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**Somebody knows her secret. Can Sophie keep her wolfish alter ego under wraps?**

Sophie Garou seems to have it all: a great job at a prestigious accounting firm, a closet that rivals a Nordstrom showroom, and a terrific boyfriend who isn't afraid to use the "M" word. There's just one little itty-bitty problem: Sophie is a werewolf – and HER time of the month has a whole new meaning.

Needless to say, life among yummy flesh-and-blood humans is no piece of steak... er, cake!, but regular doses of wolfsbane tea and a mother who runs a magic shop have helped Sophie keep her paranormal pedigree under wraps. Still, when a sexy, golden-eyed werewolf prowls into town, Sophie finds herself struggling to keep her animal impulses in check – not to mention trying to keep things on track with her super hot (and super HUMAN) lawyer boyfriend. What's more, someone is threatening to expose Sophie for what she really is. And when her mother is accused of selling a poison-laced potion, Sophie must sniff out a culprit before the fur hits the fan.

*"A swift-paced, fun romp through supernatural Austin." – Charlaine Harris, New York Times best-selling author*

*"Sophie was a delight, and Howling at the Moon was like a big bag of potato chips... I kept reaching for the next page, and the next, and the next..." – Mary Janice Davidson, New York Times best-selling author of the Undead series*

*"This hilarious werewolf tale will keep you laughing — and begging for more!" – Fresh Fiction*

## Howling at the Moon Details

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## **chucklesthescot says**

Sophie has a great job with good prospects of promotion and a hot boyfriend who seems ready to pop the question. What could possibly go wrong? Well being a closet werewolf who is being blackmailed over her secret is a bad start, followed by your witch mother being accused of murder using a poisoned love potion. Then you have to give a presentation during a full moon cycle using visits to the loo with a razor to keep your fur at bay and wolfsbane potion which gives you the appearance of a drooling drunken slut... This book has great humour and werewolf fun. You'll love the comic writing as Sophie attacks a thief who was breaking into her car, and the presentation is very funny! Sophie is a great character who has all the girlie problems that we can identify with, plus the added werewolf thing to ruin a few of her days. A very entertaining read.

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## **S.G. says**

Such a fun read. A good mystery, funny cast of characters.

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## **Andrea says**

Sophie Garou is a young, shallow werewolf who has managed to carve out a human life in Austin, with a lawyer boyfriend and a job as an auditor. Her life is complicated when her witch mother is thrown in jail for murder and a hot male werewolf, the third she's seen in her life, shows up in her city.

*Howling at the Moon* didn't keep me on the edge of my seat. I spent most of the book lolling about in a cushy sofa, stifling the occasional yawn. The story was fine, and the main character was likable enough, but the writing dragged: too much repetition, too much mundane dialogue, and too many words spent on uninteresting events. Some of the protagonist's thoughts were amusing, but many that were supposed to be funny seemed forced and cliché (at least to me, maybe readers not familiar with *Whole Paycheck* would differ).

Still, I don't want to be too crotchety. I enjoyed this book enough that I may read the next in the series. I'm not in any hurry, though.

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## **Marsha says**

I was really looking forward to reading this series after reading the book's description. However, I must say I am not a fan of Karen MacInerney's writing. Her prose did not flow well for me and had a tendency to get caught up in verbal minustia that diminished the plot and characters. For example she babbles on and on about designer shoes, purses and high end cars the heroine, Sophie Garou buys. I wanted to like Sophie but when face with death if she did not carry out an investigation she was grumbling about how much supplies to do the job would cost her and how she could have purchase yet another designer pair of shoes. Now really, your

life or a pair of shoes? I was over half way into the story and wondering if I was going to be able to finish it. At the very in though it got better. The plot is good; but, the writing wasn't great. I will go on to finish books 2 & 3 only because I've already purchase them.

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### **Sarah says**

This is the first book in the Tales of an Urban Werewolf trilogy & I have to say I really enjoyed it. Sophie has been brought up by her mother who is a psychic witch & has had very little contact with other werewolves. She has a great job & a hunky human boyfriend and is determined that she wants nothing to do with her werewolf side. Sophie's mother has been able to make wolfsbane tea that keeps her inner wolf at bay but there are just 4 times a year when the pull of the moon is too strong for her to resist. With her change imminent this really isn't a good time for her mother to be arrested for murder. Along with trying to find the real murderer Sophie is also trying to work out how to deal with an important presentation at work & how to get out of an important date with her boyfriend. On top of that she meets her first werewolf & is fighting really hard to deny her attraction to him.

Overall I found this book was an excellent light read. It was very funny in places reminding me of a supernatural version of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum novels & it had me laughing out loud at times. It had a good mix of comedy, romance & mystery and I'm looking forward to finding out what happens in the next 2 books in the series which I have already ordered from amazon!

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### **Sandra says**

I was quite looking forward to reading this one but sadly found myself disappointed. I didn't particularly like main character Sophie and therefore I didn't really care over much what happened to her. I particularly disliked how she spent so much time lusting after (and kissing) mysterious werewolf Tom, despite the fact that she had a boyfriend she supposedly loved AND Tom was dating her best friend. That said I am a little curious about Pack politics (of which there was none in this book but foreshadowed for the next) and what happened with her Dad.

Had it not been for bookclub (and my recommendation - sorry peeps) I probably wouldn't have bothered finishing it.

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### **Jen says**

I'm a fan of urban vampire/werewolf/demon stories; this is a fun addition to the genre. The Austin references were a little thick, which, as an Austinite, amused me but jarred me a little out of the story. They felt accurate, though I'm not obsessed enough to run around town to check. ;)

Over all, a fun story, and I will most likely read the next one!

