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Love can save you...if it doesn't destroy you first.

Gwen has spent her life on the road, picking up and moving every few months when her mother has a mental break. They take care of each other. They don't need anyone else. Or so Gwen believes...until her mother announces she's met a man online.

When they arrive at his opulent home, Gwen is plunged into a world that seems too good to be true. Suddenly she's living in a mansion overlooking the beach and eating foods she's only read about in paperback novels. Her mother's new man has four gorgeous sons who don't mind her complete social incompetence. And her mother seems to have controlled her inner demons for the moment.

But the family they've joined has more than its share of secrets. When strange phenomena begin to occur in their presence, Gwen must emerge from her protective shell and embrace a destiny she's never imagined.

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From Reader Review Emerge for online ebook

Daisy Delfin says

3.5 stars

Lenni Jones says

Actual Rating: 3.5

This book was definitely a big difference for me. I know Egyptian mythology, I know Greek mythology, I know Roman and some Native American mythology. But Norse mythology? I've never really thought about it. The most I know is just stuff from Marvel. So this was definitely an interesting change. I haven't learned too much on the subject yet, but I'm on the author's ARC team, so hopefully by the end of the series I'll be an expert.

The plot was exciting. Really, really weird, too, but that's okay. I had an exciting time guessing who Gwen would end up with and what was really going on. Trust me, the ending is not expected. This book left me wanting to just get to the sequel, but considering it's past my bedtime, that's not happening currently.

Anyways, in summary, I enjoyed the new shake up of things and I'm eager to begin the sequel and find out what happens next. Happy reading!!!

Lisa says

This is my first LMH book and I LOVED IT.

RH is a genre that is really hot these days. And, I feel it has to be done right. I have read SOOOOO many these last 6 months.

Gwen has moved around since she was little with her mom who she thought was mentally ill and has visions. Her mom one day says she met a man online and is moving them in with them.

The man also has 5 children her age and is mega rich.

I really liked Gwen she was a strong character and even though she went through a hard and not normal childhood basically being homeless she is not weak. I hate when RH girls are weak and broken and then the men swoop in to make everything better and by the end of book 1 they are all trying to get with her.haha.

I liked the guys in this series. They are all her step- brothers, but they all care for her. And Peyton is a sweet stepsisters.

I think RH works best when there is some paranormal aspect to it and for this one there is one of the Norse-Mythology variety which is cool and I haven't seen yet in other RH. I think contemporary Rh are just odd! haha. Like having a paranomal aspects makes a teen girl having a relationship with 3+ other men less odd somehow.

I also likes the action that happens. And the connection with one of the guys she starts at the end.

I think for RH to be done right they should be slow burn. BUT not so slow that by book 10 nothing happens.hahaha. SO I hope that each book is as good as the first book. But, I also hope that Lena has planned

a certain # of books within the series that is reasonable. Like 8 books or 13? I really hate the C.L Stone books of her RH The Academy- i skim through her books, but she is on book 12 and NOTHING HAPPENS. And its contemporary and i hate the main girl. Anyhow.....GREAT JOB LENA!!! I wish you lots of success. And I need book 2 like next month!! thanks.haha

below is a complete summary. really just for me so i remember .lol
(view spoiler)

Kai P says

The concept is good but something was missing. It lacks of intimacy and emotions. I've gotten really bored, until I couldn't take it anymore. Unfortunately, this goes to my DNF. I kept going and going, looking for the thrill that will set me on edge but, none. Nada.

Cassandra says

SPOILERS!

This book is definitely an interesting concept. It is definitely a slow burn, and I really like the mix in this particular harem especially Peyton! I think I've only come across one other series where there was a female in the harem mix. Seriously, why aren't there more?

The issue I had with this book is that it isn't very consist. By that I mean the characters in particular. There are multiple instances where one character or another will behave or react to a situation in a manner that doesn't seem to fit their character. For example, when the group hears that they're all inhabited or possessed by something from another world, they don't really question it all that much. And when Gwen and her mother and have spent her entire life running, her mother just randomly decides to stop and marry the very person she was running from? Not to mention that for the most part, Joaquin is an ass and Gwen seems to find him almost creepy...and then decides that sure, she'll go to house with him. There are other occurrences, enough peppered throughout that it was getting to be to much.

I definitely think this book has a great concept, but I really think it needs to be reworked. Also, based off of the cover art of the book, I was expecting the big reveal to be something entirely different. It doesn't really seem to fit the book at all.

One other thing to note: the author has a note at the stating that the continuation of the series is based on how well the first book is received. I find that rather odd. I mean, if you have the whole story then write it all. Otherwise it just sounds as if she is writing on whim with no clear idea of where the plot is going. Plus, there have been plenty of times when new series has come out and while the first book may not be the greatest, the next one is as the author seems to get more into a flow.

Runningrabbit says

KU

This was a thoroughly enjoyable novel. The plot is innovative with likable characters and lush love interests. Can't wait for book two.

Marianne says

God, these parental figures are so laughably ridiculous that I can't take it. What happened to basic communication?

