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BOOKIN' IT REVIEWS

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LIES PASSION.

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Deadly Is The Kiss by [Rhyannon Byrd](#)

Series: Primal Instinct World

(Spin-Off of Primal Instinct Series)

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Age Group: Adult

Category: Paranormal Romance

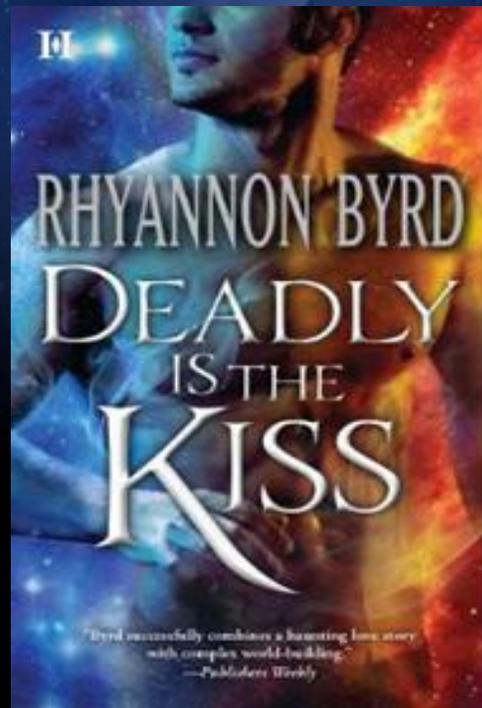
Pages: 384 pages in print format

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My Rating: 4.5 Stars

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Back of the Book:

Tasked with protecting humanity from harm, the last thing Ashe Granger was searching for on his mission was his destined mate. Then, a mysterious dark-eyed beauty reluctantly offered him shelter. A spark of danger—and a soul-deep recognition—ignited a burning, carnal need....

Since her family's exile, Juliana Sabin had borne full responsibility for their safety. So when evil struck, she had no choice but to ally herself with the sexy guardian vampire. Now, months later, Ashe is back and tempting Juliana to reveal her darkest secrets...and desires. For the killer stalking the shadows isn't acting alone—and he won't rest until his deadly cravings are fulfilled.

First Line:

THE HUNGER BURNING BENEATH his hot skin told the vampire that he needed a woman. Needed her until the bed was wrecked and her husky cries were filling his head. But despite the half-clad dancers eyeing him with hopeful yearning, Ashe Granger knew he wouldn't be touching any of the females filling the noisy London nightclub.

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Teaser:

Moving so quickly she barely had time to gasp, he turned and snagged the pack from her shoulder, tossing it to the ground. Within the blink of an eye, he had her trapped against a brick section of wall, both hands locking around her wrists, pressing them flat on either side of her head, the submissive position sending a surge of panic through her veins. To make it worse, he pressed the long, tense length of his much larger body into hers, his muscles rippling and vibrating with power, and she could feel the heavy weight of an impressive erection pressing against her stomach as she tilted her head back to hold his stare. But he wasn't looking in her eyes. He was staring at her mouth with a kind of primal, savage intensity that made her heart pound so fiercely she thought it might burst from her chest.

Plot & Characters:

Deadly is the Kiss is a spine tingling paranormal romance that will pull at your heart strings and leave you with a need for more Rhyannon Byrd! I can't believe I waited so long to try this author. What was I thinking!

Deadly Is The Kiss is the first of a spin-off series from a well loved and known series titled Primal Instinct published with HQN. It's not entirely necessary that you read that series before diving in to this book. The author weaved in enough world building detail into this book to allow easy reading without weighing the story's pace down. It's one of the talents I admired about the author's crisp writing style. I also liked the imaginative world and the author's unique vampires. While we are use to the typical no-sunlight and food vampire, it was refreshing to enjoy a different approach on this creature of the night and see them able to walk among the humans basically undetected.

The plot is strong and captivated my attention as the hero and heroine work to figure out who is out to assassinate Juliana's entire family and why. Wrongly accused for a crime against the Deschanel council, Juliana's entire family is exiled to the Wasteland realm and stripped of all wealth and position within the vampire society. Years pass and now new hopes arise that will allow Juliana to escape her imprisonment to prove to the council her family is innocent. Only she can't do it alone and the one person she can count on is a SPEC soldier determined to defend the laws of the vampire society not help escaped criminals. Yet, how can he refuse to help the one woman that makes him Burn with his species form of mating?

The story kicks off quite fast with the mystery and investigation into uncovering the real criminal but not without gut wrenching moments where assassin step in and try to kill Juliana. As the story progresses we get a closer look into the real feelings connecting the two main characters and see just how deeply they care for one another. Beyond the lust and sinfully sexy love scenes, Juliana and Ashe had to overcome past hurts in order to begin to accept what might be happening between them. I loved how the author used the story to force them into approaching these topics instead of just walking away from their difficult pasts. And what a past for the heroine; a real tear jerker moment that unveiled the reasons behind the heroine action throughout the book. Her strength to even wake up in the morning much less have the strength to take care of her entire family is an inspiration for me. As we reach the end of the story everything comes to a head when past mistakes and hidden agendas are revealed. Ms. Byrd knows how to work in a twist and I have to say I didn't see the ending coming at all.

It's because of stories like this one that I read romance. Ms. Byrd has woven together a story of strength and love laced with venomous betrayal that demonstrates good must win against evil and that love is the strength used to win the battle.

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Writing:

Ms Byrd delivers action and romance! I liked her ability to balance the adventure and the romance plot threads with a great attention to details for both. She writes fast paced action scenes that throw you right in the middle of the battles right alongside the characters. She also uses that same talent for the love scenes that add the steam in steamy romance!

Summary:

Deadly is the Kiss is my first book by Rhyannon Byrd. I fell in love with her amazing characters and can't wait to catch up on all her back list. This author has made it to my must-read list with just one book. That is powerful writing!

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