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Ten years after they bound her powers and banished her, Trina Weyebriidge had successfully carved out a new existence in the human world. She put her life as a witch behind her. But, her magic would not be denied, the bindings holding them in check are weakening. Vampires who crave a taste of the powers stored in her blood are hunting her with deadly force and have kidnapped her sister to lure her out. In a desperate bid to free her sister and gain her own freedom, Trina bargains with the all-too-tempting lion shifter who calls out the long forgotten wild side in her...she would be his concubine in return for pack protection. She'd be safe...until they found out the truth.

UNDENIABLE DESIRE. FORBIDDEN LOVE. INESCAPABLE DESTINY.

When Merrick spots a female intruder living on his property, he's intrigued by her daring. Curious to find out more, he follows her and comes to her aid when she falls prey to an attack. After weeks of unnatural silence, his beast awakens at her touch, and he suspects that she might be the only one able to save his race from a disease killing his kind. Not willing to take the chance of losing her, he binds her to him the only way he knows how...by claiming her as his own. All he has to do to save her is uncover the secrets of her past, stop a pack revolt, convince her that she's desperately in love with him in return, and prevent a war.

## **BloodSworn Details**

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## From Reader Review BloodSworn for online ebook

### Danielle Gypsy Soul says

I really enjoyed this book and won't hesitate to see what else this author has. I picked it up on a whim and boy am I glad I did. The pace was excellent and the action kept me engaged. The main characters were both likeable and strong. The romance was slow but I enjoyed it more than the typical I found my mate followed very quickly by sex. The secondary characters were entertaining and I look forward to more books in this series.

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### Lexi Divan says

Trina the last bloodsworn witch must save her sister who is kidnapped by the vampires. She trespasses in shifter Merrick's property and he binds her to him. Together they face their enemy and learn about each other. I found this book interesting and quite liked it. There were interesting characters with strong leads. The plot was intriguing as well. It wasn't some nilly willy romance but a really put together story.

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### M. says

I know there were some complaints with the typos and font size, but I managed to get a corrected copy that was reissued through Amazon by the author. So, not a lot of issues on that front for me. Any minor typos in my copy were easily overlooked because I was too wrapped up in the story. And no issues with the font size in my copy either.

Personally, I love Ms. Brutger's books. This makes my third that I've devoured and I can't wait to read more. I read a sample of this particular book at the end of The Demon Within and have been waiting for it since then.

This author has a great way of writing the element of magic in action scenes in her stories which I really enjoy. Definitely keeps me flipping the pages, or in this case, touching my kindle screen. I've never been the biggest "magic" or witch lover, but it's really starting to grow on me. Of course, throw some shifters in the mix, and I can't help but get caught up in it since I love shifters.

Merrick and Trina are both likeable characters. They seemed to compliment each other and it was pleasant to read their attraction shape up into a romance while they're dodging attempts on both of their lives. There was a nice balance of romance and suspense in Bloodsworn in my opinion.

And Merrick...There's just something about an alpha male chasing after the woman he's fallen in love with. Of course, it doesn't hurt that he's a possessive, sexy, lion shifter either. So, it should come as no surprise that I love this hero.

There were also some secondary characters I would love to read more about, such as Weston and Judith. Weston had that air of secrecy that made me quite curious about him. And Judith, well, I just liked her, even in the beginning. I like tough women that don't mind doing what needs to be done in order to get to the top.

All in all, I thought Bloodsworn was another great read by this author, and I can't wait to read more.

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## **Llaph | No Frill | No Shill says**

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There is a different take on the oft used themes of vampires, witches and shape-shifters that is engrossing and somewhat unique, making the story a compelling and entertaining read. Merrick's persistence to convince Trina to be with him balances out the single-minded devotion she has of putting everyone else's safety before her own. Everything is wrapped up nicely at the end, and there is potential for other stories set in the world created.

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## **Mara says**

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A self-published UF, BloodSworn gave me a few strong deja-read moments that overall did not detract much from the pleasure of reading it.