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## **Julie (jjmachshev) says**

My first by this author and a pleasant surprise...

Sophie has is all: the job, the clothes, the boyfriend. She also has a few problems: the snarky assistant, Sophie is a half-blood werewolf, oh...and did I mention her quirky witch mother was just arrested on a bogus murder charge?

The first in this series leaves some unanswered questions for the next installment. Will the drool-worthy full-blooded werewolf Tom return? Will the Houston pack find out about Sophie? Will Sophie's human (and unknowing about her 'hairy' issue) boyfriend propose and if he does, will Sophie confess the possibility of 'pups' instead of babies?

I will definately pick up the next book in this series.

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## **Kenya Wright says**

I tried but I couldn't finish it.... The character: annoying! writing style: annoying! I hate to be in a character's head the entire book..... Additional the character babbled and babbled and babbled..... I got to chapter 10 and almost began planning my grocery list! I ill not be finishing this... I need action, plot, dialogue, more showing and less telling. This author is just not my type of style.

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## **Nozomi says**

I don't see Sophie Garou as a heroine. She's simply a typical woman--who's a werewolf. She lies to her boyfriend about her mother. She makes out with another guy (a very pretty werewolf) while she's still dating her boyfriend. Also, this werewolf is "dating" her best friend.

Overall, she's a really shitty person.

This is chick lit, which I don't normally read, but I make exceptions for werewolves. I don't relate to the protagonist at all, but I still want to know what's going to happen between her and Tom (the werewolf). Enough to read the next book in the series, [On the Prowl](#).

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## **Sheyla ✂ says**

Sophie Garouis a werewolf. She lives is Austin with her mom, who is a psychic witch. Her mother gets arrested for murder and this complicates Sophie's life. She works for an accountant firm and has done well for herself. She also has a very handsome boyfriend. But she has been keeping the truth away from him. He wants to have dinner with her on a full moon night. Sophie knows she has to get away. She also needs to find the real killer before her mom pays for it. In the mix, she learns that Austin has other werewolves and they are creating chaos. Then, she meets Tom and the instant attraction is there. He explains some of the werewolf history to her.

I wanted to love this book but I didn't. I liked it enough to follow to the next book. I'm very interested in Tom. Will see if he comes back.

3/5 Fangs

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## **Kerry says**

### **Funny and Supernatural with a Mystery in makes this a good read**

Sophie is travelling through life the best she can, a successful career, a successful and hunky boyfriend but within a day everything can become crazy. A very fun read.

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## **Janece says**

This book was amusing and different from the usual werewolf genre. The mythos for the werewolves is mysterious at this point, but adds to the overall feel of the book. Sophie isn't your gorgeous, super powered heroine, either...her best friend is prettier than she is, and she's been totally isolated from other weres, so she has NO knowledge of her abilities, or strengths. There were delightful tidbits dropped that did leave one looking forward to the next story!

I gave this book 4 instead of 5 stars because of the one problem I had with it....but it was a doozy (at least for me it was!) The main character, Sophie, was in a committed, monogamous relationship with a sweet, understanding, gorgeous guy and yet couldn't manage to keep her lips off of Tom the werewolf. Why is it that paranormals are so promiscuous? They are either total horndogs (no pun intended) or utterly committed heart and soul to a lifemate. I tend to believe that that stretches reality a little. Surely they must have SOME semblance of control of their hormones? Even if Sophie discovers that Tom is her "mate" later, that still doesn't excuse her smooching him while expecting an engagement ring any day from her boyfriend, Heath. If you can put that aside, it WAS interesting and shows a witch/Wiccan in a very positive light. I will be looking for the next in this series....and hoping that Sophie either controls herself better or does the honest thing and breaks up with her beau.

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## **Dianna says**

A lukewarm urban fantasy series set in Austin. I'm going to have to keep reading, though, because the author set forth some pretty compelling reasons for the character to move to San Antonio. Setting is probably the only reason I'll keep reading, though. It's okay. Sophie Garou (yep, Garou), is half-witch half-werewolf whose single mom owns a spell shop called "Sit a Spell" in Austin. Obviously some sort of trouble ensues which threatens to out her as a werewolf, and she tries to keep the trouble and the truth from her norm-boyfriend. Along the way she's intrigued by a long-haired motorcycle-driving bad boy who's also a werewolf. Luckily her mom, quirky friend, and sexy bad boy find a way to get her out of said trouble. She ends up staying with boyfriend after he is understanding about her weird witch mom (no werewolf revelations yet), but she still can't help but be pulled by the bad boy. If you consider that a spoiler, then you've never read an urban fantasy book in your life, and you should not start with this one.

Really. Urban fantasy authors of the world: can you come up with an original plot? It's one thing to have recurring archetypes, but it's another thing altogether to follow the exact same plot.

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**[[ Frankie ]] says**

First of all, I'd like to mention how sad it makes me to have to write a negative review. I can't help but feel that way, simply because I know how much time & effort authors put into their work. I wish I could love every single book that comes into my hands, but as we all know, that just isn't reality. With that being said...

**I did not like this book.** The first few chapters had me hooked with a couple laugh-out-loud moments & I thought for a minute it was going to be a fun read, but it went downhill almost immediately. This is one of those instances where more doesn't necessarily mean better. The writing became super repetitive, to the point of eye-rolling, & it just seemed to drag on & on. We don't need to be reminded every other paragraph that your mother is being charged with murder. *We know, ok? We heard you the first 20 times.* By the end of the book, I felt like I deserved a medal for my perseverance.

Do I plan to continue the series? Not a chance.

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