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As a young girl, Issa, bonded with her pet falcon was the lookout for her father's smuggling operation in Ireland. After everything blew up one night and her father and brothers were killed, her mother brought her to America to start over.

Immigrating was hard, but eventually she grew up and pursued a career in environmental sciences and continued to follow her passion for falconry. But she doesn't find the same special bond with another falcon. Until one fateful day when her world explodes again...

Eagle, a former military pilot, has retired to his small ranch outside of Denver, Colorado where he runs a rescue center for raptors in need. One falcon is acting irrationally. Eagle's only recourse is to euthanize him, but the falcon rips free. Although injured so badly he shouldn't be able to fly, the falcon disappears into the skies.

The next night the falcon returns with a beautiful but seriously injured young woman in tow... carrying a message of death and destruction for the both of them...

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Zita says

Two souls with avian connections...

This is the twelfth book in the Psychic Visions series.

Issa McGuire had a unique bond when she was young with a majestic falcon and was used by her family to protect their criminal activities. At the age of six everything fell apart, with her mother she migrated to America from their home in Ireland. Being different from other people, living in the concrete world of the city left Issa feeling bereft, needing nature and the energy of the outdoors to be whole. When older she bought a cabin outside of Denver, Colorado and tried to assimilate in the world in her own way with a degree in environmental sciences, she made some new avian friendships but not like the one she had lost which she still doesn't quite fathom. Being alone in the wilderness has its manmade dangers, she's abducted after her mother's death and tortured for information she doesn't believe she has but she manages to escape though severely injured. With the help of an eagle friend she collapses on the property of an avian sanctuary.

Much decorated former navy pilot Eagle Saunders runs a raptor refuge center, those birds have always called to him and since returning from the military he tends to those in need. His newest eagle save has a badly broken wing yet the bird managed to fly off which in such condition he shouldn't have been able to do. He returns later on to lead Eagle to a woman, an unconscious, naked woman who's obviously hurt and there was something mystical about the finding which he keeps to himself. Her wounds are familiar to him from the things he's seen in the service and so he seeks to assist her privately with only those he trusts. It's no wonder that upon regaining consciousness memories elude the woman but she knows her name and of her birds. After what she's been through can she trust this stranger who has a sympathetic calling to the animals she holds most dear?

This was a unique story, anyone who has ever had a pet, who has ever bonded with an animal, knows there's an intelligence and sentience to those species, this author brought such capabilities to the forefront in such a way that you are empathically drawn into the human and animal sufferings.

The protagonists were great characters with much emotional depth. The hero, at times skeptical, keeps an open mind when faced with things he doesn't understand surrounding the heroine for they are truly kindred spirits. The heroine exhibited much growth and has an indomitable inner strength that took her from tragic childhood to the present. While navigating the growing bond between them, together they seek to find out why Issa was abducted and tortured and the trail seems to lead to the past where it all began. But why would the past rear its head now?

The intriguing suspenseful plot was intricately woven with numerous unexpected twists, the mystery to solve spanned decades. I have to say that I love this author's paranormal imagination. Other characters from the series made appearances, Stefan and Tabitha connected to the birds that had been separated from their friend, you have to love the most adorable persistent owl who wouldn't leave Stefan alone and who now appears in many of his paintings.

An advanced reading copy was obtained from the author.

4.5 stars

Siobhan says

Although Eye of the Falcon is the twelfth book in Dale Mayer's Psychic Visions series, it's actually the second book in the series I have read. Note, it is perfectly fine to read this book as a standalone novel, but you do get a better understanding of some of the details in the book if you have read the prior books in the series.

Last year I read Flynn's Firecracker and instantly wanted more of the authors work. Thus, I jumped at the chance to read Seeds of Malice. Sadly, I did not enjoy Seeds of Malice anywhere near as much as I enjoyed Flynn's Firecracker. Seeds of Malice was a decent read, but I found myself giving the book a three-star rating in the end. I blamed most of my issues with the book on how I read it as a standalone novel, meaning I was missing out on information. Thus, I told myself I would go back and read the prior books in the series. Although I have downloaded some of the earlier books onto my Kindle, I found myself reading book twelve before playing catch-up. Unlike book eleven, I found I had fewer unanswered questions with book twelve. It may have helped that book eleven gave me a small introduction to the series, but mostly I believe book twelve to be a much stronger book than book eleven.

