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But despite her efforts to resist, she is drawn further into the intrigues of the mysterious Silver through the agency of their ruler, the Primus: Solomon. Emmy refuses to submit to the cold and detached Primus and an attempt on her life makes it clear that he is unable to protect her from the political machinations of his race.

As the connection between them deepens she must choose between her desire and her will to rebel, but can she trust his intentions when everyone is after her blood?

A Bargain in Silver Details

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Laura says

I am surprised I liked it as much as I did. I am not one for the romance side of things but how it was done in this book was really good. It added to the layers of the story, of the rich world being built. It wasn't there for the sake of having romance. It had a purpose. Even the love triangle, wasn't really a triangle. It was quite clear with people's emotions.

The twists were well placed. Added that extra level of intrigue to the story. I also like how the whole 'vampire' and 'zombie' thing was done. It was unique in its own way. Though I did think she accepted the Weeper thing a little too fast. Maybe like quotes around Weeper, just to show her mistrust a little.

I am looking forward to the rest of the series. I am thinking of ways it could play out. Will there be a cure? Will they survive? Will she be turned at some point?

(Disclaimer: I received a copy from the Author. Does not affect my review)

hIpnoticraQs says

Four stars as a YA book, three as a PNR.

Since there isn't anything too graphic as far as sex, violence and foul language, this book is appropriate for anyone who is at least 15 years old. The storyline is pretty awesome, vampires and zombies in one book!! It would have been nice if the zombies had more of a presence.

Great start to a new series!!

I received this book free from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Natalie The Biblioholic says

Imagine the end of the world as we know it. A world being taken over by a plague, a deadly infection, and your choice is either to become a Weeper (a zombie-like existence), to die, or to give yourself in servitude to the Silver (a vampire-like race), who are the only thing standing between some sort of life and certain death. Those are the choices given to Emelia and she has a hard time accepting anything less than her total rebellion. Will she allow the Silver to help her survive?

In this opening salvo of the Solis Invicti series, which is set in a sort of post-apocalyptic London, Josie Jaffrey has created a world that has been destroyed. A world none of us would recognize and probably wouldn't want any part of. Emelia's only hope is help from the two Silvers vying for attention and affection. I'm still not sure what their true motives are, however, it's much clearer to me that Drew has genuine feelings for her. As for Sol, he's the best kind of mystery.

If I'm being completely honest, what I admired most about this book was how the author got me to love the story all while I absolutely disliked the narrator. I couldn't stand Emmy. She was rude, unappreciative, disrespectful, inconsiderate of people's feelings, and just plain annoying. As a grown woman, she came off

as a petulant child who lacked the cognitive function to make logical or rational decisions. It really irked me. There were many times I wanted to reach in and shake her but I'm just picky when it comes to heroines. Then again, I'm not sure how I'd react when faced with the inevitable sorrow she was. I do know that I wouldn't try to face zombies on my own. That's for damn sure.

This series continues with ***The Price of Silver*** and I wonder if the battle for Emmy has only just begun. What perils will she face in the books to come? And who can she trust as she navigates her way through this new world order? I'm excited to find out!!

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POV: Heroine - 1st person

Heat: 2.5 out of 5

Type: Book #1 of the Solis Invicti series

Siobhan says

I adored Josie Jaffrey's *The Gilded King* and found myself more than willing to dive into *The Silver Queen*. I'm now eager – no, desperate – to dive into the final book in the Sovereign series, *The Blood Prince*, to see the wonderful way in which the addictive series comes together. However, before I do so, I told myself it was time to go back and read the Solis Invicti series. It is not a necessity to understand the Sovereign series, but with my addiction to the universe I want as much as I can get my hands on. Thus, I was happy to dive into *A Bargain in Silver*.

If I'm being completely honest, I was a wee bit worried about *A Bargain in Silver* at first. The Sovereign series sucked me in deep, but it took a couple of chapters before I was sucked into the first Solis Invicti book in the same kind of way. Sure, I was curious, but it didn't quite hook me in the same way. It was intriguing, it was fun, but it wasn't quite the same. This is not to say *A Bargain in Silver* is a bad book, simply that you can see the development of Josie Jaffrey as a writer between her first book and her more recent books. This book is a solid four-star rating, whereas the Sovereign books had me considering five-star ratings.

Nevertheless, although it took me a couple of chapters, once I was pulled into the story I found I could not put it down. It introduces us to a wonderful world, mixing the paranormal and the dystopian trends together in a wonderful way. It's one of those things that can be hit or miss, and Josie Jaffrey hits all the right spots. You're intrigued about so many elements, curious about how everything will come together, and you'll find yourself turning the pages at a desperate speed to devour all the goodness.

