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DELIVERED FROM THE DARKNESS, A WOMAN FINDS HERSELF PLUNGED INTO A PASSION THAT IS DEEPER THAN MIDNIGHT.

At eighteen, Corinne Bishop was a beautiful, spirited young woman living a life of privilege as the adopted daughter of a wealthy family. Her world changed in an instant when she was stolen away and held prisoner by the malevolent vampire Dragos. After many years of captivity and torment, Corinne is rescued by the Order, a cadre of vampire warriors embroiled in a war against Dragos and his followers. Her innocence taken, Corinne has lost a piece of her heart as well—the one thing that gave her hope during her imprisonment, and the only thing that matters to her now that she is free.

Assigned to safeguard Corinne on her trip home is a formidable golden-eyed Breed male called Hunter. Once Dragos's most deadly assassin, Hunter now works for the Order, and he's hell-bent on making Dragos pay for his manifold sins. Bonded to Corinne by their mutual desire, Hunter will have to decide how far he'll go to end Dragos's reign of evil—even if carrying out his mission means shattering Corinne's tender heart.

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Hbeebti says

Oh how I loved Hunter's book. I have always had a thing for him . I was not disappointed at all with this book. Only complaint was that it ended and left me want to know what in the hell is going on. What are they going to do. This book had many POV's. I loved that conversations between Lucan and Gabriel, Chase and Elise. Tegan and Dante and Tess. One really heart warming sweet moment happened amongst all the horrible things that were going on. I had completely forgotten about a certain something. The way that it was written was so sweet and heart warming. Ugh I wanted to read that one part again just to feel the warmth of that moment. And no it wasn't between Hunter and Corinne. lol

This book was so much darker to me than the previous books. The horror of what Corinne went through. Ugh... My heart went out to her. I love Hunter discovering emotions. That was such a treat. There were things about him that I didn't know much less thought about . But then I was grinning cause he was just to cute even though he is a hard core warrior. I loved loved loved all the tender moments that they shared.

Gah the way it ended!!!! Man oh man I have to wait another year.. So not fare. I need to know about Chase..... Dang it!

Lover of Romance says

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Summary

Corinne Bishop, was once a young woman living with privelege. She was adopted into a loving family, and she had a whole life ahead of her. But then the worst happened, she was taken, imprisoned, raped and tortured for years. Finally, she was rescued by the Order and she then meets the man who is to take her back home to her parents. Hunter joined the Order after leaving the only life he had ever known working for Dragos and found freedom with the Order. Hunter found a way in a life to fight for what is right. Then he meets Corinne. A young woman of beauty and strength who has suffered unimarginably, and as they join forces to discover certain truths behind the works of Dragos. What they discover is that Dragos has a evil scheme ahead for the Order, and it will take their combined efforts to come out on top .

Plot and Story Line

This is a story I have been waiting for, for quite some time now. I have been eager for Hunter's story ever since he switched sides. I have always loved him, we have seen the good in him even from the beginning and it has been truly wonderful to see his change over the past few books!! Now this is a story that deals with some hard issues and wasn't always easy to read. But that is what I loved about this book the most...is seeing a story evolve that discusses hard matters and creates a beautifully woven romance to keep you asking for more. In this boook, I was overwhelmed with the heroine especially. She is one tough cookie, I loved her fighting spirit and her couragous nature. She never gives up even if it seems hopeless. She is determined to find her son that was taken from her when he was born. Even despite the fact that he might not be what she pictured, she will do anything to show him....the love of a mother and guide him away from all that he has been trained to do....be a killer. This is where Hunter comes into play in aiding her come to terms with the past. Hunter is a character that has committed horrible acts because of his training, but we see the truth of spirit in his character and we see more of his past. The romance that develops between these two is quite wonderful, there were moments I felt a bit disconnected but not enough to keep me from enjoying the story and the way this couple comes together when they need each other the most.

The Cover

I love blue covers, especially in PNR....and this cover truly fits the bill. I love the blue moonlight effect.

