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Clara has it all. A wrestling star boyfriend, popular friends, all the right school activities...pretty much a perfect life...up until her parents died. Now she lives with the Pastor and his family and though they take good care of her, she feels alone. Then her boyfriend, Tate, starts to show signs of trouble when a new guy, Eli, comes to town. Clara is fascinated with him but hides it until something happens. Eli confesses to her that she gives him something he's never had before...something he needs. Everything is about to change for this normal pretty popular girl in a supernatural way.

## Devour Details

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## From Reader Review Devour for online ebook

### **Lucia says**

Devour is absolutely amazing and unique book! Author tried to avoid most of those YA-paranormal clichés which accompany this genre these days and created one original story and I absolutely and totally loved it. Story was fast-paced and author never wasted time with over-describing things so I really enjoyed it. Even though there were times when style of writing seemed to be a little bit simple, story was so good that I did not mind at all and I was completely smitten with this book.

At the beginning, Eli, the new guy, was very mysterious. I could see that he was different and strange sometimes but I had no idea why or if he was a good or a bad guy. And when the supernatural stuff was revealed? OMG, I definitely did not expect something like that. It was such a fascinating thing to read about. Kudos to author for this unique idea.

And now to Clare. As a main heroine and narrator, I had hard time to like her at the beginning. She wasn't annoying or something like that. She just played the role and was a person that other people expected her to be. She was not happy about such a life but had no intentions to change it at the beginning. She associated with terrible people (bullies and aggressors) and I just could not like her for that. BUT, as the story progressed, she changed and really grew on me. So overall, I have to admit that she was a likeable character and I respected her by the end of the book.

Devour is awesome book and I would recommend it to all lovers of paranormal stories!

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### **Naomi McCord says**

One question: Why Is Shelly Crane So Amazing?

She writes with such a flow of emotion and excruciating detail, but not so much it bores you. Her male characters are always astounding and the females are so sweet (When they're supposed to be \*cough\* Deidre.... })

I have no idea where she gets these ideas! Drugs, trolls, B&B's, clouds and Eli! You think she's about to do something then she doesn't and something completely different happens.

While I was reading this, I went through a major adrenalin rush and I kinda wanted to ride the rollercoaster again! :D

Keep Writing and surprising us Shelly!

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You have to devour this book before it devours you

## **ThisIsMe says**

Ummmm...It was ok. Very predictable, extremely cheesy. A lot of the dialogue was unbelievable and had me rolling my eyes constantly. I will admit that some of the story was able to hold my attention, but all in all I was just happy to finally be done with it.

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## **Kisses A says**

Dnf from page 6

I know books that aren't worth my time when I see one and this showed up early. No. Just no. As soon as it starts there is insta love, something in which I despise so so much. Girl has a boyfriend but the moment she sees the new guy she is in love. I just can't and I won't even try.

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## **Donna {Book Passion for Life} says**

Shelly Crane amazes me! Honestly, as an author she definitely knows how to hit the right spots and writes another fantastic novel. Her other series *Significance* I thought, was completely unique but *Devour* seriously smashes *Significance* out of the water for its uniqueness.

*Devour* follows the life of Clara, a young girl who is living with a foster home after her parents are murdered. Clara attends the local high school where she sits with the popular crowd and has a popular boyfriend, who is a star wrestler and even though Clara is surrounded by people, she's not really happy and mostly she feels alone. When new boy Eli starts her school, she feels an undeniable attraction to him and suddenly she's thrown into Eli's world.....one that is very dangerous and Clara seems to be right in the middle of it.

If you didn't already guess, I loved this book. There is actually nothing to dislike about it because it's pure awesomeness and the story line is thrilling, loving and fresh and once again UNIQUE! I've never read anything like it. I don't want to tell you too much about the story because I don't want to ruin the surprise but the mystery surrounding Eli and what he really is, really leaves you guessing. I even got to one point of the book and thought "What the hell is he?" but I was completely blown away when I found out and it truly makes me think "why hasn't this book been picked up by a publisher?" It is seriously awesome.

One of the key points of this book were the characters and I adored all of them. Even the bad guys, there's just something about them that you like. Clara and Eli, were a fantastic couple and even with all their obstacles they overcome so much. They are bound to one other that is really touching and loving and it that makes it slightly magical. It was a real joy to read about and I want more. Now Enoch; Eli's brother, really reminded me of Damon from The Vampire Diaries with his snarky comments and bad boy attitude. I really enjoyed him as a character and I can not wait to see more from him.

