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## The Lost Details

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## From Reader Review The Lost for online ebook

### Steph says

I feel bad giving this book only three stars because I did really enjoy it. But I have been reading some really incredible books recently and this story just didn't impress me as much as I wanted it to.

The plot to this book was like nothing I have ever read before and although it was confusing as hell at times, I could eventually distinguish who was who.

Adam was a great hero. I don't know how to explain him really other than he was just *'nice'*.

I know that that isn't a bad thing, but he wasn't too funny or too charming or too sexy... do you catch my drift? *He was just nice.* And to be honest I expect a lot more from a hero.

I loved Bobbie's character and the obstacles she has overcome.

She was so strong and still completely capable of looking after herself.

Again, I did have a small problem though. I didn't understand how she just let everything slide without asking more questions, I thought she was smarter than that. For me it was like *Oh my god Adam just teleported us! But I don't care about that, let's just continue and have sex.* 'I would have been like 'Hang on a second buddy, what the hell just happened?'. Every time I expected her to question things, she would just forget about it because the why and how would be revealed later. What? That just didn't make sense to me.

I did however still like their romance. Which contained a few sweet moments like this...

*"You love me back, right? I mean in the movies, the hero says 'I love you' and then she says-*

*"I love you, Kikin. That's your real name, by the way. Kikin Chakotay."*

He really was adorable sometimes, and I loved his vulnerability.

There was also a great cast of bad guys who seem to talk the reigns in the next book. From the glimpse we get of The Claimed, it seems that Cristopher will be stepping up his game in search of Adam/Kikin and his energy.

Like I said, even though I had a few problems with this book I will still be buying the next one to follow the story :)

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### Melissa says

This is the first book in a new series by Caridad Piñeiro called the Sin Hunters. It starts with Adam who has no real memory of what happened to him. He was about 4 when he was found and adopted by Salvatore Bruno. He finds he has strange powers that no one around him have so he has been trained to hide them.

The story skips to Adam in his 20's still trying to figure out who he is and what his powers hold. Now, he is a self-made millionaire who still feels very lonely and contained. He spies Bobbie Carrera waiting for her brother after her physical therapy session (she was injured in Iraq) and their auras capture each others attention. They are attracted to one another immediately. However, Adam is attacked in the parking lot and Bobbie comes to his defense. Strange things happen, but Bobbie doesn't back down and Adam just got a taste of others with his kind of power. Questions from this incident bring the two back together.

The mystery of Adam also includes a lot of missed connections and misdirection that almost overwhelmed

the story. I was relieved when that didn't happen. I really enjoyed the character of Bobbie. She is scarred heavily and was not that vision of perfection that we often encounter in PNR books. I also loved that she did not back down in a fight and was willing to sacrifice her happiness when it was the right thing to do. I did not connect to Adam as well, but I still really liked him until.... (yea, like I would reveal anything too telling... \*evil laugh\*) Let me just say he did come around and I enjoyed his character again.

I give this book 4 stars. I think it is a good first book for this series and I really do want to see what happens next.

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## **Mrs. Badass says**

B+ Solid writing, interesting concept, hot lovin', interesting people.

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<http://badassbookreviews.com/2011/06/...>

Grade: B+

The Lost, by Caridad Pineiro, is a very interesting read about a species of humans who live amongst us, but require energy to survive and thrive.

Our Heroine, Bobbie, is a War Veteran with PTSD, Scars and a big heart. I really liked her, and I liked the way she was portrayed and written. She was a nice compliment to Adam.

Adam is a Rich, young, genius (for all intents and purpose) He had a rough childhood, lost his parents when he was 5 years old, and was adopted. He has vague memories about traumatic events that he witnessed, and has no idea what or who he is. He is on his own, struggling to figure out himself.

I liked the premise, but do wish it was explored a bit further, I had to extrapolate a lot. But it was visually cool.

Sometimes characters were introduced, then not seen again, then brought back leaving me confused who was who. Who was good, who was bad, etc. The third story arc sort of threw me a little, towards the end, and seemingly came out of left field. I suspect this sets the next book up.

Overall, a cool concept, easy to read writing style, and interesting world building. I enjoyed Caridad's writing voice, and will be reading more, and look forward to the next book in the series.