There's a nice plot, with some world-building and quite a dose of romance. It's good to know that, at least in UF, heroines and heroes can keep their pants on and check their safety first.

Even if they were firmly in the field of classic UF hero and heroine (they are both alphas and she as a unique power etc.), the characters were interesting to read and well rounded.

It was good to notice that a strong adversary did remain a strong warrior woman and did not make a villainess. :)

Notice that there were a few typos and a few confusing moments (at least for me).

I was intrigued by a sneak peak at the book on Raven. But I admit that the price was a bit too high for a self

pub. @5\$ I expect the same editing of a "published" book (or close enough).

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### **Abra says**

What I liked about this book was the quality of the MCs. Merrick is the Leo (alpha) of his pack, but he is not the usual alpha who listens to no one, always keeps the heroine behind him (if not tricked into staying home), runs roughshod over her feelings, or traps her with her sexuality. We're told he rules the pack with an iron fist, but he always treats Trina, the heroine, as an equal. In addition to the insta-attraction, there is a real affection between the two characters that is usually missing. Merrill has feelings beyond "she mine - must protect". This book easily passes the Bechdel test. Trina talks to other women, they talk about something other than a man, and there is more than one reasonably well rounded female character. For romances I would add that Trina thinks about something other than Merrick. For PNR I would add that Trina acts on her own ideas.

The plot was good and there was plenty of action. I liked a lot of the dialog because it was so natural. At one point early on, Victor, the second in command, challenges Trina's right to be at a murder scene. One of her reasons is magic: "unless you can pull magic out of your ass, I guess that leaves me." My only problem with this book is the large number of typos. At a quick glance I counted 17, but that wasn't going through the whole book.

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### **Beate says**

This was one of those books I never wanted to end. That's how comfortable I felt with the characters and their world. Yes, this is a story about a witch and a shifter falling in love. These two characters are at the chore of the story, but this is about so much more than just two people falling in love. What makes it a magical story, is how the characters are built and fleshed out and 'real' in all their unreality.

But what really wrapped me up and made me feel so comfortable with this book, is the world-building. I love that I wasn't just thrown into the middle of a story and left confused for the first half of the book. Yes, it does happen a lot with paranormal books. The world-building is gradual, you have the time to get comfortable with the information you've been given before you learn something new. It's all gradual and well paced.

The vamps and shifters and witches in this book are nothing new, but at the same time it's a fresh take on the paranormal aspect. Shifters are the good guys, vamps are the bad guys, while the witches are a mix of those two. These days vamps are pretty much the hottest thing on the block, so it's nice to see them reverted to a bad guy role. Being an old fan of Buffy, vamps were always bad with the exception of Angel and a few others.

What I love the most about two people falling in love, is the UST (unresolved sexual tension). Nothing kills the story faster than two characters falling in bed before you reach the end of chapter one. Unless you're reading erotica. But that's a different genre.

BloodSworn is an intense book. There really is no downtime for the reader to relax. Stacey Brutger even manages to surprise me a few times, which is a rare thing. When you've read a number of books, few things are a surprise. It's the same if you watch a lot of TV or a lot of movies - after a while, things just stop surprising you. So when that happens, it's a real treat.

That being said, the book suffers from a few typos and grammar mistakes. But with how well Stacey Brutger pulls you into her world, it's not something you notice too much. My biggest beef with this book were the various spellings of 'athame'. I saw it spelled at least three different ways, might have been four. I stopped counting, so I'm not sure which it was. How it was spelled where in the book also varied, so I'm not sure if it's autocorrect, editor trouble, author not knowing how to spell it, or simply typos. But it don't matter, doesn't take away from the overall quality of the book.

This book goes right onto my favorites shelf, and the author joins the ranks of my favorite authors. :)

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## **CoffeeTimeRomance andMore says**

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## **Mariah says**

While this book was good, I wasn't wowed. Their devotion to one another was pretty cool. So was the fact that she hid herself so well while keeping her job. Well, before she officially met Merrick. CreedMark and the talk of scepters was different. A good different, but I don't feel as if I was given enough information to form too much of an opinion besides that both are rather bad to have/be. All in all the book did keep me reading.

