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In *The Soul's Mark*, Eric Carter felt a burning spark when he first laid eyes on Amelia Caldwell. There was just something about her—something familiar—that pulled him to her. The problem was acting on the spark was suicide. Amelia was marked for his father.

Eric had been around for a long time, and before Amelia, life happened. One day he was a simple rancher and then the next, he was thrust into a world that he had never known existed, and dreaming of a girl that he knew he couldn't live without.

In this novella, Eric Carter's history is revealed.

Waking Dreams Details

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Rhomy says

I LOOOOOOVED IT!

" Eric could feel the warm blood on his lips, seeping into his mouth, and his stomach rolled. But then tasted it. Tangy and sweet and spicy. It was delicious and disgusting all at once, and Eric could not stop himself"

I adored this novella.

It's no news that I'm Ashley's fan. I really like her writing and specially this book, being a novella is fast paced and utterly entertaining.

Eric is from the beginning my favorite character in this series so I'm thrilled I got to know more about him. This is the story of his origins... of Megan, of Amelia and also Mitchell.

It was nice to see a different perspective to the story I already know.

I found myself discovering a sane Mitchell (instead of the continued mood changes of him) and being particularly caring. I must admit, now I like him a little more.

As for Eric, he is still delicious and a little reckless and unable to control his feelings, which only makes him more adorable.

What else? I LOVE PANCAKES! Yes! That was my absolute favorite scene in book one and I loved it even more in this instalment. Knowing how he felt made it perfect! Flaw - less!

If you don't know what I'm talking about, just read the books!!!

That being said... I still want Eric and Amelia to be together! (yes, I know I'm insane, but I want what I want! lol)

Darlene says

Good read

this was a good read but it did leave me with questions and I am hoping get answered in the other books. overall I think you would enjoy the break from every day life

Dianne says

Beautiful descriptions, both the emotional ones and throughout each scene in the world of Ashley Stoyanoff's Soul's Mark Series novella, **Waking Dreams**! Eric finally gets his story told, how he became Mitchell's child, his initial reaction to seeing his soulmate for the first time. The perspective, being in Eric's mind, hearing his thought process, is priceless. My suggestion is, read this, and you decide, are vampires really all that scary? Before you answer that, think PANCAKES! Eric is off the charts cute/sexy as heck in throughout that entire scene!

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Julie Baswell says

I really enjoyed this story although it was too short. Sometimes it felt like it was jumping around and leaving things out but otherwise, very well written.

Josie says

I loved reading more about Eric and read his point of view. Love the Soul's Mark series! Ashley Stoyanoff is awesome!

Jo-Anne says

This story shows us how Eric Carter came to be part of Mitchell Lang's vampire family. It shows us that vampires are not always bad guys as we are made to believe but lets us see Mitchell for the good guy that he is by turning Eric into a vampire rather than have him die from injuries.

The author's gift for descriptions is amazing. I could clearly picture where Eric lived and the determination he had in trying to find Megan even though it was difficult for him.

Eric is a fun character in The Soul's Mark series and it was great to find out how he came to be part of the family.

Even though this novella could be read alone, I suggest that it be read with the other books in this series.

Jonel Boyko says

Stoyanoff picks up this little novella with the same ease and flare that she writes The Soul's Mark series. Her descriptions are fluid and vivid creating an unforgettable picture in your mind's eye. One cannot help but be drawn in to this remarkable world, enjoying each and every minute of it. As enjoyable and light as this story was, it is also one of the most in depth novellas that I've ever read. By taking her characters directly from the series, Stoyanoff allows herself greater leeway for story development. She also does so with tact and class. She doesn't ignore character development, but rather assumes that the reader knows the basics about each individual from the series as a whole, thus allowing her to tell her story.

The characters are consistently the same individuals that we've come to love through Stoyanoff's work. Their emotions, actions, and reactions are true to form. As a reader, you also see how they have evolved into the characters that we see in the modern day and where they were a century ago. I also really appreciated the sneak peek into the creation and development of Willowberg into the town that Mitchell runs today.

Although this novella would be a quick, entertaining read as a standalone story, it works best as part of The Soul's Mark series. It complements the storyline and to a large extent, explains events that preceded yet directly affect the characters and their actions in the series.