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## **Jen Davis says**

Adam Bruno is no ordinary man. Unfortunately, he doesn't know exactly what he is. As a child, some traumatic event robbed him of his memories. The only family he has is Salvatore, the adopted father who raised him. But even Salvatore is wary of his powers. Adam manipulates energy; he can siphon it from other living things; he can direct it outward; he can even shapeshift. But there is a growing disquiet within him. Something is missing and he feels a void that he doesn't know how to fill.

We learn early on that Salvatore is planning to betray his adopted son. He cares for Adam, but he has big plans for his son's gifts. Salvatore has made contact with Alexander, a man who has similar powers to Adam. Both men, for their own reasons, want Adam to mate with a woman of his own kind in order to create a new generation of power.

While all these machinations are going on, Bobbie enters Adam's life with the force of a hurricane. She is an Iraq war vet, who is recovering from serious injuries. But she still helps thwart a kidnapping attempt on Adam when she sees it happening. There is instant chemistry between these two. And while Bobbie has never believed herself to be anything other than human, Adam sees more within her.

Both Adam and Bobbie are terrified of opening themselves up to anyone else. Adam is afraid of his powers and the damage they can do. Bobbie needs to hide all of her scars, both inside and out. Yet, they forge a fragile relationship... one that grows as the book progresses.

It took me a little while to invest in the story. Several characters are introduced in a very short time and there is extensive world-building surrounding Adam's people. And honestly, I struggled at times to keep everyone straight. But despite that, Caridad Pineiro created two main characters that were very sympathetic and I found myself rooting for their happy ending. It's always a peeve of mine when a couple throws out the "L"-word after only a few days together --and unfortunately that was the case here. However, I did enjoy the love scenes and the way they transcend traditional sex. Overall... I liked it, but I didn't love it. 3 1/2 stars.

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## **Alyssa says**

Originally posted at Hesperia Loves Books

In a paranormal romance world filled to capacity with werewolves, vampires, demons, ghouls, zombies, angels...well you get the idea it is nice to find a refreshingly new twist to the paranormal world, the Light Hunters. This race obtains energy through the environment as well as any object that contains energy of any kind. They then use that power to sustain their race, heal their sick and sometimes even to take life away. I really enjoyed being introduced to this world and I'm eager to learn more as the series continues.

Adam & Bobbie were very believable characters and the path that I got to walk with them through their story was very emotional, real, steamy hot & it kept me on the edge of my seat! I loved them both and really liked that the war hero was female. I don't think that avenue is explored enough, at least out of the books that I've read. While the characters were great, the story did slow down somewhat, at least for me, during the middle. However, by the end, the action resumed and the book ended great with an AMAZING set-up for the next book.

This is my first Caridad Piñeiro book, but after reading, I can most definitely say that I'll be reading more, especially of her Sin & Sin Hunter series'.

So if you're looking for a great PNR book but are tired of the same 'ol, same 'ol – make sure to grab this series, you won't be disappointed!

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## AH says

*The Lost* is a solid start to Caridad Pineiro's Sin Hunters series. The book focuses on a race of beings with special powers. These beings can shapeshift, teleport, move very fast, and absorb energy. The Hunters are divided into two factions: The Light Hunters and the Shadow Hunters. Many years ago, the Shadow Hunters were exposed to the smallpox virus. They require energy transfers to ward off the disease.

Adam Bruno has always had special talents. At 26 years of age, he is the owner of a successful business SolTerra. He seems to have an affinity for electronics, especially computers. Adam is also beginning to exhibit some other abilities. It's these abilities that attract the attention of some people and an attempt is made to kidnap Adam in SolTerra's parking lot. The kidnapping attempt is thwarted by Bobbie Carrera, sister to one of Adam's interns. Bobbie is a war vet and has returned home because of her injuries. She suffers from PTSD and is horribly scarred from an IED attack.

There seems to be an instant attraction between Adam and Bobbie. Adam sees Bobbie's aura and is fascinated by her. Bobbie is attracted to Adam's good looks. I love how their relationship developed throughout the book. They work together to find out who wanted to kidnap Adam and the romance builds slowly. I enjoyed the love scenes – how their auras mix together was beautiful.

The Hunter lore was fascinating. Their absorption of energy kind of reminded me of a type of psychic vampire. They did not feed on the blood of their victims, but on their energy. I liked how the author tied in the Hunter race to the ancient civilizations.

The chase and fight sequences were well done. I was on the edge of my seat during some of these scenes. Bobbie is a fierce fighter and her military training was extremely useful.

