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Hidden from mortals, Annwyn, the Otherworld, is home to shapeshifters, wraiths and dragons. Rhys MacDonald, the mortal great-grandson of a banished prince races to Annwyn to offer help when his ancient homeland is threatened by a dangerous Dark Magick. There he encounters a young goddess and shapeshifter, who thinks he is the mate foreseen in her dreams. Bound together by the flames of desire, they discover that destiny-and the Dark Magick- has other plans for them...

Mists of Velvet Details

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Kim says

This is book 2 in the series. I would recommend that you read Velvet Haven first if you have not read it yet it sets things up for this one. I did not enjoy it as much as the first but it still has me wanting to read more. Since she has set things up for a long series. I am looking forward to the next book. Now if someone can let me know when that will be.

Bookaholics says

Mists of Velvet by Sophie Renwick
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4 stars

Mists of Velvet is the 2nd installment in a sweeping fantasy that readers of a complex and vivid landscape will be sure to enjoy. However, due to its complexity I would highly recommend reading the 1st book in the series (Velvet Haven) before reading this book.

In this story, the lives of two men are remarkable intertwined. Both need each other. One for protection and the other for his energy. Rhys MacDonald is a mortal with the blood of Kings. Since birth, Rhys has been appointed an immortal guardian named Keir, who happens to be a wraith. All his life he and Keir have been bound, but now Keir seems troubled and often leaves mysteriously without telling Rhys. Rhys discovers Keir has been traveling to the magical world of Annwyn, but as a mortal Rhys is unable to follow. Frustrated and head-strong Rhys vows to discover Keir's secrets and help him. However, Rhys is warned not to cross over to Annwyn because it will cause him irreparable damage.

To add to his troubles Rhys is having vivid and erotic dreams of a maiden that he longs to meet. Is he strong enough to find this woman and protect his friend, too?

This story is actually two stories in one. That of Keir and Rhys and the women they love. This book is highly erotic, tragic and romantic. My only difficulty with this book is that it has so much going on. The author flashes to several different characters which sometimes made the flow of the book somewhat choppy. Of the two heroes I liked the mature Keir because I could relate to his suffering. In comparison, Rhys seemed impetuous and petulant. Each has their own love interest, although Keir's is tragic. Because I enjoyed Keir's character more I couldn't help wishing his romance had been exchanged with Rhys's. But I think the author has more planned for Keir which only means there will be another book about him!? (Yes!)

Mists of Velvet is a mythical series. As mentioned before, I feel that it may be difficult to read as a stand alone. I was mesmerized by the cast of characters the author has created. And can only hope that each will find their own mate. In the over-arching story of the series, the King of the Sidhe must find nine warriors to combat evil as foretold in a prophecy. Each has their own powers and is from different races. (Wraith, Griffin, Selkie, Angel, Goddesses etc.) But one will betray them. That makes this series super fascinating. In addition, the author has many surprises and subplots that will keep readers on their toes and looking forward to her next installment.

An alluring and epic series with plenty of heat.

Reviewed by Steph from the Bookaholics Romance Book Club

Mary says

Renwick does a great job moving the story forward, working toward solving the riddles of the prophecies and developing the characters. Love the way she keeps you on the edge of wondering who the good guys are and who the bad guys are. The books are a little shorter than I'd like, and the sex could be toned down a bit, but overall I love the plot of this series and would like to see the books come out a bit faster since they are shorter. Also didn't like the fact it was only available on Nook :-).

Lizzielv says

Great series, the story moves fast, romance(s) are hot. Sophie Renwick keeps you enthralled...

Nonie?serenity2bliss says

This first book Velvet Haven was so much better and it left me screaming wanting more, so I set the bar pretty high for the second book. This one, while it's entertaining and mysterious, it lacks the chemistry between the H/h. When they were dreaming of and had vision of each other, it was super hot but when they finally met, it didn't quite work. So, in that sense, I was very disappointed. However, I still recommend this series to anyone who loves a scorching hot PNR ;)

Hbeebti says

Loved it! OMG the ending was so sad!!! Poor Keir. I hate what is happening to him. So there is a third book which was supposed to come out Dec 2011 but well I can't find it. That is frustrating cause I want to know what's going on. I even emailed the author and there hasn't been a response. Anyway I will keep waiting cause this series is worth waiting for.

