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Mena's life is complicated. She's just murdered and buried her husband, the local wolf pack's alpha - problem number one. Phoenix, the High Vampire, is the one her heart beats for, but not the one her wolf wants - problem number two. Her wolf pines for Alex, the human homicide detective who might just send her down for murder - three. Four, wolves and vampires don't mix. Five, she has no clue how to be alpha, keep her pack safe while fighting off challengers with every step she takes, or what it would take to tame her wolf, which is the biggest problem of them all. Because the beast might just forfeit Mena's life when its insatiable thirst for blood is unleashed on the world in just a few short days, with the next full moon.

Which should be doable. Except for the Nexus... and the little extra problem of bonding with a stranger.

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# From Reader Review **Midnight Moonrising** for online ebook

## **Marta Cox says**

If like me you have read the prequel *Accepting the Moon* then you will be well acquainted with new werewolf and all round Alpha Mena. Mena had lived with her cheating , lying husband for twelve years when one night everything came to a head and she realised the relationship was well and truly dead in the water. Leaving Mark was a no brainer for Mena but unknown to her Mark was a werewolf and a very possessive one at that! A chance meeting with Jaxon a vampire sends her in a totally new direction as Mark and his Pack try to hunt her down leaving Mena no choice but to defend herself and then boy is the cat left well and truly amongst the pigeons ! Mena kills Mark which makes her the new Alpha and then of course there's Jaxons king to deal with but it would seem that Phoenix is about to make life even more complicated for the new Alpha!

Mena is trying hard to sort out her feelings but one thing is sure not all her Pack are happy to see her! Ok select a new Beta , avoid being arrested for murder and somehow convince the Pack that an alliance with Phoenix and his vampires is a good thing. First problem is twenty seven step up to be her number two which is crazy! Second problem Menas inner wolf wants to climb the very human detective Alex like a tree! Oh and there's no love lost between vampires and wolves and someone is trying very hard to destroy both Mena and Phoenix. Can this woman catch a break? Apparently not as Menas inner wolf has ideas of her own and Mena feels herself slipping away whilst outside forces begin to attack her Pack!

This is very unusual story and unlike any other I've read. The relationships are well and truly messed up with Mena insanely attracted to Phoenix but this seven hundred year old vampire is not sure he knows how to love. Her wolf keeps taking over and as she gets stronger it's clear she would kill Phoenix in order to be with Alex. An uneasy compromise is reached but I felt uncomfortable with the solution if honest and my heart ached for those involved. Alex might be innocent and unaware of what's under his nose but Phoenix stepped aside to protect the woman he is increasingly coming to care for. No he isn't perfect far from it and makes all kinds of mistakes but his arrogant armpit tendencies are forgivable as we watch him hurt and yet never give in. I struggle with Mena at times though. Yes it's all new to her but to this reader she switches from weak to loud and in charge and then petulant and I got whiplash from her constant dilly dallying. I like you , I don't like you, I'm going, I'm staying yes you get the idea that this female is not my favourite heroine. What I really liked though were the supporting characters as they really helped flesh this unusual story out and added so much to the plot. We've met wolves and vampire so why not add witches and lions to the mix? You will laugh at these characters and perhaps even roll your eyes but the last third of this book is anything but dull and the last page will leave you crying out for more

I was gifted a copy of this in exchange for an honest review

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## **R says**

Lions and vamps and werewolves, oh my

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## **Jean Smith says**

**One complicated affair but what a thrill of a ride**

I didn't want to put *Midnight Moonrising* down but alas I had to sleep at some point. This story was intriguing and unique, at least for me. I don't recall ever reading a romance with a similar story line. If you haven't picked up the prequel, *Accepting the Moon* it's free and while you don't need it to read this story it certainly wouldn't hurt to read it first.

