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### Dark Instincts Details

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Lisa says

4.5 Stars!

*Dark Instincts* by Suzanne Wright is book four in her The Phoenix Pack series. I have loved and adored this series right from the beginning. It is funny, sexy and packed full of gorgeous alpha wolves who will do whatever it takes to claim what is theirs. Picking up a new book in this series always leaves me glad to be back in this shifter world full of horny wolf-men!

*“It has to be said, you’re a constant ray of sunshine, Roni.”*

*She narrowed her eyes. “Bite me, Fuller.”*

This book is about **Marcus Fuller**, an enforcer for the Phoenix Pack and all around ladies man, and **Roni Axton**, an enforcer for the Mercury Pack and little sister to her pack’s alpha male. The pair are sort of like oil and water, at least in Roni’s mind. I mean, what can she have in common with the gorgeous male wolf who has a copious amount of females who are willing to share his bed? After all, she is a rough-around-the-edges tomboy who has a hard time being around people in general. Both of them are powerful wolves and there is no denying that there is some crackling sexual chemistry between them. Marcus has made it known that he wants Roni and he is pursuing her with a slow, steady and patient determination that has her reeling. However, there is no way Roni is going to give in to temptation. Even though she is attracted to the possessive wolf-man, she just can’t understand what he sees in someone like her. When a vicious attack by a jackal group has both the Phoenix and Mercury packs joining forces, and has Roni and Marcus working closely together, it is only a matter of time before Marcus gets what he wants from Roni. Both wolves are not prepared for the intensity of their connection. With issues stemming from their pasts can they both simply let go and embrace a true relationship which would leave them open and vulnerable to each other?

*Roni tilted her head. “If you’re looking for remorse, you can find it in the dictionary somewhere between rectum and runt.”*

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*“You’re insane.”*

*He smiled. "I love it when you try to flatter your way into my pants."*

I absolutely LOVED Roni. She is one fierce female that I would not want to mess with. The banter exchanged between her and Marcus was hilarious and fun as Marcus slowly chipped away at her defenses and etched his way into her heart. I loved the fact that Roni was loyal and showed her love in small ways. Her relationship with her brothers was fun and the pranks between her and Eli had me laughing out loud. Roni was definitely a female worthy of capturing Marcus' attention.

*Roni, on the other hand....she made him happy – quirks, lollipops and all.*

I loved Roni and Marcus together. Despite her past and all that she has been through, Roni is a badass heroine who is not going to let any alpha walk all over her. She is just the challenge that Marcus needs. She is the fun, extremely smart, socially-awkward, hilarious, loyal and beautiful she-wolf that Marcus did not see coming. I loved the fact that Marcus had his own issues and was not always perfect. They both make a few mistakes along the way as they walk along the rocky road of love and markings; however, it all works out in the end. Our couple gets their HEA and we, as the reader, finish with a deep sigh (*or a cold shower*). Just saying!

All in all, *Dark Instincts* was just one more reason why I am seriously addicted to this fantastic paranormal series. Ms. Wright provides us with a wonderful erotic romance perfectly balanced with some action and suspense. I highly recommend this series and am definitely looking forward to more books.

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### **Patrycja says**

[ Yes (hide spoiler)]

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### **Sabrina says**

*Dark Instincts* is the story of Roni, a tough tomboy, and Marcus, an emotionally tortured man whore. Roni is

the enforcer for Mercury Pack, working under her Alpha brother who still treats her like she's a little girl. She hides behind her tough exterior so no one sees her vulnerable side, but Marcus can see past her defenses and wants to be the one to help her open up. He goes after her with an intensity that Roni has no chance of ignoring and when they are forced to work with each other after the Jackals stage an attack, their chemistry sparks even more.

*When Marcus wanted something, he would hunt it down until it was his. And he wanted Roni Axton in his bed...*

Marcus and Roni were the *perfect* couple! I loved the connection they had, it was **hottt**. We got to see a sweeter side to Marcus that made me want him even more than his badass seductive side does. The overall character development was great and I liked that we got to see Roni grow to be more confident in herself.