Overall View

Deeper Than Midnight is a story that is thrilling with adventure, exciting in new shocks and some spicy romance that leaves you aching. Truly a wonderful addition to a fabulous series.

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Katie Michaels says

I guess expectations are everything. I've been looking forward to Hunter's book since his first appearance on page. But some of my fellow reviewers warned me that his book might let me down. So I started the story expecting very little and ended up pleasantly surprised. It wasn't exactly the story I expected, but I enjoyed it.

The reason I was so jazzed about Hunter having a book is because he is both a tortured hero who has never known love, and he's a virgin. Both are right up my alley. The thing is, though, this book wasn't about Hunter so much as it was about his heroine. Of course, we get time with him, but Corinne was the real focus here. That's why it wasn't what I expected and probably why some readers were disappointed. The virginity part was very understated. And the tortured hero/ loveless life thing was not very angsty. Most of the feels we got came from Corinne.

We met the heroine at the end of the last book. She was one of the Breedmates rescued from Dragos' compound. As this story begins, all she wants is to return home to her family. Hunter offers to bring her there. He sees something of a kindred spirit in Corinne –and a quiet strength. The more time he spends with her, the more he learns of the depths of her suffering. At the same time, he begins to feel things with her he has never felt in his life, both physically and emotionally. This, as he hides the vision he saw of her in little Mira's eyes.

As we learn more about Corinne's history, it's impossible not to sympathize with her and her loss. And it was very easy to root for her match with Hunter. I was kind of surprised at how easy it was for her to open up to him sexually with her history of rape. It was really the only part of the romance that gave me pause, because, honestly it was a bit easy. Not what you'd think for two lost souls such as this.

We spend a lot of time with cutaways to Sterling Chase. My guess is that his book is next. Now there is some guaranteed angst. This guy is so messed up. But honestly, I found myself a bit annoyed at how much time his downward spiral took away from the romance. Hopefully, that will pay off in the next installment.

Overall, it was a fairly good read, but it didn't bowl me over. And I found the end a little abrupt (for the second book in a row. Is this a new thing with the series?)

Rating: B/B-

Rachel Annie says

I do love a freed assassin who is no longer forced to kill against his will and for the wrong cause. ;)

The parallels between what Dragos did to both MC's made for a compelling read. I will say, I wanted more of these two and less POV switches to other characters. That's not something I *always* mind, as I understand there's a lot of big picture stuff going on in this book, but I felt Hunter's and Corinne's story suffered because of it. Had there been some follow-up in the last chapter regarding the main couple, it would have felt like a more satisfying ending.

DemonKitty003 says

Finally!!! I'm done reading this headache killer of a book. Basically, I didn't feel anything at all. The beginning went well but after that, it just completely died. There was no romance if you ask me only puppy love. Sure we know if Hunter's past but really what else can we find exciting??? Here is my list of good and bad.

~Good~

1. Hunter's past
2. Exciting Chase adventures
3. Breath taking Dragos plots

~Bad~

1. Corinne being the mate!
2. The short amount of time of Corinne over coming her horrible nightmares!!
3. Constantly going on and on about her son the BAM "I love Hunter"!!!
4. Too much of Chase concerns popping up...(still think this should have been Chase's book instead if he kept coming in with problems)
5. Terrible ending!!!!

Basically, I only give little credit for this book. The serious is seriously going down hill with these recycled female characters. Maybe if some **NEW** breedmate was put in, then maybe the serious can gain some spark back. Did that ever cross the mind???

~Before reading~

Hunter is my top favorite Breed in the series and I am so excited. Only one little problem.

The female.

Again with continuing a woman from the previous story??? Not cool any more. That is what kills the next story!! Corinne should have never come up again. This should have been a different woman with something different. Like Hunter finds some/helps some female on the streets or something. If there was going to be a related woman from previous books, fine. But make it something like a friend of the first or second books. I pray Hunter does break Corinne's heart now. But knowing the book and whos in it now, that is not going to happen.

