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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Kresley Cole enraptures again with this seductive tale of a fierce werewolf prince who will stop at nothing to protect the lovely archer he covets from afar.

### **A DANGEROUS BEAUTY...**

Lucia the Huntress: as mysterious as she is exquisite, she harbors secrets that threaten to destroy her -- and those she loves.

### **AN UNCONTROLLABLE NEED...**

Garreth MacRieve, Prince of the Lykae: the brutal Highland warrior who burns to finally claim this maddeningly sensual creature as his own.

### **THAT LEAD TO A PLEASURE SO WICKED....**

From the shadows, Garreth has long watched over Lucia. Now, the only way to keep the proud huntress safe from harm is to convince her to accept him as her guardian. To do this, Garreth will ruthlessly exploit Lucia's greatest weakness -- her wanton desire for him.

## **Pleasure of a Dark Prince Details**

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## From Reader Review Pleasure of a Dark Prince for online ebook

### Auntee says

I...loved...this...book! It was a fabulous thrill ride from the start all the way to the harrowing, grisly climax, and contained my *favorite* IAD hero (sorry, Sebastian), the Prince of the Lykae, Garreth MacRieve. Ahhh MacRieve... Scot... Wolf (all names that the heroine, Lucia the Huntress called him), I totally fell for your Scottish charm, your dogged determination, and your devotion to your lass, "Lousha". Your humor, your sexy brogue, your singlemindedness to claim your mate...you definitely won me over and I cried for you at the end (no spoilers). You were a worthy mate for the fair maiden Lucia, and I was hoping and praying that the resistant Lucia would realize that and that you wouldn't give up on her.

I won't get into the plot too much--not sure I could even adequately explain it. This is the 9th book in the IAD series, and they **must** be read in order. That being said, the time frame of this book places it close to book number 2, A Hunger Like No Other, which features Garreth's older brother Lachlain MacRieve and Lucia's niece Emmaline, and also book number 4 (Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night) which features Garreth's cousin Bowen MacRieve and his mate Mariketa the Awaited. After the first 120 pages where readers of the series will get all caught up with what's *already happened* in the series, Lucia and Garreth's story takes off, and it becomes un-put-down-able. Garreth knows that Lucia is his mate, and he goes to the ends of the earth to be with her. Even though the Valkyrie Lucia is attracted to the Lykae Garreth, she wants nothing to do with him. She tries to run from him and lose him any way she can (shooting arrows in him slows him down) while she gets ready to face off with her evil nemesis, Crom Cruach. Because of a deal she made with a goddess when she was young and at death's door (due to her involvement with a ghastly, evil, devil-like god), she is now a huntress with extraordinary archery skills, and she is supposed to remain chaste for the rest of her life, while fighting/preventing this god (Crom Cruach) from escaping his prison every 500 years. The time for fighting Crom is getting closer and closer. If Lucia gives into her unusual desire for Garreth, she will most likely lose her archery skills, and then who would be able to battle Crom? Lucia would like to get rid of Crom once and for all, and hears about a way to do that. But it requires a trip into the most deadly parts of the Amazon. She must find the one thing that could bring him down for good, and it's hidden somewhere deep in the Amazon. With some clues from the valkyrie soothsayer Nix (hilarious as always), and with Garreth doggedly tagging along, Lucia has to fight some deadly beings blocking her way, and her impossible attraction to Garreth. Along the way she falls for Garreth, but ends up having to make some heartbreaking decisions before she and Garreth can have a future together--a future that she thought would be impossible for her.

Loved the sexual tension in this one! And it starts out almost immediately, as soon as Garreth first senses his mate is near. And when they lay eyes on each other...you know the attraction is there. Garreth is determined to claim Lucia, and although she's aroused by him, she doesn't want to be. She thinks being mated to Garreth would be the end of her so-called "career" as the world's best archeress, and she can't imagine giving that up. But Garreth keeps wearing her down, teasing her with what could be, arousing her to the point where she can't think straight and is ready to give in to him. This goes on and on for page after page, with Garreth gaining more and more of Lucia's body and her trust until finally when the full moon urges him to finally claim her...*whew!* That was one smokin' hot scene!

The ending was one gripping, emotional 50 pages. I went from being terrified for Lucia and Garreth, to being horrified with what they had to go through, to my heart breaking for them both. I had tears welling up and I was on the edge of my seat as I hoped and prayed that they would have their much deserved HEA.

Fans of this series, I think you're going to love this one. I always end up loving KC's heroes, but sometimes I have a bit of a problem with her heroines (some can be a little cold-hearted). I had no problems with Lucia,

other than wishing that she would trust Garreth completely and reveal *all* her secrets to him. He was soooo devoted to her I knew he wouldn't judge her and would only want to help her.

There's plenty of humor in this book, whether it's coming from Garreth, Regin, Lucia, or especially from Nix (no one can top her). I wish I could list all the wisecracks and pop culture references that were made. The plot was easy enough to understand, except when they got to the Amazon suddenly there was an abundance of characters/gruesome things to keep track of, but don't worry, it eventually all falls into place. And of course, there was that magnificent, grisly, horrifying ending...which will surely bring tears to your eyes if you fall for Lucia and Garreth like I did.

So well done Kresley Cole, I think you have another winner on your hands. And with the teasing ending you provided, it looks like you just set up the next three books in the series. Can't wait to see how all this plays out! 5 big stars.

*How I imagine Garreth MacRieve...*

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### **Sammy Loves Books says**

*"You're my woman, Lousha. Damn you, I'll never want another!"*

Can I just say that I LOVED Garreth MacRieve!! He embodies everything that I love in an Werewolf Alpha.