In *Midnight Moonrising* Mena has recently been forced to kill her husband in self-defense, in the process she was bitten. Now having accepted the moon and fighting off a challenger she is the acknowledged Alpha, Queen of her pack. But life isn't a smooth ride from there out. Mena is swift falling for the Vampire King of Montgomery, Phoenix and as swift as she is falling her wolf is setting up road blocks. Mena has to contend with her wolf's very real threat to kill the man she is coming to love. In the meantime pack protocol requires that she select a new beta before the next full moon rising. A few contenders would be one thing but she is presented with over twenty. Were that not enough, her wolf has decided that she has her heart or ambitions are set on the homicide detective, Alex who is assigned to her husband's murder investigation. Talk about a conundrum. One, need I say it again... he's human. Two, oh yeah he's assigned to her husband's murder... Oh duh, can anyone say prison sentence? Life gets really challenging for this ménage-quartet. I mean physically there are three of them but mentally it's a whole other ball game. Add to this a rogue faction in the pack that are out for vengeance and a take over and you are set up for plenty of action, sexual tension and suspense to last well beyond this book.

This story was presented in an interesting blend of Mena in first person and the third person perspectives of the other characters including some of the secondary characters and it totally worked. When I first started reading about Mena I had to wonder if she was a bit wishy washy and weak as everyone seemed to want to walk all over her and take over. You find out fast though that Mena is anything but weak. She can't stand having others make decisions for her or act in her stead without consulting her and let's just say she is damned adamant about letting them know it. Even as strong willed as she is its questionable if she has the will to conquer her wolf.

The chemistry between Phoenix and Mena is off the charts. While Mena respects and cares about Alex he really doesn't trip her trigger in the least. It's too bad she can't convince her wolf of the same. Being trapped in her head while the wolf goes after what she wants really sends up some conflicts all around. Then there is Alex who really is a standup guy who is just a bit clueless to what is going on around him. Even so it was interesting to watch him and the wolf "dance." Let's just say Alex certainly know how to use his handcuffs. Having had a crush on Mena since high school, it takes very little for Alex to fall head over heels in love.

Phoenix was a total skeptic when it came to love as the story began. Watching him fall deeper and deeper under Mena's spell was gratifying. Here is this centuries old vampire who thinks love is just an emotion that will pass quickly in and out of your life. So why not go with it when it's there and let it go when it's gone? Life has a few serious lessons for this boy. I seriously liked Phoenix. He is definitely an alpha male. He's been a leader for so long he forgets to ask permission or consult with others. He can be selfish and a bit of an ass at times but he is definitely lovable.

This story had several challenging story arcs and was well put together over all. I really enjoyed it whether I was ready to cry as my emotions were touched or ready to curse at characters or when things didn't go the way I thought they would. While this story definitely had an end it certainly opened the door to more in the future so I'm really glad the authors have planned a sequel and perhaps more in a series. More than just the main characters I was intrigued by the secondary characters as well. I would highly recommend this one as a great start to a new series.

I was given this ARC in exchange for an honest opinion.

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### **Dana Busenbark says**

This book has a very interesting triad situation going on for A werewolf Alpha, a Vampire Master, and a Human are all caught in a triangle of love. Each of them love the werewolf Alpha. How did she become a werewolf alpha? How did she meet the vampire master? What happens when the alpha is not told certain things that she needs to do within the first 48 hours of becoming a werewolf? When the metaphysical poop hits the fan, or threatens to, it will really hit the fan if it comes to pass. The pack and the clan both have to band together to make sure certain things do not transpire. There are definitely a lot of surprises throughout the book from the pack, to the witches, to a rogue within the ranks of the pack. You really need to read this book and see how it is all handled by the alpha. Does she ever figure out her wolf's name? If you want to find out the answer to that question, you will need to read to find out what happens. Enjoy the book. I cannot wait for the next one to come out now!

RECEIVED THIS BOOK AS A GIFT FOR A FAIR/HONEST REVIEW and REVIEWER FOR Bloggin'  
With M.Brennan.

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### **Jennifer Taylor says**

10 stars! If you like werewolves, vampires, witches, lions, magic, romance, suspense, and drama this is the book for you! I read the prequel (Accepting the Moon) that led to this book and it was also fantastic. I love paranormal and this book combined it all. I don't want to say too much without giving the book away but Mena, who is a main character and Phoenix develop a strong bond that is gut wrenching and had me in tears at the end...I actually had tears, LOL, and I had to put the book down a few times and walk away because I was just so upset! That's when you know it's a good book :) it takes you on a journey and you want it all to end but you don't want it to end because then it will be over! I can not WAIT to read the next part of their story, Andromeda's Reign but in the meantime I've downloaded a couple more of her books :) One of the best books I've read in awhile!

