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Claimed By Power Details

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Mandi Schreiner says

Thea can invade people's emotions and manipulate them any way she pleases. She does this sometimes to get what she wants, sometimes feeling guilty but she tries to use her power only for good. When she sees horned, demon-like creatures following her one night, she is sure she must be hallucinating. But these creatures are real and she is in trouble.

Cam is an angel whose life goal is to kill demons. After losing his destined mate, Cam has turned his rage into fighting demons, making him one of the most skilled, and powerful angels around. When he is assigned to train Thea, a half-angel, half-human woman who has no idea what she is, Cam wants nothing to do with it. But duty calls, so he finds Thea and starts to train her in demon fighting ways. Along the way they fall for each other.

It's been a while since I read an angel book (maybe Nalini Singh's series is the only one I read?) so I decided to give this one a try. Unfortunately it didn't work that well for me. Cam is a big, alpha angel and Thea has moments of being kick-ass but we spend so much time training and training, and even more training, I got bored. Thea lives in a not so great neighborhood and is involved in some shady dealings - I wish that had been fleshed out more in this book to get a better picture of her life before Cam enters it.

I think months pass as Thea trains and I wanted more action or witty banter or something. While Cam is sexy and there are some very sexy moments in this book, I never felt like they fell in love. They have chemistry and there is a lot of sex...but no romance. I expected a lot more demon action and more courtship.

This one just didn't work well for me.

Grade: C

Zoey Ellis says

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Pianka *call me PIU* says

Are you hankering for an alpha hero with badass attitude, “heavenly” bod and killer looks who can melt your insides with one flick of his finger? If Yes, then you are in the right place, my friends. One alpha-angel/badass-hero coming right up. And to up the game in the whole badass front, we have a heroine

who knows and especially loves to kick some demon ass. And yeah, you definitely call such a pair “A match made in heaven”, which apparently they are. So yeah, I totally loved this action packed angel romance very much.

Elithea or Thea as she prefers to go by is a survivor. She is fiercely independent and does her best to keep her life on the right track. On her 22nd birthday, life as she knows it changes when she encounters a world she had no idea existed. Suddenly she can see huge, ugly horned creatures when nobody else can. When one such creature attacks her, she is rescued by an honest to god angel, wings and all.

Cam is a power angel who has been tasked by his higher ups to help Thea, guide and train her. Cam is not interested in babysitting a nephilim, he much rather crash demon heads. But then the feisty girl slowly burrows under his skin as their training session goes on.

Thea is thrilled by her new powers and along with them grows her attraction towards Cam. She has no idea if he likes her back but the crackling awareness whenever they are around each other is not something to scoff at.

Both Cam and Thea are unsure of the ever-growing intense attraction between them. As the training continues and Thea gets more stronger and powerful than Cam had ever expected, he gets hit by some life-altering facts that changes his existence as well. Thea becomes more important to him than he could have ever imagined and he finally plunges into the attraction/lust that was simmering between them from the get go.

I enjoyed reading this quick and sexy read. Demon-hunting angels with major wing-action, magic and enough other-worldly feel makes this book very enjoyable. I liked the setting of Cam’s angel realm. The description of it was not enough in my opinion to totally get into it but the story in this book happens mostly in the human world so hopefully there will be more in the later books as the setting moves from the human world to the angel world.

As much as I enjoy badass alpha heroes, I get more bowled over when the heroine is just as adept in kicking asses and that’s just what I got here. **Thea is brilliant with her feisty attitude and innate sensuality. She is deadly as well as sexy as all hell.** You have got to agree with me, that’s a killer combination. Thea hates to rely on someone else or be the damsel in distress. She has been hurt in the past and she is reluctant in trusting men. But she couldn’t help fall for her angel.

Cam is a warrior on a mission. Thea starts off more as a nuisance to him but that quickly changes as he falls in love and she becomes his entire world. And that’s when the magic happens or shall I say the passion explodes on page and we experience the steamy goodness of angel-loving. It’s HOT and you won’t want to miss it at any cost.

This story works as a great start off to this series which will follow Cam and Thea’s future as a powerhouse angel-couple who kills demons for a living. Also there is the thing about Thea’s birth mom and her source of immense power which remains a mystery to them both in this book. The author sufficiently hints to something big buried in Thea’s lineage which will be a major plotline in the future books.

The plot is fast paced with action, passion, romance and of course some pretty rad demon killing mixed in it. It held my interest to the end. There were many lingering questions about Thea’s past and also her and Cam’s future in the angel realm but it just acts as a great enticer to read the series. Besides the principal characters, we also meet Zak, Cam’s commander who I have a feeling will play a major role in the next

books. Also there was Thea's best friend, Amber whose toxic relationship with her boyfriend lends a major plot point in this book.

