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In this much-anticipated third installment of the V V Inn series, our sexy couple journeys to Argentina, bringing half their seethe along for the ride.

Vivian and Rafe venture into the Seat of Darkness, the Tribunal's base, to uncover who's plotting against them and why. From a cold, windy island off the southern Argentine coast, to the decadence of Buenos Aires, the group has plenty to keep their attention--seductive twins, deadly games, and a bunch of bloodsucking fiends who hate our much-loved, despotic innkeeper enough to see her dead.

Asa and Jon remain in Alaska, to manage the famous inn as it opens doors to a new type of guest. Visiting werewolves go on their first exploration of the property, looking for big game--hormones run high and shots ring out across the tundra. Soon, the hunters become the hunted and the peaceful getaway resembles a battleground.

How many will survive the next five days and will they ever be the same again?

Warning: This book contains very explicit sex scenes and is not intended for readers under 18.

## **Big Game Details**

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## From Reader Review Big Game for online ebook

### Stephanie Mayfield says

Having skipped a book I was worried that I wouldn't be able to follow the story line, but I was surprised. I love the VV series and found out that even there is an order to the books, you don't have to read them in order to love them. Dria and Rafe are still the awesome couple they started off being. Dria's determination and Rafe's love for her are a sweet, sexy and powerful combination. With the deception of the Tribunal and Dria's want to fix it poor Rafe has his hands full. I loved Jon, but who doesn't love vampires and werewolves. For me so far, this has to be my favorite of the VV series.

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### Christine says

As with the other two books I continued to enjoy this story. This was also told from different points of view of each of the main characters. Unlike in the second book where the story was passed off to each person seamlessly... This was a little different because the group was in two different locations. This made for quite a few cliffhangers and it urged me on to not want to stop reading so that I could get back to the cliffhanger scene to see what was happening. I do not find this type of storytelling confusing and had no trouble keeping up with who's head we are in at that moment. I will be on the lookout for any future books in this series.

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### Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Alyn's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

#### 3.75 stars

Book three of the VV Inn begins where the previous story left off. The beautiful Vivian (a.k.a. Dria) is on her way to Argentina with her husband and a few servants to get to the bottom of the recent visit from members of the Tribunal. Worried that her secret has been discovered, she and her husband Rafe show up unannounced to infiltrate the Tribunal and get to the bottom of things. When the tables turn on them, Rafe and Dria find themselves in a painful life or death situation that seems almost inescapable.

Jon, the VV Inn's resident werewolf, is back in Alaska with Asa holding down the fort while his Master is in Argentina. Preparing for a group of vacationing werewolves visiting the inn to hunt wild game, he is not ready for the unexpected events that come his way. When guests start getting shot by hunters, questions loom over who they are following and why. Unfortunately the answer lies a little closer to home than Asa and Jon would like. On top of all of the chaos, Jon realizes there are more female werewolves lingering about than he originally thought. Is Dria trying to set him up with a mate? Why is his mental connection to her so faint? And what is the deal with Spike? That werewolf is all over him and the confusing vibe he is getting is making him uneasy.

This was a fun book but it took me a little while to get through. It has a great plot and I enjoy the mystery of it, but at times there is so much detail it slows the story down. While I appreciate the visualization, sometimes knowing every small detail can become monotonous. On a good note, the action and suspense

does make up for it and the storyline is easy to follow. I love the characters and how C.J. tells the story from their various points of view. It adds an interesting dynamic and allows you to understand what each character is thinking as a scene plays out. What I loved the most was Rafe's determination in this story, When the life of his wife is at stake, the calm and collective man that so many often see, disappears behind the savage that will stop at nothing to save his love and leave a bloody trail in his tracks. Spike was another pleasant surprise. When Jon learns the truth about him, and is willing to accept that truth, it became a very sweet moment. Knowing Jon was willing to put himself out there to be scrutinized for Spike's sake made me like his character even more.

Overall this was fun read with a little bit of sex and a lot of blood to satisfy vampire and werewolf fans looking for a good mystery.

