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Magic sinks its teeth into Kodiak Island.

Can Jason and Emma save their hometown before it's too late?

With Emma home from college for the summer, I will finally show her how I really feel, make her mine, take that kiss we shared one step further. But my plans are interrupted.

People are going missing in Kodiak, Alaska. The victims are all young ladies around our age. Friends we grew up with. People we care about. Then my new outfitter's shop gets broken into and my employee is kidnapped.

The evidence: bloody bear prints and a black ooze that can eat the flesh from bones. Bears don't wander into busy shopping districts, turn off security alarms, and break into stores. Now strange faeries are popping up around town. And I'm a suspect in my own break-in.

The cops can't possibly handle a paranormal crime. It's my world, my people. My responsibility.

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Michelle's Paranormal Vault of Books says

I really enjoyed this series, of course it's almost like it was made for me as I love anything paranormal. Had me hooked from the first book *Playing Hooky*, though I really think that should have had a better name, as I had seen that book before and passed it over as at first glance the name sounded non-paranormal and just didn't catch my eye. Anyway, I was surprised it was part of this series when I seen the tour for *Taking Chances*. So I did read them all, and loved them. Especially when I got to this book.

Here is a quote I liked from Jason's point of view:

The Problem is that one kiss wasn't enough. It's official: I'm addicted to my best friend.

Also this quote from Emma's point of view:

I cover my mouth, my eyes welling with tears for this boy, this man, who I've come to love as much as my own life. He's been the light in the darkness- there for me, through every heartbreak and sorrow. My lover, my here, my friend.

I won't say too much on what happens because it would spoil too much.

I will say that this series is written extremely well. Top notch writer for sure. I love the alternating points of view for the most part. In this book anyway. I wasn't too thrilled that book 2 was basically the same story as book one but from Angelina's point of view. So that was disappointing for most of it for me. But still has its interesting parts.

I really liked Jason, he became a favorite character for me. I liked how we were kept in suspense about him, kept us wondering and guessing what his secret was.

I really think anyone who likes paranormal books will love this, like I did. I do recommend reading the first 2 books first, as it all ties together.

I give this 5 out of 5 stars.

Alexa Nichole Demers says

This book starts out a few months after both *Playing Hooky* and *Breaking Angelina*. We open with Emma

coming back home for the summer. Angelina is missing and there are girls going missing every day in her home town. When Emma gets home she notices that things are very different than the last time she was there. All of the lights are off and her house is locked, which it never is. She came home to so many changes she doesn't know what she is going to do.

Jason has been searching for who he really is. He knows he is not human and knows that he can wield magic. Every other creature seems to know what and who he is but no one is talking. Every day he gets closer and now there are strange things happening in town. Women are going missing, more magical creatures seem to be here, and there are reports of the animals changing. Emma is finally home, and he can use her help in finding out what is going on, all while he tries to make her fall in love with him.

In this installment in the Paranormal Investigations series we follow Emma and Jason as they try and fix the magical problems in their home town, while trying to find where Jason fits into everything. I loved the paranormal aspect of this story. There were a lot of different creatures, myths, and power in this book. If you have a certain paranormal occurrence that you love I would bet it played a part in this book somewhere. It also has another element that is my favorite, the best friends to lovers. I loved their relationship. Jason has been in love with Emma forever. Emma on the other hand has never allowed herself to go there. With one kiss everything has changed for them.

The writing and the structure of the plot was a little difficult for me. There seemed to be some very juvenile moments for these characters and they are supposed to be in college. The writers put some dream/hallucinations in this book and there was nothing to make it clear that that is what it was. There were parts that were repeated and it made these moments for me confusing. I don't know if I was being impatient or if it was the perfect pace but we were getting slipped information slowly. We almost got no answers from the book. While the overall conflict was resolved we were left with more questions than answers. Over all I really liked the way the book was set up and the tone of the story. It was very laid back and fun. While there were serious moments it was a light read.