Eye of the Falcon is a wonderfully gripping story from the very start. Instantly we are pulled into the lives of the characters, the storyline leaving us wanting more. Question after question builds, with each new detail pulling us into the world. With so many elements throughout, you're guaranteed to fall in love with at least one detail of the book. It's possible the mystery will be the thing to grab you, or maybe it will be the suspense. It could be the romance between the characters, or even the way in which the characters play off each other. It may well be the supernatural element that holds your attention, the psychic elements being linked to the birds making for an intriguing aspect. As I said, there is much about this story to enjoy, and there will be something to grab you throughout.

Although I would have liked to have gone back to read the prior books before jumping into book twelve, this book was not damaged in any way through my lack of prior reading. In fact, reading book twelve merely highlighted how desperately I need to go back and read the rest of the Psychic Visions series. The main characters in this story were wonderful, I came to enjoy them so much, but I also developed an appreciation for some of the other characters – and it is these characters I want to find out more about through going back and reading the prior books in the series.

The only real disappointment I had with this book was the ending. I felt as though things were rather lacking towards the end. There was so much information provided throughout the story, so much happened, that when things came together at the end I felt as though it was not the powerful collision of events it could have been. I guess I just expected something a bit more from the ending, I thought the way things came together would be more powerful.

Nevertheless, as a whole, I had a lot of fun with this one. I'll certainly be giving the other books in the series a read – hopefully I will manage some of them before book thirteen is out!

Lyndi W. says

3.5 stars First I need to say that I hate birds. I'm terrified of like 99% of them and that's just the way it is. But fictional birds are okay when they aren't villainous. These birds weren't evil, so I was okay. I didn't close this book feeling any better about birds, though. Now I'm just worried they're going to have supernatural abilities in addition to the claws and the beaks and the beady eyes and all the flapping and the pooping from above. Fucking birds! Whatever.

Okay so. The plot is super convoluted, but even the characters are like "this makes no fucking sense," so you're kinda just gonna have to go with it. It's worth it in the end. The *Final Confrontation* is so fucking good, I've never seen such an epic takedown. I was cheering while reading it. And then there are multiple twists right after - holy shit the ending was the best part. It was a liiittle slow at times, a bit repetitive as they tried to work things out over and over. But the ending was so full of awesome and unexpected turns, I can hardly remember what bothered me about the rest of the story.

Oh, now I remember - the whole plot with the injured birds using a psychic connection with Stefan, the connecting character in this series, to get home was straight up dumb. Get in the car and go pick up the damn birds, don't drain yourself day after day helping a fucking owl hop across the country. I was angry at this. But then the ending... all is forgiven.

So yeah. It was a little ridiculous, even unnerving, but it was also quite entertaining and I had a good time with these characters. The ending was a goddamn delight. Not sure where I'm headed next with this series, but I know I'll be reading plenty of them in the future.

Elizabeth Neal says

Ever since she was a little girl, Issa has had an affinity for birds, especially one falcon in particular. Though their connection was used to assist her dad in his illegal activities, and following his death and that of her brothers, she and her Mom move to the United States, hoping to move on. She has since become an adult and her special talents serve her well in her chosen field, but she's never bonded with another falcon as she had before.

Eagle, a former military pilot, now runs a rescue center for raptors. He's currently trying to help a falcon, yet his inability to do so, and the falcon's own unpredictable behavior, has Eagle reluctantly wondering if there's only one course of action.

However, when the falcon breaks free, Eagle sure he'll never see him again, Eagle is shocked when he does return, and even more so that he's not alone. The woman, though beautiful, is seriously injured and Eagle does all he can to ensure she survives.

As the two spend time together, and the bond between not only them, but also Issa and the falcon, grows, Eagle knows there are dangerous times ahead.

Who hurt Issa and why? How is Eagle involved? Why was the falcon so determined to get to Issa? Will Eagle and Issa survive what's ahead? Is a HEA possible?

One-click now and follow along as two people are inexplicably drawn together and find a love that soars.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book.

Katie Welks says

I absolutely love Eye of the Falcon, the 12th book in the Psychic Visions series. Dale Mayer has once again brilliantly created a world full of vibrant characters, this time both of the human and feathered kind; Humbug the owl and Roash the Falcon really made this story stand out.