Garreth was patient, kind, and strong as sin. I was in awe by what he was physically capable of. Garreth was also hell bent on protecting his woman at any cost. And did I say he was patient? These two didn't seal the deal until after page 300 and over a year (book time) of chase.

### **Garreth MacRieve, Prince of the Lykae**

*"You've maddened me for you, have changed everything." Reaching between them, clutching her panties, he rasped, "So I'm going to fuck you long and hard, beauty, because if I'm to be enslaved by you-I want to be your master as well."*

Lucia has sworn oath to the Goddess of Archers. In exchange for her ability to shoot, Lucia vowed chastity, purity, and humility. Lucia has a bit of an ego and she refuses to give up her abilities, so therefore she is NOT willing to have a sexual relationship with Garreth even though she was his mate. Not only did that not set well with me, it was Beyond frustrating.

### **Lucia the Huntress**

Lucia was the heroine I had high hopes for but started to dislike by the 60% mark. She was 1000 year old

Valkyrie that was afraid to take a chance on love. I understand that she was afraid to lose her identity as the world's best Archer. My frustration with Lucia stemmed from her selfishness! She was all take while Garreth was always the one making sacrifices for her. I just could not understand her motivation to run from him and give him such hell.

*"With his harsh, beast like voice, he rasped, "Woman, you are everything to me!" He wrapped her hair around his fist, forcing her to meet his frenzied gaze. "Why can I no' be that for you? Let me claim you for my own. Choose me this night..."*

I never felt like Lucia gave her heart to Garreth. She was so self absorbed and self centered. She is by far my LEAST fave of the Valkyrie heroines.

The first 25% of this book was mostly a recap of events that took place in previous books, but at least it was all from different points of view. The next 60% of the book was all about the chase with the final 15% focusing on resolving the fight between Lucia and her demons.

Kresley Cole is a phenomenal writer but I've grown tired of the trend of couples fighting each other. For instance, Garreth chases and Lucia runs. That type of conflict gets tiresome after a few books. I hope this trend does not continue through out this series.

#### **My Immortals After Dark Reviews:**

**The Warlord Wants Forever**

**A Hunger Like No Other**

**No Rest for the Wicked**

**Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night**

**Dark Needs at Night's Edge**

**Dark Desires After Dusk**

**Kiss of a Demon King**

**Untouchable**

**Pleasure of a Dark Prince**

**Demon from the Dark**

**Dreams of a Dark Warrior**

**Lothaire**

**Dark Skye**

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**~IreneOust~ says**

Another winner! Not to sound like a broken record but Kresley Cole is one of my ultimate favorite authors and this series is my new addiction. Onto the next book ... Cheers!

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**Kristen says**

**4 to 4 1/2 stars**

My goodness! This book took me on an emotional roller-coaster ride like none of the other books in the series have. Right from the start, *Pleasures of a Dark Prince* had me experiencing an array of emotions—from sorrow, to exasperation, to trepidation, to elation. I was exhausted by the end.

Once again, I found myself captivated and in awe of the amazingly complex story arc, but flustered and annoyed with the book's romance. In all honesty, I continue reading this series not for the hero and heroine's provocative yet volatile romance (to which I've almost become ambivalent), but for the fantastic characters, the humor, the action/adventure, and the very clever and brilliant storytelling.

I struggled with the choices the hero and heroine, Garreth and Lucia, made during this book. Mostly, I struggled with Lucia's decision not to tell Garreth her secrets. I understood her reasoning, since she had some valid points. Ultimately, however, I couldn't help but feel she was being selfish and causing unnecessary heartache and devastating consequences.

As I've taken a few days to ponder this book, I've come to realize and accept things could not have happened in any other way. I didn't like Lucia withholding information from Garreth but he wouldn't have listened to reason, or her, anyway. After all, what she feared the most happened to him because of his stubbornness. Regarding Lucia's secrets, I realize there really was no win/win situation.

What Lucia did to help Garreth toward the end of this book brought tears to my eyes and helped to redeem her character. I'm still reeling from the feel-good ending and the very unexpected cliffhanger epilogue. Overall, I enjoyed this book and can't wait to find out what happens next in the series.

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## Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

### Spoilers

Yummy Sexy Lykae Check  
Kick ass Female Check  
Awesome Story Check  
Steamy Lovemakin Check and Check.....

Garreth MacRieve, Prince of the Lykae

For real what is not to like about Garreth so hott, sweet chasing her for a year and still he protects her, forgives her of her crap and even gets her a gift that he know she will love when she is running from him and hurting him to keep him from following her. He is fun and truly wants to make her happy. loved him so much !

“You've maddened me for you...have changed everything. So, I'm going to f\*ck you long and hard, beauty, because if I'm to be enslaved by you-I want to be your master as well. ”

"I'll never be done!" he snapped, wincing again as his ribs screamed in protest. "You're my woman, Lousha. Damn you, I'll never want another!"

## Lucia the Huntress

Lucia was tricked into marrying pure evil and he tortures and rapes her. laying dying she is giving a gift of being healed and being the best archer but if she misses her shot she will be in the worst pain and she has to be pure. She meets Garreth and is drawn to him wanting him so bad but she fights its and runs from him for a year afraid if she lets him next her she would let him have her and then she would lose her skill and not be able to stop her evil husband which she does every 500 years. I liked her, she was very brave and when she stopped fighting her feels for her wolf she was very caring and sweet. she was just freaked out and didn't want to make the same mistake I could understand that.

Emma softly asked, "Aunt Luce, would you bet your life on that?"  
"He is my life now."