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### **Missyb says**

I really like these characters. It's a great core group. The writing is a little weird, each chapter is from a different character's point of view & their words and interactions. The chapter tells who's it is (sort of like a title). Once you get used to it, it flows pretty well. This one didn't have the amount of sex as some of the others, but it had tons of action and mystery that starts pretty much from the beginning. Most of the characters have been in other books, & this one is a continuation of the problem with Cora. Wasn't too happy with the ending, thought it was abrupt. Great action & mystery, but each problem/mystery was wrapped up a little quick (could have been expanded a touch), and a few were never finished (the house keeper & his family), but maybe that's because they get wrapped up in the next book, who knows. I look forward to the next book.

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### **Veronica says**

Couldn't sleep anymore so I woke up and realized that Big Game came out today so I went searching to see if they had it available to buy yet and to my surprise they did! Instantly bought it and I am currently reading but when I came to add it to my currently reading list on Goodreads, imagine my surprise that it wasn't listed. Of course I just HAD to add it because this is one of my favorite series. I will probably spend the rest of my day trying to finish reading this book. Definitely loving it so far. Thank you so much to this wonderful author for what I am sure will be another great story.

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### **Andrea says**

I won this book on the GoodReads First Reads.

Since it was the third book in the series I wanted to read the previous books to fully enjoy it. Ok, I know the author considers this to be her best book in the series and I have to agree. Don't get me wrong. I enjoyed the previous books as well, but reading this one had me more on the edge of my seat. I sincerely hated to have it end. The revelation of who is behind the tribunal attacks was interesting and I can't wait for the next book. I like the main characters more and more and enjoyed seeing a new side to Rafe that I expected based in his acceptance of Vivian and hints at his own past. Drew really appears to be torn between his past Victorian human self and that of being a vampire however he does appear to be steadfast in his support of the seethe. I

do wonder what's up with Cy though. Like I said, can't wait until the next one.

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### **Avid Reader Amy's Reviews says**

I first want to state the I have not read the previous books. My opinion is based solely on reading just Big Game. I like reading books in order but I also think that each book should be able to stand alone if someone chooses to read out of order. That being said Big Game is a book that you can read alone but a few things were confusing. Such as Dria and Vivian. I wasn't sure what was going on but I realized that they are one in the same. Dria to her hubby Rafe and Vivian to everyone else. After I cleared that up I was able to proceed with the book. The author writes a sexy and humorous tell that brings in all aspects of the paranormal world. What Ms. Ellisson writes Paranormal Erotica that is entertaining and interesting. It has a great plot line with twists and turns. Big Game holds your attention from beginning to end. What I enjoyed most was that you see the world through different POV's. By doing that I feel that she gave the story texture and allowed you to see it at different angles. The characters mesh well together and Dria and Rafe are super hot. After reading this book I will check out the previous ones. The VV Inn series has a big following and I can see why. I recommend Big Game to read rather the series is new to you or you are well acquainted with it.

Reviewed as a part of the Big Game Tour presented by Bewitching Book Tours

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### **Nila says**

I cannot say enough good things about this series, I loved it!! Another great story, this one kept me turning the pages-very intense! Vivian and Rafe go out of town on business and almost lose their lives. The descriptions in this book make you feel like you are right there with them. Lots of Sub characters to love and hate in this series.

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### **Kelly says**

I have a serious case of crazy eyes after reading this. Good crazy eyes. The type that are DYING to move onto the next book or novella or DEAR GAWD ANYTHING I JUST WANT MORE AND I'M NOT GOING TO USE PUNCTUATION OR UN-LOCK THE CAPS LOCK UNTIL I GET IT!

\*ahem\* Sorry about that. I got a little emotional there. For the record, since I have #3.5 sitting on my Kindle, I've decided to use both punctuation and regular typing for the remainder of this review. You're welcome.

So. Some stuff happens here. Kinda big stuff. Brutal, even. All that intrigue and potential backstabbing and those uppity Tribunal folk... well, things happen. THINGS. It was GLORIOUS.

We got some answers. We got more questions. We got to see different sides of the members of our favorite seethe. Jon and the wolves have to deal with problems back at the homestead while Vivian and Rafe are walking on the dangerous side down in Argentina.

I'm really digging this series. I know it was hard to tell from that first paragraph but I just wanted to lay it out there. Vivian's compatriots are dangerous and sexy and they do what they need to do to get the job done.