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## Kalaina says

I rather enjoyed this book! I love the world Stacey Brutger created :)  
I was a little sad when it came to an end though. Wish it were longer!

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## Steph says

In **BloodSworn**, we meet Trina Weyebriidge, one of the most powerful, most feared type of witch, and the last of her line. She's a BloodSworn witch whose magic comes from her blood. As powerful as this type of witch is, Trina doesn't practice magic. Her powers were bound for her protection ten years ago. Since then she's been living her life in the human world as a hematologist. However, things are about to change. Vampires have kidnapped her sister and she'll do anything to get her back.

**The war between vampires and shifters had ended one hundred and fifty years ago with a shaky truce that neither race would encroach on the other's territory.**

**Witches were little threat to the pack, but something about their magic disturbed the virus that kept vampires alive. Vampires and witches had hunted each other fanatically for centuries. The only thing that stopped an out-right war between the races was the pack's pledge to keep the peace.**

I enjoyed this world that Stacey Brutger created. Vampires are not seductive or sparkly. They, along with the witches, are the bad guys in this novel. The shifters play an integral part in this world and keep the peace. Merrick, the Leo, was my favorite character. I also liked Merrick, Trina's protector. I was intrigued by the power and history of the BloodSworn. This would make a good series and, if the author chooses to write more in this world, I would definitely read it.

{Full rating: 3.5 stars }

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## Clarke says

3.5 stars. I wanted to love this book I really did. It started off so well with a great story line and interesting characters. The main characters meet and get to slowly know each other and then it's a rush to finish the book. All the character and relationship building is thrown out the window for danger and insentient soul deep love. I wouldn't be as disappointed if there hadn't been so much promise. So much more could've been done to build the world, including dynamics btw shifters, witches, vampires and relationships. There was enough material for at least 2 books if not 3. With everything crammed in the last bit of the book the ending falls a little flat and sudden. I might read another book by this author she has great ideas.

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## JadeShea says

BloodSworn begins with Trina hiding from the Vampires on the Shifters place. She thinks this will be the best place for her till she can figure out how to get her sister back from the vamps. The only problem is the lead Shifter knows exactly where she is, and he wants something from her. Something she may not even be

sure she can give. But when it comes time for her fight or flight, she picks to fight no matter how dangerous it is for her.

This book was okay. It was as great as the other books I've read by this author, but it was still an interesting read. I think the problem I had with was I couldn't really connect with the characters, and I wish there had been a little more emotion and explanations between the hero and heroine. Other than that it was a nice Urban Fantasy to pass the time with.

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### **Mary Hartshorn says**

I really liked this book was pleasantly surprised. I think I found a new favorite author to add to my list!!!!

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### **Douglas Meeks says**

BloodSworn by Stacey Brutger

My rating: 4 of 5 stars

**NOTE:** *Any reviews that mention formatting/grammar problems should be ignored since those have been corrected and the ebooks up for sale now have the new corrected version.*

#### **Review:**

Trina thought she had found the perfect place to hide when she used a bit of magic to get her through all the guards on the property of Merrick. The fact that he could see her (when nobody else could) almost every time she came onto his property to hide in a large shed on his land should have told them something.

This story revolves around 2 main plots. The romance of Merrick trying to slowly convince Trina that she desired him as much as he desired her was a VERY frustratingly slow process but very entertaining, since they both felt a strong pull for each other but Trina was dedicated to another task, the somewhat urban fantasy plot of trying to recover her kidnapped sister back from the vampire king (the vampires in this story are far from being nice and sparkly).

The story is a great one of magic, passion, loyalty, mystery and then you throw in the evil bad guys (vampires and witches), and you now have all the trappings for a really good story. Oh and least we forget a few zombies show up, what a party –grin-

There are a lot more complexities to this story than I can tell here but it was entertaining, kept my interest and ended very nicely wrapped up. This is an easy 4 Star reading and maybe more depending on your mood.

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