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VENOM by Kristen Middleton

A vampire novella derived from The Night Roamer's series.

When Melody Williams goes missing at a concert, at Club Nightshade, her eighteen-year-old cousin, Chelsey Fairfax, sneaks into the club to find answers. Little does she know that some mysteries are better left hidden.

Meanwhile, Venom is in town, a hot new band from Europe, and the owner of Club Nightshade wants them there permanently...

**SEVENTH MARK – Part 1** by W.J. May

An ancient journal, a Sioghra necklace and a special mark force life-altering decisions for a girl who grew up unprepared to fight for her life or others.

All secrets have a cost and Rouge's determination to find the truth may force her and Michael apart. It can only lead to trouble...or something even more sinister.

\*Warning: There are werewolves in this story... and they are not friendly.\*

**THE SHADOW SOUL** By Kaitlyn Davis

When Jinji's home is destroyed, she is left with nowhere to run and no one to run to--until she meets Rhen, a prince chasing rumors that foreign enemies have landed on his shores. Masquerading as a boy, Jinji joins Rhen with vengeance in her heart. But traveling together doesn't mean trusting one another, and both are keeping a deep secret--magic. Jinji can weave the elements to create master illusions and Rhen can pull burning flames into his flesh.

But while they struggle to hide the truth, a shadow lurks in the night. An ancient evil has reawakened, and unbeknownst to them, these two unlikely companions hold the key to its defeat. Because their meeting was not coincidence--it was fate. And their story has played out before, in a long forgotten time, an age of myth that is about to be reborn...

**CRUSH** By Chrissy Peebles

His precious touch could prove deadly...

When Taylor Sparks moves from New York City to Big Bear Lake, California; her life is forever changed when she meets a hot guy with winter-blue eyes named Jesse. Their attraction is instant, the chemistry undeniable. But sadly, things aren't adding up. Taylor wonders what her 'crush' is hiding. When her new friend, Fred tells her his suspicions about Jesse being a paranormal creature, Taylor laughs. But when Fred turns up dead, she believes every warning he ever told her.

Taylor is shocked to learn that Big Bear Lake isn't just glittering lakes, towering pines, and breathtaking mountains...there's more...way more than meets the eye.

Will Taylor dive into a paranormal world she knows nothing about? To be with the one her heart can't live without?

### **ELEMENT By CM Doporto**

College freshman, Natalie Vega, offers to be a test patient for several vitamins and supplements created by Kronberg Laboratories, a large pharmaceutical company where she interns. Immediately her body starts going through physical changes but when she runs into her former high school crush, Ryan Garrett, she is unaware of the life altering affects he will have on her.

### **AWAKENING By Samantha Long**

When Sophie moves to Boston to get away from the people who ridiculed her for her psychic talents, she wants to start fresh. But when a demon attacks her study group at the library, she has no choice but to reveal her abilities to warn the others.

She learns the attacks won't stop until she's dead. To stay alive she joins forces with the other students and a secret society that has battled the demons for centuries.

The last thing she wants to do is be a pawn in the war of good and evil. When her visions start showing events from a past life, she can't ignore the connections it shows. She has no choice but to acknowledge the bonds that tie her to the other students, even if some of them refuse, to have the strength to defeat the demon that hunts them down.

Will she survive long enough to stop the demons from destroying everything and

### **Forest of the Forbidden Details**

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## From Reader Review Forest of the Forbidden for online ebook

### crystal bouray says

#### Good

Had some good stories ave had done bad. But a bad book to check out makes me want to tag others.

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### Laura says

#### 1. Venom by Kristen Middleton \*\*\*3 Stars (PR)

Chelsey goes to the new nightclub in town to try and find out what happened to her cousin Melody. She does find her cousin but she also finds a bunch of vampires and werewolves. This was a short novella, I had a good amount of issues with this authors use of stereotypes without giving the characters any original voice. I think I gave it 3 stars because in comparison I enjoyed it a lot more than the last few I read from her.