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### **Chesca says**

I AM SO FRUSTRATED AND (KIND OF) PISSED.

**Actual Rating: 3.33 stars**

**Thanks to K.S. Haigwood for an Audible copy**

K.S. Haigwood and Anne Conley's *Midnight Moonrising* follows Mena's story after she accepted the moon and received her wolf. It was now her time to decide which one among her pack she will choose to become her beta, her second-in-command. In the meantime, a rebellion among her people has started. Some of them were out to kill her to take her place. What made things more complicated was that her wolf seemed to have a mind of its own and was hiding secrets from Mena.

So, what can I say? Let me start on the shifter side of things. When it comes to it, the ideas the author had were pretty unique, in my opinion. The Moonrising concept was just so good and how it pushed and pulled

around everyone. It was as if Mena and the others were stitched together by invisible threads even without Phoenix and the others meeting with the witches.

There were so many, little plot twists and I liked almost every one of them, especially the one about Mark which I didn't expect. That one gave birth to a number of what-ifs in my head. Without that great revelation about his intentions, Mark's choices and he himself wouldn't make that much sense.

Generally, when it comes to the characters, I loved how their relationship with each other developed really well throughout the story. They were very much involved with one another's decisions and actions. The authors wrote most of their interactions neatly and made sure that each of them was able to have a chance to talk or argue with everyone else.

I want to talk about Alex Rhodes first who was a detective. He's human unlike the rest of them. He's been acquainted with Mena and Mark since high school. During Mark's funeral, he and Mena met again. He was assigned to handle Mark's case. In my opinion, he was the stupidest male love-interest I have ever met and I wonder how he fulfilled his job with that brain of his. It pissed me off that he was so in denial of the obvious. He was so blinded by his want for Mena that his mind was flushing out the idea that she's not really into him.

Mena, with her wolf, was like a person with split personality. The wolf could take over her body anytime it wanted, and Mena had to fight for her own flesh. It was curious and disturbing. The part wherein Mena (view spoiler) Mena was an exquisitely-molded character until she wasn't. By the last ten percent of the book, she was a sharp sword that her creator/s just decided to throw back in the furnace to melt, to lose her luster and edge. I loved how she was in the beginning: strong and unafraid. She knew how to make the most of her situation, leading her pack the best that she could even though she was having a problem with her wolf. But then the ending ruined her. She'd become weak in the last chapters. It was reasonable due to her situation, but I am against the fact that she was placed in it. I knew that it would make for a good plot and conflict, but it almost destroyed what I adored about her. All that was left were ruins of who she was that she was still trying to pick up. I hate that she needed Ace. If there's a little thing that I liked after her change, it was that she was really firm in fighting for her love for Phoenix. She was very stubborn and would do anything for the two of them even if it would be very difficult, and even if it could hurt Ace. I just really hope that she and Phoenix would still be together when this series ends.

Phoenix was the best part of this book, so I have nothing much to say about him. He's just so kind and caring. I didn't like seeing him suffer. Out of all of them, even though he was a vampire, Phoenix was the most human. He had sacrificed a lot and endured a lot of pain just for the sake of being with Mena and bringing out the best in her. His unspoken anguish was just so earnest. Honestly, if there's one thing I would like to change in all of his decisions it would be the parts wherein he didn't stick to Mena's side close enough. This is the only time I'm supporting the idea of an over-protective man towards his woman. He was doing so much, but I think he could've done more by being selfish. The truth is that I would've preferred if the book ended with Phoenix killing Mena, but there's a sequel so it's not going to happen.

Ace is the core of all my annoyance. I loathe the idea that he had to enter their lives. Basically, that's because I'm on Team Phoenix. He had the fastest character development in history which made me cringe hard. He was a light switch instantly flicked. As firm and as quick as his personality's shift was his relationship with Mena. It made sense under certain circumstances but I just could not comprehend its capability of being genuine if it were to turn into something deeper.