Overall, Shelly Crane has blown me away yet again and I can not wait to dive in another one of her books. *Devour* is a must read!

*Thank you to the author for providing me with a copy of this book for review.*

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### **Shelly Crane says**

I'm really loving this book because it was the first book I've written while the characters were still in high school. It was interesting and fun writing a story in the halls of a place I despised and even though it may not be like the rest of the books I've written, it still carries the same flow and romance as the others. I'm a sucker for true love and that will always be a main theme of my books. That being said, Eli and Clara face challenges that my other characters didn't have to face. There's more danger and action in this book I think. I love Eli, he's the epitome of changing your life and begging for redemption. Clara is a fine example of pasting on a bright smile when you feel like there's nothing to smile about. But then they meet and....I can't say but I'm loving it! :)

I encourage you to read this book if you are a fan of true love, forgiveness, weathering the storm and fighting for the ones you love. If you read my other books this one will definitely be right up your alley.

Thank you readers! You rock!

Best Wishes and Happy Endings,

Shelly Crane

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### **Mandy (I Read Indie) Anderson says**

Clara is a pretty normal girl, aside from the fact she has lost her parents and her sister never makes time for her. Her friends are the typical popular kids and her boyfriend can be a smidge jealous. And it doesn't help that new guy Eli has eyes for her. When things in her life start getting out of control, Clara must follow her heart to find what and who matters most.

There is so much I want to say about this book but if I did it would give the whole plot away. I want you to read it and be surprised as I was with all the turn of events. What I will say is that Shelly Crane wrote another amazing story that you will absolutely adore. There is something about her writing that pulls you in and consumes you. When I am reading her work I seldom take breaks...the kids will go with out dinner and clean socks...husby will begin to forget what I look like. Actually that is semi true, the kids are fed, but I cannot promise they have clean socks. Another MUST read from Shelly!

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### **\*?az?? - th? ?ock C?ick ?airy\* says**

**Let me tell you how i devoured DEVOUR today...**

*I was on my way to my boyfriend's house so i took a bus and i started reading it. Got down from the bus and rode the train and still, i was reading. Finally at my boyfriend's house and oh boy i was still reading in between conversations and lunch. Boyfriend had to go to a motorbike repair shop and i decided to accompany him there only to find my self sitting down the customer's lounge reading Devour. I was so engrossed that i didn't even noticed it was already 2 hours that i had been sitting there reading the book. When it was time to go home, i was finally near the end of the book. Again, found my self reading at the train*

*and as i was standing inside the bus.. yes, I WAS READING DEVOUR WHILE STANDING INSIDE THE BUS.. and yet I managed finishing the book while everyone was bumping me from side to side. That is what happened today, awesome!*

Now, i have to explain why i went through all the trouble just to finish the book. To me, IT WAS JUST THAT GOOD!

I always enjoy a young adult novel wherein the heroine stands up for herself. In Devour, Clara made it to my top heroine picks even though she doesn't have any powers at all. I love her because even if her whole world have certainly changed because of the death of her parents, she didn't let it become such a downer in her life. I also loved her character because she finally ditched her idiotic bitchy group of friends. One of my beloved scenes is the scene wherein she faced Dee. Mygosh, that scene is one of the scenes i wish i would've done in high school. Finally, i love Clara because she has her own virtues and manages to keep it all in tact in spite of the things that happened to her.

Okaaay.. enough about Clara and more about Eli.. hmm, Eli for me is a typical hero with a not so typical role. Errrm.. he's kinda evil yet he's not. Hmm.. how do i explain. Okay, the nearest one i can compare is Edward of Twilight who also thinks he's all evil because he's a vamp (please don't shoot me for comparing him to Edward, i like both of their characters). Eli's kind feeds of people's negative emotions yet he's drawn to Clara's positive ones. Personally, i love it that Clara bound him to her unintentionally (although not explained in the book how she managed to do this) so that he doesn't need other people's emotions to feed on. It sounds kinda creepy when i say it like that but trust me, it's all good in the book.. i just can't seem to explain it here properly. What i love about Eli is that he's drawn to Clara but not entirely addicted to her. He's not the possessive type, he's the protective one. He's just really good for and with Clara. I love it that he's somewhat the reason why Clara decided to stand up for what is right. And lastly, i love it because he is really trying to be good even though his nature is to be evil.

I think there was i time wherein i felt bad for Tate but one thing led to another and i sort of just didn't care for his character at all. I like Patrick and Sarah.. i hope i see more interaction between both of them on the next book.

