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Tess Hughes is on the run from her abusive ex-husband. The problem is, he's a detective and there's no place on Earth he can't find her. Solution? Hide somewhere that's not on Earth—the Kindred Mother Ship. That's how she winds up posing as Pairing Puppet—one of the robotic mistresses that service the Unmated Males of the Kindred who need a little sexual stress release from time to time. Of course, Tess never actually performs a Pairing Puppet's duties—she hides every time a new 'customer' comes in. But then she gets caught out in the open...at exactly the wrong time.

Garron of the Rai'ku Kindred has a dragon sized problem and it's living right inside of him. His dr'gin, the ravenous beast that lives inside every Rai'ku male, is trying to get out. Problem is, if Garron lets it escape, it will eat the first person it sees. He's burning with need and the more his desire grows, the greater the danger to those around him. Desperate to quench his smoldering desire and keep his dr'gin contained, he goes to the Pairing House...and chooses Tess.

Now the two of them are on the run. Expelled from the Mother Ship, Tess is once again menaced by her abusive ex who will stop at nothing to get her back. Garron has sworn to protect her but the beast inside him is more dangerous than any outside threat could be.

Can Garron protect Tess from the man who has sworn to destroy her without letting the beast inside him run free? If not, she will surely be...Devoured.

## **Devoured Details**

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## From Reader Review Devoured for online ebook

### Tina Elder says

Another great book by Evangeline Anderson! The Domestic Violence issue in the book was handled with decency. The heroine's trauma from that abuse was filled with so much emotion that I couldn't help but feel it along with her. And then to find a "healing" kind of love in Garron was beautiful! Wonderfully written and can't wait for the next book in this series that always leaves me on the edge of my seat while reading it.

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### Ladymcbeth says

Another great book from Evangeline Anderson.

Garron is a really cute hero, protective and all... kind of what I like in books.

Tess is a battered chubby heroin with a big heart and a lot of scary memories.

So ... you can imagine what happened... they met, he protected her, fell in love and ... HEA ^^

But between the meeting of this 2 people and the HEA, there's a lot of things...

Read the book to know more ;)

If i could I've given more than 5 stars.

There is another thing I liked in this book : before beginning, the author give "advice" to reader, especially battered woman, with the number to call if you are in this case.

Do let this kind of things happen, fight them !

I'm more than one hundred percent agree with that !

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### Sheridan says

Another instant love. I swear this series and this author can do no wrong in my eyes. :sighs: Thank you book fairy for leading me to Evangeline Anderson.

I couldn't stop reading this until I was absolutely finished. I threw this ontop of my ever-lengthening TBR pile because the fairy was saying...

This book was delicious.

I cannot wait for the next in the series.

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## **Sophia Triad says**

Main characters: Garron and Tess Hughes

Type of Kindred bonding: Half Twin Kindred & Rai'ku

The description of Rai'ku warriors and Garron (Truth's little brother) we had in the previous book as well as the title of this book "Devoured", made me think -before I started reading- that at least someone or maybe many will be eaten in this book, literally.

Garron does his best so that his alter ego, the beast dr'gin, won't rise. He tries to bury his feelings, his emotions which will trigger the transformation. He also tries to use a transplant to destroy any love he has BUT no use. The beast will rise.

In the end someone is definitely eaten by Garron's dr'gin and I cannot say I feel sorry at all about it. The guy who is eaten totally deserves it :)

Unfortunately two wolves are also eaten in the process and I am not sure they deserve it. The wolves were not really mean or monsters in human form. They just needed dinner which they did not have before they were eaten. Pity for them, true luck for Tess.

Nevermind, I am babbling... I loved the story, as I have loved all Kindred stories so far. Garron is wonderful and patient. Tess is super sweet and a true fighter underneath her sensitive behaviour.

Both of them had suffered in the past: Garron under his father's fists and Tess under her husband's continuing torture with his fists, his kicks, his belt, his teeth.

Garron and Tess are perfect for each other and their love will win in the end - despite the lack of understanding from Tess sometimes. Garron will protect her, will fix her and will make her "Tess BP" again ie. Tess Before Pierce (who is her shitty ex husband).

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## **Suzanne (Under the Covers Book blog) says**

Tess Hughes has found the perfect place to hide from her abusive ex-husband. The Kindred Mothership. However, her hiding place is discovered when she is unable to hide from a male. Soon she is booted off the ship into the arms of her murderous ex-husband, whose plans of 'punishment' leave Tess's future looking bleak and short. Garron cannot believe he found a human woman hiding on the ship and is ashamed of his feelings and reactions to her...but when he sees the future that awaits her on Earth, a future that he has pushed her into, he vows that he will protect her.