Links in anyway kills stories for the up coming book of the previous book. Especially if its a female that is the link.

Lucy says

So excited to finally get Hunter's story. He, more than any of the Breeds, made me feel for him, want him have some measure of happiness to balance what he has already been through. Hunter is a Gen One Breed, born and raised to be a weapon against the Order. He is no longer an enemy, instead an ally and a part, but he is lethal and seemingly emotionless. Particularly in the first chase scene with Murdock and the fight with the assassin, you get to see how genuinely bad ass Hunter really is. When he glimpses Corrine getting out of the tub, you get to see how vulnerable he is. And when he kisses her for the first time, on a New Orleans dance floor, and his hands tremble when they lightly rest on her back, he is devastating. This lethal, strong warrior is also a virgin. Holy hell.

Hunter deserved more of the story to himself. The book is almost a split between Hunter and Corinne's story and the decline of Sterling Chase. Sterling is succumbing to Bloodlust, and the Order is trying to deal with this, in addition to all the drama of Dragos. Sterling actually drained and killed while feeding, which makes him reprehensible and I wonder how he will be made back into a hero type of character. All of this, I realize, is a set up for Sterlings book, I'd rather have had more of Hunter and Corrine.

Corrine has been tortured, caged and bred by the ancient. She was rescued, with other Breedmates, by the Order and mates. She had a son while in captivity and she is focused in finding him. The betrayal by her adopted father slowed this down, but didn't in any way deter her from it. Corrine was difficult for me. She, like Hunter, has been through so much, maybe even more due to repeated betrayals by Victor. However, she does things, such as forcing Hunter to drink from her to help find her son while bonding him to her, that make her less sympathetic. She lies to him, pushes him away and then is surprised when he doesn't talk to her. I liked her a little better by the end, but she won't ever be my favorite character of the series.

The ending of this book was such a cliffhanger to the next one, it was off putting. While I would of course read the next one (Sterling Chase), I am not a fan of stories that end seemingly in the middle of a chapter, which is what this seemed like. Nathan's storyline also ended that same way, just an open door to a new book, but that seemed less aggressively done than this. A slightly irritating ending to a very well done book.

Sophia Triad says

Breed warrior Hunter

Special ability: Experiencing a person's memories by drinking their blood

Age: Around 50 years old

Breed mate Corinne

Special ability: Sonokinetic, being able to control sounds and making them weapons

Occupation: None. She was a prisoner all her adult life.

Mark place: Back of right hand

Settings: Boston, Detroit, New Orleans, Luisiana, West-central Georgia

Even if it is a book full of violence, I believe it is also the most emotional and the sweetest of the midnight breed series.

We know Hunter from before. There are certain facts about him that we already know: He used to be a top assassin in Dragos' army until he managed to get rid of his collar, always calm and confident and successful,

he was considered unemotional but he was also Mira's best friend and they were reading books together, Brock found him sleeping naked against the wall because according to him beds are such a luxury. We have met Corinne before. She was a prisoner of Dragos and she was set free from the Order, Brock used to be her bodyguard before she was kidnapped by Dragos, Brock thought she was dead before they found her.

BUT and this is a strong BUT, in this book we learn all the dirty details about Corinne. She was kidnapped, tortured, raped, experiment on, used to create the new Dragos' army, impregnated and broken. She is about to discover also dirty, dark secrets about her family.

Hunter and Corinne are two lost souls, tortured by the same monster, both virgins. Hunter has never actually been with a female. Corinne was repeatedly raped but she has never made love. It is the most natural thing for them to get connected, matched and mated.

Moreover, this particular book sets the scene for the next final book of the first part of the series. Besides Hunter and Corinne's story that covers most of the book, Chase keeps destroying himself.

The book finishes with a cliff hanger. Have the next book next to you ready, before you finish this one!!!

Sharon ∞💎 is an emotional book junkie 💎∞ says

I've been looking forward to Hunter's story for quite sometime but wasn't too happy when I found out that Corinne was going to be his Breedmate. I just didn't care for her from before and wasn't too sure if they would work well with each other. I'm happy to say that Lara Adrian brought them together very well. They just fit and were so sweet together especially after everything they've both been through.

