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Chris has hung around the Demon Warriors, trying to emulate them, for one hundred years. He's in awe of these magnificent warriors but has eyes for only one of them. Hondo is as thickheaded as they come. Everyone around him can see how Chris feels about the big, bad warrior-everyone except Hondo. When bizarre occurrences keep taking place in the demon realm, Chris is ready for action, rushing in where wise men fear to tread. Can Hondo keep Chris from running into a battle he may not survive, and can Hondo set aside their friendship and become a lover to the little demon who worships the very ground he walks on?

Note: Each book in Lynn Hagen's Demon Warriors collection features a different romantic couple. Each title stands alone and can be read in any order. However, we recommend reading the series in sequential order.

Hondo Details

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Nina says

I didn't like Chris, too whiny and always butting in where it's not his place, his speed doesn't help in his defence, it would if he actually knew how to defend himself with hand to hand combat or using some weapons, as it is he is too weak.

Chris trying to protect Hondo is like a fly trying to protect an elephant. I can never understand how the Chris's of the world don't realize that they're only distracting the Hondo's of the world by putting themselves in danger and precisely that is what will get the Hondo's of the world killed while Chris's of the world are trying to prevent that. Chris has no sense for self-preservation at all.

Normal book plot structure is: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution; this book got stuck on rising action, there was no climax, or anything that follows, to be had (except between the main characters).

Karel says

I'm glad to see that the writing seem to have improve since the Brac Pack day, somewhat. I'm tempted to call Lynn Hagen a clone of Stormy Glenn, but I feel that will be insulting to the latter.

Anyhow, usual Lynn Hagen: simplistic plot, characters with the emotional maturity of a five-year-old, sex/sex/sex, a musclebound-tiny guy dynamic, and lots of jealousy and a plot so 2D you can see things coming from ten miles away.

Characters are either flat, uninteresting, crybabies OR flat uninteresting jealousy possessive musclebound freaks. Doesn't matter if she calls them Tom and Jerry or Chris and Hondo, they're essentially the same people.

Unless you're masochistic, like me, throw your money elsewhere. Better yet, just donate it to someone who needs it.

Susan says

I thought it would be a nice change for me, demon warriors instead of shifters.

I was on board with both of these men being demons (nu human that needed rescuing). And I did like Chris and his clumsiness. But their relationship was extremely underdeveloped. They went from friends to lovers to mates in 4 pages and the rest of the book was bickering and a terrible sub plot.

I did like the lube shooting cock (how convenient).

But I had some trouble with Hondo *stabbing* Chris with his cock. Ouch...

I do like a fluffy terribly written book every now and again, but Hondo and Chris were fighting too much for me to enjoy it. I don't do angst (within the relationship) well.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

1.5 stars

Here are my notes, rewritten to at least be complete understandable sentences, because I hated this too much to write a proper review:

I'm hoping this would make more sense if I'd read the other series' because as it is, I feel like I'm reading the readers digest condensed version

They treat and talk to Chris like he's a child. Of course he acts like one. Like Hindi and the other warriors couldn't protect hem selves against or demon and like Chris could do anything.

So poorly written, like a high school writing assignment.

This is so all over the place, no real connection, no real explanations.

The sex is really boring as usual.

Chris's skills are only as a sex object? Hondo is a great warrior, but Chris should be proud his skills are as a bed mate? So he's basically a whore?

So this is really a serial as absolutely nothing but the mating was resolved, but it wasn't the first in the story even though it's the first in the series. I guess I have to read the rest of the other series first. But even looking at reading order, that means I have to read a couple of dozen books before I catch up.

I've realized that's a pet peeve of mine: requiring someone to read other series in order to understand what's going on in the current series. Pretty sure I'm not going to do that. I might read the first in the Brac Pack but if it's anything like this, nope. Too bad because I liked another long series of hers which looks like she's done with.

Yuck.

AliciaJ says

I enjoyed this first book in the series, enough that I want to read more. Chris and Hondo are so adorable together, which is weird I know. Who would have thought that demons could be adorable, right? But they are, so much so that I read the whole story straight thru. I'm definitely going to be reading more by this author.

Janelle says

This was a great start for a new series. I love that Hondo is not aware of what everyone else can see until he is hit with it. Chris is too cute for words. Having these two together was a good pair. I can't wait for the next. Snooke is a mystery all by himself.

Iris says

Wow! A cliffhanger... Didn't expect to find one in Lynn Hagen's stories. She usually ends it, but this time she chose a different option. And I like it very much ;) Although it's hard to wait till the next book comes out :(

The story itself is nice. We're thrown in a new kind of demon world. The way to find a demon's mate is also quite nice ;) Story itself was OK at the beginning, but at the end there was more speed to it. She had to explain a lot in the beginning, at least that's how it occurred to me, and therefore the story was a little bit slow. At the end of the story she made more then up to it for me! Therefore 4 out of 5 stars!

Serena Yates says

This is such a cute book. I didn't expect demons to be cute, but, that's what these guys are. There is also enough serious warrior business, some mysterious goings on and a few ominous threats to keep the tension up. I found the mix between humor and beginning-of-series-plotline really appealing. And the way demons find their mates? I laughed my head off. That is a great concept!!!