All in all.. Devour is AMAZING and i love it! i think the story is quite unique and has so many possibilities. I would definitely love to read the next one. =)  
perfect 5! ^\_^

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### **Jennifer Nunez says**

If you have read Significance, Accordance, Collide and Uprising, you know what an amazing writer Shelly Crane is. In Devour, she has branched out into a whole new paranormal venue and it is grand and refreshing. The characters and plot have great depth, and the emotions and sensations are vivid and magical. Of course, in true Shelly Crane fashion, the bond between the two romantic characters is filled with angst, longing and.....heat. This is not your typical YA paranormal romance. Shelly has introduced a plethora of previously unheard of elements that will make the reader gasp with joy. Read Devour for a roller coaster ride of emotions, troubles, longing and love. Sit back and get ready to be Devoured.

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### **Fathima says**

Shelly Crane has managed to do this yet again ! Make me read with a smile ( Different kinds - smug , sly , shy , grin etc ) on my face irrespective of what i'm reading . I'm stunned by the abilities she possesses . Love the lady a lot ! Devour is a very unique story , with unique kind of beings . Nice change from the usualness of what we read all the time . Clara has it all , a popular boyfriend , lot of friends but she still feels like there's a void in her life . Enters Eli . A guy who makes Clara feel different from what she feels from all those around her . Who is Eli ? What does he want from Clara ? Why does he seem mysterious ? What will happen when Eli's secrets come face to face with Clara ?

The cover of this book is simply gorgeous ! Simple , but it makes blush just a teeny weeny bit !

I loved the plot of this book . Shelly Crane introduces us to a whole new world of creatures that we have probably never heard of . As always her writing is absolutely flawless , she's just the best . Clara and Eli were soooo good !! I loved their chemistry , especially when they met in the Reverie !! Eli was definitely swoon worthy , and his tongue ring \* ooooooh sweet mama \* , that's a definite turn on !! On the whole , a very exciting read . I can't wait to read Consume , the second book in this series !! Goooooooo Shelly ! :)

I recommend this book to everyone who loves paranormal romances . This one will not disappoint you at all !

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### **Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says**

Warning: This book will devour you!

My Rating: 10 of 10!

My Cover Thoughts: I love the cover! Shelly has done it again with an amazing cover! It is of a girl and a guy just lying in the grass just staring up into the sky looking at something. They are looking at something that makes them happy because they are smiling.

My Thoughts/Review: Shelly Crane has done it again. This series will have you on the edge of your seat. She sets the background in a world where hurt and devastation is all around. People will have to make choices and stand by the decision they make. Some people will gain friends and others will lose friends. Love is always there but is it real or fake?

Would you be able to stand against your friends? Would you stand up for someone you never hung out with? Would you hurt someone's feelings just because everyone else did? Standing up to the school bullies is never easy enough but will you be devoured or will you be doing the devouring?

What happens when Clara falls for Eli? Will she love him or will he love her? Is he right for her or wrong for her? Will they be together? Clara already has a boyfriend she loves but will he be enough. Read on to find out what happens and see if you too will be devoured?

Memorable Quotes: ?I've been called a tease before, I muttered thinking about Tate and then regretting it. ?You are not a tease. I asked for it didn't I? I won't get the wrong idea, I'm glad to spend any time with you I can get. Sometimes...a kiss is just that.

I pulled him back to me and let him ravish my mouth furiously, turning in my seat to reach him better. His breaths were huffing like we were running a marathon and he groaned several times as my skin heated and he absorbed the want I felt for him and my happiness at the situation for the moment. It was odd to think that I was essentially feeding him what he needed to survive. When I ran my hand through his hair his grip tightened on me and he pulled me closer and I let him kiss me deeper.

I let him devour me.

Advice: Devour this book before it Devours You!

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### **Gloria Green says**

I am thrilled to have another series by Shelly Crane. There's just something about the way she writes that has me hooked before I can finish the first chapter. I love how she includes things very current like favorite TV shows and bands that connect with me instantly.

So Devour starts with a young girl Clara who is in high school and has survived some devastating losses at her age. Life seems to be moving along fine until a new guy in town, Eli, brings her unexpected feelings of desire. You see, she already has a popular boyfriend and hangs with a popular group of kids. She has to figure out why she's so drawn to Eli and find away to stand up for what she thinks is right.

Of course I would hate to give away too much of the story. But Eli isn't your average guy. You won't be able to put this book down until you know his secret. And then you're going to want more. The Author Shelly Crane has a way of making you blush along with the leading lady in the way she describes the intimate moments of the story. That ooey gooey feeling is addicting(I know, don't judge). All I can say is I'm ready for more Shelly. I love your work.