#### 2. Seventh Mark (Part 1) by W.J. May \*\*\*3 Stars

So this wasn't great, Rouge befriends Grace and Michael and it quickly becomes blatantly clear that strange things are going on. You get little tidbits but no real information. This was a quick read and didn't really have a cliff hanger so much as this is literally the first part of the story. I think I may continue this series.

#### 3. The Sahdow Soul (Dance of Dragons #1) by Kaitlyn Davis Not Interested

This just wasn't my particular cup of tea.

#### 4. Crush (Crush Saga #1) by Chrissy Peebles \*1 Star

Taylor moves to California and runs into the supernatural. Like literally, everywhere. Unbelievable situations, unreasonable reactions...This just didn't have a good story, or good characters, or good dialogue.

#### 5. Element by CM Doporto \*1 DNF Star

Honestly, the main character was just a pretentious bitch who looked down on and judged the people around her. Not really someone I care to read about.

#### 6. Awakening by Samantha Long \*1 DNF Star

"Can you believe this? Demons? Lucifer?" This, coming from the shapeshifter who hangs out with a girl who can see the future, a girl who can heal with her hands, a girl who can turn invisible, a guy who can move things with his mind and a guy who can control fire. No, that's where he draws the line on weirdness.

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### Rachel says

This book was made up of 6 different stories by 6 different authors. They are all the first installments of they're own series. I LOVED a few of them not to say I disliked the others. But Chrissy Peebles, W.J.May and Kristen Middleton are by far 3 of my FAVs in the paranormal romance genera. All six books are for sure worth checking out for anyone who enjoys the kind of books that make you shake your head to stay awake in order to read on a little bit more.. I WILL for sure be reading the second installments of all these books!

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**eugene schmitz says**

Not a book I would want to read again

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**Anita says**

I just finished these six books and I am in awe. Each book kept me enthralled and in anticipation of what was going to happen next. Definitely going to get the next book in each series just to see what happens next.

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**Willi says**

Good story!!

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**Tina King says****Books**

These were very interesting books to start with I look forward to reading the others when I find them all

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**E. C. McRoy says**

So, firstly, I'll admit I got this book as a free e-book for my reader (because so much of my reading material is in storage right now T\_T). That being said, I had a feeling it was going to be bad.

Unfortunately, I was right.

It's one of those anthology collections (read: a bunch of half-assed, unfinished stories that are supposed to encourage you to go out and BUY the next one in whatever series they're attempting to write). The focus is, of course, Paranormal. Romance, specifically.

One of the ways I mark a decent book is how well it holds my interest - and in all fairness, a lot of the time, it doesn't take a lot - and let me tell you, these didn't. They were discorded drivel, pieced together with the hopes that if you throw in a werewolf or a vampire or a gargoyle (insert preferred supernatural creature here) then it's all good and you don't really need much of a story. Or the story you have doesn't have to be intelligible.

It's annoying, because they can get away with it and people will still read it.

But that's not what really bugged me about it.

(Okay, it was part of it. It was a collection from DIFFERENT writers and the only thing they really had in common was how poorly developed their stories were.) What actually bugged me the most was that at one point, I could see the fanfiction in it. Literally.

I believe it was Seventh Mark by W.J. May that had me just beating my head against the wall. Why you ask? Because it was Twilight Fanfiction. I could tell you which characters were which, where she changed the story, and how it went originally.

And the thing is, I'm not against fanfiction. In fact, I think it's an excellent tool to hone your skills - but you shouldn't be publishing anything that belongs in fanfiction as a legitimate, original novel. Why? Because it's NOT. And it's a trend that's really starting to bother me. I don't care if a book was the inspiration for your novel, so long as you changed it enough that it's an original novel now. That's fine. But these? They don't qualify, not when I can go through and pick out the characters and tell you who they are. There's a problem with that.