Eagle is that jaded hero that has a gooey inside. His protective and caring nature was brought to life through his care of the birds and Issa. Issa is a beautiful character, her psychic ability is awe-inspiring. Eagle was literally the perfect match for Issa, his contention to birds of prey is the perfect fit for Issa's gift. The personal growth of Eagle and Issa through the story added dimensions to their characters and made a paranormal story more realistic. I loved the interaction of past characters, like Stefan and Tabitha, and new characters was seamless. The side story of the adventure of Humbug and Roash was one of my favorite parts of this story. I hope in future books we get to see more of Issa's gift.

I would like to mention that I love and appreciated how Dale Mayer added facts about the upkeep and care of birds of prey throughout the book. I also enjoyed the villains side of the story. It gave nothing away, but added so much depth to the suspense and mystery created by Issa's family and circumstances that lead to her meeting Eagle. The ending really tied everything together, and in some ways I pitied the villain and his main henchman. In future books or a spin off series I hope to see more of Panther, Tiger, and Hawk along with Gray and Annie. But I definitely hope for more of Humbug and Roash.

*I highly recommend this book for any readers who love paranormal, psychics, birds of prey, mystery, and romance. It can be read as a stand alone novel, but readers would enjoy the story more if they read the full series.

Kathie Savage says

Wow, Best Book Ever!

Once I started reading Eye of the Falcon, I couldn't stop until it was finished. This is the 12th book in Dale Mayer's Psychic Visions series. I've read them all. Each is unique and excellent, and this one is the bomb! Read it. You will feel excitement, awe, sadness, and admiration for Issa, a young Irish woman brought to the United States by her mother at the age of 6 after the murders of her father, brothers, and beloved pet falcon Hadrid with whom she shared a strong psychic bond. Following her mother's fatal heart attack, 26-year-old Issa is kidnapped from her secluded Colorado cabin, where she shelters wounded birds including snowy owl Humbug. She is brutally tortured and shot while escaping. With no idea of where she is or was, she collapses on the grounds of the raptor sanctuary run by former military pilot Eagle. One of his birds, Roash, has bonded with Issa, almost as strongly as the bond she had with Hadrid. Thus begins parallel stories as Eagle and Issa work to track down and catch the kidnappers by reconstructing Issa's long-buried memories of her last days in Ireland, while Roash helps Humbug make the arduous journey to reunite with Issa, relying on very interesting and sometimes hilarious help from psychics Stefan and Tabitha, whom we know well from earlier books in the Psychic Visions series. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll worry, and you will rejoice. Then, if you haven't read the first 11 books of the series, you will get them and love them. If you've already read them, you may join me in waiting impatiently for book 13 to release.

Lisa says

This is the first book I have ever read in Dale Mayer's "A Psychic Visions" series. Even though this is Book #12, I can assure you that this book works very well as a stand-alone book.

Issa, the heroine, has the ability to silently communicate with birds. She lived in Ireland, and has three older brothers. In spite of her brothers, and her mother and father, Issa has always felt like an outsider and unloved by her family.

When her father and her brothers die, Issa and her mother move to America. Issa gets a doctorate in Environmental Sciences. Then, because she feels closer to birds than to her mother, Issa moves to the country and lives alone with her birds.

However, after her mother dies, she is kidnapped by a group of people who attempt to get some information from her. Since, she has no idea what they are seeking, they hold her for months until she finally manages to escape.

When she finally collapses, she is near the home of Eagle, a retired military pilot, who lives alone. He, also, has an affinity for birds, although not as in depth as Issa. He takes in injured birds so he can heal them back to good health, and, then return them to their homes. One of the injured birds happens to be Issa's falcon. He was injured by the "bad guys" as they kidnapped Issa. The falcon recognizes Issa and "calls" Eagle to help her.

This book hooks you in immediately, as a battered Issa is attempting to escape from her captors. Eagle nurses her back to health, as Issa attempts to contact Humbug, her owl that was also injured, and who is now missing. One of Issa's goals is to get Humbug back so she can take care of him.

I love the characters in this novel. Issa is smart, strong and independent. In spite of her condition, she works hard to contact Humbug and lead him home. Also, she and Eagle travel to Ireland to investigate what her kidnappers want from her, otherwise they will kidnap her again. In spite of her condition, Issa goes with Eagle.