Tammy says

I was enjoying this book, but then I had a reality check with one of the characters. Now it's early enough in the series that I'm not positive about who will be love interested, but 'I hate him, but I want him' makes me think he is. Now I do love bad boys, and the enemies turned lovers is a favorite. However there is a line, there is not liking someone because they get on your nerves (their cockiness or something) then there is full on mental abuse. He crossed this line, and I'm not ok reading about involvement with someone like that. Maybe later in the book/series we'll find out he's the bad guy or something - I don't know.

Tiera McMillian says

Well, I have no idea where this is going. I didn't realize this was going to be a reverse harem like this...when I picked it up but it really seems to be heading that way, it's definitely different and if they are all sharing pieces of the same god isn't that going to be weird? I am definitely hoping the FMC becomes stronger. Right now she seems frail and weak both physically and emotionally. It's definitely interesting enough to continue the story.

Chi says

I'm here with a review for an amazing book called Emerge by Lena Mae Hill. It's full of fantasy and mythology. Add a few mental illnesses and other problems and there you go.

There are many reasons why I like the book so let's start there.

The book touches mental illnesses, something you can't say about a lot of other fiction books. And it has fantasy in it! And hot boys if that's your cup of tea. The LGBTQIA representation means so much too. So really that book has it all.

Let's talk about things that I didn't like as much. Firstly, the start of it was slow. It was confusing and til the end of the book, I was like: what is that? So be prepared that fun stuff is coming and the poly I was hoping for didn't happen as much.

This is a series if I understood correctly. So if you read it and wish for the next book (If I don't get the second book I will sue) please tell the author and support her!

I loved it even tho you need to go through a lot of chapters to really get into it but it's interesting and cause I don't know much about the Norse myths and legends, I was really excited to learn more about it.

I can't say it's an easy quick read. Definitely not, it's a novel and around 82,000 words, so depending on how quickly you read depends how "quick" the read is. But easy read it isn't, it has a lot going on and tension is up. Not too much action before the end. But that's all I will tell about the book.

Grammatically, like always, the version I got is an ARC so I can't say much. I will say that the writing style wasn't my favourite but it was okay. Maybe you are going to love it so give it a shot.

I think that's all for now. My rating for it would be a strong 6/10 and I totally recommend it to everyone who loves fantasy and paranormal and Norse Myths and Legends, or if you're looking for something new! If you do check it out please tell me and the author of course!

Anna says

There definitely was no easing into the story - we were in the thick of it from page one. And let me tell you, I was pretty baffled by what I was reading - especially the beginning. The choices the characters' parents were making made no sense to anyone - not to me, nor to the characters in the story, but we all sure wanted to see where things were going.

I liked that everything about this book threw me off - it did not fit the usually mold I expected it to feet. The plot itself was rather unique, I do not think I've read a concept like this one before - and it is based on North mythology, which is a plus! The characters (and I liked this fact most of all) did not fit into the stereotypes you expected them to fit into - they will all for sure surprise you with the way they act, because you will expect them to follow a certain pattern that we are all used to and they don't give a damn about the pattern, they do what they want. I liked that a lot.

The story ended rather abruptly and I am still processing everything. The picture does not quite come together in my mind - I don't have all the pieces yet - but I am definitely looking forward to reading the next book and figuring everything out.

Puna says

This is a fantastic first book!! I loved every minute of it! This is my first read from this author, it won't be my last. This book had twists and turns and burning moments. It's a slow burn RH. It has a bit on F/F but it's more like subtle attraction not full on, like I said, it's slow burn. I really liked the author's writing style. The characters were good too. Classic characters, the bad boy, the nerd, the football star, the semi-normal one.

This has a bit of lore going on. I'm hoping that this author decides to continue this series! Hint, hint. The book didn't have a cliff-hanger, which I'm so thankful for, but it definitely has more to come. I just hope we get to read it. There were a few mistakes here and there but I'm sure it will be fixed by the time this books gets published.

Thank you for this amazing book Lena, I hope I get to read more of it!!

I received an ARC copy for an honest review.

Overall: 4.5/5

Tori Preitauer-McMichael says

What a unique twist of mythology... I'm still curious about the harem aspect of the story and love some of the characters (though some seem a little too accepting of events). I can't wait to see who the other three are and what all of this amounts to.

Jessica Robbins says

*I received a free copy of this book which I voluntarily chose to write an honest review for.

Book one in the brand new Hosting Gods series and what an intriguing start it is too. We meet Gwen who has spent most of her life pretty much on the run with her mother who has issues. Emotional from the very beginning and you quickly feel bad for the girl and then mom does something totally out of character by taking them to the house of a guy she met online. Once there she meets his teen kids and strange things start happening around them as they all try to get used to one another. This leads to some secrets coming to light that really ramp up the story which leads us to the end that leaves you wanting to know more about what is going to happen next. Great paranormal very slow burn reverse harem novel I must say that I really enjoyed so I give it 4/5 stars.

Abi says

[I called Jaoquin! I knew he was an evil snake (or fire giant, in this case).
