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One touch of Spectra's fingers leaves the predator Bay craving more.

Spectra is a Balance; a descedent of angels whose soul has been intertwined with that of sorcerer Alexander, although her heart belongs to Mercury, the son of an archangel.

Bay is a predator de Sang and sorcerer, who runs his own private security company, fighting the purist organization Essence. Seeking out Spectra for her special abilities the last thing he expected to find was a Balance strong enough to withstand his potent energy. With her heart and soul already claimed, could there be room for another in her life?

When Bay's infatuations bring Spectra to the attention of Essence and put her life at risk, he must learn that sometimes sacrificing the ones you love is the only way to save them.

## **Spectra Details**

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## From Reader Review Spectra for online ebook

### Pallavi Sareen says

Spectra is a conflicting read for me. I loved that I finally found one novel with an open end relationship and Polygamy (and it is not portrayed to be wrong) which is awesome and unique in itself.

I understood and liked the ideas of sorcerer's having a balance and yeah Spectra's character as well.

But.. This book focused too much on the relationship and erotic scenes than it did on the plot line and that I did not enjoy. I would have liked more about those supernatural creatures, and a huge premise build up with a complicated plot.

But what turned out is a simple paranormal romance that's a good enough one time read.

I understood the toxic relationship between Spectra and Alexander.. And the need for that real relationship between her and Mercury.

Well then Bay comes and complicates things. He's a predator.

She does not like their kind.

Yet. Things turn out different than what is expected. It is not a story of power struggle and all these men trying to dominate her. Which in turn makes her a strong character who can make her own decisions but is also moved by her basic feelings and desires.

In the end I just have to say I liked this book but it's not something incredible or mind blowing. You can have this for some light entertaining read but don't expect too much from it.

3 stars.

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### Siobhan says

My feelings towards Spectra by Ebony Olson are rather mixed. I'm not quite sure how I feel about it. As shown by the four star rating I have given the book, I enjoyed it. However, I didn't come to love it in the way I had expected I would. It was completely different from what I had imagined it would be, and whilst this is a great thing, I'm not entirely sure how I feel about everything that unfolded in the story. It was different but I'm not sure if it was right for me.

Okay, so I'm not making much sense. I'll try to amend that now, in a full review.

Spectra has a number of great aspects to it, things that leave you wanting more of the story. The main thing is the world building. It is very different to what you see in most paranormal romance stories nowadays. You can see glimmers of the norm, but this is very much a story unlike any other. The creatures we're introduced to have aspects of their own, allowing us to see a new kind of paranormal system unfold. Or so it seems until you start to understand the world properly, at which point you realise quite a lot of what we're seeing is just new names and altered details of creatures we already know. This is perfectly fine, though, as we're pulled into the story and the creatures slowly come to light as we make our way through the story.

At the same time, this did cause me some issues. For quite some time I felt as though I didn't quite understand the creatures in the world. Things weren't quite as clear-cut as I usually like them to be, which distracted me from the story more than it should have. Once things clicked into place in my mind, I found I enjoyed the way the world worked; I just wish the world building had been clearer at the start so that I could understand all that was happening. I understand the lack of clarity in regards to our female lead, as an air of mystery is intended for her, but I wanted to understand the world a little bit better than I did. It was such a

quick read, that I really do feel as though the details pertaining to the creatures of the world could have been a bit more clear-cut at the start.

This is just my opinion, though, as I'm a stickler for understanding worlds down to the tiniest details. Many will love the world building – and whilst I'm not saying it was bad, it simply wasn't for me.

This brings me nicely to my next point: the romance. I'm not entirely sure if the romance was for me. I really enjoyed how it went against the norm. Honestly, it was so interesting to see romance done in the way it was in this story. However, I'm extremely picky when it comes to my romance reads. The way the romance developed within this story wasn't quite for me. I've put that aside when rating the book, though, hence why it was given a four star rating. Despite not falling head over heels for the way in which the romantic aspect of this story played out, I really did enjoy how different it was to most of the romance stories out there. It was something new, something refreshing, and I really appreciate that.

