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Nineteen-year-old Dylan Shaw is possibly the most beautiful thing Malic Sunden has ever seen. After Malic rescues Dylan from an attack, Dylan makes it very clear that he is more than interested, but Malic won't even consider sleeping with Dylan because of his age. Malic is sure he's not good enough for Dylan, who has his whole life ahead of him, and can't conceive of burdening Dylan with his secrets. But the darkness in Malic's life won't be denied, and soon Dylan is drawn into the dangerous paranormal world that is Malic's reality. Malic fights tooth and nail to push Dylan away, to keep him safe... no matter that Dylan is the key to Malic's strength and the only hope for his future.

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Amy Lane says

Oh, this was fun! I love the fallen badass, the pushy younger lover, the guy who won't take care of himself unless he's doing it for someone else... all of my favorite plot elements in one fun, kick ass paranormal. My only complaint is that it was too short--but then, that's what my kids say about a stay in an amusement park, and that's what this felt like. Sheer sexy, butt-kickin' fun:-)

Krista (I remember you, Min) (Critical) says

One of her "misses." Malic is ridiculous and unlikable and spends more time cuddling with the supposed enemy than with his love interest, who he treats like crap until the last chapter. It barely feels like a romance, considering Dylan isn't even in the book that much. There is no plot. It's just a bunch of random things happening to Malic, as if I cared. I was relieved when it ended.

Dylan. Who the heck IS he, anyway? No, really. We know next to nothing about him, and he's as flat as paper. Come to think of it, Malic is pretty flat himself. He's a scary, muscle-man and that's about it. Dylan is a clingy, horny teenager. That's about it.

Jennifer?Pher? says

Oh, I loved this. It was so very Mary and I couldn't read it fast enough! I love Dylan! So very good.

Emma Sea says

I've been re-reading Mary Calmes books for a couple of weeks now. I wish there was another writer who achieved that level of scrumptious saccharine thinly veiled with a chiffon plot. The end of Tooth & Nail is basically a thousand locations of:

"Dylan," I groaned.

"Malic," he sighed. "I wanna be yours."

That's SM levels of sap BUT I LOVE IT SO MUCH.

??? Michaëlle ♡?? says

3.4 Stars

I wanted to rate this one higher than the last one because it did a *slightly* better job with explaining the

mythology (while creating new questions) but Dylan was just too much. I mean, I understand being persistent and going after what you want...but in this case his inability to take "No!" for an answer started to get on my last nerve. I was actually disappointed that he got his way in the end.

Although, I am intrigued by the kyrie Raphael. He's painted as a bad-guy by all the other Warders, but Malic saw something different in him...and so did I. So, since MC's books are like junk food and addictive no matter the nutritional content, I'll at least be reading/listening to the next one so I can get to Raphael's story.

Speaking of "listening to": I wasn't all that impressed with the narration. Wasn't bad, but a really good performance can (for ME) tick up the rating of a book. That didn't happen here as it was just...well, narrated rather than performed.

Maya says

I enjoyed this much more than His Hearth. Both MC's were engaging but Dylan in particular was a force to be reckoned with. I really enjoyed it.

Reread 02/08/12

Deborah says

I'm finding this series frustrating. I like the idea and the characters (for the most part) and I'm intrigued. But...

This one was so very similar to the previous one. Now I know that's always going to be the case. Warder meets Hearth and all that. But in the previous book it annoyed me how long Julian pondered over having sex with Ryan. Here it was Malic refusing and refusing and yes still refusing Dylan. It dragged and I found myself annoyed and skimming, it seemed like filler.

I'll admit I don't do well with formula books. I hate the predictability.

Now I'm not saying the whole series is like this. I've only read two books but I'm out for now.

Tame says

JUST PURCHASED IT!! I couldn't wait :D

I just love Mary Calmes' works---Just. Love. Her. This was a book that moved so fast, the sex scenes so hot, the action scenes so intense, I re-read it again before I even realized what I was doing :)

Just buy it---read it for yourself. You'll agree. . .and be hungering for the next installment!!