Overall this was a fun, fast-paced and hell of an enjoyable read. I am looking forward to follow Thea and Cam's story.

L. Jacobs says

I really enjoyed this, I'm not usually into angels but I'd definitely give Cam a go or two ;) Thea hasn't had the easiest life and her trust in Cam doesn't come easy, he's a power angel assigned to train her to become even more of a badass Nephilim (half human, half angel) but she's always had to be independent, she doesn't like taking orders from the beautiful jerk. I won't give anything away, just read it!

R. Kitt says

This was such a fun, sweet, sexy, light, read, and I really enjoyed it.

I will certainly read book 2 in the series.

Snow says

3.75 "a natural mate" stars

First time I have read anything by this author, and to tell you the truth I always dive in when there's **fantasy/paranormal** read available or offered...so, this was **intereasting to say the least**, it wasn't a "knock you off of your feet" kinda story but it was a **fast read, it had action, steamy sexy times, a little bit of angsty drama** cause of the stubbornness as a trade mark of both of the leading characters! But I had fun!

Elithe/Thea is living in a human world, not knowing her real origin until the events around her make her becoming aware of the "difference" in her. She's a **Nephilim** (half angel/half human) with powers unknown to any other being of her kind and she comes under the protection and training of the commanding hand of **Camael/Cam** a memeber of the Power Angels living in the Angel Realm, in order to prepare her for the "real job od Nephilims", fighting the demons that roam around the human world.

"Are you always at your best?"

"I told you, I'm the best there is."

What transpires between them is a **natural connection, heat and steamy desire** and even though Cam is fighting against it, he eventually falls deep and hard.

I will always need more," Thea said with a smirk.

*His eyes ran over her face, his eyes half-lidded with obvious desire. He put the glass on the bedside table and pulled her on top of him to straddle his hips.
"Then take what you need..*

BUT what Cam sees as a normal natural urge and a thing not to dwell upon as it is simply inevitable, for Thea, as she was brought up in the human world, been hurt by men before, things might feel a bit overwhelming. She thinks differently about those same issues, even though she can't and won't deny the passion, desire and need for him BUT she resents his controlling ways of conduct as she was burned before, hence the "angsty drama" which results in search for a stubborn distance from each other.

BUT not for long...

They come together, as they acknowledge the issues and offer compromises to one another...and then the book ends, leaving us with a glimpse into the continuation of the second book, that takes us into the Angel Realm.

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Tijuana *Book Twins Reviews* says

This is a good start to a new series. The concept and storyline are engaging and new (at least to me). I was very intrigued and look forward to more of Cam and Thea's story!

Here's the breakdown: Thea's had a hard life. She does what she has to do to survive, which includes a few side jobs. During one such job, she notices strange creatures all around. She soon determines that other humans can't see them. Eventually, they attack and she uncovers the truth about the existence of Angels and Demons.

Here's what I enjoyed: For the most part, Thea is a kickass character. She's strong, independent, and fearless. I love strong heroines, so she was definitely a plus!

The tension between Cam and Thea. Holy hell, it was hot! I'm not always a fan of slow burn, but there was just the right amount of tension and longing between these two before they finally got together.

The storyline is new and refreshing. I haven't read much Angel/Demon fantasy romance so I really enjoyed the story.

Overall, a solid effort by a new to me author! I'll definitely read more. I rate it: 3.75 Stars

Theresa says

Loved Cam and disliked Thea. Weak fated mate attraction. Not much relationship development. Great sex. Neat fight scenes. Cliff hanger ending for next installment.

Katy says

I just want to start out by saying man, *that cover*. So beautiful.

Now onto the review.

There was a lot to like here, but for me, it just wasn't enough.

The plot itself was great. Thea Robinson is the independent, feisty heroine that has the ability to manipulate people's emotions. She suddenly starts seeing things, nasty creatures that turn out to be a variety of demons. She finds out that she is Nephilim, a half human, half angel. Cam is a Power angel, a high ranking angel that fights demons. Cam's commander assigns him to properly train Thea so that she can begin fighting demons, as that is the job of the Nephilim. They don't get along at first, of course, and Cam finds himself attracted to her and loves that Thea has no problem with putting him in his place. It's a pretty standard PNR plot, but I really enjoyed the world building. Mostly.