I do have to say that you really have to just go with the flow on their relationship. I did feel that Corinne had an easier time being with Hunter than I would have thought. And Hunter? He sure figured out "what" to do! It probably wouldn't be nice to have their story be more than just one book....maybe have more going on as a background story before they go to theirs but it is what it is.

My favorite line: "Thank you for bringing me home." Love that.

I also liked the little twist regarding someone from Corinne's past. I look forward to how that will play out.

I really enjoyed knowing more about Gideon and Savannah...even though it wasn't a lot. They've been there from the beginning but we don't really know much about them. Here's hoping we get to know more in the future! Savannah's sister, Amelie, was hysterical. This bust me up:

"Besides, you two don't need me hanging around eavesdropping when you'd rather be alone. I may be blind, but I ain't blind."

And FINALLY!!!! (view spoiler)

Now let's talk Chase. I've never liked him and especially with regards to his treatment of Elise. But I respected how he started working for the Order and was doing a good job ~ most of the time. I knew that in order for him to be redeemed that Lara Adrian would have to have him do some horrible things. I think it could've been much worse but I liked how she handled him. Definitely looking forward to his story and....Miss Fairchild's? Yep, I'm pretty sure it's her and I can't wait.

AJ says

OMG!!! What just happened? It all hit the fan in the final pages and then it just stopped.
AARRRGHHHHHHH!!!!

OK, OK, deep breathe. First, let's talk about Hunter...

"Born and bred to be a weapon wielded by the merciless hand of the Order's chief adversary, he was long accustomed to viewing the world in logical, unemotional terms. He no longer served the villain called Dragos, but his deadly skills remained at the core of who, and what, he was. Hunter was lethal - unfailingly so."

Ooohh, the enigmatic Hunter. The most mysterious and guarded of the Order boys. We got to see his personal side a little in the last book – but just enough to realize that he really has no personal side. He is a hunter. That is all. And that is why I loved seeing him discover a whole new side of himself. Because despite being the most lethal and level headed assassin in the Order, Hunter has a beautiful innocence about him. He hasn't lived a normal life, and has never known love or compassion. So when he meets Corrine and starts having feelings for her, and then acting on those feelings, it's all very new to him, and watching him experience that is just gorgeous, and oh so swoony!

*"I never knew what it was to crave a woman's touch. Or to hunger for a woman's kiss."
"And now you do?" she asked hesitantly.
"Since I met you, Corinne Bishop, I've been thinking of little else."*

I really liked Corrine. Rescued from the clutches of Drago after decades of abuse and torture, she is tormented by all that she endured, but she hasn't let it break her, and has stayed strong in spite of it all. When Hunter is assigned to protect her, she finds herself drawn to his strength and calmness, but she soon begins to see the more sensitive side of him, and despite all she has been through, she starts to fall for him. I love that she was brave enough to let herself feel for him, and help him acknowledge what was happening between them. Their relationship was really beautifully developed, considering their inexperience and all that they had both been through, and it felt very real. But all the while that Corrine is accompanying Hunter on his mission, she has an agenda of her own... one that is in direct contradiction to his, and has the potential to tear them apart (view spoiler).

But there is soooooo much else that happens in this book!

Chase! OMG, what is happening to poor Chase! His downward spiral has been happening for a while, but he hits rock bottom in this one, and it was heartbreaking to watch! Although we do meet this future love interest, Tavia, his story is left on a MASSIVE cliffhanger!

There's a lot of action as the Order get closer to Dragos, and he steps up his plans, making a number of strikes against our boys and their mates, the last of which is massive, and public, and places all of the residents of the Compound in great danger, and at risk of exposure.

Things are changing in the Order, and we get to see Lucan's POV as he struggles in his role of head of what is now essentially a large family rather than a group of warriors. His family is under direct threat, and his protective side comes out as he moves to defend those closest to him.