The story kept me interested the whole time, it was the perfect combination of suspense and romance. There was a lot going on in the story but not so much that it was annoying. This series hasn't let me down yet and I can't wait to see what comes next. **Please be Ryan, please be Ryan, please be Ryan.**

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**Val...Shameless.Skanky.B\*tchy. says**

*Re-read 3/19/16...Still in werewolf mode in these parts...love this one more every time I read it...*

**4 - 4.5 Solid Stars**

Well done, Suzanne Wright. Well done.

Believe it or not, I went into this book with absolutely **no** expectations...but definitely with some caution.

**I LOVED** *Feral Sins* and *Wicked Cravings*.

*Carnal Secrets??*

Not as much.

Looking back though, I think a lot of my disappointment with that book can be attributed to too high expectations.

We all know how that goes. You look *so* forward to a book as a result of series build-up that it just never seems to deliver.

With that in mind, I went into this one knowing I might love it...

...Or that it might be an epic failure.

So color me happy that we landed somewhere on the higher side of the middle.

This book brought fun from both the Phoenix and Mercury packs and we got to hang out with all our favorite shifter peeps.

Group hug guys.

Nicely executed.

We got some good old Greta-isms, some witty group banter and, but of course, some more awesomely cheery one-liners from my boy Dominic.

Going into this one, I was very curious to see how Roni would end up characterized in her own full length book.

In my review for *Wicked Cravings* I make mention of how similar Jamie was to Taryn, our Alpha h from book one. They were not carbon copies, just...eerily similar.

In fact, if you have read Wright's *Deep in Your Veins* Series, you might find that Sam is also a lot like Taryn and Jamie...and perhaps Shaya too...

Needless to say, I was starting to wonder if perhaps Wright could only write one "kind" of lead female. Thankfully, Roni is definitely her own person, her own character, and quirky in her own singular ways - which I really enjoyed.

I was also curious to see how Marcus would be portrayed.

In the first book, during the ending menage scene with Taryn and Trey - and all his enforcers (a scene I could have probably done without if I'm honest - and which was apparently edited out of later editions for those of you who have no idea what I'm talking about), Trick and Marcus go all m/m on each other...which is **TOTALLY** fine by me...

...but after that it was never mentioned or referred to again...

...which made me wonder if Wright had regretted including it and was just gonna pretend it never happened.

Thankfully, it *was* mentioned - if a bit glossed over - and we learn a lot more about both Roni and Marcus. We find out a lot more about why Roni retreats into her wolf form, and we also find out a lot more about Marcus and his own childhood.

In short, while not my favorite book in the series, *Dark Instincts* was a very enjoyable read and I think readers of the series will enjoy its addition.

But what I *really* want?

**Ryan's story.**

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**Lana ✨Dirty Girl Romance✨ says**

**3.5- 4 Stars**

*When Marcus wanted something, he would hunt it down until it was his. And he wanted Roni Axton in his bed...*

As disappointed as I was with Carnal Secrets I was equal parts dreading and anticipating this book. I knew if I didn't like this one, it may be the end of the road for me with this series. That's not to say that I didn't dive into it immediately upon having it land on my kindle. Something about this series will just always be a guilty pleasure for me. It's the combination of great PNR, humor and super hot sex. It just does it for me. Though with the wait between each book I managed to completely forget who Marcus was. But then again, my puny brain has the memory span of a month at most, so this may have most likely been just me.

I'm so happy that this book was definitely MUCH better than Carnal Secrets. Though it wasn't as good as the first book for me (Feral Sins will forever be my favorite).

Roni is Nick's sister and enforcer in her pack. She's a total badass bitch.

She's also a tomboy that struggles to see her own appeal. So when the super sexy Marcus begins to hit on her mercilessly and pursue her with a single minded intent, she has a hard time believing that he's truly interested in her.