Aye, me too. You know of anyone who'd be trailing you?"  
Cruach had followers in his Cult of Death who would do anything to stop her, but they were usually human and easy enough to lose. "Actually, yes," she answered softly, and MacRieve leaned in with interest. "This jackass Lykae who can't take no for an answer is stalking me."

"Please put your penises away, gentlemen. Dinner is procured. By a woman."

so after chasing her butt down they team up to find a weapon to kill her evil god husband, and start to fall in love with each other. I liked the banter between all the characters. Here are a few of my fav quotes:

"Why'd you invite them?" he demanded. "Damn you both, I weary of this. Did you never think that I doona like nymphs?"

"Nay," Uilleam said with a swig. "Any being that sports a penis likes nymphs."  
Munro drained his bottle and added, "You canna argue with medical facts."

"Well, maybe we need to Cesar Millan their asses and show them who's boss. Tsst, tsst!"

"She took me to a mall yesterday." Lachlain sounded as if he'd just stifled a shudder. "And she pointed to a boy and said, 'I think I want one.' So naturally, I start thinking, Where can I get a wee mortal? But she meant... she meant a bairn - our bairn."

"There's no evil greater than the Gilded One!"  
"Bullshite!"

Lucia made a sound of frustration. "You two are going to argue about this? My evil's bigger than your evil?"

so far great series!!!!!!

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## Carmel (Rabid Reads) says

### Reviewed by: Rabid Reads

After listening to this installment, I now realize why the last few titles have made me cranky. It's because

I've been waiting for Garreth's story since book 1, and the delay finally caught up with me. This series came highly recommended on account of its "sexy Scottish werewolves", but they've been mostly MIA since WICKED DEEDS ON A WINTER'S NIGHT, so the younger MacRieve's romance was long overdue. All is right with the world again.

In PLEASURE OF A DARK PRINCE readers get answers to many long running questions which was perfect timing as far as I was concerned because it revived my interest in the IMMORTALS AFTER DARK series. This book covers from pre-A HUNGER LIKE NO OTHER, to Garreth's year long pursuit of Lucia, so it was an excellent overview of where Kresley Cole has been, and her intended direction going forward, although I'm quite positive that Nix will have the last word.

Valkyries and I haven't exactly seen eye-to-eye in the past; however I'm slowly coming around to this author's version. Lucia stood out because of her born-again-virginity—the celibate immortal queen should be discarded from IAD's deck, just saying—and her reputation as The Archer. Garreth was awesome, and I loved the advice that his brother and Bowen kept giving him. They've both claimed their mates which gave them unique (amusing) perspectives.

Just when I thought that I had gotten my legs back under me (Robert Petkoff's narration will do that to you), he goes and whips out a... Texan accent! Oh, and don't forget that his brogue was also widespread with MacRieve as the male protagonist. This installment reminded me of the earlier IAD audiobooks, the ones that I chain listened to in under a month, so I'm taking it as a sign that a second likewise spree might be around the corner.

PLEASURE OF A DARK PRINCE was the werewolf that I was looking for.

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

Let me begin by saying that Pleasures of a Demon King, Kresley Cole's 7th book of the Immortals after Dark series has to be one of my FAVOURITE PNR reads!!!! After reading some of the books I am absolutely amazed at her ability to take me to a Each story is original, a magical world filled with characters that I want to have as friends and be part of their lives!!!! Females who are beautiful, strong, with different talents and who are there with their men and not some damsel in distress. Quirky, humorous, hip and so now dialogue. The ongoing texting between Lucia and her other sister, Regin the Radiant had me falling from my chair with all the laughing!!!!

Before I get carried away gushing about this author's talent, let me say a few things on why I found this story engaging.

A story of Garreth McRieve, Prince of the Lykae (werewolves) who finally finds his woman in Lucia, a Valkyrie known as the Huntress and he will do anything to be with her. Though she realizes that she is his mate, Lucia has a dark secret and a very important mission that will not allow herself to be sidetracked which will happen if she gives in to her passion for the Lykae. Their finally getting together takes a long time....over a year....Lucia has been trying to give him the slip but unknown to her, her sister Nix....who cannot love this ditzzy Valkyrie seer....she is OTT and so funny...anyway she helps Garrett in keeping a watch over Lucia whilst she travels to the Amazon, where she has an assignment to complete and should she fail could lead to the end of the world...

The scenes are very well written and the description of the Amazon and the locals is really quite impressive. I could feel the heat; hear the night sounds, the flow of the river as I turned the pages.

There's action, hot and sexy romance..even before they have sex, the lead up to scenes are steamy, hot hot.....the banter between these two is really good. You just know that they were meant for each other and Garreth will do everything, including giving up his life, for her.

This story ties up with the previous books and we keep reading more about the characters that form part of this series.

The ending has a cliffhanger.....there's something happening out there that is a danger to the Lore and I can't wait to read the next book.

If you love Paranormal Romance, you just have to read this series.

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## AJ says

**FANTASTIC! I loved it!**

**4.5 stars**

Book number 9 in the *Immortals After Dark* series is full of all of the action, humour, romance, and sexy times; and general paranormal badassery that I love about these books.

This time, it's shifter Garreth MacRieve and Valkyrie, Lucia the Huntress. The timing of this book takes us way back to the beginning of the series, with Garreth stepping in for his missing brother as King of the lycae. He is in New Orleans when he sees Lucia for the first time and his instincts flare with the knowledge that she is his mate – the female that is made for him, and the one that he has waited centuries for.

