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A Vampire Out to Clear Her Son's Name.

A Former Lover Bent on Revenge.

But Neither is Prepared for What Happens Next...

Vampire couple Olivia and Lucian were forced to separate nearly two centuries ago, but now a series of murders has brought them back together. Their task? To investigate who's responsible for the grisly killings. And the prime suspect is none other than Olivia's son, Kaden.

For Olivia, the reunion brings back all the pain of their shattered love—a love she abandoned to marry another. The decision held fateful consequences for herself and her troubled, warring sons. But her new mission also offers a chance at redemption as she risks everything to prove Kaden's innocence—and put back together a fractured family before it's too late.

Through it all, Olivia faces the seemingly unyielding hate of Lucian, a powerful leader of the Council, the enforcers of all immortals. He's determined to seek vengeance on Olivia and her son—but can his hatred withstand the love his heart can't deny?

The first book of the Misfits of the Lore series, *Lover's Betrayal* challenges everything you thought you knew about vampires and the paranormal. Savvy, sexy, and full of surprises, *Lover's Betrayal* will keep you guessing right up until the finale.

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From Reader Review Lover's Betrayal for online ebook

Julia says

Reviewed by Mona at RexRobotReviews.com

Lover's Betrayal, the new installment in the Misfits of the Lore series by J.E. Hopkins, is the perfect introduction to an amazing group of vampires! I was entrenched in this tangled web of mystery, danger, jealousy, hate and murder. And, strangely enough, it all arises a hope for lost love.

In the process of trying to prove her son innocent of crimes laid at his doorstep, Olivia must face the man she left so many years ago. This is a wonderfully written twist on what happens to two that are fated to be together, but are torn apart and thrown back together when hope is just about gone.

The characters are a lovely variety, especially Corrine with her wonderfully snarky sense of humor and her in your face attitude! Lover's Betrayal is the perfect beginning to a wonderful new series. I recommend this to all paranormal lovers and to anyone who believes that love deserves a second chance!

Jamie says

Lover's Betrayal is the first book in the Misfits of the Lore Series. This book had so much to offer and I loved every bit of it. I don't read many adult books but this is one that I really enjoyed and want to continue with the series.

Olivia gets a phone that her oldest son Kaden is being accused of murdering women. At the same time Olivia has been taking this drug that slowly kills vampires, while making her weaker everyday. Olivia along with her best friend Corrine make the trip to New York where her younger son Julian lives. Olivia does not believe that Kaden killed those women. They all get their plans together to start investing and to find the real killer. Just before they set out, two members of the council show up to arrest Kaden. The council leader being none other than Olivia's long time love and mate Lucian.

Lucian wants nothing to do with Olivia because he thinks she left him for Daughton, he deceased husband and father to her sons. Emotions run high when these two get together. Olivia is afraid to reveal the real story of why she married Daughton. At the same time she can't keep her feelings for Lucian a secret. Lucian tries to fight his feeling for her but eventually gives into them.

This book had it all, danger, betrayal, mystery, romance, action and some humor thrown in. I love reading vampire stories and this one was fantastic. The author added some other types of paranormal beings into the story. The plot and the characters were well written. There are so many twists and turns that it just made the story better and better as it went along. There are some adult scenes that I felt were touching on erotica. This happens only a few times and is not the focus of the story. I am looking forward to read the next book. I'm recommending this one to adults who loves paranormal romance and vampires.

This book was given to me as a review copy. This did not affect my review in any way.

Vanessa Valiente says

This was absolutely horrible. The story is interesting, but the writing style was complete agony to get through. The sad thing is I was really looking forward to reading this, but in the end I just couldn't stomach it.

Kristen My Bookish Fairy Tale says

After 175 years Olivia feels the most intense love for her mate Lucian head of the immortal Council, the enforcer's to all the supernatural beings. But after being separated by her evil sadistic husband Daughton, Olivia has spent her life not living. The emotional and physical abuse that she suffered at the hands of Daughton has caused Olivia the most unbearable pain. She lives for her sons but has failed them terribly. Her mistakes have caused a rift between her boys. Once they were closer than anything and now they cannot even be in the same room together without wanting to kill each other.

When Olivia gets an unexpected phone call from her youngest son Julian asking for her help with his brother Kaden, Olivia doesn't think twice but jumps on a plan with her best friend Corinne and head to New York to help her sons. When Olivia gets there she realizes the problems that her sons are going through are so much worse than she ever could have expected. Kaden is suspected of murdering seven innocent women.

Kaden has always had a dangerous streak but Olivia does not believe that her son is malicious enough to kill innocent people. She knows he is not perfect but he is still her son and she will stop at nothing to prove his innocence. But an unexpected visit from her lost mate has Olivia more mixed up and confused than ever. She cannot help the instant attraction that she still feels after all these years.

Lucian believes that Olivia betrayed him to be with Daughton. Olivia claiming to want him for his money and security but that is not the case. Lucian believes that Olivia tricked him but she had no choice in her marriage to her tyrannical husband.