I now have another alien on my list of men-i-want-to-be-abducted-by list. Evangeline Anderson has once again got me hooked in to her book by luring hot alien men in front of me. How am I supposed to resist that? This installment in the Brides of the Kindred series gives us Garron's story, we first meet him in the previous book Divided and I am glad I didn't have to wait long to see him get his well deserved HEA.

Tess, the heroine of the story was also great, my heart broke for her as you are shown the abuse she has suffered in the past and I loved watching her slowly come to trust Garron, especially as they fit so well together, both in and out the bedroom. In the bedroom the heat was sizzling, and Anderson writes the best

dirty talking aliens ever, even the sexually inexperienced ones have got it down. Outside the bedroom, they were just adorable.

This book also continues the story arc of the demon slowly usurping power from the Kindred and trying to start a war with Earth. I can't wait to see what happens next with this as it adds a great bit of intrigue to the series as well as setting up the next couple in the Kindred series.

I continue to really enjoy this series, it is just the sexy light relief I need and I am looking forward to the next book in the series.

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## **Lauren says**

4.5 stars

Tess is on the run from her ex husband who is an extremely abusive cop bent on getting her back. Tess escapes to the morning ships pairing puppet house where Garron mistakenly thinks she isn't real. Having been banished from the ship Garron goes to earth to protect Tess from her ex.

This one was by far the most disturbing in terms of past the main characters had to go through, especially for Tess. I felt her fear and bravery over what choices she made and the fact that she kept going. This one really had more than a positive attitude towards overcoming something someone thinks is impossible.

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## **Katie says**

The Feels!!

I will admit that as much as I love love love the kindred series I was a bit scared to see where she would go with this, but once again I had no reason to worry. I have no idea how she can continuously turn out stories that not only put me through the wringer emotionally, but she does. Not only this, but I was simultaneously ecstatic at the ending and begging for the rest of the next story!

Anyway this story did a great job of dealing with some really touchy subjects that involve a bad home life. I love how the characters can be so different and yet have similar experiences that can both pull them apart and bring them together. It took me no time to fall in love with these characters, flaws and all.

I didn't think I could love the gentle Garron more, but this book proved me wrong. He is so sweet, caring, gentle, and all around amazing. It is hard to imagine him having a ferocious beast living inside him. Although he can be pretty growly when needed.

Tess is a kindhearted woman with a dark past. She was easy to relate to and I really felt for her. I was a bit skeptical on a few things she did, but understood given her background. However I was pleased that even given her tragic background she still knew how to stand up for herself. She was a strong heroine and kept going no matter how hard things got.

The romance was of course red hot, but not too fast. They had time to build up and get to know each other.

This is one of my favorite things about Evangeline Anderson's books. The build up, it makes everything so much better. Its nice to be able to anticipate the happy ending without it being handed to you on a silver platter.

Great series, great book, amazing author!

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### **Denise Desmarais says**

Tess is a strong willed woman scared and on the run from her abusive husband. She tried to do things the legal way but he is a detective and knows how to get away with murder if need be. Where do you go when you are running from someone who can find you anywhere? Answer the Kindred mother ship. She hides out in the pairing puppet housing but not long until Garron accidentally comes across her. Garron is trying to hold his promise to somebody in the past and knows his other side is coming closer to surface. On his home planet he has seen that other side on others rip innocents apart. Tess seems to be the only thing able to calm him but he feels betrayed by her finding in her the pairing puppet housing after he has told her things he hasnt told anyone. What happens next? You will have to read this awesome book and series!

Evangline Anderson is a great author and I love this series! I couldnt put this book down like every other book in this series. If you havent read this series yet I suggest the Brides of Kindred Volume 1 which is books 1-4. I can't wait til the next book comes out!

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### **Karen says**

This was another great entry in a series that I have come to love so much. The characters are ever changing and yet still manage to allow time for characters which had been established in earlier books. The stories seem simple but have a complexity that makes them more interesting than if you had something just totally straight forward. The narrative flows very well though there are sometimes things that hold it back a little. The characters speak and act as you wold expect them to in most instances, though sometimes they seem to do things just to make the story progress.

Garron has been banned from his home-world, Pax because of his siding with his half brother Truth when he had visited with his twin and mate. Garron is Rai'ku but his was a twin Kindred who had lost his twin and mate. He is living on the mother ship and trying to come to terms with the new feelings that he has been having as well as the fact of his 'other' possibly coming out. Tess is running from an abusive spouse who could end her life and make it seem like an accident or something someone else did and has nowhere she can really hide. Her friend takes her to live at the Pairing House (pleasure-bots) for the unmated males where they figure her ex would never look for her. She has lived there for week with no problems when Garron comes to choose one of the pairing bots and accidentally chooses her. Neither of their lives is ever the same after this.