*"The Order will not splinter," Lucan replied, terse with fury for what Dragos was forcing them to consider. "We are warriors. Brethren. We are kin. We will not let anyone scatter us in terror."
Gideon nodded, solemn and silent. "Yeah," he said, meeting their gazes. "Fuck me, right? Totally crap idea."*

I don't know what the hell I was thinking."

Adrian is also starting to set the scene for future books in the series with the introduction of new characters, and the establishing of links that will play a part down the track. And on a happy note, there is also a long awaited birth that finally takes place and (this may sound weird) it is an absolute swoon fest! Every woman needs a Breed male at her side while she gives birth, that's all I'm gonna say! (Although, if you're interested, this is an excerpt from the scene in question... (view spoiler)

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So, the awesome continues, and the final book in *this* part of the series is set up beautifully! I am so ready for the big climactic finish!

Heather C says

I have been waiting *forever* for Hunter's book!! I was not disappointed!

What I Loved:

~I wasn't confused at all. The author did a great job of refreshing my memory of the past storylines.

~Great sexual tension. Hunter and Corinne were beautiful together.

~It was partly set in Louisiana. I bet Amelie can make a bitchin' pot of gumbo!

~Getting more insight on the history of Gideon and Savannah's relationship. I would love to be able to read more about how they fell in love.

~Getting to meet Xander Raphael...kinda

~The twist on Mira's vision. I totally could not figure that one out!

~Sweetest Line: "I can't help but desire you. I want to taste you again. This feeling I have for you is more than intense," he said roughly. "It is a possessive thing, greedy. I look at you, Corinne Bishop, and all I can think is that you are *mine*." Okay, wow, that is a pretty hot line, too!!!

Concerns I Still Have:

~I still want to know more about Jenna

~(view spoiler)

~**Noooooo!!!! Harvard!!!!!!!**

~Last Line: (view spoiler) Go ahead and read it. Trust me, its not what you think!!

As expected...another frickin' cliffhanger!!!

♥ **Sam** ♥ ~S2~Im made of awesomness says

Deeper than Midnight.

What is going on with numerous reviews and fellow GR peeps telling me that this wasn't all it was expected to be? Personally I think you should all give your selves a slap in the face. I will excuse this infringement and say you all have been in a book funk, because I thought this book rocked.

It was easily one of my fav breed stories, not the best but pretty darn close. I went back and looked at my review for the last Breed novel that was released and I was not so much of a fan, so DTM has truly redeemed this series in my eyes. The last books was highly erotic with so much sex that even I complained about it and for those who are a fan of Sam, know that there is never too much Sex. And even in books before that the story was more focused on action and Dragos this and Dragos that, but DTM delved a little more into the actual lives of the Breeds and has roughly three story lines going on at once. We got to find out more about Gideon and Savannah, we see a new life bought into the Breed world, and Chase (Harvard) got a massive amount of page time to set up for his book and ofcourse Lucan and Gabrielle.

Obviously at the start I felt like I was reading about Arni in the terminator – he was all robotic and stiff as a freaking bored! But once me and my girl, Elena worked out that, Hunter was a still a big Virgin, had not groped no boobies or even played slap the monkey from time to time, well this began to be so much more than a enactment of the terminator and more of a discovery of Hunters self and his very very high libido! YEEHAW!

But wait! There was a story in there. We met Corinne in the last Breed book. She had been freed from Dragos's prison after almost 75 years of captivity. She is paired up with Hunter who is given the mission of delivering her back to her Dark haven home and her mother and father. But secretly Corinne wants to find her son, Nathan that she gave birth to some 13 yrs before while she was in captivity. When her and Hunter arrive at her Dark haven home and realize her parents have betrayed her, she and Hunter start an adventure that ultimately leads them to her son.

Corinne and Hunters story was just...awwwwww. Both were so new to the world of love and tenderness that it was almost heartbreaking. There wasn't bonking in every scene, these two took their time and got to know each other and shared private moments and secret kisses before delving into the world of Breed mating. The fact the Hunter was a virgin was so cute! But for a man who had no prior experience he did mighty well for himself. No one pump wonder for this trained assassin!

