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Hannah Torrington lives a perfectly normal and ordinary life until the night her sister is murdered by vampires.

Saved by a Lycan named Will and thrust into a world she never knew existed, Hannah is taken to a secret facility that trains men and women to hunt vampires.

Determined to take her revenge for her sister's death, Hannah joins the recruit program. As she is pushed to the brink of physical and mental exhaustion by the intense training, she fights her forbidden attraction to her instructor Will and struggles to adjust to her new life.

Please Note: This is book one of a trilogy and contains a cliff-hanger ending.

## **The Recruit: Book One Details**

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## From Reader Review The Recruit: Book One for online ebook

### Amelia says

2.5 Stars. I suspect most lovers of this genre would enjoy The Recruit but it just wasn't for me. A bit too much gore. A bit too much of everyone having sex with everyone else. A bit too much of every character fancying Hannah/Will. A bit too choppy a flow of time. I didn't like either main character and I felt my feminist hackles raising slightly.

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### Jeanny says

-1 star cliffhanger ending. I need to find more YA like this.  
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### Kbrazell says

Ummm.... not bad. Not great, but not bad.

I know what I liked: The whole academy training thing (what is it about that scenario that seems to get everyone??), the whole supernatural thing, the revenge thing, the steamy scenes, ... and sadly the realistic (heh kinda, it is about vampires) deaths. I liked that Ms. Kelly wasn't afraid to kill off some characters.

What I didn't like: How Will goes from extreme douche asshole to lover to assdouche and it goes back and forth. And how Hannah suddenly becomes a ninja kung fu master (loved it but too unrealistic).

But that sneak peak for the next book? Nailed it. Can't wait to read it.

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### Charry says

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. The story is about a woman who survives a vampire attack, while her sister is killed. She is saved by a secret group of vampire hunters and ends up a part of their training program as a recruit. She is bent on vengeance for her sister. The focus of the book is primarily during the time of her training, so it's in essence a "how it all began" story.

I really liked the story and the main character. There were parts of it that I found difficult to believe (even within the realm of paranormal romance). However overall i thought it was very well done. The author really tries to make the lead character strong but in some ways vulnerable. The action scenes were well formed and the romance/sex scenes were incredibly steamy without overtaking the rest of the book. I was impressed by the emotional maturity of the main characters, finding them likable.

Some of the things i didn't like were the supporting characters. It seemed like everybody was a teenager (mentally) who despite the seriousness of their work couldn't seem to stop letting bedroom antics get in the way of work. I found that hard to believe but amusing.

I thought this was a good start to the series and am definitely interested in reading the next one.

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### **Marsha says**

So many times I have a summary for a book then read it only to be disappointed. However, when I read the review for "The Recruit" and saw that so many of my Goodreads friends gave it high ratings I decided to take a chance. I must confess, the summary for this book does not do it justice. It is a combination of paranormal mysteries, intrigue, romance and erotica. Yum!

Hannah allowed her sister, Sara to talk her into going to a party with her. Sara is the petite, pretty one while Hannah was rather curvy and shy. While walking closer to the crowd, Hannah slips and cuts her knee. When they reach the guys who had invited them to the party, they are attacked. It seems they are vampires.

When Hannah awakens, she discovers she is not in the hospital but at a training facility. She is told that her sister and the other women at the party have been killed and she is the lone survivor. She also meets an infuriating and less than subtle trainer named Will. He doesn't like her and she doesn't like him. Hannah requests to be a recruit in the vampire slayer program but Will makes it clear that her curves and lack of physical fitness would not make her successful. However, revenge is a powerful motivator and Hannah wants badly to avenge her sister's death.

Sarah works hard but is still last in all of her classes so she sneaks out of the dorms at night in order to get in more training that is until Will catches her and a heated argument ensues. But then that heat turns to lust and Hannah experience that sex can truly be glorious with the right man. The real question, is Will the right one?

As Hannah becomes more adept in her training, she garners attention from other students and vampires as well. It is becoming clear, there is a mole. The question is who is it? I was truly surprised at how much I enjoyed this read. The world building was great, the tension between the characters was intense and hot. Before I realized it I had read the whole book in one sitting. My only complaint, the new book isn't out! Oh, the pain of it all. Hopefully, the new book will be out soon.

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### **mich says**

This is free right now on Amazon. Please feel free to read it and tell me if it's good or not ;)

<http://www.amazon.com/Recruit-Book-On...>

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### **Rose says**

Good book! And even more, It was for FREE by kobo!

