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A group of former Navy SEALs, the Alpha Pack is a top-secret team of wolf shifters with Psy powers combating the greatest dangers in the world. But sometime those dangers are more intimate than they bargained for...

After a mission goes wrong, Aric Savage is taken prisoner. Half-dead and despairing, he makes a stunning discovery: his Pack mate Micah Chase, who was reported dead, is a fellow captive. When the Alpha team goes into full-rescue mode, accompanying them is an absolute stunner with sable hair—and a spine of solid steel.

LAPD officer and Psy Dreamwalker Rowan Chase has one priority: her brother Micah's recovery. Still, she can't help but be drawn to Aric, the ruggedly handsome wolf shifter who pleasures her as no man ever has—however fleeting their affair is destined to be. But when Aric's life is endangered, Rowan must ask herself what she's willing to sacrifice in the name of love, for the man fated to be her Bondmate.

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From Reader Review Savage Awakening for online ebook

Michelle Tempted By Books says

And the plot thickens. I really enjoyed the overall story arch changes. The romance was pretty good as well. I like this series.

Vashti says

Good second entry into the latest Alpha Pack series. Frankly, I do not remember the 1st book very much, but I do remember thinking that this was much better than the prior entry. This book has Aric, the H being held captive along with the h's brother Micah. H/h meet when the h, along with the rest of the Alpha Pack rescues them. Rowan, the h, is a totally kickass cop from the East LA. There is an instant attraction between the two and the "mating" instinct begins, though Aric begins to fight it. He does not feel worthy of Rowan because he felt he let his team down with the last mission and feels also responsible for the tortures that Rowan's brother went through while captive, her brother was brutally tortured and sexually abused several times. Great action scenes with the rescue and further attacks by the enemy. Smoking hot love scenes. New story line developing with "Mac" and Kalen, who had a brief hookup in the novella, BLACK MAGIC, their story is next in "Black Moon". Looking forward to more adventures from the ALPHA PACK and especially wanting to read pack leader Nick Westphal's story.

Michelle Leah Olson says

Our Review [by LITERAL ADDICTION's Pack Alpha - Michelle L Olson]:

I thoroughly enjoyed Primal Law and was incredibly excited for the release of Savage Awakening. The day it arrived on my Kindle I settled in for the ride...

Savage Awakening picks up where Primal Law left off, with Aric Savage kidnapped and held hostage by Orson Chappell and the NewLife mad scientists along with another missing team member, Micah Chase, who disappeared and was originally presumed dead six months earlier.

Micah's sister Rowan, an officer with the LAPD, continues to search for her brother believing in her heart that if he were dead, she'd know. When she gets a tip about a hidden facility in the Shoshone that may lead to news of her brother she heads out for answers. What she encounters is more than she ever bargained for, however.

Thrown into a whole new world full of things she only thought were nightmares, but knowing that seeing is believing, Rowan joins the Alpha Pack to find and rescue not only her brother but their missing Pack brother, Aric.

When a lead finally pans out and they rescue Aric and Micah, the true adventures begin...

Aric is damaged in Savage Awakening. Not only physically, but mentally as well - torn between hating Jaxon for his part in his ultimate kidnapping and torture and his own actions prior to that which led to the Event and the traumatic experiences beforehand. The snarky red wolf that we came to know and love in Primal Law is back, though he's continually finding himself hiding behind his snark as a coping mechanism, and when yet another twist is thrown into his mix in the form of a mate he never thought he'd meet, he almost takes the easy way out. Aric has a huge heart and high insecurities and they get him into major trouble. He makes poor decisions thinking that it's the best for everyone, when in reality; it's not good for anyone.

Rowan is Aric's perfect counterpart. She's tough and witty like he is, but she also has a huge heart and puts

everyone before herself; even when it puts her own hide in danger.

Aric and Rowan's story is somewhat predictable, following very closely the exact path that Jax took with Kira in Primal Law, but it's still very enjoyable and the rest of the story in Savage Awakening is gripping. Kalen's story unfolds further, as it's revealed who the 'Big Bad' is that is after him. We learn more about the mysterious Hammer, a secret is revealed about A.J, and Nick is yet again tortured by his prescient visions and his inability to interfere with fate.

