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## Description

No one said fighting monsters was going to be easy . . .

You can't see them, but they're here: hiding in the pools of shadow outside a Chicago burger joint . . . wreaking havoc in Kansas City . . . feeding in sleazy "blood brothels" that cater to humans who itch to get bitten.

Cole was designing video games when he learned the truth—that foul creatures of the night lust for our blood . . . and our world. Now he's a "Skinner," a member of an ancient secret society of warriors entrusted with keeping the terror at bay. Monsters once chained to the wilderness are suddenly free and descending, razor claws ripping, on the unsuspecting city. No one knows what's coming—but Cole and his seductive partner, Paige, will be the first to dive into the meat grinder.

## Insightful reviews

? Irena ?: 3.5

Cole is starting to grow into his proper place as a Skinner. He practices a lot. He is becoming one tough Skinner.

Usually when a character is an occasional ass, as Paige is in this case, we get at least a glimpse of his or her past and with it a reason for the attitude. I am still waiting for Paige's. I know she is supposed to be tough and whatnot. As a Skinner she has to be, but is it too much to ask to know the actual reason why she is there, why she is a Skinner? At least with Cole we know how he got where he is.

In some 350+ pages, these two get beaten so many times that I almost started to feel the pain. It happened every few pages. Still, it didn't ruin the story. It even contributed to it.

In short: a Full Blood decided to claim his territory, go public, make tons of Half Bloods (those poor wretches are some of the most disgusting monsters I've ever read) and only Cole and Paige are standing in his way. They do get unexpected help though. I don't consider this a spoiler since all this becomes clear to them right from the start and essence of the story is not a mystery, but finding a way to beat the unbeatable.

Tarl: This book was a toss up between a three and a four star for this book, but obviously in the end the higher rating won over. Why? Because Pelegrimas does what he always does with this series, he made it believe able and he made it unique.

As with the previous novel in this series, I was amazed as always with the way that Pelegrimas tackles the various supernatural creatures in his stories. Your vampires are completely different than you will find anywhere else, his Fullbloods are terrifying and unique, and his HalfBreeds are horrifically terrifying in their concept. Even his monster hunters, the Skinners, are completely different than what you would find in other books.

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The sexual tension in this book was one of the main reasons I gave it the higher rating. It was there in the first book, but here in the second it gets taken up a notch with enough flirting and mixed signals that anyone who has ever experienced the weird dance of lust and love will find something to relate to. There are touching moments mixed in with moments that made me feel for the characters, and it all helped to build upon the excellent character work Pelegrimas started in his first book.

Another element that continues to get worked on in this series is the male partner's 'nerdiness' as he tries to deal with being a Skinner and a video game designer. It's something else that you don't see in other works and it's refreshing in the Skinner series. There was also enough foreshadowing in this book that I can already see some of the issues he will have in the future and I both look forward to, and dread, if and when they will hit.

The only thing that I found distracting was the third person tight point of view that jumped from character to character. This wasn't really didn't stand out so much throughout the novel until the final climactic confrontation where it not only stood out, but got annoying extremely quickly. One moment you are tight on Cole, next paragraph you're on Paige, then the FullBlood, then Cole, and so on and so forth. Since a vast majority of the book is centered around Cole, to have this sudden jumping around detracts from the tight viewpoint Pelegrimas had been working with throughout the book.

However, I still enjoyed this book. It sets up a lot of things for later novels in the series, and we were still treated to a variety of character building moments, giant fight scenes, and the introduction of more Mongrels, which to be honest, I had forgotten about from the first book. I have already purchased the third book and look forward to continuing this series.

Siew Ee: "It had been eight months since Cole first met Paige Strobel. In that time, he'd also met vampires, werewolves, and a few other things that he didn't know how to categorize." This sentence from "Howling Legion" summarizes Cole's adventures at the start of the book.

For the second book in this Skinner series, Marcus Pelegrimas span his story more than moderately well, in fact, better than the first. It was gratifying to see Cole developing into a more skilled and confident fighter, at the same time, still keeping his old lovable nerdy self. His romantic interludes with Paige add a more humorous than emotional touch to the story. One general aspect I noticed about male authors is that they seldom use love to spice up a storyline. If there is a love interest, it is usually based on physical attraction and/or lust. Don't even think about a love triangle! (There are exceptions of course, notably, Nicolas Sparks).

While reading this book, I also couldn't help feeling great sympathy for the Half Breed characters. Their transformation from humans to Half Breeds after being infected by a Full Blood was made very real by the author's description of how Lisa Wilson suffered. It made it very difficult for me to mentally celebrate whenever Half-Breeds were killed in the story.

Readers are treated to graphic battle scenes throughout the book and the last few chapters of the book brought real whiz-bang excitement, culminating in an ending that was satisfying and at the same time, credible enough to make me want to read on. Exact rating : 3.5/5

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Ms. Nikki: I driven myself to complete this. It was once relatively dull in among the struggling with scenes with Cole and his occasionally one tune mind. He complained, he ogled chicks, and was once consistently conversing approximately food. To me this learn used to be extra delusion than horror. while it got here right down to the gore issue it was once sorely lacking. Example: the freak seemed larger and bulkier now that he used to be status up straight. He reached out to snatch Ryan's arm, then pulled it from it really is socket with a noisy crunch,. finish instance - Really?...that's scary? That used to be fairly lazy. Where's the grunting, the particular descriptive sounds that may make an individual cringe? That occurred much through the story. i've got the others within the series, yet am in no rush to learn them, good possibly to get them off my shelf.

James: the second one within the sequence holds up very well to its predecessor, and can provide much more from the intrepid duo. Its filled with action, and that i suggest choca-block packed with it, however it nonetheless manages to include personality development, deep personality interactions (the entire will they might not they) and humour to boot. i cannot think about wherever that falls down during this book, other than probably that it accomplished at all. As I stated for my part for 'Blood blade' - the 1st within the sequence - this is often heads above lots of the different city fable novels available in the market on the moment, and is on par, i'd sat, with the Desden documents for leisure in my sincere opinion - and the Dresden documents are pretty well my benchmark for UF, in order that says all of it really. I might recommend this to an individual trying to find a fun, motion packed learn and wish that many extra humans get entangled with the phenomenon that's the Skinners series. i do know that the instant I put up this i'll be starting the following within the sequence and settling in for the night, whatever the time and the time cut-off dates I have. Have enjoyable reading.

Teresa: This was once a superb sequel to Blood Blade! waiting for the following one!

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