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In the eye of a storm stands Bryn, the alpha of the Cedar Ridge werewolf pack. She is young. Female. Human. Physically weaker than any werewolf, she could never survive a battle with another alpha, the strongest, fiercest, and canniest of his pack.

Yet she cannot refuse a summons from the werewolf Senate. A rogue werewolf is attacking humans. The risk of exposure threatens to destroy pack life, and the center of the crisis is Cedar Ridge territory—her own lands.

Bryn has no choice but to attend the meeting, a gathering of the most powerful werewolves on the continent. The subject is the rogue wolf, but Bryn knows the other packs want what she has. Her territory. Her females. Her pack.

They want her death.

Werewolf law prevents the other alphas from making a direct attack. It also prevents her former alpha, the mysterious and powerful Callum, from coming to her aid. But it doesn't prevent Bryn from knowing what she wants. To keep her lands. To protect her pack.

To survive.

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Miss says

Is there going to be another book to this series? Because this checked firmly into Heartbreak Hotel and I'm going to be very sad if that's what we're ending on. :(Fantastic book but geez. You want to stomp all over Bryn some more Barnes? Sure you don't need one last kick in? 4 stars

Natalie says

****This review will completely spoil the book for you. So don't read it if you even think you might read the book****

Ok let me start off by saying WHAT THE FUCK!! I mean what is this?! Barnes, could you possibly put your character through more! I feel like the end of the book stops the depression stage, abruptly and without hope. She lost her boyfriend and her best friend. She didnt really win anything except revenge. I was expecting something more meaningful to happen than achieving peace. Bryn doesnt really grow enough in this book for it to be the last. All she really discovers about life is that it sucks.

Ok enough of my ranting, bascially shay calls a senent meeting because there is another rabid, a female rabid. Bryn thinks it might be Maddy so its a race for them to find Maddy before the other alphas(shay) do. Bryn is still pretty broken up about having to kill lucas. So she is going through that moral delama. Then they find Maddy and there are all kinds of little twists and plot turns until Bryn goes up against shay in the final battle. Then shit gets real, not in a good way.

I seriously wanted to throw this book across the room when I was done with it. It really disapointed me. I thought it was a good book in the sense that I could easily connect with the characters. But what happened to them pissed me off. I think I wouldn't be quite so mad if instead of Devon becoming alpha of the other pack, Bryn took it all and became the leader of the biggest pack in north america with Devon still as her second, supporting her. That way she would have been left with something instead of ending up pretty much where she was at the begining of the book minus one mate and one best friend.

Jessica (Step Into Fiction) says

[Am I the only one that has been rooting for a Callum/Bryn pairing since the beginning. He loves her. It's not just the 'I kind of raised you' type love...I truly believe he loves her. She can't hate him. Honestly, I am glad Chase is gone. (Though I did cry when he died) But I saw it coming. And he was borin

Paranormal Reads says

Oh My...GOD. Where to start with this review, as most know I have been in love with this series from the first book, I loved Bryn's feisty attitude and Devon's personality, and of course how could I not mention Lake, she may not be physically strong in comparison to the other werewolves but she is fast and loves her guns. Jennifer Lynn Barnes has out done herself in this book.

In Taken by Storm, the setting takes place a few months after Lucas challenges Bryn. Bryn is called to a council meeting where she is faced with a terrible realization that a rabid is on the loose, and in her mind realizes the possibility that this rabid maybe someone she is all too familiar with. We see Bryn working along side Jed, Caroline, Lake and Chase, quite the group wouldn't you say? Especially since in the last book Caroline was trying to kill them, of course things have changed since then. Here we see her more independent and in charge as ever (like she isn't already most of you might be saying), I loved it, though I have to say it was sad not to see much of Ali or Devon through the chapters, but the journey that Bryn and her friends were in for kept me locked into the pages. There was so much going on, each chapter never gave me a chance to take a break, I had to read on.....I needed more!

I loved the story plot, though at first I swore I had figured out what was going to happen, but of course it was all a trick, with a different plot hidden just beneath the surface! I was proven very wrong! As I read through the chapters what I had originally thought to be the plot was not, though some things I was able to guess from certain hints throughout the book. Take by Storm was put together in a way that captivates you from beginning until the very end.

This book will have you in suspense, it will have you smiling, laughing, astounded, sad and just overall enthralled by the overall experience of it all. And may I say, Jennifer Lynn Barnes, how dare you give me such a cliffhanger at the end! I need to know what happens next for Bryn, and what is Ali going to say! * yells "Nooooooo it can't just end like that!" for dramatic effect* I do hope Jennifer Lynn Barnes does return with another book in the Raise by Wolves series. 5 out of 5 bats!