Sariel plays a large part in Savage Awakening as well and while I already loved him in Primal Law, I adore him now and cannot wait to find out more about him and have him get more and more involved with the Alpha Pack and their mates.

LITERAL ADDICTION gives this book 4 Skulls and would recommend it to everyone who loved Primal Law and Black Magic, as well as Paranormal Romance, Urban Fantasy, Magick and Shifter lovers far and wide.

Savage Awakening isn't as fast paced, action packed and chock-full of 'stuff' as Primal Law was, but it's a captivating and enjoyable read and a nice addition to the series.

Bring on Kalen's book J.D! After the ending of Savage Awakening and the events that took place in Black Magic, I CANNOT wait to find out how you deal with all of the drama. I am beyond excited! ?

Angela Carr (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

I'm totally kicking myself for not getting to this book soon enough.

OMG...It's one of the best shifter books I've read!

Ms. Tyler, you effin Rock!!!

Carrien says

This was a bit of a disappointment.

I had hoped this would be a hot, romantic, paranormal read.

I got about one and a half out of these three.

So... The scenes between Rowan and Aric were hot, no doubt about that. But the romance was no where to be found. I really didn't get why they fell for each other and even the mate trope wasn't convincing enough in this case. It just felt like two people seriously in lust, but not in love to me.

Then there was the paranormal part of the story. Aric is a shifter and there's also some other shifters and a fairy. so far so good. Then there's Rowan, who's promoted as a Psy Dreamwalker on the back cover of the book. I was really intrigued by that and was wondering how her powers would be used.

Yeah....

Apart from Rowan and Aric having some hot dream sex Rowan's Dreamwalker powers are left totally unused!

The story around the romance/hot sex wasn't very intriguing in my opinion and I did contemplate putting the book down about halfway through. I didn't because I was curious to find out what would happen to one of the side characters and guess what:

That storyline was left open to be continued in the next book.

All in all I am not impressed by this book and won't be reading other books in this series.

Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

This review was posted at Under the Covers

This is quickly becoming one of my favorite shifter series! Packed full of alpha males that are funny and arrogant and so full of themselves it's endearing. The men in this series can make any girl melt, and of course Aric is not the exception. If you like your heroes with a full head of beautiful long red hair, a lot of attitude, a good dose of humor, and magical talents, then Aric is the shifter for you! And when I say magical talents that goes for his gift as well as other things ;)?

Rowan is Micah's sister. She's an LAPD cop and was told her brother was dead, so when she gets a tip that he's missing and is given an address to go investigate, she finds herself in the Alpha Pack compound. Nick tells her the truth of course, of what they are, what Micah is and what's happened to him.

They are of course looking for Aric and Micah is believed to be with him. The rescue happens pretty early on and without a glitch. But Aric and Micah are not in the best of shapes. Micah especially since he was experimented on for a long time. While Rowan is waiting for her brother to wake up from a coma like state, she ends up forming a bond with Aric. She just happens to have the same gift as Micah and can dreamwalk. Thinking it was only a dream she has one hot night in Vegas with Aric on top of a pull table. *fans self* and then reality comes crashing down when she realizes that Aric lived through that same dream.

I think their connection was instant, and much like Kira and Jax, they just belong together. Yes, love at first sight and all that. Or mating at first sight. Rowan is the one girl that can make Aric open up. He has so much bottled up inside.

A few words about Aric and Rowan: HOT, EXPLOSIVE, HOT, POSSESSIVE, HOT, ALMOST ANIMALISTIC, HOT, ALL INSTINCTS. Just yum. What? you haven't read this series yet? What are you waiting for?!?!?!?

Now for the side characters, Kalen... OMG I just cannot wait for his book next, wow, the developments on this one. And let me reiterate Hammer is MINE. I love him. He's adorable!!!!

Some of my favorite quotes:

"Well, fuck me sideways," she blurted.

Golden eyes sparkled with humor. "An interesting idea. May I at least have your name first?"

"Where is that motherfucker? I'll tear his asshole out through his throat and feast on his carcass!"

"Are you calling me a pussy?"

"If the vagina fits."