Unfortunately, the REAL problem with that is, W.J. May was probably one of the better writers in this anthology. For the first half of her story, it was more interesting than a lot of the others and had just a little more cohesiveness to the story. Maybe, in fact, because it was fanfiction, I don't know. But I do know that I didn't care for much of the writing in this collection, I'll probably try more of W.J. May to see if she writes ORIGINAL fiction that's any good, and I won't go out of my way to find the 'sequels' to any of these short novellas.

Wish I had better things to say.

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### **Melanie says**

#### **I downloaded this anthology mostly because it was free on the kindle store**

I feel like giving it 3 stars is too generous...

What to say besides that this anthology is a collection of cliffhangers? And not in a good way, oh no. 3 stories among this anthology just stop abruptly in the middle of the plot, which leaves you confused... And mad. Also, girls, whenever you see a guy who's super sexy and well muscled, you know he is the one for you. -\_-

I know I am not a big romance fan, and I can be picky, but seriously, this was too much. I am not going to generalise because I couldn't finish one story and I really enjoyed another one, but besides these two the rest was... \*shudders\*

You want to read this anthology? Fine. Just don't expect too much out of it.

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### **Brandi Hansen says**

#### **Lots of goodies!**

Everyone of these books is great. Each author writes so wonderfully that you can't help but want to continue reading. Each story is so well put together that it makes you want to read the next book in each series.

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### **Renae Rogers says**

A mixed collection of so-so stories (some of which seem to have been bundled into far too many anthologies and then given away for free on GooglePlay). With a couple of these, I really would have liked to have been given the whole story to make an assessment on, but half story cliffhangers are just frustrating and only serve to alienate me, which in turn can put me off an author. Some of these stories probably (on their own and complete) could rate more than two stars but I will never know.

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### **Manna Griffin says**

#### **Intregue**

My interest was piqued at the very beginning of the book. Little did I know, but I was in for a suspenseful journey. The history was very insightful and colorful. The characters were not you everyday heroes. The tale was unbelievable and colorful, with unexpected villains and innocent children being victimized. The perception, between the main characters, was priceless.

I would recommend this book to serious readers of mystery and mayhem.

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### **Gail Thompson says**

I am so glad that I purchased this boxed set. Usually when I get these sets on my kindle you get maybe three good stories and four or five that are passable fillers, and sometimes one that is really lame. NOT this time. I have to say that I am so pleasantly surprised to find that there are no fillers in this collection. As the collection went on I grew more pleased as not only did the quality improve but all of the ideas were original and no two stories were too similar. In fact, the only issue I have with this collection, is that I now have plenty of second books to purchase!

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### **Lauren says**

#### **OVERALL:**

#### **VENOM by Kristen Middleton**

SEVENTH MARK – Part 1 by W.J. May

THE SHADOW SOUL By Kaitlyn Davis

**Crush (The Crush Saga, #1) by Chrissy Peebles- 2 stars**

When Taylor sparks moves with her family to California her meeting with the locals doesn't go as expected. Her new crush Jesse is hiding something from her.

Really? One stupid mistake after another for the characters. The characters don't have much of an attention span, they jump from one thing to another. Taylor just acts dumb and has no common sense whatsoever. The characters were flat, there was no substance to them at all. I thought the writing was sloppy and the story did not have as much action as I thought it would.

ELEMENT By CM Doporto

AWAKENING By Samantha Long

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### **Deborah says**

Another collection of cliffhangers.

I used to love these collections, I really did and I still can't stop myself downloading them every time I see one free but whereas in the past I'd start reading what I expected to be a stand alone to more often than not discover it's a cliffhanger I now check before I start and yet again this is the usual collection of books that with one exception are free individually anyway.

Authors have to make money I appreciate this and I've said before I have no problem with cliffhangers, first in series, only first chapter given or whatever they release I just like to be told, have they any idea how frustrating to discover the book you're reading just ends and it's invariably going to cost quite a lot to continue, I suppose they do that's the point.

All the books in this collection are cliffhangers.

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