This book also has a load of interesting side characters. We have the huge bear that seems to be more than he is. The insane blue lady that has all of the answer but won't give them up. The hunter, who knows where Angelina is but won't tell anyone. I think Rook and Lana are my favorites. I can see them becoming good friends and great teachers to Emma and Jason. They both have a spunky fiery personality that fits well with their growing crew.

I really did like this story and I hope there will be more soon. Jason and Emma have a relationship that I can get lost in and the story was very interesting. I can't wait to see what Rita and T.J. have in store for these two. If you love dual pov, paranormal everything, and interesting story lines then this is the book for you!

Rita Webb says

Mary Lou Hoffman says

Title: TAKING CHANCES

Series: Paranormal Investigations #3

Category /Genre: Paranormal Romance

Recommended for: 18+ due to sexual content

Received from: Rita and T.J. Webb (in exchange for an honest review)

Grammar/editing: B – a few small errors

This is the third book in the Paranormal Investigations series. They must be read in order.

Emma is home from school for summer break. She'll get to spend time with Jason, teach the high school gymnastics team, and help her parents deal with the disappearance of her sister. At least that is the plan, until she finds out that many girls are missing from their small town and the clues left behind suggest that the kidnapper is not human. Can she and Jason solve the mystery before anyone else is hurt?

When I reviewed *Playing Hooky*, I mentioned that it was innocent fun, a mental vacation that was very much enjoyed. *Breaking Angelina* was darker, edgier, gripping, and frightening. *Taking Chances* is emotional, deep, and even more fantastic than the previous two episodes. There are even more mystical, magical beings than previously described. The story is fast-paced and engaging. I was sucked in and loving a summer in Alaska (and I hate being cold!). Emma and Jason are obviously in love and that plays a huge role in the story. They find that they have many friends in this odd community that is mixing the world as we know it with the Drakon world, the realm that the magical creatures usually call home.

I hate that I was at work when I finished this. Even though we've never met in person, I want to hug my friend Rita (Webb) and let her know just how much I loved this story. She and TJ are constantly evolving as authors and it shows here. I've said it before, and I'll say it again – Ya'all are stuck with me pestering you for the next book in this series. Please don't make me wait another year!

Allison says

Wow! I can say this book was nothing like I expected. Was I disappointed by the talented Webb duo? NO!!

Girls are going missing in Emma's home town. Returning home, she finds her mother is in a near comatose, (drug induced) state over her missing daughter, Angelina and dad is growing older by the days as he searches for the missing girls.

Now in her hometown, Emma is faced with struggling to keep her parents together, dealing with new magical developments with Jason, looking for the missing girls and fighting magical beings overtaking

Achorage.

I have to say starting each book in this series, I am always trying to determine where the story is going. This was one ride I enjoyed from the moment I was sucked into the world of magic and mayhem.

I feel a new book in this series is just around the corner!

I was giving the privilege of reading this book, prior to its release, by the author in exchange for an honest review

Jennifer Schultheis says

I received this book as a gift in exchange for an honest review.

Taking Chances is book 3 in the Paranormal Investigation series and is my favorite book from the series. For complete understanding, I recommend reading Playing Hooky and Breaking Angelina first. In Taking Chances, Emma and Jason are back in the limelight. Emma is home from college and is the new coach for the JV gymnastics team. But she finds some surprises when she gets back home, more specifically that there are 11 girls missing and that number will only increase throughout the story. Emma and Jason must team up to rescue those girls and make sure nobody else is taken.