I'm down with that!

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

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### **Deana-Coffee, Books, Life Blog says**

While the master is away the wolves will play or so they think!!!

C.J. Ellison gives her latest and best installment of VV Inn series in BIG GAME!!

Sex master vamp, Vivian and husband Rafe and half their Seethe, take us on an adventure to Buenos Aires. On a tranquil island, in a fabulous house, with an alluring set of twin to keep things steamy, Vivian and Rafe set off into the Seat of Darkness, the Tribunal's base to find out who is plotting against them and why. Vivian is set to find out who wants her dead!!!,

Meanwhile, back in Alaska, Asa and Jon stay to run the inn. Hosting visiting werewolves on a big game hunt, we soon realize that the hunters are becoming the hunted....

I feel this is the best VV Inn Book yet!!

The story takes you from beginning to end. Written in the point of view of a different charter for each chapter, gives a nice touch to the series! The character development is hands down amazing. We get two story arcs in this book, which keep the story flowing nicely. CJ gives us the twists and turns that give us a great book! OH, and did I mention just hands down HOT!!!!

I was very fortunate to be part of an alpha readers group on this book and received a beta ARC for Big Game. I do believe we were reading the book as the final touches were put on that!!!

I am so honored to have been a part of that group. It's was special treat to be able to have the chance read and give my options on this book. I thank you CJ.

Visit CJs website for more infromation on her books

<http://www.cjellisson.com/>

Happy Reading

Deana

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### **Loves To Dive says**

4.5 Stars

Once again, we join the owners of the exclusive Alaskan resort, The V.V. Inn, Vivian and Rafe as they and their staff get themselves into dangerous adventures and heart stopping romantic escapades. This time around, Vivian and Rafe are heading to Argentina in advance of this year's Tribunal gathering, in hopes of figuring out exactly how much the leaders know of Vivian's abilities.

Travelling along with them is Drew, a 150 year vampire and new to Vivian's seethe, his human girlfriend

Chelly, the newly turned vampire chef Paul, ground crew member Bob, and Aussie Tom. They have left Vivian's werewolf servant Jonathan to run things at the inn, where they are expecting a party of werewolves to do some off season big game hunting. Helping Jon at the Inn is security chief, undead ex-military vet Asa, and newly turned werewolves, Asa's brother Eric, and Eric's best friend Pat.

What starts out as a regular hunting visit by Jon's ex-pack, soon turns totally lethal, and in order to keep everyone safe, Jon will have to tap into all his alpha abilities and Asa will have to step up as a military strategist. Between the two of them, they will have their hands full with psychotic werewolves, randy shifters, and an unknown enemy out to get them all.

Meanwhile, back in Argentina, Vivian, Rafe and company have their own set of problems. The staff at Vivian's island getaway is acting strange, members of the Tribunal are causing Vivian anxiety, and Rafe will soon learn exactly what he will do to protect the one woman who he loves more than life itself. Welcome to the world of vampires and werewolves with all the politics, intrigue and erotic adventures that go along with them.

Ms. Ellison has once again given us a great paranormal/murder mystery/erotic love story that we can sink our teeth into, really get our blood boiling and our hearts racing. Written alternately between Vivian, Drew, Asa, Jon, Paul and Rafe's point of view, Ms. Ellison brilliantly takes us into a world of vampire politics, werewolf pack hierarchy and all the intrigue, violence, laughs and romance that goes along with it.

If not written well, a reader can get lost switching between so many points of view but Ms. Ellison is becoming such a master at this, that not only is it not confusing, it seems the only way the story should be told. Each character tells part of the story, each leading to the next and each giving us a different look at how everyone interacts with each other. While each character has their story to tell, to me, this book was all about Rafe. Before we've seen Rafe as just Vivian's mild mannered husband, the man who keeps her sane and helps her run her little empire, now we see a different side to him. Oh, but Rafe is so much more than the man behind the power, he may have actually been the stronger one in this relationship all along.