Chris is small for a demon, but thinks himself a warrior. Needless to say, he manages to overestimate his abilities significantly, which almost gets him into more trouble than can fit between two book covers, so to speak. He is cute, full of energy, and the 'typical' smaller mate that needs protection - mostly from his own antics in this case.

Hondo is a big, bad demon warrior - except where Chris is concerned. They've been the best of friends for 100 years, so getting used to being mates will take some doing. In typical alpha male/dominant fashion he growls a lot, but he's got his heart in the right place.

I really liked these first two characters, and am looking forward to finding out more about this demon world, including the hinted at links to the underworld and the mysterious crystal.

Tj says

It was fun reading about Chris and Hondo. This first book in the series is very typical of Lynn Hagen books. A forever mate that tends to be the weaker one and the bigger protective mate that "takes care of" the weaker mate. I still like the book, it's a fun lite read that is a "feel good" read.

Toofan says

0.5 stars

I am shocked! It was so bad that it wasn't funny anymore.

The MCs were simply retarded! They were supposed to be millennia old but one talks, thinks and behaves like a preschooler, if we ignore the Sex scenes, and the other one like a kid who has just hit puberty and the character, speech pattern and behavior of the secondary character, Snook changes drastically during the story!

If this was supposed to be a comedy, the author has failed miserably, and if it had been intended to be taken seriously than the author most regard her audience as kids who aren't supposed to be reading these kind of books anyway!!

And what was the reason for repeating the same phrase (view spoiler) over and over again during the cheap, unimaginative, out of the can sex scenes??? What would prevent the readers from getting it the first time it was mentioned?????

Gem1 says

I loved the Brac Pack series, so I expected more for this book. The demons seemed like badasses from their cameo in the Brac book. Chris irritated me repeatedly, and Hondo was described correctly, "thickheaded"!

Sev says

(UPDATED ON MAY 9, 2014)

Call me a glutton for punishment but I just went back to this one. First, though, I tracked down and read the books in the Brac Pack and Zeus Pack series that must be read before it in hopes of making the story make sense. There are about 19 or 20 that come before Demon Warriors #1; therefore I cannot honestly call this an independent series. It really will confuse the heck out of anyone coming to it without prior knowledge of the Brac-Zeus Universe. Would've been nice to have been told this first, but oh well ...

I am now somewhere around page 189, according to my reader, and I am still not certain of finishing the book, let alone the entire Demon Warriors arc, no matter how important it is to the rest of the Brac Universe -- which I rather like, btw. True, I am no longer muddled up with who's who, but the writing is ... how shall I say it? Somewhat less than spectacular?

Uh, no. That would imply the only things nit-pick worthy about it were the usual spelling, grammar and typos often found in the author's books -- at least the ones I've read so far. And I like this author, I really do. It's just that in this case she's surpassed what reads like bad porno-flick scenes and dialogue and gone straight to the jaw-dropping stuff. Jaw-dropping because as a writer myself, it makes me cringe. Which I am 100% certain is NOT the reaction she had in mind. No, I will not give examples. :shudder: But there are plenty to be found if you care to have a look.

Shelving this title -- maybe the whole series -- as WTF, Dear Author, wtf?!

"Sexy Demon Warrior looking for his elusive One True Love". Sounds exactly the sort of book I'd happily dive into and devour in a single setting. Alas, it was not to be. The characters were so-so, the plot ... wait, what **was** that anyway? I felt like I'd been thrown into the middle of a long, established series, not starting the first page of the first chapter of the first book in a brand new one. It confused me to the point I gave up on it and admitted defeat at around 29 percent. Sorry, but it's just too much effort to track down references to characters and incidents from all the other series by the author, then try to figure out where this one fits in. Romance novels are supposed to be a pleasure, unfortunately reading this one felt like a very tedious chore, one I was all too relieved to finally quit.

Phaney says

2011 Review:

Pfft, am I glad I have the next two books in this new series because it doesn't just end on a cliff-hanger, it pretty much is a continuous story, with probably only the viewpoints shifting with each book. So to have to stop at this point would be incredibly annoying. I guess in retrospect the romance of this volume did end a chapter or so before the end, but I kinda missed it because it was just another sex scene with a fresh batch of love exchange.

With that said, I really enjoyed this book. I know, it's weird! This is a spin-off of the Brac Pack series too, so go figure. But I enjoyed these demons and their realm with their very normal clothes and lives and slight but sharp differences. For example the way they walk through shadows appealed to me, as well as the variety that comes with the special talents of each.

Of course the time scale was way out of whack yet again, especially considering the names and all, but it's okay. I am completely used to that much. :3 It just makes me wonder how the warriors handled things before modern day inventions like cell phones. I mean even just Chris has been hanging out with the guys for a hundred years at this point so things must have changed drastically since then. Except... I dimly remember now, although I am not sure. Wasn't there a time difference between the realms? Really not sure... That would help a lot. Especially if time moved much faster in the demon realm.