Thanks,  
Gloria

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### **Caitlin Audet says**

Devour is the perfect title to this book because its just to amazing and unique to not devour it lol. I read the first half of this book in one night because I just couldn't put it down. The main character Clara has a pretty great life to everyone else except herself. Her parents are dead so she lives with the Pastor and his family. She has a boyfriend who is pretty obnoxious and friends who are downright mean to anyone they deem uncool. Clara puts up with all of this even though she doesn't like her friends, how they treat people, or how her boyfriend Tate treats her. Clara was a great character to read but I didn't like how she stood by all of them but I understand why she did it. Clara literally has nothing left because of her parent's deaths so she wants to hang on to something safe that she knows. A new guy, Eli, comes to town and immediately they are taken to each other but Clara tries not to. They have an instant connection that Clara doesn't find with anyone else, the one where you just have to know this new person because it's a gut feeling. Clara is actually really

respectful because of her boyfriend and Eli is such a sweetie and truly understands. Which just makes Clara fall more for him so of course bye bye Tate. Devour is such a great love story between Clara and Eli and it's not an insta love. These two get to know each other to the soul throughout the whole book. I said Eli was a sweetie and oh yes he really was. Knew just what to say, when to say it, had all the right moves. I mean wow I totally fell in love with him and I don't know who wouldn't. Devour is also a very unique paranormal story with the whole supernatural part being something I have never read before and I definitely loved that very much. I won't get into much details because I don't want to spoil anything so I am just going to say Devour is a definite must read and I so can't wait til book 2.

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### **Bree Brown says**

Shelly Crane, a brilliant author. Now that that is out of the way, let's talk about Devour, a book set around Clara, a high school senior who is living with/being raised by the town Pastor and his wife after her parents were tragically taken from her.

Clara seems to be an average student in a typical high school popular (see: mean) group. She is dating the star of the wrestling team and feeling pressure from him to do things she isn't ready for (sex!). Not to worry, in comes the dashing, yet odd, Eli with the purple eyes and the charming smile.

Of course with any good story this dashing character is cause for stress in terms of our leading lady and her Neanderthal-ish boyfriend. Which is good because you can't have a story about people in high school without some serious drama and catty goodness and this book does not fail to bring it full force.

The paranormal aspect of the book is what really made me happy, I love getting new interesting weirdies and the glorious Shelly Crane never fails to deliver in my book, or rather in hers.

I guess what I have tried to accomplish in my ramblings is that I love this book, I only read my first Shelly Crane book a week or so ago but since then I have been eager for more. I completely recommend this book for those of you that love YA Paranormal Romance.

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### **PhobicPrerogative says**

I'm seeing a pattern here with Shelly Crane that is really making me not want to pick up her books: she moves things too fast. In terms of developing relationships, that is.

Instead of the relationships she's creating and weaving making me warm and fuzzy, they make me weary and do some eye-rolls.

In *Significance*, the two main characters are hyperventilating whenever they're separated, mere days after they meet. Sure, it's meant to be a paranormal book, but the believability of that relationship failed.

Now in *Devour*, there's a girl (Clara) with a boyfriend (Tate) who meets a new guy (Eli), and bam! Instant attraction. Soon after, Eli's getting turned on by Clara (or some weird shit like that) while on his feet whenever she's around, and he's always staring at her *etc etc*

Clara's boyfriend Tate is an INSANELY jealous guy who can pummel any guy who dares even talk to Clara. The first time he meets Eli, he's aggressive, ready for a fight, and as much as I applaud jealous guys, Tate came off like a possessive freak. That kind of intensity is just silly to me.

I've tried to click with these three people but everything is so badly written and unconvincing that I'm giving

up on *Devour*. It's just not piqued my curiosity.

I completely gave up during that scene in the diner between the clique of friends after the wrestling match. They're making fun of one of their schoolmates for being Goth, and other than the meanness factor, the dialogue and the idiocy in all of them got on my nerves. You'd think that Clara would be strong enough to speak up but she just sits there like a dummy.

And shortly before all this, Clara and Tate are having their own R-rated version of a make-out session in the middle of the goddamn diner; I was wondering whether somewhere between the lines the scene had shifted to someone's bedroom.

*"I completely opened myself up to it and tried to feel every sensation it gave me. I wanted to be full of Tate, my boyfriend."*

What the heck was that?

*Devour* is just badly written, with spelling mistakes here and there (we'll instead of well). The book would probably work well for a fan fiction story, but for an original novel, it's a little too cheesy.

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