Melanie~~ says

I'm not sure if this series is for me. I felt like the action and elements of the story were a little haphazard. I remember feeling similarly about the first book of the series. I felt pinged around during the first two-thirds of the book. I believe that I already own one more book in this series, though I don't believe that it is #3 of the series. So I may give the series one--or possibly two since I don't think I can read #4 without reading #3 first--more shot at keeping my interest in the arc.

On a very positive note, I did really enjoy the rough, gruff Malic. I do wonder if we will have another visit from (view spoiler) since I really did expect to see him again in this story.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

This was so much better than the first one. Lots of danger and near-death, lots of worry by friends, lots of sexual tension and ohhhh sweet hot sex. The age difference didn't even bother me. The twink is pushy and angelic at the same time. I loved him. Loved this book. Beware, though, major instalove.

Wax says

One of my favorites from this series. Malic and Dylan just go together. As soon as Dylan looks up at the man who saves him from being roughed up, even though he's drunk, he knows he's met the man who he's meant to be with. It just takes Malic longer to come to that conclusion.

Leandra says

Ugh Malic got on my last nerve. You're too young for me, leave me alone, I'll ruin your life, blah blah blah. I don't think guy in a book has ever gotten on my nerves like that, LOL I loved Dylan he was too sweet and Malic's lucky he stuck around. I wanted more Dylan:-)

Wren says

I totally enjoyed this. Malic was terrific - the big bad tough guy that everyone is afraid of (except for the people who aren't). Dylan was adorable - the twink who knows what he wants and isn't afraid to go after it. The dynamic between them was entertaining, as Malic is very attracted to Dylan but doesn't want to hurt him (which he could if Dylan isn't his 'hearth'). Dylan just keeps holding on (figuratively) and befuddles Malic because he's so adorable and he should be afraid of the big warder. I liked how Dylan was always jumping into Malic's lap. It was fun reading this man who kills demons with swords be in a position to not know what to do with the little guy who keeps after him. I also liked how his fellow warders worried over him, but without sentimentality. Because Malic keeps telling Dylan 'no', the sex doesn't happen until after the book's midpoint. That worked well, actually, and was a refreshing change from the stories where the guys jump into bed immediately.

Trisha Harrington says

3.5 stars.

Really enjoyed it, but I didn't love it and the first one was slightly better in my opinion. Hence the 3.5 this time. But I really loved Dylan and it was nice to see the softer side of Malic in this. Definitely looking forward to continuing on with this series.

Meags says

4 Stars

This is the Warder book I wish His Hearth could have been. Where book one was slightly chaotic in nature and predominantly about the romance, this sequel delved deeper into the Warder mythos and opened up a whole world of supernatural danger and intrigue that I didn't feel was explored nearly enough the first time around.

I was never bored reading Tooth & Nail, in fact, I'd say I was actively engaged throughout, flipping pages at great speed and with an ease I haven't experienced while reading a Calmes book in quite some time. She managed to perfectly balance the action and romance here. The exciting demon-hunting scenes were plentiful, but they never once overshadowed the sweet and eventually steamy romance that was developing between Warder Malic and his potential hearth Dylan.

Malic and Dylan were fun characters to follow. Malic was all broody and reckless, and a god damn hero when it counted. His denial to accept the love of the much younger and eternally effervescent Dylan could have become annoying, but I found myself enjoying the build up to their eventually explosive coupling, so I didn't mind the push and pull too much.

Dylan was great, too. He was like a puppy, full of endless energy and boundless determination. He knew what he wanted the moment he laid eyes on Malic and he didn't stop until he got his man. He could have come across as annoying and maybe slightly psychotic in his tenacity to win Malic's affections, but instead I found him endearing and endlessly amusing in his ruthless pursuits.

I really enjoyed this story, and now that I understand this world better, I'm excited and eager to see what comes next for this team of five Warders and their treasured hearths.
