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An inherited curse has kept depressed innkeeper Simone Bristol bound to a rundown beach motel for the past six years. Just when she has a chance to break free of it, some visiting guests check in and reset the curse's clock. They may have foiled her getaway, but it turns out one of those guests could be her respite.

Heath Horan, Sídhé prince and leader of a crew of fairy, motorcycle-riding assassins, claims she's his fated mate and her ticket out of there. Unfortunately, he also claims that her mother was a runaway from the fairy realm and that Queen Rhiannon—his mother—would love to see both women dead. It seems Simone has walked from one curse into another.

She may be able to get used to being the main squeeze of a sword-wielding prince in leather, but she's not so sure she's cut out to be an assassin, too. Unfortunately, if she wants to stay alive long enough to break her curse and help Heath subdue unrest in his realm caused by his mother's antics, she might have to be.

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Shanny says

This is slightly spoilerish, but I think it's something readers should know before starting this book because if I'd know this aspect was in the book, I probably would've pass on it. The main characters engage in threesome activity, which is fine for others to read, but I just don't enjoy that type of thing; it diminishes the connection between the main characters for me, so I tend to stay away from book that type of thing. Also, it was a weird threesome, the guy felt like a creeper to me, so after that I sort of skimmed through the rest of the book because I felt off about the book after that. I do enjoy the premise for this book, and I liked the characters, so I was disappointed that the threesome stuff turned me off the story. If you don't mind that type of thing, then I'm sure you'll enjoy this book. It deals with the Fae, which I find super cool, and the author does have an unique take on the Fae, which was interesting. Also, the ending felt abrupt, and I felt dissatisfied with it. I listened to the audiobook version of this story, and the narrator does a good job, and I enjoyed her performance. Despite enjoying the premise for this book, I think I stay away from the next books in this series, and I may check out other Holley Trent books, but I'll definitely check reviews before I read any of them. Interesting, but not for me.

Kelly says

Holy hotness Batman! Scruffy, greasy, semi-motorcycle-y Heath cleans up nicely and Simone, wary and doubtful - and who could blame her? A motorcycle "fairy" claims she is his fated mate. Plus her family didn't leave her all that trusting in the first place ... I'd have issues with doubt too! But Heath proves his love and commitment over and over and drags Simone into his and surprise! Part her world. I'm loving the interconnected nature of Afotama and Hearth Hotel and can't wait to dive into more.

Ivy Deluca says

Who knew biker fairies were a thing?

3.5 stars

During the month of romance discussions on Romance Twitter, and this was an author who came highly recommended. I can see why people are into this 'verse and Ms. Trent's writing.

As far as worldbuilding, I was super intrigued with the different realms and how fairies, the Afotama and the like all co-exist. The reader gets to learn alongside Simone, as she realizes that besides being cursed, she's half Sidhe and destined to play her role in the upcoming power shift in the Sidhe realm. Which brings me to an important point. Ms. Trent's books are separate series but they're so interconnected, it's important to read them in order to get the full effect. So I'm going back to read The Viking Queen's Men and then follow the reading order suggested by Ms. Trent. The 'verse and the overarching storyline were standouts to me.

The romance, on the other hand, wasok. It certainly plays its part in the story, but I wouldn't say it's the star attraction. Simone spends a good amount of time doubting herself and Heath's commitment to her and I

didn't blame her. For a romance, it lacked a certain passion between the characters. It's insta-relationship, but not insta-love. Let's just say the romance didn't make me bust out my "I <3 Simone & Heath" T-shirts.

I was way more interested in how they factored into Thom's relationship with his fated mates, which speaks volumes. One point that's hammered home more than once is the practicality and sexual openness of the Sidhe. Add in a dash of BDSM into the mix, and the sex was interesting, but again, not romantic, at least not to me.

All in all, if you're into UF/F with very sexual open characters and a bit of romance, this may work for you. If you're very romance-centric, I'm not sure if it'll be your cuppa. Personally, I enjoyed it enough that I want to read the whole series, so back to the beginning I go.

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Laura says

I read this in The Masters of the Hunt Box Set

And I couldn't finish it. It was over the top (which I should have guessed from the title) but not clever or funny...it just made me roll my eyes...repeatedly.

A says

While I liked the premise and found the general plot intriguing, the story was a bit hard to follow in places. I also didn't feel like I understood the main characters very well, even by the end of the book. It seemed more like stuff and characters just got thrown into the mix, which kept it interesting enough to keep reading, but made the flow somewhat disjointed. The romance didn't really happen (sex but not much romance, but also not a hookup--a newish dynamic but one that didn't seem purposeful). The actual story between the characters was confusing at times, and I wanted to skip past the character interactions to spend more time exploring the world the author created (view spoiler) All in all, I'm a bit confused about how I feel after reading this book.

Mary Saha says

Enjoyed this

I liked that this book opened up the universe beyond Norseton. I really hope eventually the series moves to the group in Africa too. I would Love to learn more about them. Overall this was a good book and a quick

read. I did, however, find some of the minor characters more interesting than Heath. He is not really my type I am really glad Thom and his mates also have their own book. Mostly because I am super curious to know how he breaks his curse and what exactly he did to anger Hestia.