Without a doubt, this was a great start to the Solis Invicti series. It introduces us to so many things, it leaves us curious about so much, and I'm eager to dive into book two.

Ramona Plant says

A Bargain in Silver is a unique Vampire Romance written by Josie Jaffrey. The author finds a new approach

to a topic that is covered by oh so many authors. It is always nice when an author finds a way to bring fresh air to something like vampires, to make it different and with that stand out. I liked her approached and found the plot interesting and captivating. The plot kept me reading and it was a difficult book to put down. There were a couple of spots where it felt like the story was dragging out just a little bit, but overall the pace was pretty good, which is important to me. There are a lot of secrets and a nice big reveal at the end that I really enjoyed a lot, tying this story together nicely in this first book of this series.

Emmy, Emmy, Emmy, what to say about our main character. I get it, you struggle with this new world order, you want to be strong, independent and not trust this new "masters" yet you trust some without reason but not others who have shown you kindness? You confuse me to no end and at times that makes you feel detached from the real world and makes you a tad unrealistic, yes I know this is a fictional book, but some characters still feel "realistic" when others feel not. Then there are moments you are just beyond words, and a character others should aspire to be like. I hope this is part of your character development and am curious to see where this will go in the next books.

Now Drew on the other hand is nothing but lovable !!!! There is not one bad word you can say about him, except that he has the one male character flaw a lot of guys seem to have, not to open his mouth when he should! Another character I really enjoyed and look forward to read more about is Cam, he is one of those guy friends everyone should have! There are a few more but just do yourself a favor and read the book for yourself and find out who they are.

All in all I think this was a great start to a new series I will be following. Emmy needs some work, but I think she realizes that, which is great, and let's be honest, don't we all? And after doing a little research it seems there are at least 3 more books out in this series, so it seems I don't have to wait long to continue reading on, lucky me.

I have received this book from the author for an honest review. (LoP, Lovers of Paranormal)

Bree Lauren says

****Copy received in exchange for an honest review****

This book was an absolute whirlwind of butterflies and emotion and confusion and disbelief for me.

To be honest, I was a little hesitant going into this book because I didn't know if I was in the right mindset for a paranormal romance – particularly one that is this intricate in its world-building. I'm not sure if you experience this, but if I've been reading a lot of contemporary romance, it's hard for me to get in the right headspace for paranormal or fantasy.

However, after I was about ¼ of the way in the book, it sucked me in. I was definitely skeptical about the instalove factor with Drew and Emmy, but I find that I'm a little more forgiving when that happens in a paranormal or fantasy romance because there are often supernatural factors involved.

This book was an absolute rollercoaster for me for more reasons than just the ride the story was taking me on. I found that I fluctuated significantly between being annoyed with how everyone seemed to be infatuated with Emmy (for no real reason that I understood), yet being so taken by the romance in it I ended up forgiving that pet peeve. There were also moments when the story felt disjointed, but it somehow didn't deter

me from reading the book every chance I got. Normally when those things happen in books, I tend to lose interest, but this book definitely kept my interest until the very end!

Side note: there is an epic love triangle in this book, which I freaking LOVE, but I know there are some readers who don't like love triangles.

Anyway, this book is definitely worth a read and I can't wait to get my hands on the next in the series!

♥ Read the full review on my blog: In Love & Words ♥

Shay says

Damn. This was awesome! I am in love with this book. It was such a refreshing story! If you don't know by now I'm clearly all about the vampires. So reading a new take on them is always just so wonderful. I love unique stories that totally capture my attention!

A Bargain in Silver is a fantastic start to a new series. It's world building is spectacular. I was completely sucked in! I didn't want to stop reading. The characters were entertaining and had some really interesting personalities going on. I can't wait to find the next book!

In this tale we find that the world is currently being ravaged by infected humans/creatures known as Weepers. I'm just gonna tell you they are this bizarre zombie thing that just creeps me out. (I'm anti zombie just because seriously they scare me. Also Eww.) The Silvers aka the new style vamps are in a prime position to not only save humanity but take over as the dominant species so to speak. In exchange for protection from this new plague all they require is your blood and subservience as they build the world with them in charge. For one human, Emmy, she is so not having this whole power struggle thing. Naturally she tries to rebel as much as possible and fight away her impending slavery. It makes it hard though when she was rescued by Silver Drew and has this whole battle of wills thing going on with him. He clearly wants her but does she want him? To make matters more complicated throw in the new leader of the new world order and his advances towards Emmy and power over Drew and you've got a hot mess of complication.

My one critique is the dynamic between Drew and Emmy was just... off. Their encounters are starts and stops of uncertainty mixed with hostility and desire. Not exactly in a good way. They are beyond the traditional hot and cold. He's always hot. She's luke warm or freezing. It's a bit odd. It works. Just throws you off a bit.