Patricia Wilcoxen says

this was a really good book for this series it's all about goddesses and shapeshifters and a different dimension it was a really good read. not sure if there's more to come but I'm hoping there will be....just don't know when???

Pauline Allan says

Okay, this book wasn't quite as good as the first one, but it was great none-the-less. I love the fact that her female characters are curvy girls with great hearts. There were some great surprises in this book. I won't give away a spoiler here, but the end of the book made me so sad and worried about what lies ahead for Annwyn. Rhy's character was charming and sexy. The shrouding ceremony was H-O-T! Renwick made the sex scenes sultry and lusty as usual. I really enjoyed this read and look forward to the next installment in this series.

Cindy says

Wow!!! What a fantastic read. I thought I liked this first book in the series but this one really upped the bar. Rhys and Bronwn's story of love was filled with so much emotion. I was rooting for them from the very beginning, I just couldn't figure out how they were to overcome their differences. But as the saying goes love prevails and it's course can't be altered.

Keir and Rowan where also in this book and my heart ached for them. It's so obvious how much Keir loves Rowan and Rowan having to overcome her demons. But things aren't the happily ever after for these two. Can't say anymore, you'll have to read the book for yourself.

I'm sure there's a book three in the works, just based on the ending of this book. I'm convinced that it will be about Keir and some of the decisions he makes because of his desperation and his love of Rowan.

Great read folks...You've got to get this book...you'll love it.

It's easy to follow, flowing with a heat factor of 5 out 5 flames.

Highly recommend.

Danielle says

When I read the first installment in this series I was excited to read more, but this book may have cured me of this excitement. I don't know if others will agree with me but I think this second installment contained too much information for just the SECOND book of what will probably be a long series.

In this story we see the coming together of Rhys MacDonald, the mortal nephew of the King of the Sidhe and Bronwenn, the goddess of sex and fertility. Eventhough he is forbidden to enter Annwyn, Rhys is determined to become one of the nine warriors destined to help his uncle Bran save the Annwyn for the Dark Mage that wishes to cast it into darkness. He has never been to Annwyn but he dreams of Bronwenn, a young goddess who has never been outside of Annwyn and has been secluded by the Supreme Goddess who cursed his great grandfather. In the previous novel, Bran fell in love with the healer, Mairi who was prophesied to help the nine warriors, but they still needed to find the oracle and the nephilim. In this book, both the nephilim, the oracle and supposedly mysterious Destroyer shall both be identified. I think this was the author's first mistake, too much is revealed in one book, too much happens. I feel that this book should have focused on Rhys' part in the prophecy and indentified the origins of the oracle. But nooooo!!! Instead we see the death of one of our favorite characters, the destruction of one we had met before, the return of a long lost sibling, the revelations regarding the identity of the Dark Mage, and the persons behind the need for the prophecy and much much more. I don't want to reveal too much but, I'll give you a hint.... it felt like I was reading something out of the last season of SUPERNATURAL or the mini-series FALLEN.

Don't get me wrong I am still intrigued to see how the story plays out but so much of the mystery is revealed in this novel that much of the excitement for me is gone. It also did not help that this book had too much sex scenes and too little romance, the first book was much better.

Dorothea Müller says

Rhys MacDonald ist der Inhaber von Velvet Haven. Es ist nicht irgendein Nachtlokal, sondern der heißeste zwischen Diesseits und Jenseits. Als er verbotener Weise die Grenze überschreitet, bekommt er Hilfe von der Gestaltwandlerin Bronwynn.

Ich war schon von Band 1 begeistert, aber als ich merkte das nach Band 2 nicht weiter übersetzt wird. Habe ich mir wirklich sehr überlegt ob ich mir noch Band 2 holen soll. Denn ich müsste auf jeden Fall ab 3 in Englisch lesen. Trotzdem bin ich froh, das ich es jetzt gelesen habe. Bin sofort wieder eingetaucht in die Welt und habe alte Bekannte gesehen. Hier wird Magie lebendig und man glaubt fast, wenn man das nächste Mal in einen Club geht und eine Tür sieht das dahinter die Pforten zum Jenseits sind. ;) Rhy kann man nur Lieben und Bronwynn ist einfach eine Göttin. Auch Keir bekommt seine Geschichte und die ist wirklich sehr tragisch. In diesem Band bekommt viele Happen einer ganz großen Geschichte erzählt. Sie sind aber so eingearbeitet in der einer Liebesgeschichte das man es kaum merkt. Die Beziehung zwischen Rhy und Bronwynn ist einfach magisch. Natürlich geht es auch wieder in diesem Band heiß her.