Honestly, I know the story won't be for everyone because this isn't your usual romance story. Throughout you're left curious as to how things will play out, and the ending wasn't at all what I expected. I really do appreciate how the author went against the conventional in her choices, and it certainly makes for an interesting read. Whether people will enjoy it or not is another matter. I appreciated it, I liked how it was different, but I wasn't crazy about it. Nevertheless, as a whole, it made for an interesting story. I just think people should be aware before going into this story that the romance does not play out the way it so often does.

Overall, though, it was an interesting read. I found myself addicted, curious as to what would come next. I feel as though it was set up in such a way that it is unclear whether we will get any more stories with this cast, but I would like to see another one. After all, there are certain details I want to know more about and I feel as though more adventures with this cast could make for a lot of fun.

An interesting read, for sure. Very much something different.

As a final note, I would like to thank the publisher for providing me with a copy in exchange for a review.

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### **Rheanna Harrison says**

#### **This is awesome. Read the full review please it's not negative in the end**

I do not tend to read novels containing completely open relationships with very few boundaries, these style books usually get put away as soon as I uncover this type of relationship. So when I first reach my usual tipping point and I can't bring myself to put this compelling tale down it leaves me wondering why and how I've made it to the end, and will read the next.

The ways characters are portrayed is brilliant, I hated, loved and emphasised. I was so pleased with a female main who was neither a hero of epic proportions nor weak and measly. So happy.

It was well written. I obviously do not have the highest English level but we'll written to me is high quality / above average

The story line and beings were unique and dispute getting lost at times I was so intrigued that I could not put this novel down until complete.

Signing off after a long pleasurable journey well after midnight. Read me.

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## **Lorie says**

### **Very good**

Great writing and I loved the plot. I felt the emotions of the characters and liked how strong the h was. The author kept me guessing on what Spectra was really is. When it was revealed. I blew me away. Not a ghost story for sure but a mixed of kick as s heroine with powerful lovers. The love triangle worked. It flowed and wasn't a porn. Am I glad she dumped the jerk who tried to keep her on the lease while eating his cake with other women. I liked who she ended up. I hoped there is book two. I want to read more on Spectra developing her power. Maybe see her relationship developed. Totally recommend this book if you liked relatable characters with a strong female and hot guys. This book is like a reverse harem with a twist. Thanks for a great read. Want more though please....

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## **BCD Book Review - Rachel & Jen says**

Amount of sex 5 / 5

How explicit 4 / 5

Romance 5 / 5

Overall: 5 / 5

Review: Jen reviewing today – I loved this book! This is best book I've read this year and Spectra will make my top list for 2017! The character's are interesting, intriguing, and engaging. I loved the story and it had plenty of hot scenes.

Spectra is a young woman finishing college and ready to move on to the next phase of her life. She is wants to be with high school love Alexander, a sorcerer, but worries her abilities are not enough to be his wife. She also has a deep connection with Mercury, an archangel, with whom she enjoys spending time (and may be in love with). Then she meets Bay, a predator (I'm thinking like a vampire but it isn't clear). He has awoken a passion in her like no other. And she has done the same for Bay after centuries long celibacy. All the men know about each other in the story and their involvement with Spectra. While Spectra is balancing the relationships (and the hot and steamy times with each man), she starts job interviews which lead her to Essence, a organization doing bad things for the wrong reasons. Her abilities become an interest to this group and the men in her life seek to protect her.

The book reminded me a lot of the Mortal Instruments, but instead of being from the Shadow Hunters perspective it was from the Downworlder's view and there is no army of angelic beings policing the world (oh and there are plenty of sex scenes). Humans and supernatural creatures interact in this world and most humans are unaware of the supernatural beings supernaturalness. I loved this book and hope there may be more as the world Ebony Olson describes is so engaging.

Definitely a 5 star!

\*\* Voluntarily reviewed from an advanced copy \*\*

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### **Kelsey says**

Review to come.

