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Newly-made vampire Anna has become a Watcher-one of the supernatural world's enforcers- even as she fights to control her vampiric rage. When a series of very dangerous events threatens to draw out her unstable powers, her Watcher mentor sends her away for her own safety. But if there's one thing Anna has always been able to find, it's trouble.

## **The Watcher Details**

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# From Reader Review The Watcher for online ebook

## Ken Liljengren says

Thank You Ms Stein

Ken

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## Staci says

This one had me struggling!! I was so mad that I decided to put off the next book in the series....for now. I really liked Anna's character until this book. She just seems like one big brat who thinks she knows everything. And frankly, it turned me off! The premise of the story was poor constructed and it just did not keep my attention. So, I have to give it the lower rating and move on to something better!!

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## Jodie says

I agree with Williams. Anna thinks nothing through or the consequences of her actions, she's almost tstl...almost because she still manages to come out on top.

I missed seeing Daniel this book and I'm really hating Max right now especially since he expected Anna to willingly fall into line whilst he went off with the DEA and did who knows what.

The storyline progressed slightly...and only slightly there's still no movement in her emotional maturity and she seems to be still quite stubborn in accepting her vampire side.

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## Karissa says

This is the third book in the Anna Strong Chronicles. It was written in a style consistent with the first two. It was a pretty good book and I think if you liked the first two, you would also like this book.

Anna is signed on to be a Watcher. As normal things get out of control. A lot happens in this book. Anna is involved in everything from helping seek down a witch bent on summoning demons into the world, to retrieving her lost boyfriend Max from what are thought to be more typical enemies.

So much happens in this book that it is almost dizzying. That would be one complaint I have with this book; there is just too much going on. Another complaint I have would be that Anna is \*still\* making the same mistakes and vowing to correct them. Will the girl ever learn? Her character really needs to start changing and growing. My last complaint is that the secondary characters are not getting enough plot time to develop them into characters you know and love. Maybe there was just too much packed into this novel to be able to do that?

There were a couple things I really like. I liked that we finally got to spend some time with Max; he seems like he is an interesting character and I liked what happened between him and Anna. I also like the inclusion of the witches as another sub species in this book; it is nice to get some new fun things in there.

Will I read the next book? Probably. I do think there are better series out there. But these books are a quick read, fast-paced, and draw me in; so I will keep reading them. I just hope that Anna starts to get herself together a little bit better and grow some as a person.

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## **Fangs for the Fantasy says**

Anna is still adjusting to the fact that she has been turned into a vampire but that does not mean that the world has slowed down. She has gone back to work with David, chasing down bail jumpers and has taken on the role of a watcher - a vampire who polices other vampires at the behest of Williams - the chief of police. Anna still has to travel to Mexico to feed because she refuses to heed the advice of the shifter Culebra, Fray and Williams to get a human boyfriend to full fill her sustenance needs. Anna is determined master her vampire nature and stay in control.

Unfortunately for Anna mastering control turns difficult when David her partner hints that their partnership should be dissolved and her long time boyfriend Max goes missing. When Anna approaches Williams, she learns that she has been completely left out of the loop about the real dangers occurring in the supernatural world, because he deems her untrustworthy, due to the fact she does not think through her actions sufficiently. After revealing her true nature in front of a father and daughter, when she intervened in a domestic violence situation, Williams sends her off to Mexico to disappear while he deals with the threat of a coven of witches who are attempting to raise a demon. What Williams does not realize is that his decision will actually put her on the front line. Anna now has to stop a demon killing vampire from rising, save her friend Culebra and her boyfriend Max.

I wish I could say that this book was compelling, but the plot seemed to just limp along, with Anna falling into situations without being active. This would be bad enough for a regular protagonist, but it makes zero sense given that Anna tracks down fugitives for a living. This is now the third book in the series, and I have given up hope of actually seen her investigate anything. To make matters worse, Anna is prone to fits of spunky agency and Kellie independence.