"Do it baby, come on my cock."

Molly says

Best offering in the series so far!

Carolyn Storer says

Originally published on www.bookchickcity.com - 3.5 Stars

Savage Awakening is the second instalment in the Alpha Pack series and Aric's story. It opens a few weeks from where Primal Law ends and Aric Savage is being held captive by the same people who are killing shifters. He's being tortured and abused and is very near to losing his mind because of the pain he's had to endure.

Meanwhile, when our heroine, Rowan Chase, LAPD cop, kills a man in the line of duty, she takes some time out to clear her head as it's the first person she's killed while doing her job. While on leave she hears that there is a possibility her brother, Micah, who had gone missing months ago and thought dead, could be very much alive. What she doesn't know is that Micah is an Alpha Pack operative and a shifter. When given the location of an unknown compound, she decides to check it out to see if she can find any answers, and so heads towards the top secret Alpha Pack HQ and the knowledge that supernatural beings roam among us.

I liked Savage Awakening a lot more than the first book, the writing seems so much tighter, flows better, and things are a little more believable than in Primal Law, and both the hero and heroine are more inline with what I like with regards to my hero/heroine's personality traits.

Aric is a tortured hero who has lots of dark secrets, and guilt is eating him alive because of those secrets. He's also brash, cocky and occasionally an all round douchebag. But gosh is he loveable, and of course bad-boy sexy.

Rowan is a very capable woman, with a career as a cop in the Los Angeles Police Department, which she loves, she has to be. She's strong and doesn't take crap from anybody, especially from Aric. When they meet during a recovery op, they are both instantly attracted to each other, and so their romance dance begins.

Both characters grew during the course of the book, especially Aric, and by the end although he was still his cocky, snarky self, I loved how he tried to right all his wrongs.

One of the aspects I can't say I really enjoyed was the trope of the 'destined couple'. It was much more noticeable with the first book, but even here the pull of destiny and how Aric and Rowan are meant to be together is what ultimately bonds them. However, I really enjoyed watching Aric and Rowan's love for one another grow outside of the bond, I really felt by the end of the story that it wasn't just the pull of destiny, but that real love was the reason they were together.

VERDICT

I really enjoyed Savage Awakening, mainly due to the hero and heroine, as they are both interesting characters. The plot is good too and there's plenty of action to keep the story moving forward. A great

addition to the series. Now onto Black Moon, and silky black panther, Kalen.

Amyiw says

Hmm... Well I went right to this from the last as I had the first two books on my shelf and figured I might as well see if this one was any better. Well a bit but not much. The characters might be slightly more fleshed out so slightly less flat but certainly not rounded. The plot, very formulaic and followed the first book almost to a T both in the romance and the action.

You get a little more of who the bad guy is and we get two chapters on Kalen and his story which should be in the next book, not in this one. This is the cliffhanger for the next book so that you will be hooked, I'm not. Pretty much you can skip the last chapter as it just has that and the last sex scene. I was expecting it. So I always take one star for these type of endings, so it could have been a 4 star but no. The flat formulaic plot brings it to 3 and then the romance of she's my mate but I'm going to deny it, then accept it, but hey not tell her, then deny it to her, then suffer for it and almost die, back and forth, which pretty much sums up the first book too. And that brings it to a whopping 2 stars.

The only good is it is mildly entertaining. Still it felt like immature writing. Might have been better as a shorter erotica, though today even the erotica I read feels more rounded. I actually felt disconnected to the main characters in the end as they didn't grow from the mate bond. Oh well, my books go to the used book store. I doubt I'll ever read another of J.D. Tyler. I gave her a second chance.

Cindy ~ says

LOVING THIS SERIES...

The book picks up where the previous books ended. Aric Savage was taken captive by his evil witch of a step sister in the first book. We pick up with him being tortured by her. Once she is done he is taken and experimented on and then thrown in a cage and see's that a team mate they thought was killed in the beginning of the first book, Micah Chase is in the cage next to him near death.

Rowan Chase is a tough LAPD officer who works in the gang infested East Side. After having to shoot a gang member who went rogue and put on leave she gets news about a possible location of where her brother Micah might be after being told he died in the line of duty 6 months before.

