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A prequel to the Crimson Shadow series

"Our sin would change everything."

There was something *different* about Joseph Stryker.

I knew I shouldn't have gotten involved, but the way he looked at me called to me. It was unnatural, inhuman, and more importantly...
unforgettable.

The origin story of Xander Stryker's (Crimson Shadow series) parents and the backstory of how their sin would change everything. A look into Joseph and Emily Stryker's life and the movement they started with falling in love.

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From Reader Review Original Sin for online ebook

Joyce Wetherbee says

This is a very short story that not only introduces us to key characters in the Crimson Shadow series, but gives us important information about the purpose of the Odin clan. We meet Emily and Joseph Stryker when she finds him injured in an alley. After a few protestations that he would be fine, Joseph leaves the alley. Emily is confused by her reaction to him when she's never before felt drawn to a man showing interest in her.

Back at the Odin clan's mansion, Joseph continues his work of building both tolerance among the mythos community for more than just their own kind. With the help of his friend, Depok, they have been hard at work creating laws and establishing order in the mythos community. If they succeed, mythos everywhere will be safer and continue to remain secret from humans. Their efforts are hindered by rogues who see their way of life suppressed by this upstart clan and its leader.

Complicating everything are the feelings Joseph and Emily have for each other, something forbidden since Emily is 100% human. But what good is any Crimson Shadow story without a bit of the forbidden to make things sweeter? Of course there's conflict, arrogance born of self-confidence in ones ability, nobility in striving to prevent friends from being injured or killed. And let's not forget Trepis, such a pretty "kitty" who behaves much like Emily's cat, Aries.

I really enjoyed having this background on the Odin clan and what they were trying to accomplish. Their purpose echoes life in a very real way as they strive to better the world in which they live. They are attacked by a group who believes Stryker, and by extension the Odin clan, have no business trying to regulate how anyone in the mythos community live. Sound familiar?

Of course it's not all smooth sailing, but it wouldn't be an interesting read if it was. The characters are, once again, wonderful, and the editing was nearly perfect. Very glad I added this book to my library. I'm looking forward to reading more from both this author and the world of Crimson Shadow.

D.S. Schmeckpeper says

This short prequel to the Crimson Shadow series tells the story of Xander's parents, Joseph Stryker and Emily. I thought it was beautifully done and really shed some light on the type of relationship and the incredible love the two had for each other. This book definitely has something for everyone as, despite its short length, it's stuffed full of action, heartbreak, love, loss and hope. If I had to make one complaint it would be that I wished the book could have been longer, as I could read a whole series on just these two. This novella can be read first in the series, or can be read at any point, though I would like to point out that if it is read first, several small details that tie in to the series later might be missed. There it's so much more I'd like to say about this wonderful prequel, but I can't without dropping some major spoilers about the books that come later in the series. So, suffice it to say that this fantastic book has earned five stars in my eyes.

Amy says

This was an entertaining read! I have not read Crimson Shadow yet, this is a prequel novella to that book. I received the book as an ARC and was told you wouldn't need to read Crimson shadow first and I found that to be very true! I didn't feel as though I was missing anything at all! Now that I'm finished with this one though, I definitely will go read Crimson Shadow to learn about Xander Stryker.

I truly enjoyed Joseph and Emily's story. It had romance, sexiness, heartbreak, and a little humor thrown in as well. This was a quick and exciting read. I could've read a full length novel about these two characters, but I enjoyed the fact that it was a quick read too. It kept me wanting more and yet I was left satisfied by the ending. I've read other books by this author and I really enjoy her style of writing. If you enjoy Paranormal books, make sure to check this one out!

Autumn says

I received this ARC to give an honest review.

First let me say I love this cover so sexy and perfect for the novella. Now on to the story. If you have read the Crimson Shadow series by Nathan than you might want to understand how his parents met and fell in love. This is their story, short, and to the point.

When Emily saves Joseph their whole live changes. Joseph can not keep Emily out of his mind and neither can Emily. Though Joseph knows it is wrong to not only fall in love with a human which we know Emily is, she could be in danger by just knowing his name. Because remember the Stryker name is famous with the enemies.

This is a fantastic story and a welcoming insight to the Crimson Shadow series. It is perfect all around. Short, fast-paced and will keep you wanting more. There is the sexiness of Joseph, a love that is like no other, of course some ass-kicking because you can't read a story that involves a Stryker without it. I can not wait to read more of these author's work. They have a story to tell and they can sure tell it.

Anne (Angel Anne Reviews) Nelson says

Review this week Megan

4.5/5 angel stars

Jenny Bynum Black Words-White Pages says

I want to start off by saying, what an excellent way to start off 2014 and being the first to write a review is quite an honor.

This story is about the legendary 'Joseph Stryker', and what a legacy he had too. I was totally blown away by this very exciting and fun read, which of course, I have been waiting for for a while now. This author has yet to disappoint me with her writing and this is by far my favorite story yet. I loved the story of Joseph and

Emily and loved how it gives us an insight to Xander's parents. Being a big fan of the Crimson Shadow Series, I was anxious about reading about the parents who brought to life Xander Stryker and his legacy. This is a fast paced, yet fascinating story of the love between an Auric Vampire and a human. This story will sure keep you on your toes and wanting to read more. It was extremely hard to put this book down, because I HAD to know what would happen next between the two love birds. This is a recommended MUST read and enjoy from beginning to end. It's a phenomenal read that will wish that the story didn't end, though I know, like all good stories, it does have to end.

FayAnn Hollcroft says

I'm normally am fairly upbeat & positive when giving my reviews. This was entertaining & slightly enjoyable. I really think it should have been reviewed more closely than it had. There were way too many questions for me to even give it my average of a 3. To me this book reminded me of a fairly cool action 'B' movie. I like 'B' movies, I just like renting them via library versus store or even buying them.