Ever since Jason opened his world up to Emma, she's been noticing things that don't seem quite normal and now the clues point to a kidnapper who isn't human. Jason really shines in this book. We get to know more about him, his past and what he can do. The romance between Emma and Jason heats up just as the story line takes an unexpected turn. More characters are introduced and we get information on Angelina and the Hunter. Nobody will get out of this adventure without being changed somehow. Nothing is what it seems and you definitely need to read this book for yourself to get a better picture of what's going on. If you want to read an engaging story with paranormal elements, that is well written and fully developed than this series is for you. Rita Webb has me hooked on this series and now I can't wait to read more. Reviewed by Jennifer for MNP

Merissa (Archaeoliberalian) says

I received this book from Xpresso Book Tours in return for a fair and honest review.

This book continues with Emma and Jason's story as Emma returns home. Her sister, Angelina, is still missing and we see the other side of the events through Emma's eyes. It is heartbreaking for her when she sees the state of her mother, her father and the town in general. There is something going on and Emma has to make a choice of whether or not she wants to know more and become more involved.

Jason isn't prepared to let Emma get away from him any longer. He has waited this long and since they have had their first kiss, he is taking action to make Emma more than just his best friend.

This story is really in-depth and detailed - there is a LOT going on. Jason finds out who he is, there are some strange, crazy people loose around town, an even stranger bear that really, considering the size, shouldn't be that difficult to find plus knowing just who you can trust and who isn't who or what they appear to be.

This story moved me in ways that I wasn't expecting - the way that Emma's mother behaves, the choices and

reactions that are made. I won't give anything more away but if you read it, you'll know what I mean.

A wonderful addition to the Paranormal Investigations series and I am looking forward to the rest that is still to come. Highly recommended.

Emily says

When Emma arrives home she has a few things on her mind, her sisters disappearance and the stolen kiss she shared with her best friend Jason. Finding out girls are missing though has Emma working with Jason to find out who is behind it. If that was not enough on their plate, Emma and Jason begin to explore the feelings between them.

I was anxious to read this one because from the first book you have this wonderful chemistry between Emma and Jason and it finally implodes. I thought this was another wonderful story plus you have Hunter in it, wowza. Look forward to more in this series.

Bea Charmed says

I loved the first book, "Playing Hooky", but somehow missed the next one, a novella, "Breaking Angelina". When the opportunity came up to be part of the tour for the third book, "Taking Chances" I jumped at it and got my hands on both it and "Breaking Angelina". I was in for a surprise! "Taking Chances" and "Breaking Angelina" are both darker than "Playing Hooky" was. It took me a bit to adjust my expectations but once I did, I found myself caught up in the story.

"Taking Chances" starts several months after the end of "Playing Hooky". Emma is back home at her parents' house. Her sister Angelina is still missing (that happened in "Breaking Angelina") and their mother is not coping well. Adding to her father's stress is the fact that a dozen young girls, mostly teens, have gone missing. He's the Chief of Police so it's up to him and his police force to find them. What they don't know is that magical beings are responsible; humans in this world are mostly unaware of the supernatural world.

A portal to another dimension where the supernaturals come from has opened up and our human world is in danger. Emma and her friend Jason get involved due to their worry about the missing girls and damage done to Jason's shop by an unknown supernatural. Jason is not an ordinary human though he's only recently discovered what exactly he is. He has a lot to learn about who and what he is and he has to learn in a hurry. He's known for years that he's not normal so at least that's not news to him.

"Taking Chances" alternates between Jason's point of view and Emma's. Best friends for years, Emma is just starting to see Jason as a man while Jason has seen her as a woman for some time now. That's one of several events to which the title refers; additionally, both Emma and Jason have to take a chance on some of the supernaturals they encounter; Emma's father has to take a chance on trusting Jason, whose involvement in events makes him suspicious; and many of the other supernaturals we meet have to take a chance on Jason and Emma. Jason is part of a powerful and dangerous race while Emma is a human just learning about the supernaturals.

Dark, sexy, and action packed, "Taking Chances" up the stakes in this series and kept me reading, needing to know what would happen. I do strongly suggest reading "Breaking Angelina" before picking up this one.

Lenore Kosinski says

3.5 stars -- I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my review!