Marcus is a bit of a manwhore, but he has his reasons. His past pretty much ensures that he not want to find his mate. But Roni draws him to her like a magnet. There's just something about her and he knows that he won't be satisfied until he has her underneath him...or on top, side, standing up...he's not picky.

I gotta say that Marcus and Roni were definitely very well matched. They're both sharp with the wit and have equal standing in their packs since Marcus is also an enforcer. I loved watching him wear Roni down. When the man sets his mind to it, he definitely sets his mind to it.

I'm not sure if my inner pervert has gotten super picky lately or what, but I didn't find the sex quite as hot as it was in the previous books. I did like the story quite a bit, however. There was a little bit of everything; suspense, action, and lots of sexy times. Of course what would this series be without the rabid grandma and her insults? All the rest of our favorite characters are back too.

As much as I enjoyed the story, it just didn't managed to completely grip me as the first 2 books did. I had no issues setting it down and coming back to it. That's not to say it wasn't a great read, it just wasn't one of those can't-put-it-down ones for me. There's a lot that's going on here not only with Roni and Marcus, but Marcus's past and their packs. I did find that everything else that was happening at times took away from the romance of the story, though not immensely.

Fans of this series will definitely enjoy this one. And if you're like me and didn't fully enjoy the 3rd book, this one is much better. I'm really looking forward to the next installment in this series.

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**Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says**

**4 SW Finally Did It Right Stars**

So...After two failed attempts in this series, the author finally managed to write another book that I loved. Without the unnecessary drama and communication blocks that made the previous two so freakin' tedious.

Roni was just what I expected and wanted of her to be. She was intelligent, driven, funny and confident. She may have allowed her family to interfere with her life a bit more than she should but when push came to shove she was her own person and she didn't let anything stop her from living her life. Not her past bad experiences, not her overbearing loved ones and not the sexy enforcer of Phoenix Pack, Markus.

Markus on the other hand was exactly what I like in guys. He was laid-back, funny, easy going and behind all this he was a real badass who had no need to prove he was the baddest kid in the neighborhood every ten minutes. He was also a bit of a player but when he decided on Roni he didn't waver, he didn't bemoan his future "taken" status. He wasn't afraid of commitment. when it was to the right girl.

The book had a very minimum amount of drama all things considered. Relationship or otherwise. I think that was what endeared it to me most and the fact that I loved Roni and especially how she managed to get Greta on her side. I enjoyed this book very much!

\*\*\*\*\*09/03/2015\*\*\*\*\*

I decided that if I don't love this one I'm giving up on the series. If I don't end up loving Roni there is no

hope for the rest!

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## Alex is The Romance Fox says

Dark Instincts, the 4th book in Suzanne Wright's The Phoenix Pack starts off with a bang!!! Some pack mates are attacked by a group of shifters, which we later learn are part of a Jackal Pack, whose plan to kidnap the Phoenix Pact Alpha Trey and Tanya Coleman's young son, is foiled by the fighting instincts of Roni Axton. That was an unexpected and thrilling experience!!

This book is Roni Axton, sister and enforcer of Nick's Mercury Pack – a loner, tough, kick-ass and a fighter, has been doing her best to avoid Marcus Fuller, enforcer of the Phoenix Pack, a smooth talking, charming and sexy lover of women, without much success. Since the first time she's seen him....she can't get him out of her head...

She knows that she's not his type of women....she doesn't do chit-chat and further, her family is always on her case about her being a tomboy and not the kind of woman a man is looking for.

But Marcus feels the strong chemistry between them...even if Roni denies it. And he's not the kind of man to give up on someone he wants...

There's also a darkness inside him that he hides behind his laid-back and easy-going façade. I found him very engaging although at first I was thinking...wait a minute...I was expecting something else in Marcus's life...like he would end up with the shifter, Trick!!! Yes, I did have that thought...after what the two did with each other in the "infamous" ménage "a neuve" in Feral Sins!!!!