I would have liked to have learned more about the Shadow Hunters, especially Christopher. I understand that the next book *The Claimed* will have his story. I'm looking forward to reading that one.

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## Hbeebti says

First off look at that cover! Wow beautiful! Now this is suppose to be book three and then maybe another series perhaps a spin off? On CP page on here it shows it both ways. Anyway I think they go together since this seems to be a theme with the siblings in each book. Loved Adam and Bobbie. Bobbie is recovering from a major injury when she meets Adam. Adam has a secret that he wants to keep hidden. But yeah that doesn't happen. There is a lot going on in this book and I cant really say to much without giving something away. UGH! But one thing that bothered me was when Adam F-ed up and did not apologizes. That made kinda irritated me. Yes he assumed wrong but there was no sorry or in fact no I believe you not him kinda thing. It was just like oh ok I missed you lets get it on. lol

Lets just say there is some paranormal stuff and some great writing skills going on here. It felt like this book had way more sex and more descriptive scenes verses the other two books. For me that worked. The ending left me scratching me head wondering WTH? is going to happen.... So the next book which isn't listed yet is called "The Claimed". Whoot!!! But who its about I have no clue. lol

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### **Nita says**

The concept was neat - a race of people who can collect energy from people, the sun, etc. and use it for things like healing or as a weapon. And I liked the two main characters, Adam and Bobbie. I especially liked what Adam did with his life, having to grow up without anyone to explain his powers to him. William, the baddies' son, was interesting too, in a mysterious sort of way. Is he a good guy or a bad guy (I am leaning towards good)? I am interested to see where this series is heading.

My biggest problem with the book was Salvatore, the man who ends up raising Adam. I know Pineiro wanted to make his character complex and not completely unsympathetic, but I found his actions just confusing.

Also I was confused with one plot point involving Bobbie's family and stolen DNA. I do not know if I just missed the explanation or if it wasn't completely explained.

Overall a unique start to a new series.

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\*\*Edited to add - I looked more into this author and it looks like Pineiro wrote the Sin series, which features Bobbie's siblings. So the DNA is explained, just not in this book.

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### **Laurie Garrison says**

This was an excellent romance story and the paranormal aspects really held me captive. I truly loved that the heroine was a war veteran and she gets a excellent HEA. If you're one for danger, betrayal, adventure and romance this maybe a book for you.

I could see the romance connection between Adam and Bonnie from the start. Both loners in life because of issues they had. One is a little different and doesn't feel safe around other women. The other one is not in the best of shape after a bombing in Iraq and with all of her scars she is felling not so hot now days, but who can blame her. So, when these two connect they fall for each other rather instantly. Adam treated Bonnie with the out most respect knowing what happened to her in Iraq. I did at times feel sorrier for Adam in some ways. He lost his parents and his step-dad is rather not such a good dad. You have to read to find out how one so called dad can start the whole ordeal.

The paranormal aspect between shadow hunters and light hunters is interesting I wish it would have gotten a little deeper, but what's there is easy to understand. I can see this continuing for the next book.

Recommend to any paranormal romance lover.

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## **Vanessa theJeepDiva says**

This is another book that falls into the why did I wait so long to read it category. I know the answer this time though. I knew that *The Lost* was connected to another series even though it is the first book in its own series. I was scared to read it, scared I would have missed something in the other books, something that would have left me confused while read this book. That didn't happen. This is the first (but not last) book that I've from this author. *The Lost* is a perfect place to dive into Pineiro's writing.

I loved the uniqueness of the paranormal beings in this world. Pineiro has written a very interesting being's existence. It's an existence where an ancient race of people feed off of natural energies. They take power for sustenance (food too) and they can share it with their kith, they can heal with it, these energies can be used to shape shift and form incredible connections with others like them. I loved this idea. This world of Light Hunters and Shadow Hunters, and Anaru's and Quinchus was absolutely fascinating and refreshingly different.

Adam has grown up knowing he is very different from others. He can do things with energy that no one he knows of can do. Being adopted he can't look to his father for the answers to these questions. I liked that Adam was researching his abilities while trying to use them for advancements for his company. He is the owner of an alternative energy company. The fact that he is trying to better the worlds resources just makes him even more of an incredible guy.