Lucia is another sassy, smart-mouthed and utterly kickass Valkyrie. After a bad decision in her teen years left her dying, she made a deal with a goddess to save her life - in return she would become the greatest archer in the world, as long as she keep herself pure and away from any and all contact with men.

These two are a sensational match. From the first moment they are both clearly desperate for each other, and with Garreth determined to claim Lucia, and just as determined to stay away, it sets up an epic battle of wills. The chase goes on for years until the ever-fabulous Nix becomes involved, and Lucia finds herself on a mission in the Amazon to track down a weapon that will kill her greatest enemy, and Garreth just happens to be along for the ride.

*“You're my woman, Lousha. Damn you, I'll never want another!”*

Like other books in the series, Lucia and Garreth don't have an easy time coming together, but the slow build is fantastic. Their relationship is full of anger, frustration, teasing, and mountains of pent-up-lust, and I loved watching them play off against each other. It's humorously angsty and full of hotness as they get closer and closer, but not quite, and the tension builds fantastically.

*With his harsh, beast like voice, he rasped, “Woman, you are everything to me!” He wrapped her hair around his fist, forcing her to meet his frenzied gaze. “Why can I no' be that for you? Let me claim you for my own. Choose me this night.”*

And intermingled with it all is the story of Lucia's desperate, dangerous and exciting hunt for a mystical weapon that atone for her past and free her from everything that is holding her back from a life with Garreth.

I loved this book! It was a fantastic adventure from start to finish. I love Garreth's relentless pursuit, I love that Lucia gave as much as she could while still holding onto herself, and I love that when they eventually took that final step, they were an absolutely kickass couple determined to fight for each other. And the romantic and action storylines build to a fantastic ending that had me desperate to see how it was all going to work out.

There's a nice tie-in with other books in the series, particularly with Lachlain and Emma's story, and a lead in to future books with Regin getting quite a bit of story time, and OMG, I love Lucia and Regin together! A little bit wild and absolutely hilarious, I adored their constant banter and teasing. So freaking funny!

*"Screw you and the werewolf you rode in on!"*

This series is so much fun! I love knowing that when start one of these books I'm in for a great time, and this one was no exception. With the audiobook again brilliantly narrated by Robert Petkoff, I was lost in the Kresley Cole's paranormal world, and loved every moment of Garreth and Lucia's story.

4.5 stars.

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## **Exina says**

*"Lass, I'm about to make you a widow--"*

Kresley Cole is more and more merciless – with her characters and with her readers as well. So much blood, so much tension, pain, and death.

The first 16 chapters parallel the storyline of *A Hunger Like No Other*. The book starts with Lucia and Garreth's first encounter, when Garreth realizes that Lucia is his mate, and ends when Lucia runs away from him, and Garreth vows he is going to have her back in two weeks.

We meet them one year later. Garreth spent that year chasing her all over the earth, meanwhile Lucia tried to get rid of him, and also to get an unimaginably powerful weapon to kill the cause of her nightmares and stop an apocalypse. Garreth finally catches her, and they continue her quest together along the River Amazon.

Although the first half of the story is relatively slow reads, the second half is adventurous and full of fun. They face several dangers, such as giant caimans, new kinds of supernatural beings, mysteries, the legend of El Dorado, and really hot nights.

Garreth's perseverance is admirable; he is loyal, fierce, possessive, and never misses his aim. The portrayal of the beast inside him, the nature of the Lykæ is very logical and consequent, till the very end. He would do anything for Lucia, never gives her up. He protects her "Lousha", hunts down her enemies, saves her life several times, gives her precious and sweet gifts, including a gift that finally saves her life again! He stands by her side in every situation, despite the fact that he gets only rejection and distrust from

her.

I try to understand Lucia, but I'm afraid I'm failing. Okay, she had very, very bad experiences with a certain man, so it is pretty hard for her to trust in anybody. But it was thousands of years ago! With keeping important things back from Garreth, she rushes him into an almost fatal situation.

She is under pressure and seems to be running out of time, so it is understandable that she worries about her archer abilities. But I was really upset when (view spoiler) I just couldn't believe her behavior. Poor Garreth...

I'm not satisfied with the end, because I don't feel (view spoiler) is so big a deed or sacrifice from Lucia to save Garreth. I feel this part superficial. She does almost nothing for this love, while Garreth risks everything.

The new secondary characters, Damião, Chizabel, Travis, Schecter, Rossiter are intriguing, the old ones, such as Regin and Nix never disappoint.

*“Have you ever fought an opponent you had no defense against? Like a fire breather or an acid spitter?”*

*“Once I faced a female with diamond skin,” Nix said breathlessly. “I was transfixed—even as she was choking the life out of me.”*

*“Really?”*

*“No, I saw that character on X-Men. I just wanted to commiserate. Alas, I have no weaknesses.”*

*“Except your insanity,” Lucia pointed out.*

*Pleasure of a Dark Prince* is a real adventure, with lots of humor, and dark, horror scenes. I loved the setting, the luscious and dangerous River Amazon, with its amazing wildlife and vegetation, also loved that Cole mixed ancient legends with modern technology. The epilogue is really compelling and puzzling to make me eager to read the next book.

Originally posted on my blog on August 21, 2012.  
My favorite quotes.

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### **Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says**

I deliberately took a long hiatus on this series. Not because I didn't love it, or that I was bored. No! Quite the contrary. I did it because it was doggone heartbreaking to run out of books after *Kiss of a Demon King*. Now, I have accumulated a nicely sizable stock of IAD stories, and I am good to go, if having to avoid spoilers like the plague doesn't put a bit of a crimp in my style.