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Vanessa (The Bookish Deer) says

5/5 stars. A captivating, fast-paced read, in which the characters capture the reader in such a way that they cannot put the book down. Simply addictive. Absolutely want to continue reading the rest of the series!

Chelsea says

LIKES

- This book is pretty much everything I like in my paranormals. Romance, vampires, creepy zombie-like things, cool world building, etc.
- We're set in London where all of sudden these zombie creatures (though they're call Weepers here because of their bloodshot eyes) come out of hiding and start attacking people. Naturally I'm so here for this apocalypse because this is exactly what I love reading. What throws me off is that the vampires actually want to help! They're still kind of the villains here but I was surprised they were actually taking over to prevent all the humans to be killed.
- I loved Emmy as a main character. She was sassy but not so sassy that she'd get herself killed like in so many books we see lately. She was a good point between not enough and too much and I liked that even as everyone tells her vampires as bad, she still wants to determine that for herself.
- There were a few of the typical tropes (mainly a love triangle) but I actually really loved it and was really rooting for one of the guys! Sadly, I don't think he's going to be the one picked but I'll keep dreaming. To be fair, both potential love interests (good news, there's no actual declarations of love in this book. It was actually realistic!) were really great and I love them both. I was just slightly rooting for one over the other.
- I also liked how there was no insta-love in this story. Insta-lust there was a lot of but I'm here for that and didn't mind a bit.
- I liked how this world was different but not complicated enough so that I got lost. It was easy to follow and I'm looking forward to where the next books will take us.

DISLIKES

- The beginning of the book was a little rushed but once I got everything in this world figured out I quickly forgot about it.
- Beside the beginning it was a little predictable at points but I just really enjoyed reading it all so it didn't bother me much like it normally does.

****I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review ****

Pallavi Sareen says

Now that was fun to read, even though a bit cliché. Like any paranormal novel, there's the presence of vampires, though they call themselves Silver and are of course superior to humans and not afraid to show it. The same arrogant vampire race but this time there is another threat. A zombie-like race called Weepers that only Silvers can fight/ So they offer their protection to humans as long as they become blood slaves. Our protagonist Emmy is caught in the whirlwind as she comes in contact with two powerful Silvers. So Vampires and a threat to humanity. Check.
Love triangle and a guilty conscience. Check.
Defiance up to a point then submission. Check.
It was an interesting book to read and quite exciting at points, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Shirley Cuypers says

Original review

This book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review. Thank you Josie Jaffrey!

A Bargain in Silver tells the story of Emmy and how her world turned upside down by the Weepers and the Silver. The weepers are deadly vampires, who can turn you into one of them by just biting you. The Silver are more human vampires and they take over London, the city where Emmy lives. The Silver are trying to save the humans from the Weepers, but Emmy doesn't really believe that, even though the handsome Silver, Drew, tries to change her mind. But that's not it, the leader, the Primus Solomon, has an interest in Emmy as well... What will Emmy do? Keep living with the Silver? Or will she run away?

I was really excited when I received *A Bargain in Silver* because I've been craving vampire books. I don't know why, but for the last couple of months, I didn't read a lot of vampire books. Luckily, that changed!

When I first started reading *A Bargain in Silver*, I was planning on reading a few chapters and then go to sleep. It was already 11 PM when I started reading, so I didn't want to read too much because I had to prepare my exams and study for them. Well, that didn't turn out as planned... I finished *A Bargain in Silver* around 2:30 PM because I just couldn't stop reading. I was completely sucked into Emmy's world and I just had to finish it!

Emmy is such a nice badass character. I love that she doesn't immediately trust the Silver. She also struggles with her feelings towards Drew and Sol (short for Solomon) and that was another thing that I really liked. I really like reading love triangles if they're done right and this was exactly what I wanted. And if I have to choose between Drew and Sol, I would pick Drew. Not because of the bond, because I already picked him before I knew more about the bond.

A Bargain in Silver is the perfect vampire read with an entirely new world of vampires. I loved *A Bargain in Silver* and I cannot wait to read the sequel, *The Price of Silver*.

Ed Morawski says

This is a refreshing take on the paranormal genre where we have vampires (Silver) and zombies (Weepers) fighting over their food source – humans. The Silver come off as kind of benevolent while the Weepers are for all intents mindless zombies craving human blood. The bargain is that (the few remaining) humans willingly supply blood to the Silver in exchange for protection against the Weepers.

One flaw in this case (as in all zombie plots) is what happens when all the humans are turned into zombies and there is no more food source? Do the Silver and Weepers both die out? Can vampires starve to death? Despite some interesting rules cataloged by the author, this isn't addressed. Maybe a plot point for a future story?

The story is told from the first person perspective of a female and this is both kind of a curse and interesting.