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### **Jolie says**

When I started reading Spectra, I went into it thinking that it was going to be one of those paranormal romances that focuses more on the sex than the story. Boy, was I wrong. While sex does get mainlined for a while, the real story ends up being the relationships that Spectra has with Bay, Merc and Alexander and, of course, the Essence storyline (which was fascinating).

Spectra was a tough chick. She was dealt a crap hand in life. Her sister was killed by a predator (think vampire/were animal), her mother just couldn't deal and committed suicide when Spectra was 14. Then she is date raped after her college boyfriend slips her a Rufie and she dies from an allergic reaction to it. She is brought back to life and she makes it her life's mission to help those who can't help themselves (victims be it of abuse or other things).

Alexander was so sweet at first and then he morphed into a jerk. I was kinda taken aback when he did the 180 because it went against how he was portrayed. But when it was revealed why he morphed into a jerk, I wanted to reach into the book and smack him. Put it this way: Can't have your cake and eat it too!!!

Next to Spectra, Merc was my favorite character in the book and he was a perfect fit with Spectra. They're relationship was a little strange (totally open, both were able to see/sleep with other people) but it worked for them because they didn't get jealous. I mean, the first time we meet Merc, he is nailing a girl in Tommy's bar.....lol.

I wasn't too sure about Bay at first. But the more I read, the more I started to like him and by the end of the book, I loved him. He also was a good fit with Spectra but, and stress but, because he was a predator (aka vampire) and a sorcerer (which is the first time I think that I have read those two being combined). He was the one that uncovered the wrongs that Alexander was doing to her, thinking that he was protecting her, and he was the one that was there, along with Merc, when Spectra needed him the most.

The whole storyline as to who Spectra's father was and the storyline about exactly what she is was played out beautifully. I kinda felt bad for her when it was revealed who her father was, and a little shocked to be honest. Then when Bay finds out exactly what she was, again it was a huge surprise to me. There were hints dropped throughout the book but I didn't exactly put two and two together until Bay found out.

I would be a fool if I didn't address the sex scenes. They were all hot. Very hot but what ruined them for me is that Spectra would go from one man's bed to another in the same day. Also, the whole cumming in her until she was married. It was great (and that she insisted on condoms was awesome) until well, you have to read the book. I wish that it was carried out until the end because it was kinda different.

The ending was good but I couldn't tell if there was going to be a book 2? I am so torn because there was so

much left in the air.

How many stars will I give Spectra: 4

Why: A great paranormal/fantasy with hot sex scenes. The ending I was a little torn on and I wish there was better clarification on if there is going to be a book 2.

Will I reread: Yes

Will I recommend to family and friends: Yes

Age range: Adult

Why: Sex, violence and language

\*\*I chose to leave this review after reading an advance reader copy\*\*

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### **Morgan Rider says**

This story surprised me with unusual supernatural elements I hadn't read about before. I liked that. I also liked the characters, and I had fun figuring out the twists and turns of the plot. Spectra is a quick, entertaining read. Perfect for ebook format.

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### **Beth says**

*Spectra* was nothing what I expected. With that being said, I really enjoyed it. Something about the world building and the uniqueness just worked for me; although it did take me quite a while before I understood what was going on and it all clicked into place.

The romance is quite hot but it is also open, leading to many sexual encounters. You are not sure whether you should be routing for Alexander, Merc or Bay and in the end it was great to route for both...because one thing Spectra was full of was sex. I do admit I did end up skimming some of those scenes.

*Spectra* is a unique urban fantasy that steams up the pages while pulling you into a world unlike any other.

I received this ARC copy of *Spectra* from Inkitt. This is my honest and voluntary review. *Spectra* is set for publication Feb 22, 2017.