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1...> and throughout most of the book, there are remarks made about Marcus and Trick being friends with "benefits" and pulling something else or other with each other!!!! But ultimately, the two are just good friends and it's Roni who Marcus wants...hey, I did have a moment there that I thought...okay, maybe Marcus, Roni and Trick would have a ménage a trois!!!! But, sorry, not happening in this story!!!! An apology if this is a spoiler!!!!

I must admit that I wasn't getting those "fuzzy" feelings for Roni at the beginning. She was so anti-social and giving off these "tough as nails" vibes....

But as I came to know her and discovered what she had experienced in her life as a teenager, I began to understand her need to disconnect with those around her....who wouldn't if one was always been criticized by her own family. She grew on me – afraid...nah....kick-ass...yeah.....check the scene where she's telling the sneakiest Seer from her pack off....

**"Allowing Marcus to lead her back to the Toyota, she glanced over her shoulder at Kerrie. "You—if you come near us again, I'll make you choke on your own ovaries. And I'll enjoy it. What's more, I'll make you enjoy it. Just sayin'."**

I fell totally in love with her character.

I enjoyed the way their relationship developed and how they dealt with the family dynamics....

Two broken people. Both having to work through their darkness and pain before finding their HEA.

The main plot is quite dark with the introduction of the evil and corrupt Jackal Pack and how they abduct shifters and humans to torture and use for the making of “snuff” movies. The Phoenix and Mercury Packs join forces to bringing down these immoral and depraved shifters, no matter what.

The dialogue is what we expect from this author. It’s a total funny and wicked and sparkly blast!!!

**“Shaya’s chasing Nick with her shotgun—and I’m not even kidding. I believe the last words she said to him before we left were, ‘Run, Alpha-boy.’”**

The one scene where Eli, Roni’s brother confronts her after she’s posted something about him on the Packs website was a total “rolling and laughing my ass off on the floor” moment...

**“He turned his glare on Roni. “I’m now known on a global scale as a gay, submissive, kinky, mated male recovering from an STD!” Roni tilted her head. “If you’re looking for remorse, you can find it in the dictionary somewhere between rectum and runt.”**

And the unforgettable scene where the Pack “ladies” take on the job of interrogation.....and torture of a prisoner female Jackal shifter , who they want to extract information on the Jackal Pack....talk about awesomeness!!!!

Another enjoyable scene was (view spoiler)The Pack males are beyond wicked how they go about getting (view spoiler)

I was really happy for Roni and Marcus...they did good things for and to each other....bringing out the best in each other...and it made for one of my favorite quotes in this story....

I liked this series a lot and hopefully we will get more in the future.

This is a series for all those lovers of steamy paranormal romance with endearing characters and fabulous storylines.

A definite reread.

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## **Catarina says**

### **4 Sexy Stars.**

If you’re familiar with this series you already know who both Roni and Marcus are. Both enforcers in their packs, they know how to be strong and have to fight for themselves and their packs. Marcus is a badass used to have every element of the opposite sex flying around him. But Roni, despite being a badass girl, she is a little “tomboy” that isn’t always able to see her qualities. Both of them have their own reasons to be closed off to commitment (or mating, in this case), but when Marcus set his eyes on Roni he can’t resist her. He’s decided to have her, but this time he may find the only shifter that his as stubborn as himself.

After the third book of this series have been a little disappointing for me, I was a little scared of starting this one. It wasn't (at all) as good as the first two, but it was an engaging, sexy reading and I'm always completely unable to resist these books. My main problem with this series is that it takes too much time between books and I had some trouble reminding some of the stuff (and let's be real... ain't nobody got time for re-reads!).

But back to what's important: this was romantic, sexy, engaging, had a little mystery to it and fans of the series will certainly like it. And if you haven't read this series before and like some PNR, what the heck are you waiting for?!

**Rating:** 4 Stars.

**Characters Development:** I liked Marcus, I was afraid some "events" from the previous book were going to re-surface, but as that didn't happened it was easy to love him, especially after learning more about his past. Ronie was awesome!! She was a freaking badass, fierce and sassy. I loved her! And in this one we had the best of both worlds... or packs in this case, and it was awesome to read.