Rowan shows up at the compound where the Alpha Pack is housed and after being greeted by a pack of wolves and a black panther who suddenly turn into men she faints dead away.

Nick (the leader of the Alpha's) decides to tell Rowan the truth about them and about her missing brother. She of course has a hard time believing this but when she finds out they are preparing a mission to rescue what they hope are Aric and Micah she wants in.

The team does manage to get Aric and Micah back but were not able capture Aric step sister or Dr Bowman who has been experimenting on all shifters.

Aric realizes right away that Rowan is his mate but doesn't feel he deserves her for not telling the team about his witch of a step sister that got so many of the team killed. Rowan also feels the pull but ignores it and try's

to concentrate on just helping her brother who is severally scared both on the inside and outside now from his time at the hands of Dr Bowman's experimentation.

We also see Kalen still struggling with the demon trying to control him and realizing that he may be the doom for the whole team and then mankind.

We learn a little more about this demon. Turns out he has ties to the Fae prince Sariel. We find out that the demon is the king of the Unseelie and is the Fae prince's father (after having raped his mother) and is the one that has been behind all the attacks on the Alpha's

I love this world that the author has created. Each book does end with one of the Alpha's finding their mate and bonding but it also leaves the impending destruction of the world and lots of story arc's unfinished at the end of each book. I cannot wait for the next one which should be a doozy as its Kalen's.

Maya says

[No. (hide spoiler)]

Pam Nelson says

5 Savage Awakening Stars

I love Savage aka Aric! Now normally I would be like dude really, really you're going to be all macho man and not give all the facts. Butttttt, on the other hand, I respect his choice.

Ok so lets' backtrack a little Aric was taken and experimented on, and that was freaking HORRIBLE! But him being taken lead them to Micah and not to get all woo-woo or anything but if he hadn't been the one they wouldn't have found Micah as they did or have his sister come to the compound.

So all things happen as they are supposed to, Rowan is freaking bad a – s – s and I freaking loved that about her! She really doesn't care what people think of her she is there to help save her bro no matter what, and her job means a lot. She isn't willing to compromise who she is for anyone. But she totally would for a wolf if he would just speak his dang mind!

I really enjoyed this dynamic that he wants to protect her and didn't want to put pressure on her but here come my DUDE speech ... really, really???? No macho man stuff it doesn't do anyone any good. ;)

Really am digging this narrator she can do male voices pretty well. I love how you can feel her words that's a gift.

You don't have to like my review but its 100% my opinion, and I am allowed to have it.

Deea (Andreea) says

Not bad for shifters/romance/PNR fans, but I need more kick in my books. More back story, more depth, twists and turns, layers, character development, original conflict, you know, the hard stuff. The core idea of this series is awesome (I mean, hello! black ops badass shifters, secret compound, kickass powers, supernatural evil creatures, gun blazing missions etc). Still, I couldn't help but feel like something was missing. An enjoyable read, but I needed more to keep me invested and glued to the pages.

The second part of the book was disappointing. The hero was too melodramatic for my liking, too focused on self pity and guilt, instead of being an alpha male and using his uber cool powers. And I couldn't quite feel the romantic connection either. Rowen at least was a badass female, they reminded me a bit of Indigo and Drew from the Psy Changeling series, but at a milder level. You know what I mean? Oh and not to mention that their story and drama was too similar to the first couple. The ending was predictable, cliché and happened too fast. I just wanted to strangle both hero and heroine for their choices and idiocy! Not a fan of how the mating happens in this series either... *sigh* Hopefully it will get better when other supernaturals come to play.

Maybe I will continue on with the series (as always, I am intrigued by characters we only glimpse in the background, but I'm afraid their story won't live up to the expectations). Or maybe I won't...

Hbeebti says

So good! This series is addicting. I can not wait to read Kalen's book.

Carrie says

Enjoyable and fast paced read. Somewhere just over halfway I felt like I lost connection with our couple, though. The first part of the book felt like we were going to get one story from the romance and then it took a left and we got something different.

The driving plot of fighting the baddies was solid though and I'm looking forward to the continuation of Mac and Kalen's story.