~Marie from Paranormal Reads

Naomi says

I love the cover, but her hair looks really dry even though it's supposedly pouring rain on the cover. Maybe I'm being too technical.

:/

I still love the cover though, and it probably wouldn't be as pretty if her hair was soaking wet!

Channtelle.cc says

Oh my freaking goodness SERIOUSLY WHYYY! of all people to kill of why him as quiet and slightly mysterious his character was (not going to say who dont want to spoil it for people who havent read it) i thoroughly enjoyed him and bryns scenes together and how protective he was of her and how he loved her so simply and how no matter what put her first (ok pretty of obvious who im talking about right?? im just soo suprised and gutted though i do respect that though there were alot of scenes were the main character bryn could have become swallowed in all her pressure and everyone getting killed around her i do appreciate the author not making bryn a melodramatic depressed drama queen but instead accepting the wrong and trying to

do something about it instead of just crying all day like etc.. lets just say a loved one of hers dying and trust me ive read lots of book were the protagonist just sits there pondering how her life sucks and she doesnt deserve this while bryn sucks it up and practically says fuck it im not going to sit here but im going to do something.

Though there were many ups in this novel what seemed to bother me was how they were high up on hey your mine no your mine which obviously your going to get a lot of since this is a novel about werewolves and werewolves do tend to be quite possessive which i understand but hearing it all the time just bothers me because if i was in a type of situation like that i wouldnt want someone always trying to claim me like that though bryn did give them free will and didnt force anything on them she did slightly get a bit possessive in what i percieved from reading the raised by wolves books above from all this the novels were highly interesting and kept me wanting to read more and more which is a very good thing though the ending for me was quiet blatanly obvious i mean c'mon you all must have seen it coming though this for me made it all the more captivating leaving me biting my nails anxiously waiting/hoping for the next book.

C.c reviews

Lucy Qhuay says

[It totally killed me that Shay, that freaking bastard, killed my p

Kelli says

Not so much a review as a quick commentary. This final (from what I understand) book in the trilogy is the best of them and I enjoyed (and have re-read) the first two. I'm having a hard time putting into words why this series has stuck with me but it definitely has. The story arc is good but there is something about the writing that makes me think very hard about all the other YA books I've read and what the reader takes away from them, consciously or subconsciously. The ending? Yeah, I was soooo not expecting that but from book one I could tell that this wasn't going to be your usual "girl meets boy then meets another boy, love triangle ensues, girl gets super powers and kicks butt, off into the sunset they go" kind of of story. When it came down to Bryn and some hard choices being made, they were, and I have a lot of respect for an author who's willing to stay true to their characters and stick the landing on a finish that felt realistic.

Dani says

Loved the book, nearly everything about it. The one thing I didn't like has caused me to only rate it with one star.

Chase dies... Seriously? What the actual hell?

I will still read the next one (if there is a next one) since I've loved this series for so long, purely in the hopes that somehow, some way, Chase will come back. If he does come back (as a ghost or whatever..) then I shall change my review of this book (maybe) but until then I am thoroughly angry with this book and the author for even putting me through that emotional trauma.

The next book better be released pretty darn soon and have Chase back in it too or I may just give up on this

series all together.

EDIT***

Okay, so I've just seen that Barnes has no plans to continue this series, even though it wasn't, in my opinion, even completed! I may not be an author myself but I don't think someone is a true author if they just leave a series like that, killing off main characters and not even really finishing the story. You wait the whole time for Bryn to become a werewolf and just as she does, no more series, seriously?

This has gone from being my favourite series to my least, and so has the author.

You don't just leave a series like that, as if you've gotten bored. Do you not even think about your fans?

I will definitely not be suggesting this author's work to others any more, if anything, I'll be doing the opposite.

I'm very passionate about my books and I think authors should be too, obviously. But I just feel as if Barnes isn't as passionate as she should be, after just ditching this brilliant series.

Miriam Mathew says

Heartbreakingly sad and incredibly angsty, this could not have been any more different from the first two books. The storyline was more complex. It was more serious and deep and it really demonstrated how much Bryn had developed to become the person she is now. I really appreciate the author's ability to actually do that; however I did not appreciate her killing off one of my favorite characters (even though it fits and is deeply moving). That was just cruelty. Other than that, it was just amazing.