These books are so hard to review. There is so much goodness in them, but they leave me confused a lot of times too. Basically they suffer from needing a couple more beta readers (or perhaps another editor) to point out these areas where I keep going "huh?" or "wait a second". Because the meat and potatoes is good stuff, but after a while the continuity issues just make it harder to enjoy the story.

Now onto the good stuff -- what a full and rich world!! I read a lot of paranormal, but most of them only delve into a few different paranormal creatures. This world - there's everything!! And I don't find it too hard to keep track of them all most of the time, so it's well done. LOVED little side characters like Lana, Wyndy, and Nunam Sua! And Jason and Emma together are HILARIOUS and adorable. Heck, Jason is just adorable and hilarious all on his own. The scene where he first transforms just KILLED me. LOVED it. And the story from his Mom -- so cute and just wanted to hug her! And I totally called Angelina's developments! GO ME!

So will I keep reading this series? Definitely. Can't wait to find out what happens with everyone.

Louisa says

I love this series - So like the other two books in the series i just devoured it.

This book starts off several months after the events in Playing Hooky - its now summer break and Emma has returned home from University. A lot has changed since the events of Valentine's day her sister Angelina is still missing and her mother isn't coping well which her disappearance. To make matters worse her dad is busy with several local girls going missing the only clue tying them together is a mysterious black goo that seems to move and eat people. Doesn't take Emma and Jason long to work out magic is involved and so despite her father's advice to stay away from the case they join forces with some visit wizards and eventual Hunter who brings Emma some news about her Sister which sadly she can't tell her parents. Jason mean while lets Emma in on his biggest secret will it brake them apart or bring them closer together, can they find and save the missing girls and will Jason learn more about his mysterious past.

I do hope there are more books coming in this series - I want to know if Jason end up facing the Usper and who Rook really is - although I do have a theory.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves fantasy, romance and a little bit of everything

books are love says

when I first saw this book and began reading I wasn't quite sure what to think. The summary grabs you but doesn't really say too much. It intrigues you and as it turns out the book lives up to this. the story is fascinating. I am wondering what it is about Emma that helps Jason.

this is a fun action packed book that has animals changing due to magic that shouldn't change. Jason finding out who he is, Emma finding out things about her family and herself and Jason and Emma finally coming together. These two are best friends. One stayed in town and is building his life so he can show her that he is able to take care of her and also supports her and wants her to succeed. Emma is at college and thinking of what she wants to be. Jason is trying to figure out who he is and Emma is trying to keep her family sane and safe. Her dad is the police chief and very loving and protective. He sees how much Jason loves her but is still wary. We have kidnappings that all relate to what is happening in their town and the world Jason is from.

Suddenly things change in their town and danger surrounds them. New people come to town some good and bad and these characters will have you smile. Some are so sweet but others will have your hair stand up.

The plot is good. It's fascinating how instead of creating a fantastical world, the webbs used a real life area and created some fantastical characters. We have dragons, faeries, wizards and spydery that are people. We have legends and mutations, kidnappings and black ooze. We have power plays and romance. All rolled up in a fun fast paced grab you by your toenails and not let you go book.

Each character is cleverly created and brings something to the book. Whether it to twist the plot, show you sympathy or help to give more understanding to what is going on they do have a reason and they do keep your attention.

A great fast paced book that opens your eyes to new worlds that come into our everyday places and gives you a adventure and love story like no other and I look forward to more of their adventures and danger with their trio of friends and allies to help them as they try to make their world and the world that Jason is from safe again.

Stephanie Cover2CoverBlog says

WOW, just WOW! I really enjoyed Playing Hooky, but this book was AMAZING! I had so much fun with Emma and Jason and loved the alternating point of views, they were great for this tale.