Ofcourse, both were harbouring secrets from one another that ultimately came out and the shit hit the fan, but that's almost predicable in every single romance novel, isn't it?

I liked the concept of Corinne having her son. I even had this silly notion in my head that somehow Hunter was his father but I was wrong. The ending for Corinne and Hunter was nice. It's not what I would have preferred but it was still an ending and they had closure. As for the rest of the Breeds well all I can say is

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Cliff Hangers ARE.NOT.COOL.

I like closure with my stories, with a well set up story line for the next novel, but leaving me hanging like a yoyo!?!?! OMDAYUM! Everything just went to shit at the very last possible moment for the rest of the Breeds and then I was turning the pages hungrily and then NOTHING! And how long do I have to wait to see what happens? NEXT YEAR! Im going to die! Okay, so maybe that's an exaggeration on my part but that's how I feel. My countdown starts now.

~*~Princess Nhya~*~ says

Let me start with what I love about this book. I loved the 1st half. The writing, the premise, and the plot twists alone, were written superbly. This one has alot of suspense, a trade mark to the Breed novels. I love that I got to touch base with all of the Warriors & their mates. U can't help but to care about them all and just because their books ended doesn't mean they are no longer important to us readers.

Hunter, of course! What is not to love about this strong, silent "Hero" Even though we only met him 4 books prior, he was immediately intriguing to me. I wanted to know this guy's story. I felt very protective of him. Even though he had yet to show us if he would be an ally or enemy to the Order. All I knew was that I wanted Hunter to know some of the beauty this world has to offer. Knowing where he came from, his very existence in the only world he knew & what he endured was just heartbreaking.

I do like that we get a more than brief preview of our Beloved Chase as well. I do think that he was just as front and center as Hunter was & was sort of approaching that thin line of taking the spot light, but not quite crossing it. Thank Goodness! Cuz this is Hunter's story and we'll have Chase soon enough. But it is a good set up for his book next year..

Now with all this, the reason why I give this one a 3.5 star rating is due to Corinne & Hunter's chemistry or lack there of. I did not care for her even when we got her back story from Brock in his book. I was a little worried when it was revealed that she would be Hunter's love interest. But I took it in stride hoping to be pleasantly surprised. NO such luck. I'm sorry 2 say. This pairing left much to be desired.

The intensity that you felt with the other mates was not even present with these two. And I was hoping because of the type of Breed Hunter is, that once these foreign feelings of love, caring, possessiveness, & sexual awakening took hold of him, it would prove to be even more intense. Just because these are feelings he has never known, it would seem 2 be the natural progression that would occur. But it didn't. The romance with he and Corinne fell flat to me. And there is nothing present in her personality or otherwise that complimented him. They were just not "yin" to the other's "yang"...

Lastly, the ending.. There was just something missing and I can't quite put my finger on it. There were things that were pleasantly surprising & obvious cliff hangers. But the writing became choppy, and the emotions displayed came off as rushed with a half hearted attempt at sincerity or depth of the emotional conflicts displayed in certain scenes during the last 4 chapters. Overall this book was still a pretty good read & a good addition to this series. I just feel that for my beloved Hunter, Ms. Adrian could have done a much better job. Although these books can be read as stand alones I would highly recommend you follow this series in sequence. Overall I think this series is excellent. And I recommend this read.

Shannon C. says

2.5 stars: Not on par with earlier books in the series...just an OK read

The book started good but then went downhill from there. The first half I'd rate 3 - 3.5 stars. I liked the earlier parts with Hunter and Corine. I liked the over-arching storyline with the Order and their fight against Dragos. During those sections, I enjoyed seeing characters from the earlier books. However I did not like the other major plotthread about Harvard. It took up way too much of the storyline. I would have rather had more time focused on Corine/Hunter's relationship.