Mara says

A snooze fest of epic proportion. At 45% I risked death by utter boredom. There's nothing to it, no plot, no characters, let's not talk about world building. There's nothing, nothing happens at all... except a big fat of.... nothing.

And I am not exaggerating, I'm sorry to say.

Even free it's not something I can recommend. It succeeds only in being somewhat irritating when the f*kward that is the 'hero' tries to speak. But then his only characteristic is smirking or the like.

Sadie Forsythe says

Mechanically the writing in this book is fine. However, I really disliked it. It was full of quotes like this, "She didn't want to give in to the six-foot-whatever pain in her ass, but ceding bits of her control to him felt so easy. So...natural." Now, that's not a generalizable quote. That comes from a sex scene and directly equates having sex with the male lead with accepting their relationship and therefore "ceding control" to him...in general, not just in the bedroom. Then random BDSM tropes were thrown in, but not discussed, such that it was inferred him having such control was normal and natural because all women always apparently want to give up their control to a man. So, there's no reason to discuss kinks or anything.

Then a random three-some was thrown in (for their first time together) and it's framed like this: "If he were less kind, he'd make you his plaything," Thom said. "You may bear the title of wife, but he doesn't have to treat you like one. He chooses to because he wants you. Do you understand?" Nothing, I repeat, nothing about that is sexy to me. This is the sort of gendered BS that makes me avoid M/F romance for large chunks of time!

I did appreciate the black heroine. You don't see that often enough. And again, the writing is mechanically fine, which is the only reason I haven't given this a one-star. But unless your particular kink is seeing women subjugated, I wouldn't recommend this book.

Lisa Ezzell says

A Prince and his Fated Mate!

This book dealt me multiple learning (almost) curves. I haven't read any other of this fairy variety. It's definitely not the tinker bell fairy variety, that's for sure. Think more of monsters and you'd be a little closer to the truth but still not on target. The mate grows up knowing nothing of her genesis. She runs an old motel on the outer banks of North Carolina, reluctantly. In walks her future, in the body of a hunk of beautiful biker guy. This is the start of adventures in learning who and what she is and what she wants out of life.

Tori says

I don't know how this book managed to take so many things I like (soulmates! urban fantasy! found family! weird sexual friendships!) and come out with something so... ick. but it did.

Misa Buckley says

An asshole who's rich and has a big d*ck is still an asshole. And to act like an asshole about his fated mate after he's found out how long her behaviour has already been a compulsion? Double no.

Jackie says

The story was enjoyable, there were a few places I felt lost, since I hadn't read any of the other inter-connecting world series. I think it sorted itself out in the end. I did feel the flow had a few places that slowed to a crawl, and there were a few places that could have used some more background/world building, or more info on what was going on. Some conflicts seemed to conveniently solve themselves too easily too. The part that I didn't really enjoy, the ménage, it felt awkward & forced to me. I normally don't read ménage type stories. I would have liked to know what ever Thorn said to her, to get her to agree to it, because I thought she was against it until that point, maybe would have helped me to understand her giving in to the three-some in the first place.

Sandy says

I really enjoyed this book . I'm so looking forward to the next in this series. Gr8 writer. :-)

Brittany says

I really, really enjoyed this book!! I was scrolling down the pages (I received a PDF version) as fast as I could because I wanted to know what would happen next! So, in the Prince in Leather the title is to be taken quite literally. We have a young woman named Simone who gets saddled with misfortune due to some nasty and quite tricky relatives. She just wants freedom. She wants to go back to her old life, but it is definitely not in the cards for her. Not a minute before she can get her freedom back, a biker gang stops by her place of work, the Hearth Motel. The catch is, these bikers are not of the common variety. Their leader and reason for the title is Heath. Heath and his crew are hunters who carry out his mother's dirty work. When Heath and Simone meet they realize there may be hope for them yet. Simone wants to escape her imprisonment and Heath wants his mother offed. Along the way of their relationship there is plenty of action and lusty scenes. I especially enjoyed the parts that Heath's right-hand man played. Heath and Simone are a great match and I can't wait to see where they end up. If you love the fae in general, matches made in heaven (or elsewhere), great beat-downs, lusty romances, and ever-growing suspense this is more than likely a book for you.

Tabs says

This ended up being my favorite entry in this world so far but it took me by surprise. The blurb is misleading and put a certain picture in my head and I hadn't been all that intrigued by Heath's previous series appearances. Luckily, I tried it anyway and Simone had me hooked from the get-go. She's a pragmatic and weary cursed motel caretaker who gets bombarded by a group of fairy bikers, quickly discovers the supernatural world, realizes she has power she didn't know about, and finds herself shackled with a fairy prince husband. I loved her so much. I loved how she embraced things but at the same time insisted on going at her own pace as well. I loved Heath's caretaking. I loved the fairy gang finding themselves a home base and digging in. I loved this whole book.