#### **The Story:**

It was quite fun to see besotted Lykae, Garreth MacRieve chasing after his reluctant (for the most part) Valkyrie mate, Lucia. You see, Lucia totally has the hots for Garreth, but she has some really good reasons

to give him the cold shoulder. For the most part, this didn't bother me. I like to see the hero doing the chasing. And Lucia did show that she had feelings for Garreth. There were a couple of things she did to discourage Garreth that I wasn't fond of. And I didn't like the way she treated them the day after the night in the temple. (view spoiler).

(view spoiler)

As usual, Kresley Cole writes a blisteringly hot romance story. Here I am reading this book at the gym on the elliptical, with my eyes glued to the pages, which were singeing my fingers. Oh, my! Ms. Cole writes so many good foreplay scenes, you are eagerly awaiting the big moment, and of course, you are not disappointed.

I loved the adventure aspects. The trek into the Amazon, and the natural, strange but natural creatures, and of course, the Loreans that Garreth and Lucia encountered made for an exciting read. She didn't let the tension wane in any way, sexual or storyline-wise. And there are so crazy, over the top action scenes that I loved. I didn't know what to expect, and I wasn't bored for one second. Lucia holds her own against enormous caimans, crazed assassins, shapeshifters, vile, cannibalistic gods, and crazy humans. Garreth ain't shabby either. My werewolf fixation was very much appeased with him! A girl could do no better than to have a devoted Lykae mate out to protect her and to meet her every need! Hot and sultry, this book was, in many ways. The treasure hunt was a nice addition, giving this book that Indiana Jones vibe that I love. I have a feeling that some of the happenings in this book will have repercussions in the next, and I am eagerly awaiting to see how those chips fall.

#### **The Characters:**

Ms. Cole was able to distinguish Lucia from her Valkyrie sisters by giving Lucia a more serious bent than her other sisters. She had a lot of emotions simmering underneath that she had to keep leashed. While most of her Valkyrie sisters are party animals, she has to stay in control and honor her vows. Her situation was a tough one, with her obligations that kept her from living a full life. She was punishing herself for childish choice she made when she was a very young girl. That's one thousand years of guilt. Way too many! I liked her rationality, and I loved her archery skills. She was freaking awesome! I liked that she had a soft spot for Garreth, and it wasn't just lust. She really liked the guy and cared for him. And she really, truly showed how much he meant to her, going after him in his time of need. If I didn't like her before, she definitely won me over at this point.

Like pretty much all of KC's heroes, I adored Garreth. Sexy, sweet, tough, funny, intelligent, and devoted, very devoted. It's safe to say that when he makes a commitment, he keeps it. And when he loves, he loves, to the bottom of his soul. He just about broke my heart near the end of this story. But this story has a happy ending, so fear not.

The secondary characters are always entertaining and well-drawn. Ms. Cole has a great imagination, creating characters that populate her ever-expanding Lore, and making me even more of a devoted reader. I love the romance, but the world-building was an equally powerful factor in making me a fan of this series. It's very distinct and fascinating, full of legend and myth that makes this paranormal romance into fantasy adventure, and keeps me coming back for more. When I meet new characters, I hope that Ms. Cole will bring them back so I can see what their story is, and where this series will lead them. I have to say that Lothaire is one character that I have my eye on. What is his deal??? Inquiring minds! And the epilogue....Evil. She's evil! I am so glad that I have the next book waiting in the queue.

#### **Some Questions to Finish This Review:**

**Did I love this story?** Yes?? Sexy romance, humor, adventure, fascinating storylines. They are all there for the intrepid reader.

**Was I satisfied?** Oh, yes?!

**Am I excited for the next book?** Absolutely?!

**Would I recommend this series?** You aren't reading it? Do you like paranormal romance? If the answer is yes, hop to it!

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### **Elifobeth says**

I had hard time finishing this book. I took a break for awhile. I just came back to finish it in a very short time. I must say this book quite plain. It bored to me to dead with amazon adventure. Do you think the evil god is too easy to kill? Never mind. lol

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### **P says**

“She'd been born for him. And I was born to find her...”

Pleasure of a Dark Prince gave me the same feelings and vibes as if I was reading A Hunger Like No Other again. I loved Garreth, he's Lachlain's brother and on a mission to claim his mate. The incidents he's thrown into is very much like his brother's. Lucia the Huntress never gives up so easily when it comes to her life, so she fights the temptation pulling her to him strongly, no matter how hard it gets.

“Fate has a way of getting what she wants, no matter how we try to avoid it.”

Lucia's part is outrageous, even though I'd got a glimpse of it through this book, I still can't believe that she has been through this when she was young. I didn't have any suspicions when she denied Garreth and pushed him away for her pain being so real and hurting her all along this much. Garreth, too, is not a complex character to me as he's supposed to be, unlike Lachlain, sometimes he annoyed me when they venture into the woods and do something precarious to their lives because of his uncontrolled instinct, and it incites Lucia even more.

“You doona want to kill me, which is a good sign. Maybe this is your way of flirting?”

However, Kresley Cole managed to put me into an emotional hurricane that swept me up and tore me apart by what happened at the ending. The last chapter was the reason I decided to give this book five stars, and that cliffhanger is so cruel I have to pick the next one up right after I finished this book.