The last half of the book I'd rate only 2 stars (not bad but just ok). It felt like the author cranked the last parts out quickly due to deadline challenges. My first issue with the last half was the relationship between Hunter and Corine. I just didn't buy it. It was way too rushed and the author didn't make me feel their emotional connection. I was rolling my eyes when they said the 'I love yous' b/c it seemed forced/fake. And it didn't seem believable that after the years of rape, torture, etc. she'd be wanting sex with a someone so quickly. It didn't seem realistic how quickly she bounced back from years of abuse.

I found Hunter interesting in the earlier books, and liked his continuing story--especially the parts when you were in his head. However Corine was lacking as a lead charater. Her character could have been developed better, and I just didn't connect with her. I expected more for his story.

The book ended too abruptly. I turned the pages looking for more pages thinking THAT's IT??? It's a cliffhangerish type of an ending. Romance fans, rest assured there is an HEA for Corine/Hunter. But I guess we'll all have to wait until the next book to see what happens with the other plot threads.

Duchess Nicole says

Maybe I just wasn't in the right frame of mind when I read this book, but I just didn't really like it. I think mostly because there seemed to be two stories going on at once. I had been so excited about reading Hunter's story, and then he has to share it with Chase. I found myself getting into Chase's part of the story more than Hunter's. Still worth reading, but not nearly one of my faves of the series. It did set up the next book pretty well, though.

Jilly says

In every one of these books, we get a description of each woman's blood scent. At first, it was common things like vanilla, roses, honey & almond... Like some sort of weird scented candles. And, like scented candles, eventually you just run out of ideas. So, the female in this book had blood that smelled like "dark bergamot and tender violets." Huh? What the hell's a bergamot? I actually looked it up and it said that it's a "pear shaped orange of the Mediterranean." Uh, okay....

I feel sorry for the ladies in the upcoming books. What will their blood smell like?

and

Hey, if they do one of those omnibus things where a bunch of books are combined, maybe we can get this scent:

It's what it smells like after an axe murderer gets to all of the women at once!

Anyway.. This was an awesome book in the series because it was about Hunter, the guy who was raised to be an unfeeling assassin. He has no emotions and doesn't understand them. All he understands is killing people. *I think I'm in love!!*

Hunter is charged with taking one of the rescued women from the last book home. Things don't go so well and they end up on the run. And, since it is Hunter, they leave a trail of dead bodies behind them. Kind of like the bread crumbs that Hansel and Gretel left to find their way back. Only bloodier.

Watching the emotionless Hunter fall in love was a lot of fun. Also, the war between the good vampires and bad vampires really stepped it up a notch. Oh, and a baby vampire was born. Awww, he wants his baba of blood. Isn't that cute!

Jennifer says

This series is my absolute FAVORITE and was also my very FIRST series in the paranormal romance when I started years ago. Some of the books are much better than the others but all very good. Dante, Tegan and Rio's books are the best of this series, in my opinion.

This storyline is probably THE BEST in the paranormal romance field. The world that Lara Adrian has built over the past 9 books is beautiful, dangerous, breathtaking, sexy and has you on the edge of your seat wondering what will come next. This book in particular is probably the best cliffhanger of them all!

What I loved BEST about this book:

Hunter's story. I KNEW from the moment he and little Mira connected all those books ago, that he was not as cold hearted as he was portrayed. We went right along w/ Hunter as he felt his first tinglings of emotion and love on his journey w/ Corinne. When he read how he loved his mother and wanted her touch and warmth when he was young, and that inadvertently gotten her killed, we shed a tear right along w/ him. It was very touching.

Corinne. Now, while I've read some reviews that didn't care too much for her, I'd have to agree AT FIRST. When we got the backstory of exactly what she went thru at the hands of Dragos, and what she had lost and then the betrayal upon her return home.....I grew to respect her tremendously. She never broke. Not once.....gotta love that.

Dante, Tess and the birth. I wish we would have gotten a bit more but I loved what we did get. Dante is my favorite of all the warriors. Those two pages had me in tears.....

