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Desperate to be turned and baffled by Lucien's continuing refusal, Peter is starting to feel that he's losing his vampire lover. Their relationship has become purely physical, with Lucien pushing Peter away at every turn. After a night watching werewolf Xander hunt, a night that sees Peter attacked, that might not be all he's losing. Fearing for his very life, and working hard to keep Lucien's increasingly uncertain temper from hurting his friends, Peter's doing all he can to prove that he belongs at Lucien's side, not just as a master, but as an equal. When Lucien disappears, Peter knows he has to call on every ally, every power he has, to get Lucien back before he's gone forever. Can Peter find a way to beat the forces working against them, or will he lose all that he holds dear?

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Nile Princess says

I was very excited to start Book 2 mere minutes after finishing Book 1. Peter and Lucien are dealing with a very strained relationship at the start of the book because though Peter is going through changes and new cravings, Lucien won't fulfill his promise of turning Peter and making him a full fledged vampire. This comes as a bit of a surprise to us, but the author does a great job of explaining both of their points of view. Peter then turns to Xander in a short-lived bid to make Lucien jealous. Needless to say that doesn't last long. :-) I was happy with the introduction of new secondary characters, and grew to love the ones from Book 1 even more. LOVE the relationship between Xander and Peter and even though I didn't agree that Peter could actually beat Xander in a fight (in Book 1,) I love that Peter has someone that is solely loyal to him and that they truly love each other. Swoon. Lucien/Peter will always be my heart but Peter/Xander come a close second.

The plot this time was good for the most part. I especially enjoyed Lucien's rescue, and Peter's role in it. Everyone came together in a way that was believable and well executed. The ending (the scene in the kitchen) left me all warm and fuzzy inside. Peter having some practical input, and bringing new ideas to improve the coven was also well done. I love Silver, Xander, Nikolas and Peter as a team and their friendly banter made the book fun. All in all, a good read. I will definitely read it again.

Now for the issues:

While I enjoyed Deceptions, I didn't love it as much as Bound by Blood. The main problem for me was Peter. Many people have compared this series to the Anita Blake series and I readily admit that the reason I haven't read the AB series is because authors almost always turn female protagonists into some sort of 'Mary Sue' character. Jourdan manages to do this with Peter this go 'round. Everyone's in love with him and everyone wants to sleep with him. Also, I understand that Peter is Lucien's mate but I couldn't buy into Peter as coven master, by any stretch of the imagination. Whenever he spoke about 'leading our people,' I cringed. To have Peter as Xander's alpha is one thing, but to have an uber male like Nikolas acknowledge Peter as his alpha, not just out of respect for Lucien, but because of 'some strength within him' was just laughable. Peter himself acknowledges that picking a fight with Nikolas would be a death sentence, so for Nikolas to keep insisting that Peter become Lycan leader defies logic. Peter is newly created and can't even fully shift! Peter is an awesome balancing force for Lucien and, as I said, I love their relationship, but they are not equals. The only reason we know Peter is supposed to be coven master is because everyone keeps dropping to their knees and addressing him as such. It would have made more sense to either make him second-in-command to Lucien or have Lucien turn him, and then have us live through his journey as a new vampire learning to use his power. At least the author shows that some in the coven don't respect him. I wouldn't have either.

The sex - Here again, I was a bit disappointed after reading Book 1. Yes, there was also a lot this time but it almost seems gratuitous because Lucien and Peter aren't 'playing' together. It just reads like Peter can't keep it in his pants. As soon as anyone says hello, he's ready and willing. Also, everyone Peter bites, or who bites him, taints him in some way and gives him extra powers. Is he a sponge?? And considering he knows biting strange creatures during sex ie Sabaan causes problems, how about he just not do it?? Like Caleb told him, 'Your bed is too full, even for my tastes.' Uh yeah, mine too Caleb, mine too. As for Caleb...Whyyy?? Whyyyyy? Just plain character assassination. Can Caleb sue? :-) I guess I can understand what the author did with his character but I still hated it. Lastly, can we please get Xander a boyfriend of his own?? Geez! Is

it too much to ask? :-)

Long story short, I did like this book but it was more flawed than Book 1 and many questions remained unanswered at the end. Why exactly was Logan accepted into the coven so easily?? Simon and Cyril, what's their story? Why is Peter such an idiot to Jack? Why does Lucien at times get deathly jealous and other times go with the flow? What is Peter's medical status? We waited the whole book for it and then it was just passed over in the end. Guess that's for Book 3, which I am off to read now... :-)

Happy Reading.