There is so much going on in this book, that it is impossible to fit it into one little review and I won't even attempt to try to do so. This is a darker book than the first two and, in my opinion, a little more erotic as well. Each character has to dig deep down into themselves to discover if they have what it takes to overcome the obstacles thrown at them and all find out just how strong they are. The dark moments are broken up with some truly sensual, steamy love scenes and a few laughs to lighten up the mood.

While you don't have to have read the first two books to follow this one, it would certainly help to understand the dynamics of the characters. There is some pretty intense violence that might make some readers cringe but it all lends to the flow of the story and I can't imagine the book without those scenes. There are also some pretty explicit love scenes, not porn, but explicit enough that it might require you to have a cold beverage and a warm companion close by.

I can't imagine what Ms. Ellison has in store for us in the future for Vivian, Rafe and the staff of the V.V. Inn but I can say whatever it is, I can't wait to find out.

Member of the Paranormal Romance Guild Dual Review Team

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## **Vettech says**

For starters...WOW!!! I think this was my fav of this series. I was on the edge of my seat for parts of it. Had my hand over my mouth saying, "oh no, how are they all going to get out of this one"?

The story actually takes place in two different settings...Alaska, at the resort and in Argentina, on Dria & Rafe's island. Jon is left in charge of the resort with a bunch of weres coming for a big hunt. Dria, Rafe, Drew, Bob, Tommy & Chelly all head to the island. That's when the s\*\*\* hits the fan in both locations. Dria & Rafe go to the big Tribunal party and they get into a very bad situation. Jon is faced with someone gunning (literally) for the wolves. This was by far the most exciting book in the series And I just wasn't able to put it down. In the end true love wins out, but does still leaves some things hanging to be dealt with in the next book.

Don't worry though there is plenty of hot steamy love scenes with several loving couples, but also tons of suspense, plus some fun as well!!

Don't forget to read the short story called Death Times Two (about Asa)!!

I so love this wonderful new vampire series!!

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## **Pansy says**

The first person present point of view in this book required even more concentrations than The Hunt. Not only was there several people used to narrate this story, but there were two locations, so in essence we were actually reading two different stories. One story happens at the V V Inn in Alaska while the other happens in different locations in Argentina. As in The Hunt, each member of the seethe gets their chance to narrate their point of view.

It was quite frustrating to me to be reading about Jonathan's struggles with finding love while trying to run a hunt in Alaska that has gone very wrong, then suddenly switch to Vivian in the "Seat of Darkness" in Buenos Aires. It was like switching back and forth between two TV shows. One can catch most of the highlights of the shows, but one is bound to miss something in one or the other. That is what I felt in this. I think each story would have stood on its own, but to share a title, I felt each story may have lost something. My opinion.

I am excited that Jonathan may have found his mate. I want more detail on that. I like Jonathan and Spike/Candy intrigues me. What is the issue with Cy? Why was he in Washington State? Did his appearance in Alaska actually help in any way? The dynamics in the relationship between Asa and his brother Eric is interesting and could be further explored.

In the meantime down in Argentina, what exactly are Paul's emerging powers and why does no one else seem concerned? Is there reason for concern? Drew and Chelle want to take the next step. Drew is so old fashion, it is sweet even if only briefly touched on. Who exactly messed with the staff on the vacation island? Was it all of them or just some? What was the reason behind it? What is this about the Alantians? That sure came out of left field. Rolando!?! Good guy or bad guy?

While the Alaskan story line was more or less cleared up, the Argentina story line certainly was not. There are so many dangling threads, be careful not to trip over any. I am not a fan of an unfinished story. Especially this one. It leaves me questioning, since I had such a difficult time staying until the end of each of the first three books, do I even want to seek out another that isn't even written yet? Time will tell.

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## **Sandy S says**

**BIG GAME (The V V Inn Book 3) by C.J. Ellisson**

BIG GAME is the third book in C.J. Ellisson's vampire series of novels featuring Vivian Alexandria-a powerful sexy ancient vampire with the ability to manipulate reality and the world around her including fulfilling sexual desires and fantasies all with her powers of 'suggestion'. But her power has been concealed from those who wish to destroy everything that she is-but someone in the Tribunal knows. The novel is written from varying point of views, but each chapter focuses on what is happening at various points in the story. From Alaska, to Argentina to Buenos Aries, there are three storylines all culminating in the final chapter.