A Girl Among Books says

I read this novella in less than 45 minutes. From page one the author's words had me hooked. Never have I liked a novella so much. I can not wait to read the rest of the series. Ms. Stoyanoff has a new fan...and it's this girl right here. Usually novellas leave much to be desired but the author has a way with words and the only thing I'm left wanting is the rest of the series.

Helena Ison says

My first impression:

Count me in! A novella about the dashing, charismatic, alluring, and gorgeous Eric Carter? What more can a girl ask for?

Writing Style:

It's no secret that I love anything that Ashley Stoyanoff writes. Her writing transports me to a different place, a glorious beautiful place that I never want to leave! If I could live in the worlds she creates forever, I would gladly accept, no questions asked. Her novels = sheer perfection.

My Opinion:

Eric Carter holds a special place in my heart. From the moment he was introduced in The Soul's Mark series, it was an instant bond. He's what my dreams are made of. I would choose him before any other male fictional

character. Deep down I secretly hope he is a real person and that maybe, hopefully, he is looking for me. Eric honey, I will be your soul mate even if it's temporary. (Shh, a girl can dream right?)

I had a lot of expectations for Waking Dreams and I'm glad to say I wasn't let down. Since I'm so fond of Eric, I was hoping this novella would be epic. It was! I enjoyed reading about Eric's softer side and stepping into his mind. He normally oozes with confidence but to see him at his weakest; it just made me fall for him just so much harder. I was fascinated on reading about how he became a vampire and learning more about his life. He is such an intense and emotional person, you can't help but to love him!

I absolutely adored reading his perspective on the first time he met Amelia. Everything played out so much different in his head than it appeared to everyone else. The way he reacts and what he is really thinking, always seem to be the complete opposite. *sighs* He's just so chill and perfect!

The Soul's Mark: FOUND (book #1) picks up directly after this novella ends. I hope that Ashley writes more novellas based on other characters in the series, maybe even another one about Eric? =-)

DeAnna Kinney says

The writing in this story was excellent. I loved the vivid detail in every scene. It felt like you were there with the characters and experiencing what they were experiencing. The story was engaging and entertaining. I also loved how this book ended right where the very first book began. This is a must read whether you've read the Soul's Mark Series or not(but I highly recommend it!!)

Dvora says

This was awesome because Eric is my favorite character! I loved finding out about his past and how he was turned. Reading this also made me appreciate his relationship with his soulmate more.

Amy says

I was giddy when I opened this book and realized it was about Eric. I LOVE him and this book had me loving him more. I was confused at the beginning over something but it was explained quickly so it didn't last long.

My poor poor Eric. I felt so bad for him. So sad for him. My heart broke during this book. I felt his pain and suffered with him through the agonizing fight he went through every day. But during this book he grew. He turned into the man he was in book one. *Sigh* He is such a sweet and fun man.

Megan was a sweet girl. A brave girl and I started to love her. Did I want Eric to find his soul mate? Well lets say half of me did and half of me wanted to just keep him to myself. :) This book has a twist at the end that gives you a little glimpse into why certain things happened in book one. It answered some questions I had when the first one ended.

If you've read the first one you know you can't stop now. You have to read the rest of the series. Time to start

the next one. This is a must read series.

Suzanne says

Love Eric!!

Shelby says

Oh my GOD! This is truly one of the best books I've read in quite some time. And it's just a novella. Less than 100 pages. From the very beginning the author lures you in with phrases like "The sun shone brightly, winking upon the icy ground and making the field look like a sea of glittering gems. Breathtaking." (breathtaking in itself, no?) and "Her auburn locks cascaded over her shoulders in a waterfall of silk." (seriously beautiful writing) and that's just the first 2 chapters! By the time you get to the end of this novella you will be cursing yourself for not buying the next book in the series before you finished this one so that you don't have to stop reading. I don't want to give anything away so I'll just say, talk about your cliffhangers! I'm usually not into a book that leaves me hanging. I like a nice tidy package with things all wrapped up by the end of the story but I can't help but love the way this novella ended. The author leaves you begging for more. I absolutely cannot wait to start the next book. Brava Ashley Stoyanoff, this was a fantastic book and I'm going to make sure I tell everyone I know so that they will read it too. Fantastic!

Christina Smith says

In this short prequel, we get to see how Eric was turned into a vampire, and also how the town of willowburg was introduced to the vampires. Stoyanoff's use of descriptive words really brought the story to life.