I say mostly because there were there some problems. Why does someone with a paranormal gift find it so difficult to believe that there are angels? She's already seeing demons. There were inconsistencies that were so confusing. For example, in chapter eight, Cam tells Thea that his job is to help her learn to kill demons, because that is what Nephilim do. In the next chapter, Thea asks what would happen if she kills a demon, he tells her that Nephilim don't usually have the power to kill demons.

Cam, impressed with Thea's bravery and talent for fighting, thinks to himself that he had heard from other angels that Nephilim were known to be reluctant to fight at first, afraid of pain and death. That made me wonder why exactly it was their job to hunt demons. Especially considering other angels (such as Cam himself) kill demons as well. They seem more suited to the job. After training Thea for months, when she and Cam are finally fighting an actual demon, he has to tell her in the middle of it to avoid the demon's blood. Why didn't she know this? With a world as unique as this, a lot of explanation is needed. Perhaps it would have worked better as a full length novel. I *wanted* to know more. I thought this book did a wonderful job of putting a really original spin on an increasingly common sub-genre of PNR. What was there was interesting and exciting. It just wasn't enough.

I enjoyed the romance, but once again, I think it could have benefited from just *more*. The best part about "mate" romances is that it really gives permission for instalove. There is a legitimate reason for that all-powerful passionate attraction felt between two seemingly mismatched people. But there needs to be more. There needs to be the after, when they both realize that there is more to it than "because destiny". I don't think the book really went into that enough. What reasons were given didn't feel like enough to justify the relationship, at least to me.

This book had a lot going for it, but in my opinion, it never really reached its full potential.

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Just a side note here, but doesn't Amazon own Goodreads? Could they not synchronize their rating system a

bit better? It feels weird to leave two different star ratings for the same book. SO CONFUSING. Okay, now I'm done.

Shari Kay says

Unlikeable heroine

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

I love yhis cover! Great representation of the book (obviously.) Fantastic composition. Nice typography with an eye-catching title. The light blue on the B&W background really makes it POP.

I enjoyed this one. It was a good start to an ongoing series. It was well written and nicely paced. It had a fair bit of angst. Some hot sex scenes. There was a good amount of relationship and world building, so it takes the hero/heroine awhile to get together. I struggled a bit with that because it hindered me from feeling a connection to them as a couple for the first half the book. Their story is going to continue in the next book (and possibly the third one since book two will end in a cliffy), so there will be plenty of this couple for me connect with as the books go on.

Both main characters were interesting. Alas, they were also incredibly frustrating at times. Communication wasn't their strong suit. Cam had a habit of running away angry and staying away for weeks (months) at a time. Thea had a habit of thinking Cam was trying to control her and overreacting. Unfortunately, that looks to be a continuing theme for book two, so I am already pulling up my big girl angst panties! The whole angel realm theme offers a plethora of opportunities for secondary characters and potential stories for them. I'd also love to see Thea's BFF get an angel mate of her own.

Like I said I really enjoyed this one and am looking forward to book two. Two thumbs up from yours truly.

Coco.V says

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Natalie The Biblioholic says

Summary:

Thea has started to see things. Ugly-looking demon things and no one else seems to see them. Like her life wasn't hard enough, right? Now she's seeing things. It becomes all too real when she's under attack and a gorgeous man comes to her rescue. But Cam isn't any ordinary man. He's the most ruthless of all the Power angels and has been tasked to train Thea on her new abilities. That's right, Thea isn't quite human either. She's half angel, a nephilim.

My Thoughts:

Thea was absolutely stubborn. One of those people who would cut off their own nose to spite their face. She was fiercely independent, understandably suspicious and distrustful. Add it all up and she annoyed me quite a bit in this story. But while there were times I wanted to reach in and shake her or gift her with a throat punch, I also admired her for the same characteristics that pissed me off. I happened to love Cam the most. I honestly couldn't get enough of him. He was a freaking powerful angel, a formidable and fearsome warrior, and came off as cold and unapproachable. What was there not to love? He had made a vow after his best friend's death to never mate, however, that was before the undeniable temptation that was Thea. And when he finally stopped fighting against the inevitable, he and Thea were explosive. In lust and in love, it was clear to this reader that these two belonged together. I can't wait to find out what happens next for them in book two. The preview made me a little leery and indubitably intrigued.

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Steam: 4 out of 5

Book Type: Book 1 of The Empire of Angels series

Carole Ann says

3.5 Stars. Good world building. But I wasn't crazy about the heroine. She annoyed me periodically throughout the series, and it did impact my enjoyment of the books. But I am not sorry I read them, interesting worlds. Even if author continues the series with another couple, I probably won't continue reading it though.