Eagle is a compassionate man who takes Issa in and keeps her presence secret even though he has no idea who she is. Alone, he patiently takes care of her. While Issa tries to figure out where Humbug is and tries to get him back, Eagle accepts a lot of strange events even though he is definitely confused and shocked.

I found this book interesting and exciting, I, absolutely, plan to read the rest of this series!

I received a complimentary copy of this title and voluntarily reviewed it.

Keryn says

ADDICTIVE from the start!!

This series continues to get better and better. This is one of the rare series where it's NOT necessary to read all previous books first. It may give you a wee bit of backstory to help understand the depth of the story more....but not a must. I personally suggest devouring all previous ones in this series as they're just that good ?. This latest book has TONS of mystery, intrigue, action, psychic help, and all kinds of adrenaline and strong men in the mix. Her entire life, Issa has felt alone. Never having a close relationship with her mother...fleeing from Ireland when she was aged 6 after the sudden deaths of her dad and three older brothers...Her mum grabbed a suddenly mute Issa and fled to America. Now grown and a biologist she still has her odd connection with birds...where they become one with her and she can see through their eyes. The birds were her mother, father, brother, sisters and friends growing up. in short, they were her family. How was she to see what was coming? A week after her mother's death she was kidnapped and tortured near to death until she escaped and somehow made her way to a field. Little did she know it was on Eagle's land and he was now her protector. He WOULD learn who hurt this injured, waiflike and stunning woman, and WHY. The two already have a connection as he too has an affinity for and raises birds....now if only she'd awaken so he could at least get her name. This book has everything in it....action, adventure,mystery, intrigue, and oh so much more. You WON'T be bored at any point of this read, and I am seriously looking forward to the next in this exciting series.

Dita says

I loveeeeeeee this book, I'm a big fan of Dale Mayer, but this is my first book from her paranormal romance series, and this one definitely another favorite from Dale Mayer.

A paranormal romance loaded with mystery, oh yeah this has my name all over it.

This one hit me with darkness and mystery, and since then I can't put this book down.

It keeps me on edge all the time, scared of bad things that will come, how will they survive this, wondering why the bad guy did what he did, what's the secrets, what really happened in the past, yes this one is loaded with mystery. And don't forget the bonds between human and those wonderful creatures, it's so fascinating, it makes me wish I have an owl for myself (you have to read it to know what this is all about).

It's a part of Psychic Vision series, it's not the first book, but totally can be read as a standalone.

As for characters, I love Issa and Eagle. Love their banter and their love, love how strong they are, both are a survivor and a fighter, they're a match made from heaven.

If you love paranormal romance, even if you don't, you have to read this book, it's a must read one.

*I voluntarily received a review copy of this book

BookAddict says

Even non-paranormal romance readers will love this book! Dale Mayer is a new author to me whose work I've been curious about, so I was glad to get an opportunity to read an advance copy of this book. Although I've veered away from paranormal romance, this book has me reconsidering the genre, because it was just that good! Edge-of-the-seat suspense and intense action coupled with romance and a mystical twist made for some exciting, nail-biting reading, and I had a hard time putting this book down. I'll definitely work my way

through the rest of this series as I have time, and I can't wait to read more from this master storyteller!!

Roxana says

i love Humbug.

3.75

Leanne ~ Tales From The Heart says

Wow this book is right up there in my top 3 for this year. I was so invested in this story I read half on Christmas Day.

The story was so different from others that I've read. I too love birds, but am so envious of this character's connection with them.

This broken girl and the former military pilot end up together after she is seriously hurt. She should be dead, she shouldn't be healing this fast...what's the mystery here? They're on a mission to find out why she was tortured and is this all connected to her past?

Brilliant story, loved it and the characters including the wildlife.

Maria says

Eye of the Falcon is a great book, that I enjoyed reading very much, with a rich, engaging story that captures the reader and keeps him or her glued to every page.

It is also a balanced, well written novel. The narration is fast paced, dramatic at times. An ethereal atmosphere permeates the story and is evident in the long and detailed descriptions of the characters' feelings, perceptions and interactions with the surrounding environment. The "Psychic" theme clearly dominates, however the characters maintain vivid and realistic personalities throughout the narration.

I loved Issa, the female protagonist. She is a gentle, compassionate soul, that, as the story progresses, reveals a strong, intelligent, witty personality.