**Steam:** Hot.

**Sensible Subjects:** (view spoiler)

**Love Triangle:** (view spoiler)

**Cheating:** (view spoiler)

**HEA:** (view spoiler)

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## SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

[No. (hide spoiler)]

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## Shanny says

Release date April 7, 2015.

\*\*\*The synopsis for "Dark Instincts"\*\*\*

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

### 4.5 Antisocial Stars

\* May have Spoilers below\*

**“Flirting is supposed to be fun and playful, sweetheart. It doesn’t mean I’m not serious.” He leaned closer, lowering his voice so only she could hear, making the whole thing painfully intimate. “I want you. I want to make you come so hard that the memory’s burned into your brain and you’ll never forget the feeling of me deep inside you.”**

OMG!!!! Ok so I loved the 1st book and the 2nd, the 3rd was just meh. So I was just a little worried that the 4th one would fall flat too. Well I was wrong. I loved Dark Instincts . It was so good that now I can't wait for the next one to come out!

**“So when I told you to stop interfering in my life, what part of that statement did you find confusing? Should I use smaller words? Simpler vocabulary? Or maybe you need me to emphasize it with a blow to the jaw? That would be fun.” (Roni to Nick)**

Roni:

Roni is flippin awesome. I love how socially awkward she is. She is an enforcer so she kick some serious ass. She is a huge tom boy. I got a kick out of her smart witty remarks, but I loved her random weird facts so much.

Roni's Random Facts:

**“Did you know that if you get caught masturbating in Indonesia, you can be decapitated as punishment?” “Roni.” “What? What did I say?”**

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**"Did you know that thousands of different bacteria can be found in a person's belly button?"**

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**“Did you know that an ingredient of many lipsticks is crushed parasitic beetles?”**

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**“Did you know that if your stomach doesn’t produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, it’ll digest itself?”**

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**“Except dolphins,” interjected Roni. “They’re a race of violent predators who kill their own babies for fun and who have a predilection to gang rape.”**

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**“For instance, I know that in Baldwin Park, no one’s allowed to ride a bicycle in a swimming pool. And I know that it’s illegal to hunt whales in Oklahoma. Oh, and in Singapore, it’s illegal to buy or sell gum you can only have it prescribed by a doctor.” Everyone just stared at her. “What?”**

Marcus:

**“I didn’t say you’re submissive. I said I do the fucking, and you do the taking. It’s like I told you last time when I’m inside this pussy, it’s mine. And right now, I want to fuck it.”**

Marcus is fun loving, charming , and very loyal. He shows everyone the laid back, playboy side but there is way more to Marcus then what meets the eye. He is very supportive of Roni, and gives her the time she needs, slowing breaking down all the walls around her heart. I love his little quirk about not sharing his food ever.

**“You come across as a smooth, easygoing flirt who’s all soft and cuddly. But in reality, you’re a dangerous fucker who’s simply very prettily dressed in charm.” “Flattery won’t get you anywhere, Roni. Except, of course, if it’s accompanied by a kiss.” “You hide behind the charm, flirt constantly, flash that bad-boy smile at everyone, and live by the ‘no strings attached rule. But in doing that, you’ve reduced yourself to a sex toy.”**

**“That doesn’t matter to me. She doesn’t matter to me. You matter to me. And absolutely nobody gets to harm you. Not because I don’t think you can take care of yourself, but because the very idea of anyone targeting you offends me and pisses me the hell off. If anyone touches you, they die.”**

**“One thing we can learn from this is to never underestimate our females.” “You know, looking at them right now,” began Marcus, “it’s safe to say they’re all a little crazy and vicious.” Nick, Trey, and Dante all nodded in agreement, looking proud. “Yeah,” said Trey. “We lucked out.”**

Marcus and Roni together are so damn cute, but when it comes to sex they go rough and hard! They have major chemistry, like rippin clothes off, up against the tree, can't get it fast enough chemistry!!!!