## Fiction Fool says

Rating: (♥ ♥ ♥ ♥ 1/2)

*“Now three wounds marred his gorgeous body, three trails of blood tracking over the rises and falls of rock-hard muscle. Gritting his teeth, he said, “This hurts like hell, lass, but it’s heartening.”*

*“How do you figure?”*

*“At fifty times the distance, you dispatched that ko-bold with three arrows to the neck. I’ve earned a trio to the chest. Seems you slapped him while you’re tickling me. You doona want to kill me, which is a good sign. Maybe this is your way of flirting?”*

Pleasure of a Dark Prince is the story of Garreth McRieve, a Lykae prince second in line to the Lykae throne and Lucia the Huntress, the valkyrie archer that suffers extreme pain when she misses a target. Garreth and Lucia are fated for one another. But do they fall into one another's arms without a struggle? Um, no. Nothing comes easy for these two, even though Garreth is perfectly willing. Lucia leads Garreth on a crazy chase around the world (literally) in search of a way to end the existence of an apocalyptic evil about to rise. She craftily and aggressively dodges his many attempts at seduction and possession.

*Lucia to Lachlain:*

*“This isn’t over. And if you lay another paw on me, MacRieve, I’ll make you regret it.”*

*When she turned from him, he laid another paw on her, giving her arse a possessive squeeze, groaning with pleasure; she whirled around and punched him with shocking force in the Adam’s apple, doubling him over as he coughed.*

*As she hastened away, he grated, “Still doona regret it.”*

But Garreth McRieve is a man obsessed and impossible for Lucia to shake. He is hot on her tail (no pun intended) through the first half of the book. When he finally catches her in the second half, they begin to work together toward the same goal... kind of. This is where their relationship really starts to build and grow as they become undeniably charmed by one another.

However, something is preventing Lucia from making that final leap into Garreth's eager and waiting arms. Isn't this always the case? Lucia must battle with nightmarish memories and a millennium long conflict that haunts her to this day. Actually, nightmarish really is an understatement for the trials and conflicts that await them both near the end. Despite all the grisly, bloody, and horrific challenges they face together, there is a well earned HEA for these two.

I have to confess, I'm biased when it comes to the Lykae clan. They're my favorite male characters in the IAD series. LOVE EM! Like one of my favorite heroines (MacKayla Lane) once said from Moring's Fever series... "Who wants to get it on with a man who's in touch with his inner dog?" Uh... \*\*raises hand\*\* ...I guess that would be me. Men in touch with their inner dog, inner beast... whatever you want to call it... are hands down sexy! Kresley Cole flawlessly captures and nurtures those tricky, wolfy like qualities in her Lykae males. She has a talent in that department and not just with the Lykae. She magically captures the

essence or embodiment of her characters' true natures within their mannerisms, actions and dialogue.

Near the end, Pleasure of a Dark Prince introduces us to an evil organization called the Order. We also get a look at some of the other secondary characters like Lothaire, Carrow and, of course, the lovable Regin the Radiant - a.k.a - RegRad; The glowing, outlandish, party girl, valkyrie with a filter missing between her brain and her mouth.

*Regin:*

*"I'll lunch on their balls!"*

*That was Regin's new threat: to lunch on enemies' balls. "reege, when you threaten males with that, I don't think it has the result you intend. They think less **Lunchables**, more **tea bag**."*

*"Huh? Whatever!"*

To sum up my feelings about this book... Loved it! This story has it all...

Characters – loveable, playful, fun

Conflict –nightmarish

Adventure – exciting, epic

Dialogue – fun, quirky, sweet

Tension – HOT!

Love scenes – delish!

HEA – definitely!

I'm always enthusiastic about promoting this series. So if you haven't already, you need to add Kresley Coles' IAD series to the top of your TBR pile. Just for starters and a little taste of what it's like, you can read the prequel to the series for free at the link provided below. It also gives you a look at excerpts into many of the other books in the series.

Prequel to IAD series

A little something extra from a man's point of view:

I've been reading this series to my husband so he can catch up and read Coles' new release, Dreams of a Dark Warrior, which is also Regin's story. So I'm going to include his thoughts about Pleasures of a Dark Prince as well.

First off, my husband is not long on words. He gets straight to the point. His one pet peeve with some of the PNR and UFs I've already exposed him to is the excessive sex in many of them. In his words, less is more. He prefers stories with a good build up of tension between the main characters before any action starts to happen.

That being said, he still enjoys the IAD series regardless. He found Garreth McRieve to be a really likeable, fun, character. The thing he liked the most was the epic Indiana Jones style action and adventure. We're both in agreement that KC is talented at coming up with the most inventive and creative situations to throw her characters into. He also found the ending to be touching and sweet. He's is a real sucker for a good HEA. Most men wouldn't be caught dead admitting to that. And although he used to be one of those men at one time, he's not afraid to own up to it anymore.

So for all you men out there that might be considering caving to your wife or girlfriends' request to read one of her favorite PNR or UF series... be brave and adventurous. Make the leap. Show the world you have an

open mind. You'll be glad you did and reading a series with your significant other can be a really fun way to share your time together.

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### **Bree says**

Garreth MacRieve, Prince of the Lykae

Lucia the Huntress

This series is a lot of fun. There are no love triangles and no cheating. Not that I've read, so far. Garreth. Oh my goodness!! Lykae Prince. Super hot! Not only are they immortal, but they are extremely good-looking. Lucky! He is my favorite Lykae so far. Nothing gets him down. He is a sweetie. He did have one breaking point, but that didn't last long.

Lucia. Huntress. I actually liked her. Usually, the heroines in this series are pretty bitchy. But, in a tolerable way. Lucia had one episode and got hysterical at Garreth, which upset me, but that didn't last long either. Kresley Cole is really good at writing dialogue between partners. But, I'd like to know more about the characters. Incorporate their likes and dislikes. What separates one Lykae from the next? They are all big, attractive, possessive, protective, fierce etc. What hobbies are they into. They've lived a really long time. The women in these stories tend to get a greater depth in character, which is good.