Now this brings me to the way things ended. First, I think the villain revealed, whom I will not name, was

too-easy to defeat. I thought I was going to witness more of his evil causing a greater chaos, but it was not enough. It was as if he was just a toddler who decided that it's time for a tantrum. He was the least of my concerns. Second, the conclusion with Mena, Phoenix, and Ace was definitely not a cliff-hanger but it obviously was going to lead all of them into a new turmoil in the next installment of the series. I have a feeling that I might end up extra irked when I continue reading/listening about them.

Overall, this book is worth reading. If you love shape-shifters, vampires, witches, and romance, then definitely give it a try. I hope to read Andromeda's Reign soon.

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### **Ana says**

Wonderful book, this author never fails to deliver with her great stories!

After having been rescued from near death by a vampire, she is taken to Master Vampire Phoenix's home, Mena discovers that she is now a werewolf and alpha of her late husbands pack. Not to mention the fact that she comes face to face with the most gorgeous man with eyes she could drown in. That alone is enough to make her forget the horrors she has endured.

Problem is Mena does not know the first thing about being a werewolf and is not informed of a very important fact concerning her first shift. When Mena's wolf finally makes an appearance it's to let her know that she wants that very sexy detective, but Mena wants nothing to do with him, at least not in that way and that's when the problems of omission begin. Time is running out for Mena, she must discover her wolf's secret before the next full moon, or there will be consequences.

At first I thoroughly enjoyed the conversations between Mena and her wolf, until the wolf started to show her true colors.

Lots of fun laughs, magic and passion.. So many weres, vampires and a trio of witches that I absolutely loved. I laughed, got angry and cheered.

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **??~Cyborg-Scifi-Lover~?? says**

I really loved it. I cant wait for the second book cause I want to know what happens next!

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### **Roxie's Reviews says**

"Can Love stop a war"

This is going to be an amazing series!.

The story line is incredible. Plus the characters are awesome!. Mena was married for twelve years to Marc. Then she catches him cheating. Mena leaves him during a storm. It was storming so much she stops at a

seedy motel for the night. There she meets Jaxon a sexy Vampire. He tries to get her to leave with him. But before this can happen they are surrounded by wolves. A can pulls up and Marc gets out. As it turns out Marc is the Alpha wolf to a pack of wolves. In all the twelve years Mena was married to him she did not know he was a werewolf!. While trying to get away Marc bites Miona and she kills Marc. This makes her the new Alpha of the pack plus his bite turns Mena into a werewolf. Jaxson takes Mina home to see if he can get her help. There she meets and falls for the Leader of the Vampires Phoenix. Only there is a big problem Werewolves and Vampires have been in war with each other for years!. You can not help but love this book!. It is packed full of suspense,action,humor and scorching hot Romance!!!!. This is a must read book!.

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## **PelicanFreak says**

This review is a long time coming - I actually read the book several months ago and am STILL thinking about it.

Overall reading experience/ content:

What's so fun about Haigwood's books is they stay with you - I still find myself drifting back to the island (See her Eternal Island series) and also drifting periodically into Montgomery and thinking about some of these characters.

She has a way of designing characters that stay with you.

I read Accepting the Moon last year and absolutely loved it - couldn't put it down. So naturally I was left wanting more and thrilled when Haigwood released this brilliant follow up! Mena is a brilliantly designed character, consistent, despite the fact that she's sharing herself with her wolf for most of this. Watching her struggle to find herself and make peace with her wolf is enlightening and as they fight over the different men they love - two of them for Mena - it's all so wonderfully suspenseful and full of indecisiveness. I'm a fan of Phoenix. Ace is pig-headed and immature BUT I understand the bond Mena feels with him. It's all so well thought out that it almost seems natural - as if she's merely telling us a true story.

Continuity -

This is great, I didn't find any discrepancies.

Even with the two authors - they clearly work well together. (By the way, you cannot go wrong with either of them!)

Editing/Proofing:

Not a lot of errors found - seems professionally edited.