Kate says

While I found the basic premise of the story quite intriguing, I also found the sex to be so overtly explicit that it became distracting. Most definitely "hawt", these encounters are most assuredly entertaining, unfortunately they provide very little support to the actual plot. I honestly feel that these encounters could have been much more supportive had they been a little lighter on the "visual" and a little more on the "emotional".

Now, please don't take my previous comments to mean that I don't think Mists of Velvet isn't a wonderful and fairly well written novel, because it is. It's only that for some, the level of eroticism just may be a bit too much.

Behind the hardcore encounters, readers are treated to a wonderful story of loyalty, love, compassion and honour that is sure to make your heart skip a beat and your temperature rise. In Mists of Velvet , readers will accompany Rhys MacDonald and his Shadow Wraith (Kier), as they not only seek to battle the dark magick that is threatening their homeland, but also come face to face with their destinies.

As the second installment of The Immortals of Annwyn series, Mists of Velvet may be a wee bit hard to follow (although not impossible for particularly intuitive readers) and I would suggest also grabbing a copy of book one, Velvet Haven .

Immortals of Annwyn will continue with Book 3, Velvet Moon , set to be released in Dec 2011. Additionally, Sophie has advised that book four will release sometime in the first half of 2012.

Tina says

Sensuality: 3 of 5

Kink: vanilla

Well I was very disappointed with this book. I loved the first one and while this was ok it was not as good as the first one in terms of romance or story. I just didn't care for Bronwenn being a virgin and no contact with men but was really very forward and knowing about sex. In that world I just didn't buy it, if it had been now in present day america/earth yes a virgin could be that knowing and sexual. I liked her character but I wasn't that caring about her. I also liked Rhys but again I just felt something lacking. I did however like the Keir and Rowan pairing. He was sooo sweet and dominant and I really connected to her. I didn't like the whole reincarnation thing though with Suriel. It did go with the story but that is not a favorite story plot of mine. So I hope in the next one Sophie Renwick can pull it off. I understand that someone has to be the destroyer but who it turns out (or at least hinted at) to be I just didn't want to happen. I was like NOOOOOOOO!

So while I was disappointed with this book overall, it did advance the overarching plot of the series and did give us a romance between 2 couples. I was just more invested with the lesser mentioned couple. I will keep reading this series and hope the next one is better.

Ashley says

My Review:

The Plot:

Rhys MacDonald is a mere mortal amongst a cache of extremely powerful immortals. Treated with disdain by most and as a nuisance by everyone else, Rhys is tired of being handled with kid gloves. Mostly he's pissed about being left out of the fight against the seeping evil that's spreading its oily tentacles into not only the otherworld of Annwyn but within the mortal realm as well. To top off Rhys's growing aggravation is the sudden and perplexing distance his Shadow Wraith has slammed between them.

As the cursed great-grandson of Daegan, once co-ruler of Annwyn who fell in love with a mortal and earned the eternal wrath of the Supreme Goddess, Rhys, like every son born before him is protected by a Shadow Wraith. There's only one hiccup, Rhys's protector is male while all of his forefathers have had females. Sharing what's for them a bond as natural as breathing, the immortals of Annwyn are disgusted by what Rhys and Keir, his Shadow Wraith, share. An almost symbiotic relationship, Rhys needs Keir's protection as Keir needs to "feed" from Rhys's emotional energy, sexual energy more specifically, to survive. Their connection transcends that of lovers or brothers. It has no definition. It just is and its integral to their way of life but right now its breaking. For once this mortal and immortal pairing are being torn in two different directions, fated to be separated.

However, there is light within the darkness that Rhys finds himself. Rhys dreams of a woman. A woman that he would never share with Keir. She's a being that embodies the alluring combination of both innocence and worldliness and her presence means something vital. Dreams are incredibly significant in Annwyn and highly respected as fated truth. To dream of another in the erotic and soul defying ways that Rhys dreams can only mean one thing: Rhys's luscious dream woman is his mate.