The men are just hot! Do I really have a problem with that. Nope. I'm going to read the next book now. Bye:)

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### **Sara Kate says**

Loved this story, was throughly engaged the whole time. I loved the banter and growth you see in Lucia and Garreth. The story itself is 4 stars but the narrator made it 5 stars total. He was excellent and nailed all the different voices for the characters. Especially when he spoke in his Garreth voice... that brogue did stuff to me for sure! Loved it.

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### **Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says**

#### **4 All for Garreth stars**

*"Nothing good ever came easy..."*

Well Garreth hon, be prepared because Lucia is determined to make it as hard as it can get.

I like this book, just as I like most of KC's books but there was something about Lucia that rubbed me the wrong way. I didn't hate her but she did irritate me a lot at times. She protested too much, resisted too much. I like heroines who go after what they want (like most of the other Valkyries do) and Lucia saw what she wanted and ran the other way.

*"If I have to scour the entire earth, I'll hunt her down. I will no' falter. One day I will bring my female back to my home - back to my bed...She was born to be found by me."*

I do love Garreth. I liked how he never gave up, I loved how he remained hopeful and determined despite all the shit Lucia put him through. He is also a Lykae which doesn't hurt. They're definitely my favourite male race in IAD's. My female is Valkyries.

*"Have you ever fought an opponent you had no defense against? Like a fire breather or an acid spitter?"*  
*"Once I faced a female with diamond skin," Nix said breathlessly. "I was transfixed - even as she was choking the life out of me."*

*"Really?"*

*"No, I saw that character on X-Men. I just wanted to commiserate. Alas, I have no weaknesses."*

*"This is what it's all been about with you," he said in an even tone. "All the fear, all the running. The nightmares." When she nodded, he said, "You called him the devil."*

*"He is." What are you thinking, Scot?*

*"But you... married him?"*

*MacRieve's disgusted with me. "Basically? Yes."*

*"Ceremony and everything?"*

*She swallowed. "He tricked me into it. I-I was only sixteen."*

*A muscle ticked in his cheek and his irises grew pale. "Then know this..."*

*She stopped breathing.*

*"Lass, I'm about to make you a widow--"*

*"She took me to a mall yesterday!" Lachlain sounded as if he'd just stifled a shudder. "And she pointed to a boy and said, 'I think I want one.' So naturally, I start thinking, Where can I get a wee mortal? But she meant a bairn—our bairn."*

*Re-read it as part of the IAD series Read-A-Long with the League of Lusty Ladies.*

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## **Sophia Triad says**

### **Garreth MacRieve(Lykae) & Lucia (half Valkyrie/half unknown species)**

Okay, I think Lykae are my favourite immortals in this series.

After "A Hunger Like No Other" which was my favourite book with Lachlain MacRieve (leader of the Lykae Clan) as the main character, my second best book is this one with Lachlain's brother, Garreth MacRieve, as the main character.

The book has basically two parts:

The first part has the events of "A Hunger Like No Other" from a different perspective and it describes how Lykae Gareth and Valkyrie Lucia meet, how they realize that they are mates and how Lucia runs away from him in an attempt to remain pure.

The second part takes place one year after in the Amazon jungle and river. Lucia is looking for a mythical weapon that can kill immortals and Gods which is hidden in El Dorado, "the Lost City of Gold". Gareth finds her and he decides that he will help her –no matter how strongly Lucia denies his help.

My God, the sexual tension in this book was over the top.

Between silly jokes like:

*"It's no' your time of the month. I know that."*

*"Ew." Valkyrie didn't have periods. "You're the only one here with a monthly cycle, werewolf."*

And Garreth's persistence like:

*"I'll do this to you till there's something to take the place of your vows—until you see the two of us together as your religion."*

...there was no way Lucia the Huntress could resist Gareth's charm:

*"Wolfy, is it? And what do you know about my turning?"*

*"I asked around when I figured out I was your... mate."*

*He stood, crossing to her. "Well, let's hear it."*

*"Basically, you'll lose your mind, turning animalistic, hunting me down until you claim me repeatedly, biting my neck and marking me as your possession. Nothing will stop you- no cage can hold you. Did I miss anything?"*

*"Aye, Lousha." His gaze raked over her and his voice deepened. "The fact that you're going to like it."*

Many flashbacks from the past. Many secrets.

Scary human flesh eaters. A disturbing God/husband who needs to die. Huge Amazon predators.

Breathtaking story. I enjoyed every bit of it. The mysteries, the adventure, the scary parts, the passion.

And the jaguar shifters are also introduced. How awesome is this!

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## **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

Dear Sebastian,

You know I'm a vampire girl at heart, but I've been pleased by a Dark Prince and now I can't look back! A Scot has won over my heart and I'd be damned if I let him run off!

Sorry, love.

Pleasure of a Dark Prince is the ninth book in the IAD series. I have to stress the importance of reading the series in order. I made that mistake earlier on when I read the third book first! I'm totally kicking myself for being so foolish. Again, Cole writes Pleasure of a Dark Prince in parallel with A Hunger Like No Other. So be sure to read AHLNO first!

That being said, I cannot rave enough about the hero of this book! Garreth MacRieve has surpassed Sabastian Wroth, my previous favourite hero of the IAD series. Sorry Bastian! But Garreth is still the king of all Lykæ in my eyes. I loved his Scottish brogue, his charming personality and his intense need to protect his woman, "Lousha". Can a woman ask for more? Yes! Because I want him for myself!