Eagle is the male protagonist. A former military, he has a strong set of beliefs. However, when his path crosses with Issa and her unconventional powers, he decides to make the effort of attempting to understand her, revealing a kind-hearted personality. He accepts her need for independence and her willingness to take risks, remaining at her side without becoming overbearing.

Eagle and Issa have also many similarities. I enjoyed reading about how they gradually discover said similarities, bonding and building the foundation for a promising relationship.

The book also includes plenty of vivid, captivating side characters; both humans and animals. The author has succeeded at enriching the story with many interesting personas that create quite a few "stories inside the story", some of them too good to be missed.

Last but not least, the bad guys are particularly villainous. For the entirety of the story, they pursue Issa and her friends in several twisted ways, establishing tension and engaging the reader to the very end.

My only note is on the finale. A little too sharp, even considering the type of book, but probably in line with the overall atmosphere of the book.

Darlene says

Dale Mayer, continues her Psychic Visions series (Bk 12). She continues to weave her words with amazing ability, high stakes suspense and riveting paranormal drama. In a backdrop that few would be familiar with - a sanctuary of looking after wounded raptors and other birds that find themselves in need of care. A place already established by an ex- Spec Operator - Eagle. Hardworking, stoic and just wants to be left alone to care for those majestic birds of prey.

Issa, always struggled with life, some to traumatic events at a young age and some due to the oddness of her relationship with her deceased mother. She has suffered from the withholding of affection and the loss of her bonded companion, Hadrid and not ever fully realising what was wrong, other than her friend was gone. Her abilities have been dormant, yet she still was a fighter to better herself and find a place that was always calling to her.

Then evil strikes when you aren't aware. That evil element from a past she is only starting to piece together will lead to danger, as she finds herself at the mercy of that evil. Tortured for reasons she can not fathom or comprehend. The very gifts that lay dormant are also what keeps her alive, to eventually find an escape. It will take something and someone extraordinary to the normal world to work it all out.

Adrift, helpless and tortured, Issa, with the help of feathered friends is found by Eagle. As she heals, her energy is being depleted by two new feathered companions in search of her. Her psychic abilities, along with the help and kindness from Eagle, as they slowly piece together exactly who she is and the powers she harnesses within.

The gifted psychic, Stefan along with some other favourites will also lend their strength and capabilities to find and restore balance.

What an emotional journey for both. This is one of those stories that is first healing and kindness. Caring and nurturing those who need our help above all else. A kindness that will eventually lead to a spark, growing affection, an attraction and to being home amongst the very creatures they both love and admire.

Dale Mayer, gives you Issa and Eagle's journey. If you love dramatic, paranormal suspense/intrigue, story twists and turns... what are you all waiting for? She delivers this and more, in another page turning Psychic Visions book. This book is a slow build of bonded connections - not only with the animal world, in particular the raptors, but also with those that become special in our life.

Dale's books, this could be read alone but to gain that sense of family and the special psychic connections within their world, it would be highly recommended you catch up on previous books inside this series to have a better perspective. Another beautiful story, I had so much pleasure in reading most highly recommend you read.

Larischa says

I wait in anticipation for the release of a Dale Mayer book every month. Be it the Psychic Visions series or

the Seals series. There is just something about the way she writes that captures the imagination and takes you away into a world that is bliss and sunshine.

Eye of the Falcon - what can I say but she has done it again. The world of the psychics has always interested me and the Psychic Visions series was one I read again and again. I now have all 12 books in my library. Issa was an amazing character from start to finish. I suppose we all imagine the character differently in our minds, but she seemed to take everything that came at her with aplomb. She was strong and required a strong character alongside her, which came in the form of Eagle. I enjoyed the interaction between them, so real. Dale doesn't disappoint with the excitement and edge of your seat suspense and this one actually had me biting my nails at times. I love the feeling of your heart beating faster as the adrenalin rushes in and you just can't wait to find out what happens next and Dale does this so well in this book.

I read page to page without a break, except to go to the loo, as I usually do with her books, but this one had a different feel to it in the incorporation of the characters from the previous books, popping in every now and again and so blase about their capabilities. I sometimes imagine what my life would be like if I was one of the psychics in this series, and it would certainly not be dull.

Dale, thank you for another amazing novel. Another break from reality. For anyone reading this review - please please pick up this book and I assure you that you will find it difficult to put it down.

Absolutely Awesome!! And then go back and buy any of the Psychic Vision books you may have missed.