Bri •Books and Bri• says

First and foremost, a very important issue needs to be addressed. For those of you, like me, who are wondering if there is going to be a fourth book in the Raised by Wolves series, here is what Barnes has to say: *"I knew that this book would, in many ways, be a conclusion to the plot lines, questions, and character arcs that started in the first two. I can't say for sure that this is the last book I'll ever write about Bryn, but I can say that I would be happy with it as a finale if it were."* *pauses and broods over statement* *broods some more* Nope, I'm sorry. Try as I might, I am not content with this ending. I want more! I want to know what happens next (MAJOR spoilers- do not open unless you have read the book): (view spoiler) While the plot lines may have been tied up nicely, I am still not wholly satisfied with this ending (a series should not end on a cliffhanger, in my opinion), so I will praying, down on my hands and feet pleading, for there to be a fourth book. Please? Please, please, pretty please?? I am not above begging.

You cannot resist this face!

[Tries to gather what little of my dignity remains] Ahem. Okay, I am cool and composed. So how was the book, you ask? Absolutely, mind-blowingly amazing!! Just when I thought this series could not impress me more, Barnes dishes out Taken by Storm. This is definitely one of the few series available that actually gets better and better with every addition, and Taken by Storm is the best book in the series, no contest. It defied all my expectations, which were already pretty high. The story starts a little while after Bryn met with Callum (end of book two), and things immediately get intense when a Rabid shows up and Bryn is

confronted with memories she would rather not remember. However, this Rabid is believed to be female, and all the big boys (aka the Alphas) come out to play in hopes of adding her to their ranks. When Bryn learns that Maddy might somehow be involved in the Rabid's killings, it becomes a race against time and the other Alphas to figure out who the Rabid is and save Maddy. If things are not bad enough, Shay starts pulling out some of the tricks he has up his sleeve for some time, and he is anticipating the day when he takes over Bryn's pack. But Bryn happens to have a few tricks up her sleeve as well....

I know I already mentioned that I loved this book, but it will not hurt to say it one more time. Taken by Storm was beyond brilliant. Barnes seamlessly creates a story with a gripping, ever-changing plot filled with intense action, charming characters, and heightened emotions/feelings, a perfect trifecta. This book made me feel so much; I laughed and I cried and some emotionally trying moments tugged at my heart. I love how Barnes captures the mentality of a pack being family, and I respected the strength of their emotional bonds to one another. Bryn is human, but she is their Alpha, and they will follow her through thick and thin. I cannot even begin to try and explain the appreciation I have for Bryn. Being human, she is physically weaker than other packs' Omegas, but that never stops her from doing what she thinks is best and fighting for her pack. Shay throws her down rather heavily in this book, but she stands up and pushes right back, and I cannot help but have the utmost respect for her. Her iron will and keen mind are all the arsenal she needs to make the other Alphas regret challenging her or thinking of her as weak. You have got to love a girl who can own Alpha males. All the old favorites are also back, and even good ole Archer makes an appearance (I lovveee his name!).

I really cannot do this book justice. If you have not read it (or this series), then you need to remedy that quickly. Raised by Wolves is one of the greatest werewolf books I have ever come across (if not the very best), and you should not miss out on it. Treat yourself! I just hope Taken by Storm is not the last time we read about Bryn.

To conclude my ~~fangirling~~ review, I have a letter for Ms. Barnes.

Dear Ms. Barnes,

I [politely] demand a fourth book. You do not want to see me go all Rabid (it's not pretty). I will eagerly be awaiting the next book within a year! :)

Thank you,

A BIG fan

Marulett says

I wasn't expecting much of the book, but it surprised me. Out of the 3 books, I think this one is the best in the series so far.

Everything starts when Shay calls a Senate meeting because there's a new Rabid on the loose, but what really matters is that the Rabid is a female. So of course everyone asks Bryn if any of her females are missing and that where everything gets tricky...

Bryn accepted Maddie leaving at the end of book 2, and she fears she may be the Rabid. She's set on finding her in the hopes of saving her from herself and the other Alphas since they settled in the meeting that whoever finds the Rabid gets to keep her.

I look forward towards book 4 :)

Kara says

HOLLYYYY CRAPPPPP!!!! COVEEER ISSS SOO PRETYYYYYYYY!!!!!! <3

Calypso says

Oh my GoshOkay i am routing for Devon cause he is just the better choice he took a bullet for chase !!!! and i secretly think he is in love with Bryn or really likes her hoping !! but i sorry but chase we don't know alot about him and idk i have a eird feeling about him ... besides dev is caring and is the one that understands that he can't just leave the pack and go run away or should i say just protect bryn but that is very romantic I Serously trust dev more hope he and bryn Get together

But i Don't really like CHASE in that way , but we don't know looking forward to the BOOK!!!!!!!

GO TEAM DEVON!!!!!!!!!!

Grace says

SPOILERS

Oh. My. God.

I give Taken by Storm 4.5 stars on account of the the structure, the writing and the words and phrases used.

But for the actual story itself? The conclusion? The last 42 pages?

ONE STAR! AT MOST!