Stacey Jo says

A fabulous follow up to Bound by Blood! The plot is really beginning to thicken in this second part. We were introduced to some new characters: a demon/incubus with a very interesting anatomy; an angel; and a new master vampire. Peter, although he often seems whiny and spoiled, is starting to step more into his role as "co-master" of the coven. There is not nearly enough Lucien in this book but that is for very good reason which you learn when you read ;0) Some of the more minor characters from the first book get a bigger role here. We get to learn more about the Lycans which I loved. There are some very interesting developments going on with Peter and the Lycans that are leading up to the next book Sacrifice. This second book has some really hot sex scenes. This author knows how to do a good threesome/foursome which I really do appreciate ;0D but this second book is more plot heavy than the first book.

This is one of my most favorite m/m paranormal series and I hope Ms. Lane doesn't plan on ending it anytime soon. She's brilliant when it comes to building the world of the vamps and the weres and she keeps adding the coolest and most amazing characters. The sex is hot, the characters are beautiful, and the world is some place I'd love to be. Can't wait to start the next one.

Serena.. Sery-ously? says

In realtà la colpa è mia: il primo volume di questa saga era pietoso, ma io, non contenta e autolesionista a livelli olimpionici, mi sono cimentata con la lettura del secondo.. Quindi non ho proprio nessuno da biasimare se non me stessa.

Insomma, non esiste una TRAMA, e quel poco che c'è è di un debole che fa spavento. Spesso alcune cose sono buttate nella mischia e non si capisce quale sia la connessione con ciò che viene prima (E, a dirla tutta, pure con quello che segue).

Seguire un discorso logico, ma perché? A noi piace mischiare le carte in tavolo..

Peter, il protagonista narratore è uno dei peggiori personaggi di tutta la storia letteraria. E' un coglioncello che non riesce a tenere chiusa la patta dei suoi pantaloni e fa orge a destra e manca. E tutti lo trovano straordinariamente stupendo, lo amano, lo perdonano per tutte le idiozie che combina. Io, fossi stato Lucien, non solo l'avrei preso a sprangate, no.. Gli avrei dato un manrovescio che non si sarebbe più ricordato come allacciarsi le scarpe!

E' una piccola diva, che fa drammi sempre e ovunque e non fa altro che lamentarsi e lagnarsi.. GRRR!!

Poi vabbé, trama inesistente a parte, è un continuo toccarsi, sfregarsi, avere orgasmi stratosferici e farsi

praticamente tutti i personaggi del libro.

Lily says

Peter and his Vampire lover Lucien are back in book two of this awesome series. Along for another roller coaster ride of action, blood and sex are Xander, Nicholas, Caleb, Simon and other members of the coven and wolf pack. There are also a few new characters introduced in this book, chief among them the incubus Sabaan.

It's been a few months since Peter moved into the mansion and things between him and Lucien are not going well. Lucien's temper is starting to adversely affect the coven and Peter is trying to deal with the fact that Lucien seems to have changed his mind about turning Peter. When Peter discovers that Lucien is turning someone else his reactions will set off a chain of events that will be felt throughout the entire coven and will have devastating consequences for more than one person.

As Peter tries to deal with the hurt of once again being denied by Lucien his bond with Xander will continue to grow strong. Adding to the mix of problems for Peter will be the fact that a new bond will start to form also with Nicholas. His bonding with these two werewolves will be another sore spot in his relationship with Lucien.

When Peter starts to go through episodes of blackouts, including terrible pain and the feeling of being watched and followed he fears for his life and sanity. The complications of the different relationships he's a part of and his anguish at Lucien's refusal to bring him over only add to his distress. When the unthinkable happens and Lucien disappears Peter is left to try and keep the coven together and at the same time deal with the fact that his body seems to be trying to turn him into a shifter. Unable, and definitely unwilling to fully shift, Peter will need the help of the Vampire Council's best doctors to deal with this new issue.

When a devastating betrayal is discovered it will affect many of the inner circle of the coven but most of all Peter and Lucien directly. The pain of this betrayal will however serve to bring them closer to each other and is something that will continue to play a major role into at least the next book of the series.

Once again Jourdan Lane has written a fast paced and action packed thriller of a book. The characters are superbly well developed and their ever changing relationships are a very interesting part of the world in which these men live in. As was the case in the first book, Bound by Blood, the sex scenes are super hot and the introduction of Nicholas and Sabaan into the mix only makes it hotter. I really loved this sequel and highly recommend the series.