I liked the story between Tess and Garron because they were both kind of lost. Tess because her ex had beaten her down so much she could not see the good in any man and Garron because he had loved and tried to protect someone he couldn't and sought to punish himself forever. There was the requisite trip off-world which I have come to expect and look forward to since you never know what type of place it will be. I got to

catch up with my girls from previous books to see what was happening in their lives. And we got to meet the next couple who will be brought together, and see what the malevolent entity in their midst will cause to happen. Really want that wrapped up because it just annoys me a bit.

Overall I would recommend this along with all the series as a must read!

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## **'Q' aka CoCo says**

### **Why do I do this to myself?**

I promised myself I was done with the Kindred after the last book. None of the characters are evolving and every book is the same-- the h's all whine and are all "wait, I'm not ready, um, um, um" and the H's are either over accommodating or, in this case, fighting their feelings as well. I feel like every single heroine spent 80% of the book on an inner monologue describing how wrong it is to have a sex drive. So frustrating to read. AND, just because it annoyed me, I need to point out that it's impossible (by definition) for an adult to get a greenstick fracture. My God, the character was supposed to be a nurse and she called it that? Do your fact checking Ms. Anderson.

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## **Robin says**

Devoured is the 11th book in the awesome Brides of The Kindred Series. This is one of my all time favorite series.

I highly suggest reading them in order as this saga has characters and storylines that interact with each other throughout the series.

I love starting each new Kindred book as Evangeline's world building is so exceptional, imaginative and enticing you just jump right back into these fantastic and wonderfully familiar places.

Tess is trying to escape from her abusive, controlling ex husband and hides on the Kindred Ship as a Pairing Puppet.

Besides having to live with repetitive trauma and constant fear Tess is less than confident. She feels her curvy body with her wide hips and generous breasts are not what attracts men, especially a hunky, gorgeous kindred male with mesmerizing turquoise eyes.

Garron has his own share of traumas to overcome, from an abusive Kindred father to the harsh violent society of his Rai'ku mother and home world. To avoid burdening a potential mate with his past and his dangerous Dr'gin shifter waiting to emerge, Garron seeks to find some release with a Pairing Puppet. Of course he is instantly drawn to Tess, who is finding refuge among the female puppets.

Together they go on a roller coaster of emotions, adventures, dangerous and shocking events, and of course the blossoming of love. The obstacles and struggles they must overcome ends up cementing their bond, and allows them to heal each other. There are some graphically violent and disturbing scenes especially by Tess' ex-husband. This subject is handled tactfully and draws attention to the fact that domestic abuse is

still prevalent in our world and must be eradicated.

I loved the way this couple fits together like two halves of a struggling soul, each has what is needed to heal the other.

Garron's past gives him the ability to understand and patiently support Tess. Despite the hell Tess has had to live through she is resourceful and resilient. She never loses her ability to empathize with and help others. Until now, Tess worked in a home for the elderly. She is exactly what Garron needs to help overcome his many issues.

True to Evangeline's extraordinary writing are her love scenes, and this couple is no exception. The gradual build up of their romance, physical relationship and fantastic storyline make this an exciting read that you will not want to put down.

The love scenes that the author is renowned for, are as usual 5 star hot, they are also pertinent and always enhance her characters while staying true to their stories. Evangeline definitely knows how the feminine mind ticks.

The Kindred Brides is very much a saga, there are several background stories adding depth and excitement. I love revisiting with characters from the previous books, who continue to interact and play important roles in each story.

The closeness of the women on board the Mothership is awesome, I love their often humorous interactions. Together they are delightful, funny, always supportive and understanding of each other, makes me wish I was part of the group.

Already the story for the next book has been imaginatively woven into this story and there is a sample at the end. Now I am not too patiently looking forward to reading "Enhanced."

I loved "Devoured" it is another fantastic addition to the phenomenal Kindred Brides series.

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## **Rosebud says**

Tess Hughes may have left her abusive husband but he's made it clear that she can run but she can't hide. She's his. In a last ditch effort to hide, Tess's friend sneaks her aboard the *Kindred Mother Ship* where she hides in the equivalent of a cyborg brothel for the unmated Kindred warriors. She's able to keep under the radar until Garron, a Rai'ku Kindred, chooses her as his release partner.