Emma is faced with a missing sister and now she is home dealing with her distraught parents, missing girls in the town, and an influx of supernatural beings. Jason is trying to figure out who/what he is and on top of that he wants to know why all the girls are missing. They work together with a spectacular cast of characters to solve the mystery and try to save the girls. What I think is great about this series is that, it is called the 'Paranormal Investigations' series - an normally what you get with such a series is a lot of non-related mysteries solved by the same people - here you are getting a bigger and better story with each mystery and I adore that.

What I loved most about this book was the romance, Jason is wonderful to Emma and I swoon over that. Their interactions are adorable and I love reading about characters being in love - it is wonderful, especially around Valentine's Day (I am a sucker, I know it). And I won't spoil it, but there are huge plot bombs dropped throughout this book about Emma and Angelina that were OMG moments for me - I definitely didn't see them coming (and normally I am pretty good at that).

This book is for a more mature audience as it does have some sexual content, but it is done very tastefully. It also is a pretty short book, which I read in one sitting, and it had a wonderful flow and the plot was deep enough to keep me reading. I am very interested to see where this series is going - there is a lot of plot development left to come and I am super excited about it all.

Fan of paranormal romance and an New Adult reader, you should pick this one up. It is a lot of fun for a quick read.

Kelly Hawkins Solomon says

"Maybe a daydream is better when reality is too hard." What a wild ride! I love this fantastical adventure! This goes back to Jason's and Emma's points of view. Emma comes home from college to find that there are girls that have come up missing. There is a magical feeling coming from the missing girl's case and Emma and Jason are on the hunt. During all of the madness Angelina calls Emma to let her know she is ok but that she can't come home yet. Then Hunter and some new characters join in on the story. Everyone is after this powerful magic that has been leaking heavily into Kodiak Island. There are many new creatures being created by this magic and lots of mysterious things that are occurring. Many people don't know whether to believe what they have seen or if they are going crazy. Jason learns the truth of his past and finally figures out what he is, but we also find out that Emma is very much a part of and in the middle of this adventure.

"Did you forget about the rash of missing people, the freaky blue lady, some kind of hawk-wolf-man thing who kidnapped your sister, the slime monster, or the rampaging demon-bear or ..." "What I saw last night was B-A-R-E, not B-E-A-R,"

"I've always been hot-blooded, even voted Most Likely to Spontaneously Combust in high school. Now I guess I know why."

"You're beautiful. You know that, right?" A tired little smile plays across her lips. "You'll have to tell me every day. Just in case I forget."

The story has a ton of twists and turns. It is very well written. I can imagine every part of this story and many times feel like I am right in the middle with the characters. All the characters are developed very well and are very easy to relate to. Jason's and Emma's adventure continues with an amazing ending that gives you enough closure, for now... This is a refreshing fantasy/paranormal adventure. I can't wait for it to continue!

Yvonne (The Shadow Realm) says

Also posted on: [The Shadow Realm](#)

I was really looking forward to this book as I really liked *Playing Hooky*. I was so excited to get back to Jason and Emma's story.

Sadly though the book was a bit of a disappointment. While the story idea is exciting and enjoyable, and I loved all the different magical elements, the execution wasn't that great. The writing felt a bit stiff and disjointed. It didn't really flow that well. And I was left a bit confused at times too. There were some continuity issues and just too much packed into the one book.

Because of this, some scenes felt very rushed. And even though I was so looking forward to more of Jason and Emma, I just couldn't really connect with them. I felt like there wasn't enough emotion conveyed. The book is told in dual 1st person POV from both of them but despite this I still felt very disconnected from the characters. I did like the banter they had between them though and they did make me laugh a couple times. There was more romance this time round too (which I always love) but again I just wasn't feeling it.

Despite all this I still enjoyed the book and I like where the story is going. The writing might not be the greatest but I could still appreciate what the authors were trying to do. I feel like I should have re-read *Playing Hooky* because I didn't think the writing was that bad in that :/ Or maybe my standards have changed, I'm not sure. I will more than likely read the next book as I do want to know what will happen next.

I received an ebook copy in exchange for an honest review