Lucian is forced to deal with Kaden's situation which in turn forces him to deal with the situation of his one and only love. The feelings of betrayal have been unbearable for the last century and a half. He has barely put his life back together and he is thrust into dealing with the one person who he never wanted to see again.

As Lucian and Olivia try to uncover the truth about what happened to the murdered girls they discover so much more going on with the immortals that they never expected. As they try to untangle their feelings and try to get past all the hurt and anger they have dealt with, they realize that their bond might be stronger than they ever imagined.

I absolutely ravished Lover's Betrayal. A great story of true love, forgiveness and their ability to let go to the past no matter what you have been through. I adored all of the characters in this story. They each brought a great element that made the story amazing. I loved the relationship between Lucian and Olivia. Kaden was an amazing lead character. He has suffered with the knowledge of who he is for his entire life and cannot seem to get past it.

The internal struggles that the characters go through made the book very enjoyable. A very good read. For those of you who love paranormal. I highly suggest you pick up Lover's Betrayal.

Seduced By Books says

As an up and coming author, Hopkins delivers nicely in this book! 1st in the Misfits of the Lore series – Lover's Betrayal takes the story of Vampires and adds the aristocrat structure. A classic tragedy – as a 'slave' Olivia can not be with Lucian even though they are in love – so when she ends it – his life is crushed. Leave it to a guy to think the situation is that simple!

After 200 years she's ready to end her struggle – but one thing is in her way – patching the relationship of her two sons. This book starts out strong and kept me with it – I wanted to understand Olivia's past and Hopkins does well to give it to you slowly as it unfolds with the story. The plot of the mystery is strong – pulling in new characters as she sets up this group. I love the concept of where it seems Hopkins with go – these 'misfits' out to work together.

As Olivia and Lucian come in contact with each other after all these years – their pull is strong. Now Hopkins did well with her romance and her heat in this book between the two. Passionate and sexy with an unmatched bond - She's got a great start and I'm hoping to hear she has book 2 coming out soon.

Christine says

Rating: 3.5 ... review to come!

Wendy *Sebella Blue* Mitchell says

Olivia was born a slave to the most influential vampire family in the world. Lucian Santoro was the heir apparent to his father's seat on the Council, but none of that mattered. Olivia and Lucian knew they were destined to be mated for all eternity. If only life were fair. Ripped apart by deceit and conspiracies, can anything bring these two together again?

This is why I read sooooo many books. So that I can find that one shining example of what a GREAT romance should be. I can't begin to express how absolutely enthralled I am of this new series. I want to have an affair with this book. It had everything. Compelling characters, great storylines, some of the best humor ever, off the charts sex, and the emotions it pulls from the reader, OMG, I had to grab a box of Kleenex to keep beside me.

It tackled extremely relevant issues without being at all preachy. It was very up to date and modern. I have read, perhaps thousands of books, from authors on best seller lists that did not come close to the sheer genius of this work. What impressed me the most, if I could pick one thing, is the realistic actions of the characters. Whether paranormal or human, I could envision people reacting exactly as the characters did in this book. That's the key, everything was so natural. This author's vision for her world is spot on.

The characterization in this novel is unparalleled. I fell in love with every new character introduced. I was already anticipating their books. The pairings and options were mind boggling, but oh so tantalizing. There was not one detail this author missed in crafting such a superb tale.

Whether or not you are a fan of paranormal romance, this book transcends all categories. This is a MUST

read for any fan of terrific writing. I personally cannot wait for the next book in this series, and it definitely will go on my favorite and multiple rereads shelf. I have reread this book so many times since I originally reviewed it earlier in the year and it never loses a step. This is my clear cut pick for best PNR of 2011, and if Kaden's book is even a scimption as enthralling then the literary world has been twice blessed.

Wendy *Sebella Blue* Mitchell says

Olivia had been ripped away from her true mate, Lucian, on their wedding night. After years of degradation and torture, Olivia has decided to end her existence. First, though, she must resolve issues with her two sons. This is the first book of Misfits of the Lore, and if you never believe another word I write, believe this. **YOU MUST READ THIS BOOK!!!!**

I don't know where this author has been hiding, but WOW, I am soooo glad they wrote this book. It was amazing. The characters were just phenomenal. The main characters were good, but the secondary characters. Her sons, Kaden and Julian, off the chain...Her best friend Corrine, now my BFF. And the sarcastic one liners had me rolling on the floor. I actually did a pepsi spew on my laptop. I was so upset when it ended, I immediately read it again, just in case I missed some of the awesome wonderfulness that was this book.

If you like Laura Wright, Gena Showalter, Kresley Cole, J.R. Ward or any of the truly wonderful authors out there right now, add this book to your list. It will be the best favor you ever did yourself.

Kirsten Lenius says

I rather enjoyed this one, save for the several errors I found throughout.