As is unfortunately all too usual for a first person pov, there are way too many 'Is' – 'I did this', 'I did that' – a somewhat staggering 4, 586 to be exact. Perhaps authors who write in the first person should be banned from using the pronoun 'I' altogether. This is the reason for the four stars instead of five.

On the other hand if you can get past that, the viewpoint of a woman interacting intimately with the ever so seductive vampire is something is something new and exciting. The love triangle and political power plays made the book for me. Emilia is a good character that sometimes can't make up her mind just like a real person.

All in all an entertaining read and I think I'll take a chance on book #2.

Francais Parker says

If you follow my reviews, you know the drill! First, comes the grades, then any thoughts, gushing or notes I have, and then a ruling for clean-readers.

World-building: A

Mythology: A

Plot-Twists: A+

Suspense: A-

Girl Power: C

Guy Hero: B+

Villains: A

Love Interests: A-

Feels: B+ (certain people carrying the idiot-ball and other certain people withholding certain info from said idiot-ball toting person kinda detracted from the feels...)

This book had me hooked. I finished it in one sitting. Not kidding. I could not put it down! I can't wait for the continuation of Emmy's journey and to delve more into the intricacies of the world that Jaffrey has built for us readers.

For you clean-readers: this book DOES have mature content. Some scene-skipping/self-editing may be required to read this one.

I would like to thank the author Josie Jaffrey for the ARC I received via email for free in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Lainy says

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My Review

Emmy works in a bar, she is heading home from her shift when the outbreak happens. No one knows why and it hits quickly, spreading fast. The weepers almost get Emmy when she is rescued by Drew, her first insight into the Silver world. The Silver are vampires and have risen to save humanity, their food source, and now humans need to toe the line.

Emmy is a fiery character, she doesn't like being told what to do and resists Drew at every turn. Drew just wants her safe, takes her to a safe centre and meets Solomon, head of the Silver who also is interested in Emmy. What follows is Emmy's introduction to the new life, humans are pretty much, in her view, slaves although with compliance the vampires will help create as much "normality" as they can. We see Emmy struggle to heel, do as she is told whilst battling her attraction to Drew, being drawn to Solomon all the while of course staying safe and away from the weepers.

I think this is a fresh take on the whole vampires scene and I did enjoy it however there are a few things that make the old eyeball twitch. The whole "love" triangle got a wee bit teen angst for me, friendship is a huge thing and when threatened, especially for such a spikey character, I felt Emmy wouldn't have let that go. We see Emmy constantly in peril, she has an attitude, she is fierce, strong and challenging which makes a nice change but at points her actions can be very frustrating.

The book also opens in the new world, then goes back to how it all came about, for Emmy, I think that was almost a spoiler. When she goes back to how it all began to bring us to current events, we know where she is and her attitude to it all.

There is brutality, romance, sex, vampires of course, weepers (the infected) and blood bars what more can a vampire fan want? I hope in the following books we get a bit more insight into what the weepers are, how it originated, initial spread/contaminations. I hope she does an origins for the silvers also. All in all a good start to the series, 3.5 out of 5 for me this time, I will read more in the series!

Dianne says

They promised protection from the deadly infection. The cost? Complete subservience and blood. The worst has happened, or is it just beginning? Become one of the zombie-like infected or bow to the Silver, a powerful race of vampires. What would you do?

Submission is not on Emmy's agenda, but all around her, people are dying, becoming monsters and she finds herself on the radar of the two most powerful leaders of the Silver and one of them has murdered her friends. So why is she drawn to Drew, the second in command, the one who killed her friends without thought? Why is the leader, Solomon so drawn to her? He offers a protection that is above none, but even he cannot protect her all of the time and it may cost her her life.

Dystopian, post-apocalyptic and dark, very dark, Josie Jaffrey's **A Bargain in Silver** follows Emmy's world through her eyes, her thoughts and the events directly surrounding her. Not a large slice of the Hell the world has become, but definitely an intriguing one as we follow Emmy in her desperate attempt to make sense of the world that has changed beyond imagination. One young woman, two powerful vampires, each with their own reasons for wanting her, a world of deadly intent, vile machinations and blood as the Silver become top dog in a world gone mad.

Josie Jaffrey takes on the world of the paranormal with bold strokes and a personal touch as we are invited into Emmy's world, only a small portion of what the future holds and she is one of the fortunate ones, if you consider being the object of desire for two vampires fortunate. Will their positions of power be enough in the end, especially if she will not submit to their desires? One is in love, the others intentions are not so clear, but Emmy must decide between death, infection or slavery before it's too late.

A powerful start to a new series building on the single focus of one young woman. Will we learn more of this world in the following books? I, for one am in for the long haul, there are too many questions I NEED to have answered!

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