Anyway, I obviously enjoy the setting, which engenders hope for my continued enjoyment of the series.

But just as much I really enjoyed the characters here.

Okay, some of the side characters seemed very suspicious, and only knowing that they will be the protagonists of the next volume kept me from thinking the worst of them. And even that just barely.

But Panahasi so far more than cashes in on the impression he left with his appearance in the Brac Pack. He's interesting and definitely top, er, demon, and one gets to feel for him even with the remote way he is portrayed. Very well, so far. Also a good choice to not start the series with pairing off the head honcho. XD

Now, the actual protagonists here were good. All right, Hondo was neat enough and worked as a character, but Chris? Was amazing. I've started to really enjoy those quirky small guys. And I loved how he kept zipping around with his super speed, and how his mind worked similarly, easily distracted, slightly dopey at times, and accidentally believing his own exaggerations. This was not a perfect guy, but he was hugely likeable nonetheless. :D

Even the sex worked out for them. Sure, I did not need *that many* of those scenes, but they did not take over the plot and that's all I'm asking for these days. Then there's the oh-so convenient auto-lubing. Gotta admit, I kinda like this version better than the one from some other series, but it's still awfully opportune.

Mostly, though, I am happy that while this series also follows the “fated mate” path, it’s a lot more interesting courtesy of only being able to recognize the bond during sex. That actually allows romance to take place first, might even throw a few obstacles in the way emotionally. I very much approve. It also allowed for this story about long-time friends and one-sided love. :D

Yeah, maybe it’s obvious by my amount of rambling here, but I enjoyed the hell out of this one. Very entertaining and amusing and interesting and just all around satisfying.

(Maybe I should note that I was a lot less impressed during the re-read a year later.)

2012 Re-read Project:

I went and did it. I re-read all the connected series by Lynn Hagen, this time in order of publication date, as recommended, which sadly does not ensure actual chronologicality. That’s *twenty-nine books* of moderate length, spanning three series (with more to spin off).

I’ll put my thoughts in spoiler tags since I plan to paste this into the end of each review covered here. There are no actual spoilers, so feel free to read this for a general idea of the series.

(view spoiler)

Mark says

Good Grief. Did the woman actually get paid for this tripe. Never having read any demon books or anything like this before, a friend said I should give it a go and lent me his copy. Indeed he gave me the first two in the series. Having read them both....yes honestly....I can promise you two things. Firstly...I won't be reading anymore and secondly, having read them I am fairly sure I could construct number three through 47.

Muscular Demon encounters wimpy demon. He falls for aforementioned wimpy demon in a way he had neevr fallen before. His whole life is turned upside down and whereas before he lived forwell I am not actually sure what he lived or died or existed for. It keeps being implied that they are immortal or at least live for a jolly long time but why Hagen has hit upon them being demons is of no significance at all. It is a tawdry cashing in on this vampire, werewolf craze with huge amounts of explicit sex thrown in. There is no attempt to draw out any plot or story development other than the wimpy demon keeps getting placed in difficult situations and the muscular demon gives his all, literally, to save aforementioned wimpy demon. I

give no names for the simple reason that they all mould into an amorphous mass. No individuality or sense of character at all. Maybe I was being ridiculously naive but this is presented as a series. Surely that suggests development and a growing interest, a plot unfolding and mystery deepening. If that is the case there is absolutely no inkling that anything is coming anytime soon...well muscular or wimpy demon excepted obviously.

Number three, I am absolutely certain would involve the muscular demon who has just started featuring in number two book and had fleeting aspects in number one book falling for the human friend of the two wimpy demons. Oh, and what an extraordinary coincidence...he is quite wimpy Absolute crap. That this ranks as worth a series of books is amazing. I quite understand that people might want to read explicit sex accoiunts but surely there is normally something linking the story or an attempt at development of character, certainly as this is claimed to be a storyline which has a common thread. Well, it doesn;t. It is just an excuse to write total tosh.

The fact of the demonic world being the central issue here is totally without merit or reason; this could just as easily be set in any town or city or brothel across the world and nothing would be gained or lost. The 'heroes' can move fast, can set fire to things and have red eyes but apart from that it is just a rather aggressive and rapacious gathering of the village people

CB says

Well, I delved into the Bracverse a 2nd time and now there are 121 books - yikes! I loved this Universe the first time I read it several years ago and now I love it more, I really do, but I've only been able to read these series (and I have expanded to all the books that are currently out in each):

Brac Pack
Christian's Coven
Zeus's Pack
Demon Warriors
The Exiled

These are the series that start the Universe. Reading them in order is a must. Each book has it's own love story but there is an underlying story that plays out throughout them all. As you get towards the end of these series, other series come into play and I noticed that, since I did not read them, I missed some of the characters being mentioned (good and bad) but I was still able to follow because the main ones stay the same.

One day I WILL buy these and read them all!!! (For the correct order, just look on the Internet for Lynn Hagen Reading Order):

Brac Village
Shadow Tribe
BPNG (Brac Pack Next Generation - Brac Pack kids)
The Remus Brothers
Wolves of Desire