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### **Jeanne Walz says**

I enjoyed this story. As per other reviews, I do not mind cliffhangers. I feel it adds to the build up of the story and keeps me coming back for more. I feel the lead female, Hannah, is a strong woman with a mission. The

lead male, Will, is an Alpha in all descriptions of the word. I especially love how Kelly depicts the werewolf as he tries to fight his natural instincts to associate himself with the humans. I can say I am annoyed by the Rules but that only makes me enjoy the book even more.

@@@SPOILERS@@@

Why no sexual relations among the men and women? It is obvious everyone needs this outlet and by prohibiting it will only cause more unease, chaos, and restlessness among the facility. A good warrior (slayer) is a calm and focused one.

@@@END OF SPOILERS@@@

With that ending, it is good to know that I do not need to wait 6-12 months to read the next book. I will be moving on to the next book immediately.

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### **Karlene Saleapaga says**

It got me to want to buy, read, rate and want the next book ASAP please!!!!

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### **Karyn Mitchell says**

I loved this book the chemistry between will and hannah was fabulus but i felt that alot of it dragged on with very little actually happening for me to be able to give it a better rateing shame really the writting was superb.

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### **SG says**

I read this book primarily because it was free and that is probably why I gave it 3 stars instead of 2.

The Recruit is about change and revenge. Hannah, our main character, loses her sister to vampires and is saved by a secret organization that is dedicated to eradicate the evil vampires. After being saved Hannah decides to join the recruit program to avenge her sister's murder.

The Hannah introduced in the beginning of the book and the Hannah that we have at the end are two very completely different Hannahs. Normally, a change in a character would be called growth or character development but it just felt like a different person to me personally. Still, I liked Hannah. I liked Hannah's drive and determination to avenge her sister and prevent further murders.

What I didn't really like was Will. Will is the second main character and the love interest. He too was a completely different character by the end of the book but it wasn't unexpected. Will was consistently bipolar in his feelings and actions throughout the book. There was sex and steam in this book which was pretty good and helped with the rating. Because of the steamy scenes and violence I wouldn't considered this a YA novel, like a lot of people in the reviews are labeling it, the Recruit is more NA.

The concept of the Recruit world was interesting and has potential which is part of the reason for 3 stars. Some side characters were good while some were hard to remember. Overall, I recommend giving this book a chance if it is still free for Amazon Kindle.

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### **Mstaranis says**

I don't know if it's because of the way this one was written, or because the characters seemed so much younger than they were meant to be, but I had trouble getting into this book. When I read a YA title I go in expecting a certain amount of immaturity, but this was aimed at older readers so I found the petty ramblings of some of the characters childish.

I liked the characters such as they were, but I think overall, this would have worked better as a YA read, it was extremely immature in parts, which let it down.

For instance: SPOILER WARNING!

The ending, everything happened because one of the instructors was in love, & had a hissy fit because she wasn't loved back? It just seemed like such a trite reason for so much death. The man she was in love with wasn't even a target either, HIS life wasn't put in danger, she just decided to kill off a few new recruits because of a jealous tantrum...

Of course there was a bit more to the above than that, but all the characters were motivated by their libidos, rather than any cause of importance. I got bored reading about who was sleeping with who, far too much emphasis was put on shallow relationship drama.

I also got bored with all the males instantly lusting after our heroine, they all either looked at her with lust, or we're hitting on her every time they saw her, it was tedious, & over the top.

The best friend was supposed to have military experience, so I assumed she'd be pretty tough in the face of danger. Instead she "screamed" & fell apart at the first sign of trouble, & our heroine (who had no real fighting experience at all), suddenly became G.I Jane & saved the day... This happened repeatedly.

Saying that there were some ok horror gags, nothing original, but I enjoyed some of the clichéd action because those parts gave the story some 'meat'.

There was a lot I didn't admire about this book, but it's certainly not the worst thing I've ever read. I just don't think it's for me.

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## **Runningrabbit says**

I really enjoyed this and am on tenterhooks waiting for the sequel in October.

The beginning chapters seemed a bit slow, and I also thought this was going to be more of a young adult book. By a bit further on the book got its footing and I got right stuck in. I like the main character and her relationships with those around her.

At the end of the day, I might call this book a new adult one.

Looking forward to the next novel, and hoping it doesn't turn a bit predictable with wrath and detachment leading to slaughter. Will have to wait and see...

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## **Susan Olson says**

It's pretty much the same as other shifter books. Nothing new just a little different story.

**Wanderlust says**

What a series...

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