Ronda Tutt says

GREAT M/M Vampire Series, STEAMING HOT EROTICA!!!!

I couldn't put this very well written fast paced and action packed read down. Jourdan Lane absolutely WOW's me with this paranormal world she has created with this series. Between all the blood and sex, Xander, Nicholas, Caleb, Simon and two new characters Nicholas and Sabann web a bond that is full of

intense emotions that run rampant between each other and the coven.

All the characters are well developed and I found myself loving how they interacted with each other and respecting their loyalty whether they were vampires, were-wolves, or demons. The sex scenes were so steaming hot I had to literally go take a cold shower to calm my sexual arousal until my husband got home (laughing out loud).

This book was so good I bought the third book "Sacrifice" before I even finished. The story captured my heart immediately and I absolutely love it. Go ahead and pick it up, I promise you won't be disappointed, just maybe a little enthralled with excitement.

Emanuela ~plastic duck~ says

01/18/13: Revised rating after a couple of years of reading m/m: from 4 to 3.

I liked this book better than the first Bound by Blood, that seemed to have more sex than plot. I found this book more interesting, because there is a constant sense of menace that kept me reading (almost a one-sitting book).

I had only one problem with the book: Peter, the narrator. I tried to convince myself that he was scared for his own health, that you surely panic when your body seems to be out of control, but could he keep his pants on for a while? There's a hint of explanation for his behavior at the end, but I had to roll my eyes because one moment he says he won't play without Lucien, the next he's having sex with someone. I think he has the potential of being strong, of being a leader, everyone is telling him so, but he's focused on being turned, straining his relationship with Lucien to the point of breaking. Probably this will happen in the future, but here he seemed a bit immature. I must admit that there's some groveling in the end, but not enough.

We don't see enough of Lucien, in my opinion, but you'll see why when you read the book. There are great secondary characters, especially Nikolas, who stole the scene. WOW! I mean, WOW! We are introduced to Sabaan, an incubus with an interesting anatomy, and Logan, a fascinating Master vampire with powers.

I'll read the next book, of course.

?♥? Michaelle ♥? says

3.9 Stars

I can't believe that I have owned this ebook for more than 10 years and never got around to reading it...so, thank heavens for Challenges!

It's been a while since I read that first one but surprisingly the whole story quickly came to mind, and if it weren't for how Peter suddenly became an "alpha" type (when he just didn't read like one, then or now) that everyone wanted to love and have sex with and defend and bow down to, well I think I would have liked it more. See, that dramatic rescue & subsequent recovery? That's where he earns the respect to be co-Master

IMHO (where he shows the most character growth as well)...and having characters who are stronger than he is acquiesce to him is all well and good as a sign of respect to his mate, but not to him as a person.

So, okay not everyone liked him being co-leader...and that dramatic tension is where I found the most pleasure. Not the bit with the jealous asshole because I saw that coming a mile away, but those who questioned Peter's standing, his ability and drive and desire to lead. I liked that he had to earn his place, and *prove* he wasn't just a titular master.

And okay, the sex scenes were ridiculously hot. I'm totally on board with the poly relationships in this 'verse; the more the merrier.

Lots of interesting side characters here, too...and I hope we get more of them in the sequel.

Putting the next installment on the challenge shelf and crossing my fingers that someone picks it (or it fits a category) so that I don't lose track of this series again! My curiosity is piqued on what Peter might be changing into....

Trish says

loved this.... what i found to be lacking in the 1st one, was vastly improved in this book. can't wait for the 3rd :)

~ Lei ~ Reading Is An Adventure ~ says

★★★★?

It's been a year since I read and lovely Julia from my lending group had just posted that she had #2 and #3 and I jumped on borrowing them so I could continue the series. I did a quick skim of BBB so I'd refresh my memory and characters.

I've reread Derekika Snake's Blood Nation series since I first read ByB and although there isn't the non-con and multiple personalities present in Blood Nation, Peter seems to get into just as many scrapes and situations as our dear Xavier. With both series, they feel like road trips, kinda meandering.

Peter picks up groupies and a busy bed schedule like Xavier. Lucien has installed Peter as his co-Master of the coven and not all members of the coven are happy with this turn of events. Peter's body is changing, into what, no one seems to know. And sometimes Peter is a big whiny baby which sets in motion almost losing Lucien. But, slowly, Peter grows into a stronger person and Master.

The saga continues.