Bobbie was an amazing heroine. She has recently returned from Iraq. She's not physically the same woman that left with the Marines. She's been injured in battle. Bobbie is still a warrior at heart. While waiting for her little brother to get off of work she sees this man being attacked in what looks like an attempted kidnapping. She reacts as any warrior would, she fights back to help the innocent. The moment Adam touches Bobbie she realizes he's different. The tingly zing of his touch leaves her scarred arm feeling less afflicted by its wound. Adam can tell by Bobbie's aura that she is also different.

Adam and Bobbie have a remarkable and immediate connection. They both realize that there is something amazingly different about the other. The differences that they share pave the way for an intense bond. They complemented each other well. Adam is playful and kind while Bobbie caring and tough and stands for what she feels is right and just. The changes that Adam is experiencing due to his race allow for a believably fast paced romance. The sexual connection with Bobbie and Adam is explosively hot. These two make such a great pair to read about.

I am still confused about Adam's biological parents reasoning in their methods for approaching him. I can completely understand wanting to reunite with you son that has been missing from your life for 20 years. They just went about it in all the wrongs ways, repeatedly. I had a few issues with Adam's adoptive father as well. All in all though my few dislikes flow with the story and make for an exciting page turner of a book. After all stories have to have drama and happenings to kick up the anxiety.

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## **Jess the Romanceaholic says**

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#### Official Blurb:

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*This book is a spinoff of an earlier series by Ms. Piniero, but I felt that it worked well on its own. I actually didn't realize that there were earlier works set in the same "universe", and as such had a moment or two where I wondered if I'd missed something, but overall, I never felt overly confused.*

*Overall, I really enjoyed this one. There were times, especially in the beginning, where I had trouble keeping all of the characters straight, probably because there were so many players in this book, but a little further in, I had a much easier time distinguishing between the Good Guys and Bad Guys.*

*The sexual tension and intensity between Adam and Bobbie was absolutely marvelous, and the mere fact that they tempered their intense and sudden sexual relationship with the rationality of having only known each other for a short time made it even more enjoyable to read. The family issues and intrigues, along with the sub-plots between the characters of both the Light Hunters and the Shadow Hunters added quite a bit of depth to the story without taking away from the relationship between Adam and Bobbie.*

*In the end, this one will most certainly be a re-read for me in the future, and I simply cannot wait for the sequel. A very enthusiastic 4/5 Stars.*

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#### **SheLove2Read says**

I'm going to be honest: this just didn't work for me.

The worldbuilding was complex, almost too much so, but with not enough information to get a good grasp on it. For example, there are two factions in this book, but Pineiro doesn't really explain the difference between them very well. We just know that one faction is "bad" and one is "good" and it's rather ambiguous as to which one is which.

I also didn't connect with the romance. Adam and Bobbie literally go from making eye contact across a parking lot one day, to practically pawing each other the next day. It felt forced and to be frank, UNATTRACTIVE. Bobbie is a moderately disabled Iraq veteran yet she is more capable than the "powerful" Adam. I know Adam is supposed to be a ticking timebomb of power, but I found myself wondering why Bobbie would ever be attracted to him in the first place.

After reading 150 pages, I started to wonder when the meat of the story was going to explode onto the scene, only to realize that even if it happened on the very next page - I just didn't care anymore. Skimming the rest of the book validated my feelings.

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### **Ronda Tutt says**

Creative and Passionately Written! Absolutely Beautiful!

What a beautifully told story and a great start to a new series. Caridad Pineiro has created a new refreshing paranormal existence of a new species called the Light Hunters and the Shadow Hunters that feeds from the Sun and Earth's own energy and yields the power to shape shift into any creature whether it be human or animal, draw the energy from any living thing or force, and or heal any living thing. With their fight between each other to protect their own species and secrets from the humans, the story is full of action that is absolutely memorizing.

The story was captivating from the first page as the characters developed and came alive visually upon the pages. The emotional bonds and erotic scenes between Adam (Light Hunter) and Bobbie (Marine / Hybrid) were heartwarming and breathtakingly written – totally HOT. The author did a tremendous job at capturing the true emotions and PTSD actions of a wounded soldier that barely escaped life from a previous war. There were scenes between Adam and Bobby that had me almost in tears emotionally.

Both characters were strong and I loved the serious attitude mode Bobbie had of “Once a soldier always a soldier”. As a 100% disabled veteran myself I totally related to Bobby and I can definitely say a veterans training never leaves you. I fell in love with Adam's personality and actions as I thought it made him sexier than his hot descriptive body.