**Then she pointed at her pussy. “Well, it’s not going to lick itself.”**

**“You can be just as possessive, Roni. Gets me hard every time.” She snorted. “A burger gets you hard.” “But it doesn’t taste as good as you do.”**

I adored that both Trey and Nicks packs are all over this book because I enjoy seeing how everyone is doing. Roni with her two brothers had me rolling. Her and Eli with their crazy brother/sister prank war OMG.

**“Does your cruelty know no boundaries?” “What did she do?” chuckled Marcus. “Take a look. Take a long look at who you’ve mated.” Eli tossed his cell to Marcus. “Total. Fucking. Bitch.” As his mate continued to brush off her brother’s insults, Marcus found himself looking at Eli’s Facebook profile while Nick, Shaya, and Stone peeked at it over his shoulder. Eli or Roni pretending to be Eli had posted on his wall at four-thirty in the morning “I’ve got an announcement to make. I’ve found my true mate. Yep, turns out my mate was under my nose the whole time.” Under the post was a photo of a naked Eli curled up in bed . . . with a grinning Kent spooning him.**

This book has it all family drama, hot romance, on the edge of your seat suspense, A yummy, sexy werewolf with cheesy come on lines, and tons of action! Oh and lets not forget adorable lil Kye!!!! I can't not wait for

## SPIRAL OF NEED (Derren's book)

Below I leave my favorite moment from this book:

**Trey gave him a mockingly sympathetic look. "You might be an Alpha, but your family will always find a way to play you." Nick just scowled at him. "I'm glad you find this amusing, Sailor Joe." It seemed to take a few seconds for the words to sink in, but when they did, Trey spun to snarl at Taryn, "You told him?" She laughed awkwardly. "Of course I didn't tell him." In a low voice, she added, "I told Shaya." While everyone else was doing their best to hide their amusement, Dante was outright laughing his ass off. "A sailor, huh? Didn't think that role-play was your thing." Trey glowered at him. "Something funny, Fireman Sam?" The laughing abruptly stopped, and Dante rounded on his mate. "You told him?" Jaime spluttered. "No!" She cleared her throat. "Although I did tell Taryn. And Shaya. And Roni. But I didn't tell them about the time you—" A large hand clapped over her mouth. "About the time you . . . ?" prodded Nick, grinning. Wincing as Jaime bit into his palm, Dante shook his head. "Nothing." Shaya snorted at Nick. "You're not really one to judge, considering you—" Her words were cut off as he kissed her hard.**

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## Elizabeth says

**"I need you, sweetheart. Do you understand me? There's no point in anything if I don't have you."**

Dark Instincts is the fourth book in The Phoenix Pack and I can say with complete certainty that it was my favorite. 5 star read all the way.

What makes this one the best? I have two words for you: Roni Axton. This heroine is by far the strongest of all the female shifters in this series. She is a take no prisoners kind of woman.

There is only one wolf who can tame the likes of Roni and that is Marcus. Both Roni and Marcus are enforcers for their respective packs. They fight hard to protect the people that they love. Their loyalty, strength, passion, and courage is what draws them to each other like magnets.

**"Initially, Roni's apparent indifference had galled him. He hadn't liked that he seemed to be the only one feeling this intense attraction that bordered on magnetism. Every time they were in close proximity, the air crackled with sexual energy, and he hadn't believed that could possibly be a one-way street."**

Marcus makes no qualms about his attraction to Roni. I find this to be a huge plus in a read. I just prefer for things to be out in the open. Why waste time beating around the bush? You can't call this a case of "insta-love" because Marcus is clear that he is in LUST with Roni. Marcus is a flirt and make his intentions towards Roni clear to everyone. A combination of lingered looks and quick touches makes Roni slightly uncomfortable and yet he continues towards winning her over.

Roni is a tomboy and feels like she must keep her emotions locked tight. She loves to escape into her wolf form in order to avoid any drama. Marcus pursues her until she finally breaks down and gives in to the passion. These two together were instantly connected.