Bronwnn, Goddess and handmaiden to Cailleach the Supreme Goddess and co-ruler of Annwyn, is caught in a tumultuous restlessness as her body awakens with sexual maturity. Yet she senses that more than her own body is awakening, Annwyn stirs as the Dark Mage gets closer and closer to seizing the power to take over the mortal realm and Annwyn herself. Fearing that her gift of sight will chain her forever to Cailleach's side, forever denied the pleasure of touch as she desires, Bronwnn indulges in the dreams of the dark haired man that makes her body come alive as its never been. And when that man falls in a bloody heap at the feet of her wolf, she doesn't think twice about saving her mate.

Having decided to take matters into his own hands and prove that he has what it takes to be apart of the nine warriors his Sidhe uncle and King of Annwyn seeks to defeat the Dark Mage, Rhys breaks into Annwyn despite his being told not to and worse, despite the fact that his great-grandfather's curse makes him prime prey for the Supreme Goddess to kill. But he soon falls not into the hands of the Supreme Goddess but the Dark Mage when it's discovered that his cave of evil lies beneath Rhys's mortal club, Velvet Haven. Chained and carved, Rhys escapes before the Dark Mage can claim his soul. Death still seems imminent though with his life's blood seeping out but when a wolf and a snake lead him to safety, his trust is rewarded as his mate awaits.

Ensnared in a cabin deep within Annwyn, Rhys and Bronwnn delve into the passion that their dreams started, claiming one another's souls. However, Happily Ever After doesn't come that easy for this pair. When a soul-shattering connection between Bronwnn and the Dark Mage is revealed and Rhys's trespassing within Annwyn is discovered, sacrifices will be made that threaten to tear apart the fragile bloom of the love they share.

The Heroine:

Terribly lonely and isolated, Bronwnn longs for love but her ability to have visions chains her to the side of Cailleach, the Supreme Goddess and co-ruler with King Bran of Annwyn. Never understanding why she's been isolated from the other Goddess's of Caillieach's court, Bronwnn has valid fears of forever remaining in chaste service for Bronwnn shares an awful but integral connection to the Dark Mage and the truth of that connection is earth-shattering. The only solace Bronwnn feels is when she can finally fall within the arms of her mate but even that comes with a host of difficulties. The revealing of Rhys's mortality is startling as well as the fact that he's the descendant of Daegan and on Cailleach's Kill List. Incredibly brave and determined, Bronwnn risks everything even her very life's happiness to save the mortal man she's given her heart to.

The Hero:

Rhys's early anger and frustration is palpable as well as his later determination to protect his mate and claim her as his forever. Embodying a heroic fearlessness, Rhys will utilize all he has to help his immortal brethren defeat the Dark Mage even if that help is unwanted. Completely mortal with no power, it's this very courage that propels him into the fight he long desires to be a part of.

In addition, Rhys's fierce love for Bronwnn is quite a ride. He's a man that knew he was always destined to grasp something from Annwyn and when his mate is presented, he grabs hold of her with both hands that become unshakable. And while Rhys's mortality is frustrating, he never treats it as liability feeling always that he has something of value to contribute just as the immortals around him do.

My Final Thoughts:

A dark and thrilling read, MISTS OF VELVET unveils more than one eye-popping secret. Picking up short

weeks after VELVET HAVEN ended, the prophecy takes on a whole new personal turn for our friends, the Immortals of Annwyn. Told with lyrical prose and a haunting portrayal of this mystical otherworld of Annwyn, Renwick is as fearless as her characters and she shows little mercy to each of their destinies.

While this review focused upon Rhys and Bronwnn, MoV embodies many other character threads with the most important being that of Rhys's Shadow Wraith, Keir. With an ending as heartbreaking as it is beautiful, this vibrant immortal's tale is steeped in darkness that will surely leave readers such as I clamoring for more. Then there's a naughty fallen angel that dances the line between good and evil with a jester's practice. These are multi-layered characters with their story being told upon multi-layered plots with a deft hand.

Remarkably, Renwick manages to blend a lovely balance between the naked eroticism and plot of MISTS OF VELVET. Bold and blunt, the erotic core of this novel is never lost amongst the complex plot arcs showing that Renwick can deliver on both accounts in spades.

Not to be read as a stand alone, MISTS OF VELVET demands that you read its predecessor. These are magical tales that can easily appease Paranormal Romance readers craving complex world building with a decidedly erotic edge for those readers wanting passion in abundance. Enjoy!

5 Stars

Alisa says

This is highly immature of me, but whenever I heard the male love interest's last name, I immediately started snickering. Did this happen to anyone else? Other than that, this book was slightly better than the first one, and I'll read the next book, just to finish the series.