Formatting -

The formatting is actually really gorgeous , as always with Haigwood's books.

The whole book is a beautiful work of art, presentation-wise.

Cover -

Looks to be professionally done, well designed and it's pretty and relevant.

Overall 4.5 out of 5 stars.

It isn't perfect, but it's pretty damn close.

\*I received an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest read/review.



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## Sheryl says

I was given a complimentary copy for an honest review by author K.S. Haigwood and Anne Conely. This is book 1 from the authors and is in the POV from Mena, Phoenix, Alex and a couple other characters.

Mena has taken over the Montgomery wolf pack after killing her husband and alpha. Now she has to learn how to deal with betrayal, vengeance, romance and a seriously bitchy inner wolf. Phoenix is the high vampire of Montgomery and also has an interest in Mena and is trying to help her through everything. Alex Rhodes is investigating the murder but is falling for Mena and he is trying to keep her safe.

Once I started this book it was hard to put it down it was so good. The author wrote her characters with heart and soul and it comes across when you read the book. The characters interaction is fantastic and well entertaining.

This is for any mature paranormal romance book lover who enjoys more to their story lines.

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## Home Is Where the Wine Is Book Blog says

### My Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

I realized very quickly that Mena's wolf is a bitch. It's like an invasion of the body snatchers. Mena stays in constant turmoil.

**"I don't need your help!"**

**"Yes, you do, Mena!" I'm not going to let you get us killed. Whether you like it or not, this is my body, too, and I aim to keep it alive and out of prison!" she shouted back as she flung a small suitcase onto the bed.**

**"Your body is hairy and has four legs, bitch!"**

**"Screw you—"**

In comes Alex, the detective over her husband's case. As soon as Mena's wolf meets Alex, she claims him as hers. Which forces Mena into a very strange predicament. Mena is in love with Phoenix. So the two come to an awkward agreement. She gets Phoenix, then her wolf takes over her body, so she can have Alex.

Phoenix is not real, keen with this agreement as one might imagine.

As soon as her pack learns of her wolfs ability to control her, they frantically seek out another alpha that can

demand the wolf call out her name. This will enable her wolf the inability to speak or possess her body. A nameless wolf is known as a Moonrising wolf, and is considered a danger and an abomination. If they can not find another male alpha willing to bond with her before the next full moon, they risk losing her forever.

Now finally meet Ace. The cocky, lion shifter from Las Vegas. I admit I didn't like him. Phoenix is clearly heartbroken but knows that this is the only way. Once the bond takes place they will be mated for life. Throw in the fact that Alex believes Mena is in love with him also and yep, you guess it one big, epic, love triangle.

There are so many layers to this story. It's complexity will leave you on the edge of your seat.

**Favorite Scene:** When they meet the witches for the first time.

**Favorite Quotes:**

**You are everything I never knew I wanted."**

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## **Cassandra says**

My Thoughts - 4 out of 5 Unicorns - I really liked it!!!

\*\*\*I own the ebook and the audiobook

The cover is a work of dreamy art :)

This is the 2nd book in the series. It is for adults only due to the content. I definitely recommend reading this series in order because you will not know the back story if you don't.

I listened to the audiobook while mowing the lawn. The only time I can truly multitask. I really love listening to audiobooks while I mow. Mena and her wolf are definitely at odds with each and what each one wants. There is a lot going on, and she has been swept into the whirlwind that is now her life. Phoenix is definitely an Alpha male. I really like the pack members who have been sticking close to Mena. Bad things are happening, and I have no idea what will happen next.

I do own the next ebook in the series, and plan on reading it after I do some catching up. I recommend this book to all the paranormal fans who love lots of action, drama, and conflict because this book has it all :)

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## **Boundless Book Reviews says**

Midnight Moonrising is a combination of vampires, werewolves, and a cop; and it works. Brilliantly written in a way to give information just when needed without being too wordy or made to sound like a lesson (I

hate it when books do that).

The love triangle the story creates is definitely unique. The only bad about this story was the fact that the Clan and Packs have too many rules, but other than that, it's a great read!

Midnight Moonrising is a strong 3 boundless star book!

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