**"As if they shared the same skin— a sensation she knew she'd feel even when they were apart. She couldn't see the bond, but she could feel it as surely as she could feel her connection to her arm. She could sense what Marcus was feeling as it hummed through the bond: pure masculine satisfaction."**

As shifters, they know they shouldn't imprint (become serious) because if the other found their mate it would cause them both emotional pain. Roni and Marcus share a beautiful friendship that blossoms into a deep romance. Marcus is so protective of Roni and yet doesn't stifle her ability to fight her own battles. It was such a breath of fresh air to read about a shifter couple that had balance in their relationship. They had boundaries and worked hard to respect one another. It doesn't take long for them to realize they want to be together. They aren't afraid to be together. Screw the rules! Forget the expectations of finding your mate. Roni and Marcus just fit!

**"If you do come across your mate and recognize him, you'd better hope to God for his sake that he's stronger than me, sweetheart, or he's dead. I'll kill him before I let him take you." She gaped again. "Sorry you asked?"-Marcus**

As the temperature increases between the two (and trust me it is steamy hot), both of their packs are dealing with a Jackal uprising. Roni has to overcome her issues with her mother (and brother) and Marcus has a some baggage to sort out as well. The banter between Roni and her siblings was off the charts. The sprinkled humor kept me smiling the entire time.

While Marcus is with Roni, he recognizes a calmness he has never felt before. He comes to the conclusion that Roni is in fact his true mate after all. Now he just has to convince Roni.

**"All the signs are there: the possessiveness, the protectiveness, the jealousy, the intensity, the attraction between our wolves." That gave him an idea. "Listen to your wolf, sweetheart."**

Roni was so cautious. Instead of finding her protectiveness over her own heart annoying (like many heroines who take forever to come around), I respected her ability to recognize her own needs and desires. She takes time to make sure it is right. When it clicks, her heart is at peace. Still, she doesn't give up her sassiness. Even for her true mate.

**"Why shouldn't you feel balanced, sweetheart? You're anchored now." "It doesn't mean I'll start smiling or anything." "Of course not, Dimples."**

Even after Roni and Marcus mated, Roni still rules the relationship. I love what she did to him the day after their mating ceremony. Let's just say you don't want to make this heroine angry because she will make you pay! In a "laugh out loud" and "wish I had thought of that" way.

**"I need you to listen up, sweetheart. Hear me when I say that you are more important to me than any thing in this world. I'm proud to have you as a mate. Everything about you appeals to me— your strength, your intelligence, your complexity, your frankness, and the fact that you use pointless facts as social repellents. And let's not forget your ass. I love your addictively supple body, sweetheart, but**

### especially that phenomenal ass.”-Marcus

Marcus and Roni were such a great addition to this series. This read was full of action, steam, suspense, and brought me back to the pack. I never imagined I would be a paranormal fan and yet I find that each book in this series draws me in every time. If you enjoy a strong heroine and a supportive hero then you will truly enjoy this read. I can't wait for the next book in the series!

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### Kristen says

#### 4 Stars

I enjoyed this story. Not as much as the first two books in the series but it was a huge improvement from the last one.

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### Pam says

*5 show no mercy stars*

*“I was scared of needing anyone, scared of having anyone need me.”*

**Roni** is the younger sister of Nick, the Alpha leader of the Mercury Pack. Even with her position as pack Enforcer, her cold icy demeanor, her tomboy ways and her exceptionally high IQ, she finds she can never change the fact that Nick or her mom views and treats her as a helpless twelve year old girl. The only one who sees her for the woman she truly is inside is **Marcus**, the pack Enforcer of the Phoenix Pack.

Marcus has been *the star of her every X-rated fantasy. He deserved an Oscar for his performances.* The need she feels when he walks in the room is enough to scare her away, but it's not like he'd ever find out. Marcus has been bidding his time, observing Roni from afar, *she was incredibly intelligent; in order to seduce her physically, he'd need to first seduce her mentally.* And when the opportunity for them to join forces to hunt down the jackals, he uses everything he can to his advantage.