Sarah ~Bespokebee~ says

Less sex than the first book!!!

This book had more plot than the first but didn't have much of an ending, still some unanswered questions so I will have to read the next one.

Not much Lucien in it but a lot of Peter and his wolves!!!

Bookwatcher says

Well, the second of the *Soul Mates* get 3, not 5 stars as the first book. I like it, but don't think it deserve the full vote.

Probably you notice something immediately... yeah, I don't classify this book as Erotic. Don't freak out, it's a hot book and if you want naught details I can say (without spoil the story) that there is a ménage à trois+1 that made me sweat! (sorry, I hate the word "orgy" so let's say it's ménage à trois+1 and you will get my point)... but this book has little or better, less than a half of hot scenes than the first. **BUT** it's a terrific paranormal-romance!

Peter now is more secure of his position of clan master, exactly as Lucien, and will start to make pretty good changes for the coven. I like how Peter is delicate and understand all the problems of the coven. Lucien is a great master, but sometimes he is too much bad ass, and forget to treat all creatures equally. I appreciate more details about the werewolves (the first book talk so little about them!) and certainly it's merit of Peter that strong creatures as werewolves are submissive.

BUT the cruel true must be told, so I must say that I hate all the drama of this book ... some times Peter was such a whining hero that my desire was see a scene of Lucien bitch slapping his partner...

but Lucien is waaaaaaaaaaay too good and don't do a thing to make Peter understand how annoying he became! And that the problem of the book! Lucien let Peter be a spoiled guy, and get himself in a terrible situation. Yeah, I'm not kidding... something **terrible and sad** will happen and it's obviously Peter's fault.

So, 3 stars, and only the constant whining of Peter obligate me give less stars than the first book.
BUT I insist, **it's a good book...** and I believe paranormal-romance and/or M/M readers will enjoy the reading.

PS:YOU MUST READ THIS BOOK just to see the demon! OMG, I love the guy! I love his description! We are talking about a demon, with horns and tail! LOOOOOOOOVE this new character, and I hope he will be part of the next of the serie!

Holly Full Moon Bites Book Reviews says

~May have spoilers~

I really loved this sequel to the first novel *Bound by Blood*. It has every thing I loved about the last book and more!

In this one Peter is in an in between life, no longer human but not anything else either. He has tried to persuade his lover Lucien, to turn him but now it has caused a rift between them and Peter is doing all he can to show Lucian that he belongs at his side and to try to deflect Lucien recent temper from friends and the coven.

Then Lucien disappears and Peter must find him soon or he might just lose him...

Again this book has everything from the last and more; Hot and sexy sex scenes, awesome, fast paced, addictive plot and more than a little action thrown in.

There are a lot more characters introduced and more information about previous ones as well. We also get to see some of Peter in his 'Master' role, which was very interesting.

And the author gives us more of Peter's and Xander's relationship, which I thought was great. Because we get to know a little bit more about Xander and the werewolves because of it.

I really like the direction the series is heading so far and hope it continues to get better and better!! I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a great m/m paranormal read!!

Cindyg says

Hot damn, Jourdan did it again. I could not put this book down...I love Peter and Lucien and Xander and Caleb and Gabriel...damn it all, this is one hell of a series...I highly recommend it. It's so damn intense and it moves at a great pace and the emotions run rampant...just do it...pick the books up, you'll be so damn glad you did.

Celine says

very disappointed with Deceptions uh uh! For the love of God I could not follow the story, it was all over the place!

so there is Peter..who seems to be a magnet for all creatures walking the earth..why? i have no idea! he's having sex with everyone, cause he feels this 'connection', he's got some annoying diva-allures at times and all of a sudden he is mister Action/security expert??? felt like i missed a whole book between the Bound by Blood and this one.. as a reader we are kept in the dark about Caleb. and i definately missed the part where Caleb and Xander had a thing going on!! come'on I was soo waiting for that! and it just 'happened' in

between the books and we have no idea? Same thing with the bad guy..we meet him for 5 lines, that's it. no reason, no history.... pity really. it would have made the difference between a good, hot story and a hot read with some erratic story in between. i think i have better things to read then the next 2 installments of this series....

Amara says

This one, like this first, was a fast paced and action packed book. I am still just loving these guys. Peter, Lucien, Xander, Nicholas and now Sabaan all. All of these characters are very well developed and the relationships constantly changing and very intense. As before, the sex scenes are really hot. I really liked this sequel and highly recommend the entire series.
