and what her friends are. Even as her distant mother announces they are moving, Shae is determined to find out what is going on, she knows what she saw the night two teens were killed, but she had no idea what she was about to become part of. Angered, frustrated and determined, Shae will find herself in the middle of an ancient supernatural war between shifters and the bull's eye is on both her and her family.

With a little biblical history, a lot of supernatural animosity and some true friends with secrets to hide, Shae will need unleash her inner fury, her dormant otherness and the results will stop both friend and foe alike, in their tracks.

Melle Amade has done a wonderful job presenting a high energy, emotionally realistic young adult fantasy that is fascinating, fresh and filled with strong characters who thankfully, do not wallow in teen angst! A nice escape with a touch of teen romance, teen determination and proof that birds of a feather will flock together. Sometimes they just need the right direction, first!

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Runningrabbit says

Kindle Unlimited About 50% of this novel is available for a limited time here:

<http://melleamade.com/download-free-s...> To discover more indie and free paranormal reads head to www.Facebook.com/ParanormalBookFest/

This was a great YA read with well defined characters, romance, a touch of high school and a dose of suspense. The good news is that book two is out February 2017.

Tia says

Creative and Unique

Something is driving Shae's friends away. They're distant and secretive. While Shae is stuck home with her abusive mother, they went to camp, in Europe! As they try to reconnect, it's clear something is not right. A mountain lion stalks the teens and people are not who they appear to be.

Great, creative ideas in the shifter genre. Good, interesting characters and dilemmas.

Diana Blick says

I normally have a hard time with books written in the first person. Sometimes I'm not comfortable with being inside someone else's head, and the style can limit the story since it is only one subjective point of view. However, even though this is the first time this author has been published, she handles the first person POV like a pro, using it to establish a feeling of isolation and desolation that only a teenager can feel, and so sets a trapped, lonely and almost gothic tone to the story.

The plot appears to be setting up to be fairly complex and there is a surprising and unusual twist to how shifters have been involved in human history. Again the author assists me in rising above my own hangups since I am generally very uncomfortable with some of the ideas she uses when they are presented in other contexts. I wish I could be more specific here about why I am uncomfortable, but that would involve a spoiler so big as to really ruin the surprise. To be short, this is the mark of a skilled writer--to aid me in rising above my own petty perceptions and prejudices, to see something in a new way. This is a real author, and one worth watching.

I am basing this review on part one of the book only which I received free on pre-release with no strings attached. The author did not even stipulate that I write a review. She left me on a huge cliffhanger, however, and frankly I can't wait for the release on October 22! I am definitely going to be buying it, and will add to this review once I've finished it.

The author says she decided to publish sort of spur of the moment. I think it was a great choice and I will be following this writer to see how she develops and I hope you will too!

Kristin says

Only the first half of the book is currently available for free on the author's website. The full novel comes out October 22. So far this is one of the best YA fantasy novels I have read in a while. And to think this is a debut author. I can't wait to read the rest. The entire story is written with the angst that teens perfect. The characters are all very deep and mysterious, letting us get to know them slowly as the story progresses and keeping us on the edge of our seats. I can't wait to read the rest.

Angel Leya says

Shae is a young girl who feels her friends slipping away from her, caught up in secrecy and forming bonds without her. Home isn't so great either, with an icy mother whose rage she finds growing in herself, and their plans are to move away. But her friends aren't just shutting her out. They're part of something more, a frightening world that took a pair of teens, and that might be on the hunt for Shae.

This is well written, and a highly addictive story. I love the interactions, the friendships, the strain, and Shae's own struggle with an anger so all-consuming, it (figuratively) covers her in ice.

My biggest complaint with the book (other than it really doesn't address Shae's pull toward Callum, the supposed enemy, or how he came to break off from the group in the first place) is that it wasn't well edited. Most of it wasn't too distracting - missing punctuation, some missing words, etc. The two most notable mistakes were: When Shae walks home after the wake and one moment is wearing a dress (if I remember her run-in with Callum correctly) and then next she's wiping her hand on her jeans. The other is when her younger brother's eye is filled with puss (should've been pus - that kind of cracked me up).

Other than that, I enjoyed the story quite a bit and am looking forward to more from this author!

Angie says

This book gives you a glimpse into Shae's life after her friends come back from summer camp. This was well written and kept my attention the whole way through. Shae finds that a lot of things have changed since her friends came back from summer camp. Now Shae must figure out who she can trust and what is happening with her. Her mother wants to sell their house and Shae wants answers to some questions. The ending was a cliff-hanger and I am anxious to see what happens next with Shae, her family and her friends.

Nereid says

I did like the idea of the story but it just lacked something for me as it felt disjointed in places. Shea's so called friends totally ignore her and she just wants them to like her and is willing to take their rejection with no explanation why. The love triangle was interesting but Shea kept thinking she liked one of the boys more yet enjoyed kissing the other at times so it was hard to like her as she seemed so indecisive and meek. I would have enjoyed more back story to explain the relationship between her family and the extremely slow reveal was annoying. Her mother was abusive and Shea also had anger issues for most of the book. We finally get some clarity but there was no real build up and the ending felt quite flat. Hopefully her next book will flow better so you can immerse yourself in the story.

Cassandra Lockett says

Read it!!!

This was unique and different. Really special and not the usual young adult paranormal romance. It really stands out . The characters and shifter lore are new and refreshing to someone who reads a lot of paranormal stuff. I can't wait for the next one!