It's no longer enough to have an ass kicking female protagonist for a book to be pro woman. Anna is essentially surrounded by men. I suppose that Stein feels that because she is in a male dominated profession that this is appropriate, but it simply falls into the category of typical female representation. With the exception of her mother - who is referenced and does not actually appear in this book, Anna's interactions with women are all extremely antagonistic. David's girlfriend Gloria, has made an appearance in all three books thus far and her role is simply to be the jealous catty girlfriend who attacks Anna's performance and femininity at every turn. Essentially, this means that their only interaction is to fight over David.

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## **Chantelle Larson says**

Actual Rating: 3.5 stars

Not what I've come to expect of these novels but still interesting and if you enjoy this series worth at least one read through.

I'm not sure what I was expecting but it wasn't this. This felt to me like a bunch of small stories all compiled together to attempt to make one bigger story. It didn't have the desired effect for me though. I'm confused as to what the cover is about, the snake didn't have much to do with the book at all aside from a small lead that didn't go anywhere.

I still really like Anna and respect what she is trying to accomplish in her life. The weird love triangle thing she has going on with Max and David is also intriguing.

Overall; A quick and fun read but would've appreciated some deeper plot detail. Definitely not the best book in the series but not horrible enough to turn me off of reading them.

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## **Lynsey (A Bookish Life) says**

Question: Could Anna Strong BE any more of a tramp?

Okay. Let me set the scene. She comes home to find a naked dude in her bed, fast asleep. So, what does dear, sweet Anna do? Shout "Hey you! Whatcha doing in my bed? Get the hell out!" No wait! I've got it. She takes off all of HER clothes, climbs into bed with him, and starts playing with his boy bits! Then she chews on his neck for a bit, until he finally speaks, and she realizes IT'S HER BOYFRIEND! -and that's a bad thing obviously. Because you wouldn't want to be manhandling your ACTUAL BOYFRIEND would you Anna? Oh no. That wouldn't be nearly trampy enough for you, would it? I'm mean, you've already cheated on him twice in the previous two books. Third time's a charm, right?

\*deep cleansing breaths\* Ah, that's better.

I officially quit this series. It has to be one of the worst ever. In the whole world. Possibly the Universe.

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## **Adrian Phoenix says**

I've enjoyed each book in Jeanne's series. I'm looking forward to reading the next!

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## **♥ Ashleigh ♥ contrary to popular belief i'm not actually mad! says**

now i have to decide again between 2 or 3 stars, i think i might go with 2 because anna was more irritating in this book than the others, im still holding out hope that she'll eventually grow up but my hope is getting smaller and smaller. i have to say anna was better as a human, she wasnt so into herself then she also didnt whine as much.

i also have to say that im irritated over the fact that Anna never got around to dumping Max she was a coward and just waited until he walk away - so what if there relationship was a joke they were still together and she shouldnt of cheated on him with anyone who was willing.

but if i ignore Anna completely the rest of the book was pretty entertaining. i'll prob read the next book not sure at this moment.

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### **Helen Dean says**

#### **Great book**

I love all the twists and turns Jeanne Stein puts in her books. She keeps things exciting and interesting. I can't wait to read the next one.

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### **Michel Sizaire says**

Looking forward to reading novel #4

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### **Jim says**

Still readable, but this will never be my favorite series nor will Anna ever be my favorite person. I plan on reading the next book, though. It kind of reminds me of Evanovitch's 'Stephanie Plum' series in some ways. An OK, quick read, but it doesn't really grab me.

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### **Kristina Wright says**

While this series is fast-paced and introduces some new elements to vampire lore (vampires can go out in sunlight! they don't need to eat, but they can get drunk!), it's not among my favorites. It's difficult to like the bounty-hunter-turned vampire, Anna Strong. She literally attacks her so-called friends when they don't tell her what she wants to know. Why does anyone put up with her?

I imagine Stein's next book will be out sometime next year and I'll certainly give it a try... maybe by then Anna will have come to terms with her powers and behave better.

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### **Dena says**

I had the privilege of meeting Ms. Stein at Mystery and Imagination bookstore in 2009 thanks to Christine and Malcolm. However, graduate school and work has slowed my personal reading down. I greatly enjoyed picking the series back up briefly and look forward to when I have free time again to catch up.

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### **Kelle says**

Enjoyable escape.

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