Vivian (Dria) and her husband Rafe are heading to Argentina, to the gathering of the Tribunal in the Seat of the Darkness on a mission to determine who is trying to uncover Dria's secrets. Members of her seethe are along for the trip, but will stay behind and be called in only when things become too dangerous. As members of her seethe, their allegiances and oath to protect Dria and her mate are their top priority. Left behind to their own defenses, it will soon become apparent that the human family that has been credited with keeping up with the property is no longer in control of their own minds.

Meanwhile Jon and Asa must remain behind in Alaska. A very large contingent of werewolves are heading to the V.V inn for Big Game hunting on the frozen tundra and the packs must be protected and ensured that all is safe. But Jon is not pleased that he must remain behind, when he knows that his position is to be with Dria. Although he is not her mate, he loves her with the desire to be, but unbeknownst to him, Dria has other plans with the arrival of the wolf packs and their numerous single females. No longer a member of the pack, Jon focuses on keeping his thoughts about Dria secluded away. But Big Game hunting has become an even bigger risk, when several of the werewolves are hunted and shot with silver. And when one of the mates succumbs to their wounds, the V.V Inn is suddenly secured down with military precision. Someone is determined to take out as many wolves, and whoever it is, has followed the pack to Alaska. When the identity of the hunter's is finally revealed, it is a saddened Romeo who realizes that the love of a family, goes deeper when murder is suspected-especially by a werewolf thought to have gone rogue.

Vivian and Rafe soon find themselves in enemy territory. But after a passionate night of lovemaking Dria suddenly finds herself shrouded in silver and her mate dying from blood loss on the bedroom floor. If will be only a matter of time before Dria realizes that her life will be worth nothing without her husband and mate. And with the knowledge that an ancient enemy has procured the aid of another supernatural power, Dria's only concern is that she will meet her mate in the afterlife. Torturing Dria for the secrets to her power, has only convinced the ancient vampire, that the pain and suffering will soon end in death. Giving up will mean she will find her mate in the afterlife that much sooner.

BIG GAME is fantastic storyline in the VV Inn series by C.J.Ellisson. The infusion of vampires, werewolves and magic is nothing new, but C.J.'s ability to weave the characters in to an exciting story will leave you

breathless and wanting more. And the love of a man for his mate, will bring a tear to your eye when one wolf loses his mate and an ancient vampire is rescued by a force so powerful, even the seethe members were amazed.

#### Reading Order

1. Vampire Vacation
2. The Hunt
3. Big Game
4. Just One Taste (prequel)

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#### **Sapphyria says**

Book 3 finds our super-vamp, Dria, and her sexy as sin hubby, Rafe on their way to Argentina. With them are some members of the seethe; Paul, Drew, Chelle. Dria and Rafe are bound and determined to figure out who wants them dead. Coming to the Tribunal's base before their intended arrival date doesn't seem to interrupt the plans of those that want Dria and Rafe to disappear...permanently.

Back in Alaska, Asa, Jon, and the rest of the crew there are preparing for the big game hunt when werewolves from various packs come to enjoy the fruits of Dria and Rafe's land. When the wolves become the animals hunted, it's time to figure out who is betraying the compound.

This is another absolutely fantastic book in the world of C.J. Ellisson's vamps and weres.

This installment of The VV Inn series is told in 1st person present tense and like Book 2, The Hunt, each chapter is told from the perspective of a different character within her seethe:

- Ch. 1 = Vivian
- Ch. 2 = Jonathan
- Ch. 3 = Rafe
- Ch. 4 = Asa
- Ch. 5 = Drew

And so forth and so on.

I love the writing style of C.J. Ellisson. Her characters are quirky, humorous, and quite likable--even the bad guys/gals are written in a way that you love to hate them. The suspense of both story lines - who wants Dria dead and who is hunting the wolves - is fantastically written. There are several HOT HOT HOT scenes that certainly leave this book steamy. I really liked the first 2 books in the series but I LOVE book 3. The dual story line keeps you fully engaged in the book. The plot is well developed and while the 2 storylines are in different parts of the hemisphere, Ms. Ellisson keeps them tightly connected. Bravo!

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