Finally! I managed to get a solid 4 star read out of this series!

I wouldn't go so far as to say that *Deeper Than Midnight* was on the same level as the BDB's story of Z and Bella, but I loved Hunter's journey here for a few of the same reasons that I loved Z's.

There is something about a broken man who needs a woman to draw him out of his shell which speaks to me. Hunter was not a part of the world; he was just existing, doling out vengeance whenever he could. Corinne came along and showed Hunter how there was more to life than just existing.

I would have loved to have seen Hunter's transformation happen a bit more organically (he sort of shook himself out of his ignorance to start, before Corinne helped further the process, which seemed unnatural), and I would have loved more time for Hunter to come to terms with how little ~~human~~ vampire interaction he truly had in his life. However, I get it. The author can't all-of-a-sudden make a series book longer than the other books, just to expand on one character.

This might also be the first book in which it felt like there was an ample amount of tie-in back with the other members of The Order, so that might possibly be what robbed from some of Hunter's story. I know, I can't have it both ways. I ask for more of The Order and we finally got it...at the expense of the main couple.

I was almost pissed about the way that the book ended (view spoiler), until I realized that the character I wanted to see more of had an upcoming book revolving around his PoV, so hopefully I'll get to learn more about him later.

Overall, I'm happy. And surprised.

Aure `Reading With The Dark` says

Holy mother.... wth just happened!

Harvard!

Oh my gosh..

>>>> Speechless <<<<

valee says

I wanted this book to be so much more because I have been obsessed with Hunter from his first appearance, so I'm sorry to say that I was disappointed...

The story was sweet and nice but **I wanted more from this amazing hero ... I wanted passion, an explosion of emotions, a heroine who would transform him.** Well, Corinne was never that. She was this plain and boring girl who never reacted too strong to anything. I just felt like Hunter changed because he got in love with her but not because of her. I mean, he did make a little change by feeling something stronger than what he usually felt, but he never dramatically changed and that was the thing I wanted the most for him. Was it too much to ask? I wanted one of those strong heroines who knows what they want in life and make me laugh out loud with those witty and ingenious comments. This girl was way too shy and average, and the only thing I can remember about her was that she wanted to rescue her child ... that was the only memorable thing about her and it's not even something that really describes her as a person, I mean yes it lets

us know she is a great mother and someone who would do anything for those she loves, but I need much more to get to love a heroine.

The plot was great though, but it could have been better. **It was kinda more of the same.** I think the author got too much into the plot and forgot a bit about the main characters. Too much pages used to describe a plot that just got nowhere. There were not many important changes if there was even one. Dragos is still on the loose and trying to kill all the members of the Breed. **I don't know, I guess I just wanted more from this series.**

I just want the series to go back to what it use to be. I miss those book where we got to read about great heroines with their own lives. I loved to read how their lives make a dramatic change once they met the hero. I need the author to go back to describe better the heroine. In the last books the heroines just felt like an addition of the hero. I want more for them. And with the heroine of this book I think it was just too much. The girl was really not heroine material. I also need a change, I mentioned this in the previous book and I still think the same. This series just got too predictable.

With next book this definitely can be achieved so I hope the author realizes this and make some mayor changes to the series.

WhiskeyintheJar/Kyraryker says

3.5 stars

You absolutely can't read this as a stand-alone; the continuing fight of the Order against Dragos comes to ahead here.

The main couple of Hunter and Corinne are honestly only 10-15% of the story, the majority is bringing the Order and Dragos to ahead. This is done through many different POVs, with Lucan and Sterling Chase being the majority. Sterling Chase fighting going Rogue, is a good 30% of this with him almost feeling like the main character (his book is next).

I love the world building and was completely into all the arcs and threads coming together and weaving in and out. I was pretty disappointed in this as Hunter's story though. As I said, we barely see his and Corinne's romance, and I don't think we got to really delve into his character.

So yeah, read this as just a world-building bridge in the series and the continuing war against Dragos and definitely not for the romance.