The plot stayed interesting throughout as it built to the ending climax that left me wanting more of the series. I was glad Adam and Bobby got their HEA and look forward to many questions being answered as to what will happen to them now that Adam knows the truth of his real family heritage and now has his new role to play within his race? Is Bobby with child? What will the Shadow Hunters next move be? What will become of Adams parents? Ok so I am already JONESING for the next book. I highly recommend this series to all paranormal readers out there.

Excellent Read!

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### **Wendy \*Sebella Blue\* Mitchell says**

Even though he was a handsome, single and wealthy business owner in the prime of his life, because of his

uniqueness, with the exception of his adoptive father, Adam Bruno was very much alone. His first and only childhood memories are of fear, violence, and being pulled from his hiding place by CIA agent, Salvatore Bruno. It was shortly after, that Adam discovered his unique ability to harvest the life force energy from living things and assume their form. His power was growing and Adam was becoming restless and fearful of losing control. When a failed kidnapping attempt brings him in contact with the beautiful ex-Marine, Bobbie Carrera, he is both cautious and intrigued. Her energy is unlike any other he's encountered, yet hauntingly familiar. After barely escaping with her life from a bomb blast in Iraq, Bobbie is trying to adjust to her crippling injuries, but Adam's touch has erased the pain. The two are reluctantly drawn to each other, but there are forces that are determined to keep them apart. It soon becomes clear, that no one is who they seem. Full review at <http://www.ragesexandteddybears.blogs...>

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## Grammy 1 says

4 1/2 stars

Wow, all I can say is I am so happy Caridad Piniero has decided to continue this paranormal/science oriented series. I just love them! Her first two offerings were *Sins of the Flesh* and *Stronger Than Sin*.

All of the backdrop takes place in the beach areas of the New Jersey Shore and surround the members of the Carrera Family. First we had Mick Carrera, a strong handsome police officer and his now HEA Caterina Shaw. During the first book he needed assistance with Caterina and what had been injected into her bloodstream. Thankfully, his sister, Dr. Liliana Carrera, was able to help.

Dr Carrera was the star in the second book *Stronger Than Sin*. She was brought in to take care of football great Jesse Bradford, who was also found to be with a disorder that came from what was injected into his blood. Both of these were not quite paranormal, more scientific, but were great stories.

In the Prologue of *Lost* we are in the mind of a young child in the midst of shouting and fear. He is saved by a man, who brings him to a safe place. He has no recollection of who he is, or what his name is. Now we are brought 20 years later, where we meet Selina and Kellen. We are not sure what they represent, although they are still searching for their lost son.

*Lost* has switched gears a mite with Roberta (Bobbie) Carrera, who had been terribly injured, just home from Iraq. We meet her waiting for her brother who works for Adam Bruno and their meeting is magnetic for them both. The new path our author takes us on, is less scientific and closer to paranormal, but the results are the same....What a Book!!!

I felt so sad for the child in the prologue and then even worse after we discovered that it was Adam. His loneliness is an assault to your senses. How could a child have no feelings or human touch through his growing up? His father worked for the government, and Adam was alone too much. Adam knew he was different, and wasn't sure what his powers were, or what they meant to him. He grew into a tall handsome young man who used his mind to grow a successful company.

Bobbie Carrera came home from the military, a marine who blamed herself for missing something, as her unit was hit and killed. She was almost mortally wounded because of the blast. Literally sewn together like a rag doll, going to therapy, walking with a cane she is waiting for her brother in the parking lot of Bruno Corp, This is the moment Bobbie and Adam's lives clash.

This story is harsh, thrilling, sexy and smart. I found Adams father cruel and inhuman, trying to sell his son in some way to a plan called Genesis. I say cruel and inhuman as to how and why any parent would do this to their child??? He does consider himself Adams father. We learn of The Light Hunters and the Shadow Hunters, a different species who live amongst us, and what they are and why. Bobbie and Adam become a factor to be reckoned with; we as well as they follow this mystery of his past and their attraction.

I think Ms Pineiro has found her groove. This series is excellent, the characters are fully developed, the concept of story is highly original. The story is mesmerizing and the sensual relationship is believable as well. Highly recommended.

Review By Gloria Lakritz

Senior Reviewer and Review Chair for the Paranormal Romance Guild

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