Garron has been fighting feelings that are taboo on his home planet but is finding it harder and harder to suppress as the date of his 'name day' approaches. It is on that day that his inner dr'gin will force him to undergo the change threatening everyone around him. Convinced by his brother that a session with a *Pairing Puppet* will be beneficial Garron chooses one. Bringing her to his room he finds out that she's no puppet and is on the ship illegally.

Tess is returned to Earth where her abusive husband is waiting for her and has plans that will assure she never leaves him again. Garron realizes his mistake when his body demands Tess and no other and sets out to correct his error only to find Tess a prisoner to a man who won't let her go. On top of that Garron's dr'gin is demanding to be released which would be a very very bad thing.



First a cautionary word to any potential reader. IF you have any sort of triggers in regards to abuse at the hands of a partner or spouse, I highly advise you not to read this book. There are many scenes that address Tess's abuse at the hands of her husband including flashbacks that could be disturbing if you have such a trigger. Do not take my opinion lightly.

Reading this book was an eye opening experience as the author didn't shy back from showcasing Tess abuse history. So many times I wanted to jump into the pages of this book and be there for her as she survived through abuse upon abuse at the hands of her 'loving' husband. I wanted to scream at anyone who saw the physical evidence and didn't step in or at least report what they saw to the authorities. But. The author had a diabolical fall back in that the 'husband' was a good looking attractive charismatic man on the police force. He KNEW how to play the game and make it so Tess had no chance to escape him. How many of us are guilty of judging abusers by their physical appearance or demeanor little realizing that behind beauty there may be a core of decaying evil.

On the other side of the coin. Garron had the potential for evil inside of him. His *dr'gin*. Everyone knew if he released his inner beast people would die and Garron himself might need to be exterminated if he couldn't regain control. So. Judging him as the villain was a no brainer but again, is he being judged on that evilness when HIS core may be of caring, compassion, respect, and wouldn't harm anyone....

As for the actual adult content. Fictional romance reads have the leeway of accelerating points and events that in real life would probably need more time to resolve. Such is the case here. Tess is a broken shell girl who has a second chance at love. Love with an alien. An alien who shapehifts. Shapeshifts into a beast that 'devours' living breathing entities. Therapy would definitely be needed in real life but love does tame the savage beast. :D

Getting to my issues. Totally appreciated taking on the subject of abuse and the potential that there is always hope regardless of how bad things are. Also appreciated the cast of characters and tie in to the new evil bad guy element. Further loved getting the feel for the next installment and those main characters. What I wasn't a fan of was the editing side of things. This is a futuristic sci-fi setting with advanced technology and science. I feel this wasn't taken into account as so many times I questioned if events should have played out the way they did and found myself shaking my head. Also, cheesy dialogue instead of descriptive worded scenes didn't work for me. Seriously drew me out of the pages of this book.

I've been debating whether this could be read as a standalone installment or not. On the surface it could. But. There are scenes and characters that a reader seriously needs to have the background about to understand the significance of them in this book. There is a glossary at the end of the book that does explain some of the series terminology and such so if you are reading this book and aren't sure of a specific term, phrase, or such you could resource that glossary. In the end though I personally have reservations if this is enough to get you up to speed or not to understand things in this book if you haven't been reading the series.

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**Miranda Whore says**

**Thank goodness!!**

The series was going downhill for me... But Devoured is amazing!! Garron is a male of worth and the other inside him provides an interesting storyline. Such a sweet pairing between Tess and Garron, he's such a gentle soul.

Five stars and four wet panties.

Review by Miranda at Mommy's a Book Whore.

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### **Sarah says**

Word of warning if reading abuse especially by a spouse upsets u don't read this book. EA is very descriptive and Tess reflect back on her marriage in parts of book also Garron reflect back in having a abusive father. I did like the book but parts just didn't flow for me or when reading about Dark Kindred it sound very Star Trek collective names being One or Six. I also kept seeing captain Picard when Borg took him in Six place which was annoying. Anyway I did like the length that garron took to save Tessa from his other self. I'm not keen on Terex with the fact that no one has mentioned he's completely change and coming up with ideas that clearly hurt the unmated kindred. Starting to feel maybe the series is losing its appeal which can happen when this long. Was hoping Di got a story, maybe with Terex as a mate.

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### **Deljah says**

Read this book very quickly. Have read all the Kindred books, but I think this might be where I tap out on the series. At this point, the overall plot elements, dialogue and even sex scenes are becoming too repetitive and predictable, in my opinion. I feel like I can reasonably predict the 12th book already, and I have no sense of anticipation for it, which is a first in this series for me.

My overall feeling is "meh" toward this book, which is disappointing. I have read and enjoyed many of author's books and hope to read and enjoy others in the future.

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