*“As you may have noticed, despite being a dominant female, I'm not interested in being the dominant partner in bed. An active partner, yes, but not dominant. However, that doesn't mean I'll let you take the lead in any way, shape, or form outside of the bedroom.”*

Roni is strong, powerful and deadly in her own rite, an alpha female who protects her own with little thought to her own safety. Marcus sees all this and more, understanding and believing in her; with each passing day he chips away at her protective wall until it is broken down. Leaving her bare *but not alone.*

*“See, this body belongs to me. I wanted to touch it”—he smoothed a hand down her*

*side—"lick it"—he delivered a long, sensual lick to her neck—"bite it"—he sank his teeth into her throat—"and fuck it." He ground his reviving cock against her clit.*

Marcus wasn't prepared for Roni, he knew he wanted her, but he never anticipated just how deep their connection truly is. When faced with the reality of a life without the other, can they fully let go of the demons that hold them and make it through till forever ...

**Dark Instincts** is nothing short of amazing, it has everything that I only come to expect from Suzanne Wright. She has a way to perfectly blend my most favorite things seamlessly while still delivering a unique reading experience. In this I was more than pleased to find Roni, a strong-alpha-female who is lethal, smart and sassy but willing to submit in the bedroom (after some power play of course) to a worthy man. Marcus is playful, charming, sexy and dangerous, he wasn't intimidated with Roni's strength and smarts, he fully embraced all that she is and stood proudly by her side. They both are natural born protectors, both understand the meaning of *showing no mercy*.

This had action, humor, playful banter, sexual tension, claim staking and some darker themes; it really has it all. Feral Sins will always be my favorite in the bunch, it was the beginning, and I know well enough that there will never be another Trey and Taryn. With that mind set, everything after has lived up to the standard that the author has set and has never disappointed me. I have been invested in this series from day one, loving how we keep getting more and hope it never stops. Awesome read and highly recommended for those who love their paranormal erotic reads.

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**Mirjana \*\*DTR - Down to Read\*\* says**

\*\*\*3.5 Stars\*\*\*

"I never stood a chance, did I?"

"Of what?"

"Holding out against you."

"Nope. I was too determined to have you."

I have been wrapped up in this series for a week now and this book has just continued to feed my addiction!

I love the dynamic of all of these characters. And now that we've added the Mercury Pack to the mix....I'm in

wolf shifter heaven!

Roni and Marcus were the perfect balance for each other. Marcus allowed Roni to be who she was. He found her quirks endearing and her strength admirable. He didn't need her to be a cookie cutter female...he allowed her to shine in her own unique way. I love how he slowly broke down her defenses...he didn't push or crowd or manipulate. He simply refused to give up and proved over and over again to Roni that he was genuinely interested in her.

In turn, Roni saw the man beneath Marcus's easy-going playboy facade. She saw that there was so much more to him than what he showed the world. She allowed him to open up to her and share the things that he keeps hidden...the insecurities and family history that has forced him to build a wall around his heart.

However, while I really liked Marcus and Roni as a couple, and found that they were very well matched...I just didn't feel the passion between them like I did with previous couples. Were they hot together? Hell yes. But I was missing that extra spark...the little bit of OOOMPH to make their chemistry leap off the page.

Also, I think the suspense plot overshadowed the building of their relationship a little bit, especially in the second half. I was completely intrigued by the mystery of what was going on with the jackals and their sick underground operation (the climactic fight at the end - I WAS COMPLETELY GLUED TO MY KINDLE!) but I felt that the unraveling and investigation of what was going on took away from the romance element.

But even with the couple of things I was a little underwhelmed or disappointed with, I couldn't put this book down! I am completely invested in the dynamic of every relationship offered in this series....from mated couples to friends to family. And with the addition of another pack, now there's more for me to love! Quick shout out to the hilarious pranks between Roni and her brother, Eli and the love/hate relationship between Marcus and Nick.

I know Ryan's book is next, but man am I itching for Dominic's book! I can't wait to see who's going to finally crack that nut.

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