Robin Priddy says

Olivia was born a slave, her parents were slaves to Anslaw and Vakentina Santoro in Sorrento, Italy, Anslaw was the leader of the Council, they make and enforce to laws for the supernatural races. In exchange for their protection Olivia's family agreed to work for the Santoro family. Then one day their only son, Lucian, asks Olivia to play with him and to be his friend. They have to keep their friendship hidden for both sets of parents. As they grow older their friendship turns into love. They are soul mates. The night they plan to run away together somehow their family finds out. Olivia is taken to the home of a man who wants her, but he only wants her because Lucian loves her and he hates Lucian. When he gets her with child only then does he let her out. He wants her to tell Lucian that she does not want him and that she is already married to someone else. After years of abuse from her spouse, she is free after his death. But she is still not happy. She is still in love with Lucian, still dreaming of him. Olivia is ready to end it all, she is tried. Her sons don't need her anymore and she believes Lucian will never forgive her for what happened in the past. There is trouble between her boys. She wants to get them to be closer before she dies so that they will not be so alone. When Julian calls Olivia asking for help she jumps at the chance to bring the brothers closer. Julian believes Kaden is killing women. Olivia is determined to find out what is going on and find the person who is doing the killing. It looks bad for Kaden because all the women are ones he has been involved with. They try to keep things quiet so the council doesn't send someone to bring him in. But they are too late and the council does send someone and to Olivia's shock it is the head of the council, Lucian. He knows Kaden is Olivia's son. Will Olivia be able to find the true killer before it is too late? Will Lucian help Olivia prove that her son is not a killer? But the biggest question is can Lucian forgive Olivia before she is gone forever?

This is the first in a new series called Misfits of the Lore. What a great start. This book will grab you from the first word and not let go until the end. This new to be author will have a place on my keeper shelf. With this story you get a different take on vampire romance. The interaction between the main characters was great. I can not wait for the next book in this great new series. Keep an eye out on her website jehopkinsauthor.com for the release date of the next book.

Jenn Green says

Bloody good Book ;)

I liked it, I just didn't love it. It was a bit depressing even for me though I liked the characters so that helped. Lots of different supernaturals, some action & a reunion that will break your heart. All in all not bad. Would recommend, just be prepared. Its not a light hearted read.

Loves To Dive says

Olivia and Lucian have known since they were young children that they were destined to be mates. Unfortunately, their love was not meant to be. Lucian's family were members of the vampire aristocrats, and Olivia's family were in servitude to Lucian's for life. Circumstances beyond their control separate them, Olivia is sold into a loveless marriage to a tyrant and bears him two sons. Lucian's pain at Olivia's betrayal causes him to become cold and distant to most, and to despise the thought of Olivia. Nearly 200 years later and after her husband's death Olivia slowly declines into depression and decides to make one last ditch effort to re-connect with her distant sons. She and her BFF, Corinne, head to upstate New York, where her sons Kaden and Julian are currently residing in Julian's home. Upon arrival Olivia soon discovers her son Kaden is being accused of a series of grisly murders of women and her long lost love Lucian, who is now head of the council that rules otherworldly beings, is being sent to arrest him.

Despite their differences, Olivia and Lucian must find a way to work together to investigate the murders and possibly clear Kaden of the crimes. Along the way Olivia must try to reconcile with her sons and cope with the feelings that still exist between herself and Lucian.

While the book has a few flaws, it is well written and easy to read. There are a number of light hearted moments courtesy of Corinne and the other supporting cast of characters, giving us both humor and your usual bigger than life otherworldly fights. Most of the characters are well fleshed out, the book is told mostly from Olivia's point of view so we get to know her better than the rest. I would have liked to have seen more of Corinne, she gave us some great lines and was good comic relief. There are a few steamy scenes that are for mature audiences. They are well written and are integral to helping us understand the conflicts that are in play between Olivia and Lucian. There is a mystery within the mystery of the women's deaths and it will keep you guessing to the very end.

All in all, this was a good read but I did have a few issues with the way some of the characters were written. I found it hard to like Olivia. Most of the time she is portrayed as a weak woman with occasional flashes of strength. Julian and Kaden both come off as spoiled brats at times and I just wanted to tell them to grow up (or grow a pair as the case may be). Even though the title has "misfits of the lore" in it, we are really just introduced to the actual misfits of the lore. The exception being one character who plays a strong role towards the end of the book. I got the feeling that this book was a setup for sequels; it is a good story however, and does stand by itself. All the above aside, I did enjoy the book and recommend it to anyone who likes a mystery mixed with some good bed breaking sex and a different take on the usual cast of

otherworldly characters.

Reviewed as member Paranormal Romance Guild Review Team

Mara says

1 1/2 stars

I can't really recommend this book, it was an ok read, barely acceptable (and probably only because it's an indie author).

The plot was interesting enough, even if not that fresh (Argenau did it too in Vampire, Interrupted). Unfortunately it never became engrossing, and, as usual with independent publishing, it needed editing.

I wish J.E. Hopkins good luck with his/her career, but I'm not planning to buy the sequel.

Shannon says

Entertaining, quick read. Not the same run of the mill vampire novel. Interesting that vampires have beating hearts and can bare children.

Jamie says

I really enjoyed this book. There was a lot going on outside of the romantic conflict with Olivia and Lucian. Olivia's struggle with her life choices and saving her son's relationship made this book more mature-like for me. I appreciated this facet of the book and it is what interested me the most. I very much enjoyed all of the side characters and I am looking forward to reading more about them.