Are you kidding me Jennifer? Did you really just ruin this series for me?!?

Not only did you kill Chase, Bryn's one true love and mate, but throughout the book their was barely any mention of him! He spoke at the maximum of ten times with the maximum of two god damn words! Then you took Devon away and put him in a different pack! Callum acted like a total ass! We didn't even get to experience more than one conversation with Ali! And now Bryn is alone and sad and broken and completely messed up.

I'm praying that Chase magically somehow comes back as a Shadow and lives forever with Bryn in the Cedar Ridge Pack.

So, make it happen Jennifer.

EDIT:

Hold up!

I just read on Jennifer Lynn Barnes website that this is the last book in the 'trilogy'! Are you kidding me. I'm actually crying. I know she said that it's possible she would return to the world of *Raised by Wolves* and write about Bryn's life after, but seriously?

And now that I've had time to absorb that crazy ending I'm slowly coming to terms with Jennifer's reasoning with it. Yes, Bryn has reached her coming of age and found her place amongst the world of the werewolves but it just isn't right, she can't be left alone without her mate, without her best friend. This makes me unbelievably sad.

Cries for the rest of eternity

Please, please, please, please return to Bryn's world and write another trilogy.

EDIT:

It's been two years and I am still incredibly angry and sad about how this trilogy ended. I'm also still waiting for that follow-up book.

cough *Jennifer* *cough*

Alexandra Hutton says

5 for the writing 2 for the likability.... and it wasn't very likeable but that's just my reaction now, I'm hoping after a few weeks I'll stop hating Barnes.

Kat (Lost in Neverland) says

Ahh! The cover has been revealed!

AND IT IS GORGEOUS.

The first is still my favorite, but this cover is so much better than the second.

After I Finished

What.

WHAT.

WHAT THE FUCK.

WHAT THE FUCK JUST HAPPENED.

Excuse me, I'm having an emotional breakdown.

Seriously, Jennifer, WHAT THE FUCK.

I can't believe it. I can't even write a review of this book because my emotions are colliding in a chemical reaction of rage, anger, sadness and depression.

I loved the first book in this series. I really did. I shipped the main character and her love interest. The second book, I liked. It was okay, but not great. For about 80% of the third book (this one) I was really enjoying it.

But then. Shit happened.

Seriously.

THE WHOLE FIRST BOOK IS COMPLETELY POINTLESS NOW BECAUSE OF THE ONE CHARACTER THAT DIED. HOW CAN AN AUTHOR DO THAT?!

I won't say it. It's too much. If you want to read this series, then most definitely read the first one and the second. But do not read the third, unless you enjoy having your heart ripped out for no fucking reason. ~~And don't click the spoiler thingy if you haven't read this book.~~

(view spoiler) This is character assassination.

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION, I TELL YOU.

Primero says

~~I'm dying to read this book! My number 1 favorite werewolves YA!!!~~

****Spoilers Alert****

I've finished reading this book since last week. It took me that long to pull myself together to review it.

I couldn't believe the author did this. I had a hunch that something bad might happen when Callum saw Chase approached then turned back to Bryn and said he was sorry for things that might or might not happen. I told myself that this was YA, in YA the main male character won't get killed. Apparently I was wrong.

I had mixed emotions. I was so confused. Part of me thought that the plot was well written. A big part of me hated that Chase had to die. It was brilliant the way Bryn easily took Shay's territory and Devon had a chance to attack and kill Shay when he attacked Bryn. I was glad Devon had become the alpha of Snake Bend Pack but I hated that he had to leave. Ugh!

I gave this book 2.5 stars with hope there will be a sequel.

YourFriendlyNeighborhoodSpidey says

This book is incredibly epic. Suspenseful. Rife with mystery and pack politics and all those good things we've come to know and love from the first two books.

DON'T READ THIS BOOK.

Seriously. I *wish* I hadn't read his book. In a couple days, or weeks, or months, after I've had time to cool down and get over the ending, I'll understand why it happened and that, yes everything that happened made sense and had to happen and blah-di-blah-di-blah.

But I will never, *ever* forgive this ending.

(view spoiler)

Lana Toplak says

I really liked this book. I read it in one day. I couldn't stop. It was great, really. So much unexpected happened. Things I would never have dreamed of happening.

So, why did I give the book one star?

It's simple. From five stars, the book sank to one because of one event. One thing. Chase died.

I cried like a baby through the last three chapters. It's not fair. It's not how it's supposed to be. I'm a sucker for happy endings. I know this wasn't the typical love story, but still. It's not how it was supposed to be. The author has some balls to do something like that in a book. I'm sad, and I'm really pissed off.

So yeah, I liked this book, but I give it one star because the main boy character died.