My Rating: 4.5 Stars

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### **Yvonne Daniels says**

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by Ebony Olson  
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Spectra is a unique story. I must that once you start to read this story you will read it to the end. This is the kind of book that will have you turning page after page and will be hard to put down until you finish. But I do want to give you a small warning this story is full of predators that are supernatural creatures and even though it's a paranormal romance I felt that there isn't much romance in the story. The story features Bay Ryder, Alexander Williams, Mercury Raphangelis and Spectra Michaels. Bay is a predator de Sang and sorcerer, who runs his own private security company, fighting the purist organization Essence. Alexander is a powerful Sorcerer, Playboy and L'Ordre in the city, he made a name for himself very quickly and pissed off a lot of the predator upper echelon. Merc is a Angelis, a doctor, and dominant and he is also the half-breed son of an archangel not one of their Nephilim grandchildren. Spectra is a Balance who hasn't fully acquired her powers, she is a descendant of angels but she had to be told who her father is, she was orphaned at age 16, she is a computer nerd, she feels that she is meant to marry sorcerer Alexander, who she has known and love since her childhood. This another great story by Ebony Olsen she creates extraordinaire paranormal worlds with astonishing characters. I really enjoyed her characters and reading her books. The only thing I didn't like is I needed more romance between the characters, the dialogue between the characters is very descriptive. This story isn't for the faint and it will keep you on the edge of your seat. The story will continue to hold your attention through out the entire book! It is a compelling story, it's a well written and you will get introduced to another marvelous world. It's just as exciting to turn the pages of this story as I am with the first book I read by Ebony Olsen. Again you can't help but to keep reading until you finish this book and I'm just as excited to read the next book. It's not your normal paranormal romance. I receive a ARC copy of this book from Inkitt exclusive and I recommend this book I have enjoyed discovering and reading this author books.

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### **Danielle Urban says**

Spectra by Ebony Olson is a paranormal fantasy read. One that offers readers a lot of action, intrigue, and romance. The characters are suspenseful. Each has a goal. That goal leads them into each other's circle. Once entered, there's no turning away from what pulls them together. A fight worthy of every readers' heart. Strong, bold, and entertaining.

Ebony Olson brings together one of the most fascinating mixtures. Angels and magic. A heady combination. Especially in the form of Spectra and Bay. These two characters had me captivated from the beginning. Three-dimensional, highly engaging, and so many possibilities...I loved it. Every page was enticing. Left me,

feeling an adrenaline pumping into my system as each scene unfolded. Powerfully written, Spectra, is a must read for all. This new writer has definitely caught my full attention. I look forward to reading more of her work.

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### **J. Woods says**

I love a novel that allows the reader to see a glimpse into the author's mind blowing imagination and Spectra did exactly that.

This novel involves two of my favourite things, paranormal and romance. With sorcerers and magic, angels and ghosts I found it difficult to put this book down.

This was the first time I'd read Ebony Olsen and I was impressed with the story overall as well as the development of the characters. I enjoyed the different points of view, an essential part I felt to this novel. I especially liked the secondary characters and their story lines - Calin and his wives (especially Gina - love Gina!), Luke and his son, and the taboo drama that encircled them.

I enjoyed how Spectra was a strong female lead - in the beginning I wasn't so sure given her relationship with Alexander but as her story continued to develop she turned out to be the heroin I wanted her to be.

While I wanted there to be a bit more of an elaboration when it came to Spectra and some of her past as well as her current relationships, I found that overall the story was intense and passionate and I loved the non-traditional relationships that made up this book.

I found myself immediately drawn into this paranormal world that Olsen has created - curiosity, heartbreak, lust, love, secrecy - all an integral part of Spectra.

A great paranormal, an easy read, a magical (pun intended) story.

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### **Karen Shortridge says**

This book really opens you up to different characters within the paranormal world. Spectra has amazing abilities and is rare but she is torn between two lovers who are powerful themselves. You will be kept guessing throughout as it has plenty going on and the great plot will keep your attention. I received this arc but also bought it and this is my honest unbiased review.

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### **Vivian says**

OMG! This book is wonderful. I read it at inkitt last year and i loved it. New paronarmal that you don't see in others books and plenty of material for a series. I waiting for more Spectra

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### **Suni says**

#### **I Want More!!!**

This is one of the best books I have read! Great story line, characters and it leaves you wanting more! Please, please write more of Spectra and make it into a series!!!! You are a great writer! Thanks for the great read, I couldn't put it down.

