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Gabriel Braven now believes his destiny is with his beloved Mer Prince Casillus Nerion, but he cannot quite imagine a life under the waves and leaving his best friend Corey and Grandma G behind on land.

Through their psychic bond, Casillus lets Gabriel experience the wonders of the Mer capital city of Emralis from the home of his ancestor Aemrys Liseas to the Mer palace. But even in the midst of all this love and beauty, Gabriel's nature as a Caller draws darkness to them.

Cthulhu, the alien entity whose presence means destruction and madness for the human race, warns Gabriel that Johnson Tims will stop at nothing to expose the Mers' existence and something must be done about him.

## Undersea Details

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## Annery says

### Series review at the end of Book 5

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## Cara says

I don't think I'll ever get over the fact that Cthulhu is a thing in this book, I'll always just think it's too ridiculous. And it is really starting to overshadow the parts of this book that I think are cool (the characters, Mer lore, the actual romance). I feel like there is more potential for these individual details but it's all taking this weird backseat to something that bothers me so much. I'd have probably stopped after book three if I wasn't so excited after the first book and bought the bundle. I also had the revelation that each book only has the timeframe of a few hours to a day because in this book, not all too much happened. In the end they were just swimming. For the whole book. Now I am enjoying those other, non-Cthulhu details I mentioned before. That's really the only reason I'm giving this as many stars as I am. I just hope for more of those details and a satisfying ending in the last book.

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## Riva says

OK, I'm over \$30 in to this audio book and it STILL is not finished. My review is -- don't start this book. It is not a series but one long dragged out story in at least five novellas; hard to tell as only four are listed on Goodreads at this time. I thought this was the last one; the end of the story, but it is NOT!!! This is not a good value and I am done spending money on it.

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## Katherine says

Fantastic! Such a good read! Every word I'm more involved in each character and I don't even much mind Gabriel and Cassilus falling in love so quickly. The Mers world has been fleshed out nicely and I love the description of the city, getting right down into the bridges on the buildings. I find that I just can't wait to read what comes next! Just one nagging constant annoyance though. This is a continuous series- five books, one story. If you are reading book three, you've probably read books one and two. If you haven't a recap won't help that much. So why all the recaps! Every story begins by painfully rehashing what we've just gone through in the last book! If every book out there did this- gah it would make me start skipping the first 2 pages! Great story, love the way it has been so much more developed since the online version, but ditch the recaps for my sanity!

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## Mandy says

This is the last book I have until the next audio comes out, and right now, I'm really thinking of just buying

the ebook. I really hope this author will put all of these books together in a print anthology. I'd love to have that on my shelf to keep coming back to this again and again.

Cassillius has finally gotten Gabriel into the water after another bout of breathing trouble. They agree to stay along the shallows so that Gabriel can get used to his new surroundings, and while he's enjoying swimming around, Cassillius reveals another one of his powers. He wants to show Gabriel the mer city and all of its beauties. He uses the power of his mind to show it to Gabriel. They don't actually go, but Gabriel is able to see all of the buildings and explore the areas Cassillius takes him to, right before showing him his underwater room and friends, explaining how their city works and how they survive in the deep.

I was really happy to see some of these things and have my own questions answered. This was a great book to listen to since I got to explore the mer city with Gabriel, and see his happiness when he met some of the family he had below. Aside from a little hiccup with the tentacled monster, which is insanely scary, this was another fun, romantic read that ended on a creepy cliffhanger. Can't wait for the next one :)

5 Stars

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### **T.M. Smith says**

Gabriel Braven has finally come to terms with the fact that he is Mer, though he is still having trouble with the fact he will have to leave his best friend and his Grandmother behind on dry land to complete the transition. Having finally accepted his destiny he is also letting down his guard with Casillus and the bond between them is only growing stronger. Casillus takes Gabriel deeper into the water than they've ventured thus far and surprises him with a glimpse of their home and they finally, fully consummate their relationship. But there is a dark entity that attached itself to Gabriel long ago, an entity that can only be awoken by a Caller.

