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She was seeking revenge. What she found was a vampire who swept her into the darkest depths of passion.

Chicago, Illinois... the windy city. Home to football greats, dinosaurs named Sue, and, when the sun goes down... powerful vampires battling for the right to rule the city and beyond.

Born into slavery, Aden is one of the most powerful vampires in North America, waging war on others of his kind in a struggle to become the next Lord of the Midwest. But in the midst of the deadliest fight of his long life, the ghosts of his past have come back to haunt him. Slavery still exists, and Aden is hellbent on destroying it and the vampires who profit from it.

Sidonie Reid is an investigative reporter in pursuit of the biggest story of her career, until that story costs the life of a friend and Sid realizes she has to do much more than write about it. Intent on bringing down the vampires and their slave network, Sid gains entry to the highest levels of vampire society, where she finds herself confronting the raw sexuality that is Aden.

Caught up in a dark passion that neither can resist, Aden and Sidonie join forces, determined to defeat the old regime and everything it stands for. The dangers are beyond calculation, but the ultimate reward is worth the risk. If they survive...

Aden Details

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From Reader Review Aden for online ebook

Delta says

3.5 stars

Kara-karina says

4.5/5

I always know I can rely on D.B. Reynolds to deliver exactly what I want, so when Aden came out I snatched that book straight away. I love my comfort food, and this is what it is for me - cool non-technophobic mafia-like American vampire lords fighting for their territory, and strong, gutsy and clever women with whom they hook up. Total win.

It's never a straight up paranormal romance, more like a mix of one with some urban fantasy, which works great if you are more of a fan of UF than PNR.

Aden is someone we met in Lucas's book, and at that point he didn't impress me as a reader with his chauvinistic attitude towards women. Never fear, the mighty lord falls hard when he meets the right woman. *grinning*

Sidonie is a beautiful, self-assured reporter, who tries to find justice for her friend by exposing Chicago's slave trade which was ruled by city's previous vampire lord.

In Aden who started his life as a slave Sidonie finds more than a willing supporter for her cause, but he also admires her and wants to have her for his own. Add to it a battle of strong wills, a spice of danger, a slightly kinkier sexual preferences than I'm used to in D.B.'s books, and it's a fast, dynamic and enjoyable read.

My only complaint is that it felt too short and didn't have enough Cyn for my liking. Very much recommended to fans of Elizabeth Hunter and anyone else.

Sunny says

Highly enjoyable. I'm enjoying each new couple and advancing the overarching storyline.

Sarah ❤️ says

~ARC provided by Bell Bridge Books via Netgalley~

4.5 Love-Me-Some-Alpha-Male Stars!

I actually haven't read any of the other books in this series yet and I only read Aden first because I received an ARC, but I am definitely going to read the rest now!!

So this was the first books I've read in awhile that is not just all about the love but has some plot to it as well. There was action and different situations going on, so it was really refreshing!

Lord Aden <3

"I know who you are," she murmured, her words slurred with sensuality. 'There's no one like you in the world. No one but you."

Aden is a extremely powerful vampire running for the position of the Lord of the Northwest, who will have control over all the Northwestern states.

Sidonie Reid <3

"For some reason she mattered. She was his. He didn't know how long this new sensation would last, but he knew that he'd kill anyone who came near her."

Sid is a human reporter out for revenge after her friend's murder and she will stop at nothing to get it.

So once they figure out they have a common goal, they start working together to beat the bad guys and of course, some sexual desires are tended to along the way because really, who can resist Aden?

yummm(:

Also, I loved the dual POV! In some books I just find it annoying or confusing but I loved being able to see into their minds and know what both of them were thinking!

Overall, I loved this book and Aden and Sidonie and I can't wait to go back and read the rest of the series!

Ohh and...

PepperP0t says

4.25stars & digital edition actually

This installment begins shortly before Hunted: A Cyn & Raphael Novellaends, continuing the party to greet the contenders for Midwest Lord. Aden's a definite contender for being the new Midwest vampire Lord but first he has to win the challenges coming his way while he "romances" investigative reporter Sidonie Reid. Sid is out to run an expose on the slavery trade being run concurrently with the drugs being run through town. Both activities were controlled by Aden's predecessor and led to the death of Sid's friend. Everyone is very aware that Klemen's death did not stop the businesses as others not only stepped up to take his place and continue the status quo but possibly to expand it.

I thought the storyline was the strongest element of this installment, but it felt reminiscent of [book:Lucas|13510645 in places though not so much that it was exactly the same. (Elements such as: The heroines each went to a new Lord and the Lord was new to the territory, etc.) I liked both Aden and Sid as individuals after a while but as a couple they each seemed to be interested in the great sex and HFN not so much the HEA. Sid's independence, determination, stubbornness & protectiveness were consistent throughout the story as was Aden's unapologetic bad boy with a definite soft spot for the downtrodden. Thankfully Aden had a personality change during the party though he did seem to have a few issues leashing his inner caveman but luckily that is just what Sidonie ordered. The titillation factor for smexy scenes in this installment was flavored with French Vanilla (a hint of BDSM with the promise of naughtier things to come). That helped push the steam quotient to places it hasn't been for this series. I also enjoyed the climactic action piece which was full of drama as well. A couple of things bothered me during the read, one being the kidnapping (how did they know when/when the victim would be available for said kidnapping?). Also both Sid's story and her family which were so prominent through the book were just dropped with no resolution to either. And I'm not a big fan of flashbacks and believe when there are more than three it should be a prologue, so there were too many of them during this read for my taste. Let's face it, fans of the series will gobble this installment and order the next simultaneously and I'm one of them.

Karla says

4 Stars! Somewhat saturated in sex, but that's how these vamps roll! Overall, another great installment in this series!

Aden a yummy hero with mad bedroom and fighting skills. He does not hold back, on either front! Sid, another strong heroine, and a funny one too. The author does a wonderful job pairing up the couples in this series. I can think of only one book where I didn't like the heroine and that was in Rajmund.

I love the flashbacks that give us the history and background on each of our vampire heroes. It's just enough information to understand what shaped their personalities, who sired them and how it came about.

The story has the same brutality that is within keeping of this series, and I love it! My only complaint would be that I wanted Aden and Sid to connect a little more outside the bedroom, it was a little overwhelming at

times. Still and all, this is a standout paranormal/vampire series geared towards adults!

Sandra ~ ