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BOOKIN' IT REVIEWS



Under darkness...
LIES PASSION.

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Alpha Instinct by [Katie Reus](#)

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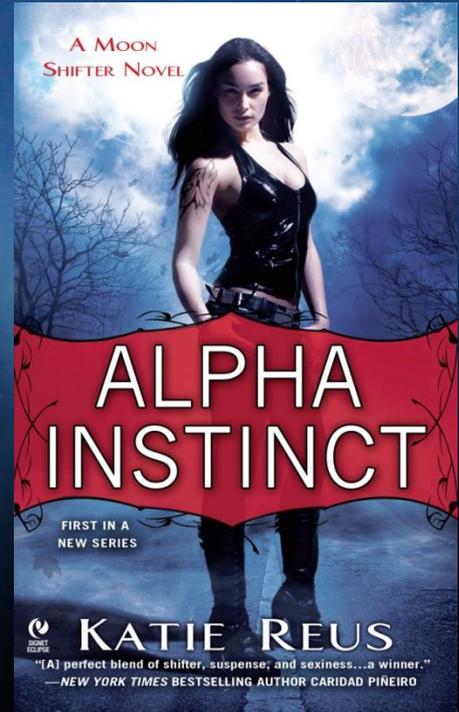
Age Group: Adult

Category: Paranormal Romance/ Romantic Suspense

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My Rating: 4.5 Stars ~ A Top Pick From Night Owl Reviews

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Back Of The Book:

Ana Cordona has been a strong leader for the lupine shifters who survived after all the males and most of the females in her pack were mysteriously poisoned. As tough as she is, with no Alpha male, the pack is vulnerable to the devious shifter Taggart, who wants to claim both their ranch and Ana as his own. When Connor Armstrong comes back into her life, promising protection, it's almost enough to make Ana forget how he walked out on her before—and reluctantly accept his offer to mate.

The minute Connor sees Ana again, it reawakens a raw hunger. He must have her for his bondmate—his wolf cries out for it. But his human side knows he must proceed with caution because of their complicated past. If he is to truly have her body and soul, he must go beyond his burning desire and win back her heart. Whatever it takes, he is determined not to leave her side again.

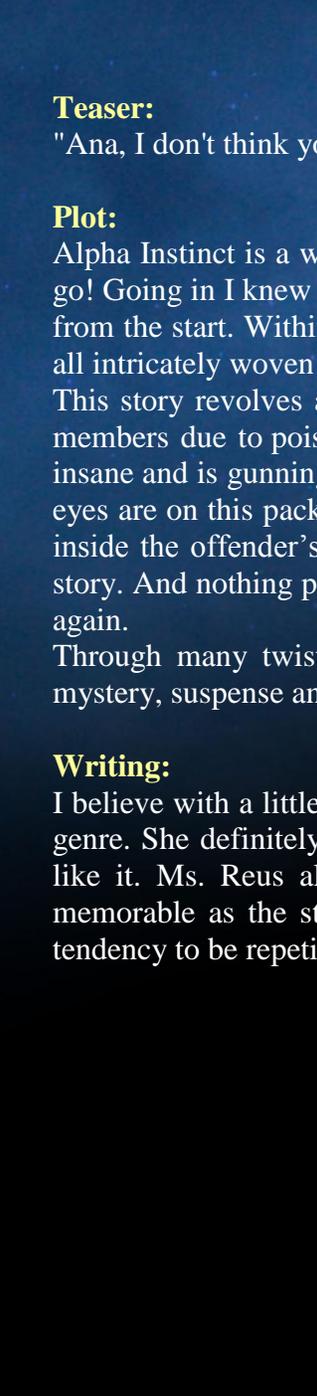
But Taggart and his rival pack are not their only enemies. A human element in town is targeting shifters. Their plan not only threatens Ana and Connor's future, but the lives of the entire pack...

First Line:

Analena Cordona shoved her hands into the pockets of her thick, quilted down jacket. Not because she was cold, but because for the second time in the past ten minutes she was questioning her decision to meet Sean Taggart without an escort.

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Teaser:

"Ana, I don't think you understand what I'm saying. You are mine."

Plot:

Alpha Instinct is a well plotted, excellently delivered emotional and sensual ride that grabs hold and doesn't let go! Going in I knew this book would be different. The opening was fresh, giving me exactly what I like-the hero from the start. Within the first few pages I got a very good feeling for the heroine, the antagonist, and the hero, all intricately woven into the setting of the story which takes place in Fontana Mountain.

This story revolves around a pack of shifters that has recently suffered the loss of all the males and pregnant members due to poisoning with no leads as to how or why. The neighboring pack's alpha is nothing short of insane and is gunning to make the unprotected Cordona Alpha female-our heroine-his mate even if by force. All eyes are on this pack as the likely reason behind the attacks yet after some twists and turns and a few moments inside the offender's point of view I quickly understood that there is an even deeper mystery to solve in this story. And nothing proves this point better than when yet another shifter body shows up and the poisoning starts again.

Through many twists and turns that leads us into one escalating moment after another Ms. Reus delivers mystery, suspense and a romance nothing short of heart pounding!

Writing:

I believe with a little more polish Katie Reus will easily become highly sought after in the paranormal romance genre. She definitely shows great ability in wringing out every emotion available to readers and making them like it. Ms. Reus also writes with great attention to details that add depth and her characters are just as memorable as the stories behind them. The only point that slowed the pacing of the story was the author's tendency to be repetitive concerning character traits and some world building points.

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Characters:

Ana Cordona is a heroine that I enjoyed spending my reading time with. Protective, caring and just head strong and determined enough to know when enough is enough. I didn't always feel that way about her though. I thought her weak and started to get really annoyed with her letting the hero muscle in and demand that he be made alpha and given the right to bond with Ana. Then I discovered the history that they shared. As I continued reading I also learned that patience is a virtue. Not only in reading and giving a story time to grow and flourish to show me all the characters flaws and characteristics but also in that the heroine was not showing weakness but patience instead. When I saw this I also understood something about myself and what I have been told about being overly patient with people. I love learning from the books I enjoy and this is one instance that taught me something indeed. The hero, Connor Armstrong, was the typical alpha male in all the sense, but he was not uncaring or ungentle with the heroine. Demanding and protective to the point of suffocating but he had his reasons and fears which were slowly unveiled as the story continued. It was worth every minute, every twist and turn to see if he and the heroine could reach a happily ever after though every obstacle possible was thrown in their way. The secondary characters were just as interesting and I hope to see more of the warrior shifters in the future installments of this series.

Last Thoughts:

For paranormal romance and urban fantasy lovers Alpha Instinct will satisfy every desire a reader looks for in a book! Katie Reus has kicked started a series I will not miss and look forward to with anticipation with each new installment!

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