Each installment of this series just gets juicier with content and storyline. I especially enjoyed the conversation Gabriel had with Cthulhu, the dark alien like entity that is supposed to be a guardian of sorts for the Mer. And that ending, whoa! I'm very excited to see how everything comes together in the end. Gabriel has shown himself to be a different kind of Mer, of course he's a Caller and he's mated to the Mer Prince, Casillus, but it's more than that. I think the link he has with Cthulhu when the creature saved him as a child is going to be what saves them in the end.

If you are looking for something short, sexy and steamy that is well written and narrated to get you through your day, you should consider the Merman saga. Start with book 1 though or you'll have no idea what is going on.

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### **Darlene says**

These are my personal feelings for this book and series. In this book Gabriel starts to understand more about his special gift. Though that gift keeps him in contact with a very dark entity he does not want to remember. He also starts to realize that he has some mental thoughts and senses about his best friend and what others are thinking. His gift is keening in more as a Caller.

The relationship between Casillus and Gabriel is sweet and precious and Gabriel gets a peek at the city he will be living in with his Prince.

I'm enjoying the evil parts that the characters have to overcome which of course is what the books are about and the sexy lovemaking between the two Mers.

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### **amomentsilence says**

Actual rating is probably more around 3.5 Stars, but I'm rounding up.

After reading that ending, I have only one thing to say:

WHHHHHHHHHYYYYYYYYYYY

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.....where is the next book already?????? We need it NOW.

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### **Victoria love books says**

OH bloody hell what have I gotten myself into!!!!!!

Just breathe.....

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### **K.C. Riley-Gyer says**

One more book and I'll have finished the series. I want to know the ending but I don't want it to finish. Such a typical reaction when I'm enjoying a story. There is an error but I'm not going to mention it as I don't want to ruin the story but, for me, it's an obvious error. Other than that, I am so loving this series.

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### **Leila Anani says**

This fourth, and penultimate instalment in X. Aratare's merman series does not disappoint. My only issue is its too short and ends on one heck of a cliff hanger - so have volume 5 on hand!

Gabriel has to get over his fear of the water because in two days he will die unless he goes into the sea. His merman lover Prince Casillus is doing everything he can to help, but Cthulhu awaits in the depths as well as paradise. Miskatonik professor Johnson Timms is hovering in the background with a plan to force Gabriel to call Cthulhu onto land where he can destroy him once and for all - but can Cthulhu be so easily destroyed? And will the loss of human lives be worth it?

I pretty much have had a huge grin on my face from start to finish with each volume in this series. Gay mermen and Cthulhu... what more do you want? Its not badly written, exciting and well paced. This volume lives up to its title as well since most of it occurs under water and we get to explore the mer city. There's also a fairly hot m/m underwater sex scene.

My only disappointment is the lack of fish tails - the mer here have gills down their side and webbed fingers, but no tail transformation or shape-shifting ability. Other than that niggle this series is great and I can't wait for the final volume.

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### **Amanda Yvonne says**

#### **Would recommend**

Another exciting book in the series. I was really surprised the direction the plot has went but I enjoyed it. Will be buying the next in the series.

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### **SherwoodDemon says**

So, not much plot movement in this book. But I still loved it. :D

I loved watching Gabe and Cas explore the mer city and the dolphin was beyond cute.

The Audible book & the narrator did an excellent job of voicing the monster. :)

I love this series! Can't wait to start the last book. ?

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### **Paul says**

Story still going strong, I suppose because they're novella's it's flying by. It's a mermen YA/UF and it's OK

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### **Ren says**

I really enjoyed these books. I just read through all of them because come on you can't leave me with a cliff hanger and I just have to know what happens. Also I love mermaid transformations so I was very excited to read this. Strangely, I was alright with the insta-love storyline, maybe because Gabe doesn't accept it at first, but it didn't feel forced. One of the other things I really enjoyed about this book was Gabe's flaws, specifically his ptsd when it comes to the ocean he will have to live in. Also, can I just say it is refreshing that the bad guys aren't just "evil" for no reason; they have their shades of grey (forgive me I couldn't resist), although I do wish we could have gone a little more in depth with Johnson Tims (what a name, btw, does no one call him John?). Overall this series is a fun mermaid read. One of my only qualms is that I wish you could buy all of them in a bundle or something, because each book is very short.