Lucia the Maiden...the Archer...Lucia of Cruach. God, this girl has so many facets to her personality, yet Lucia feels that her talent as an archer is what sets her apart from other Valkyrie. Lucia's backstory is a dark and terrible one. Deceived by an evil too horrific to imagine, young Lucia fell in love with Crom Cruach believing him to be a handsome blonde. But on their wedding night, he revealed his true identity as a monster. Thousands of years later, Lucia must fight Cruach again every 500 years as he tries to escape his prison to deal death. As she tries to prevent an apocalypse, Lucia must remain chaste due to her deal with a goddess who saved her life as a young teen. Her chastity vow is related her to extraordinary skill in archery.

If she gives in, she loses her talent.

But in the presence of a hot Lykae male like Garreth, keeping her legs shut is becoming far more difficult than she first anticipated. The sexual tension is sizzling from page one! That swamp scene was smoking! And MacRieve's attempts at courting Lousha are always entertaining. The way he named the butterfly after Lucia was just too sweet! Makes me melt...

This book is probably my favourite with No Rest for the Wicked very close behind. There are lots of laughs with MacRieve and Lucia. Regin and Nix bring on the laughing pains as well.

With all the adventure in the Amazon and the good ole' jaw-dropping ending, I'm sure many IAD fans would agree that Cole has really outdone herself with this one!

Favourite Quote:

MacReive carved arrows for her new quiver. With that sly look, he said, "If I canna fill your quiver in one way, I will in another."

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### **Stacia (the 2010 club) says**

*Waitress* : Weren't you just here last night?

*Me* : (indignant) No. It's been a few nights!

*Waitress* : Hmmm...I could've sworn...never mind. You must have a doppelganger.

*Me* : Let's cut the niceties. I already know what I want.

*Waitress* : (amused) Let me guess. Worship fantasy? Ten men with fans and grapes?

*Me* : No. When have I ever? \*pause\* Oh wait. I forgot about that night last year after quitting...never mind. That's neither here nor there. I'm leaving tomorrow for the Amazon. I'd like to order a chase scene.

*Waitress* : We don't get many of those. Preference in male?

*Me* : Lykae. Scottish. He'll chase me to the death if he has to.

*Waitress* : Got it. Here, rub your face on this napkin.

*Me* : The hell? Why?

*Waitress* : Your scent. You know - mutts and tracking and all of that.

*Me* : \*grumbles\* This is embarrassing. I have to make nice with a napkin.

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I'm sad to have to do this, but I can only give *Dark Prince* 2.5 stars (rounding up to 3 because I liked more than I disliked). I expected and wanted so much more from Garrett and Lucia's story, after having to wait for it from the beginning of the series.

This felt like a rehash of Bowen and Mariketa, which already wasn't my favorite of the series, but I liked the execution of the story even less the second time around.

I wanted to see Garreth chase Lucia longer than he did. There had been such a buildup in previous books of how he was looking for her (to be fair, he did look for a while over the span of previous books), that it surprised me when he found her right away and then they just stayed put. Granted, it was on a moving boat, but most of their time was spend on a damn boat doing much of nothing.

There was so much potential for cat-and-mouse here, that I felt entirely let down by how dull their story was.

But on the pro side : Garreth's persistence was my favorite part of the story. He was doing what a lykae did best - protect and follow his mate. Good doggie.

*"I'll do this to you till there's something to take the place of your vows - until you see the two of us together as your religion."*

Bonus : the "through the cage" scene was verrah nice.

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## Eastofoz says

Finally Cole puts out something decent again in her IAD series! It's been a while and for me anyway the last few stories have been mediocre at best. If you like heroes with accents –and she did a fabulous job with Bowen and Cade's stories— then you'll love Garreth. You can't hear his sexy Scottish brogue as much as you could Bowen's I thought but she still does an excellent job and very few authors manage to do that well.

So there are two great main characters: Lucia the world's best archer Valkyrie and Garreth the lady's man Lykae. She's sworn a vow of chastity and he's into doing just the opposite; together they make for a fantastic pair ;-). Garreth gradually wins her over and it's that slow character development that sucks the reader in. You feel them push and pull at each other especially with Garreth's determination to get her (he chases her to the ends of the earth forever practically) but no matter how much he wants Lucia he respects that he can't have her sexually as hard as it is for him –and she certainly doesn't help matters at times. That of course doesn't stop them from testing the limits but you certainly feel their "frustration". The steam is very "vivid" and mighty good 8-) The tension building throughout the novel and when the h/h finally give in (because you know they will) will no doubt leave you trying to catch your breath ;-). It's also a really good love story.

The book has Cole's trademark biting humor (Regin and her texting is a riot!) and banter, very nasty (icky even) villain and lots of strange-o Loreans. Nice to see the return of a lot of former characters and for once Nix didn't get on my nerves with her weirdness. She was hilarious! Mari was somewhat annoying but I haven't really liked her cutthroat business tactics since her book. You should probably read the first three full-length books in the series before this one if you're not one for spoilers and it helps to know who these past characters are but you won't necessarily be lost if you don't.

The book didn't make a 5 star read for me because towards the end of the novel it was getting a little too

“Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom” which detracted from the romance. I also didn’t enjoy the abrupt ending with Garreth and Lucia or the cliffhanger epilogue –that kind of stuff just bugs me because it’s unfulfilling and you’re left hanging. It’s still a good book and I really hope that her next one is along the same lines or better and that she doesn’t go back to the more blah stories like Conrad’s or Murdoch’s. This is up there with the other good ones that make you feel like you have to slow down when you’re reading because you suddenly realize that you’re almost done and the book is just too good to actually end :)

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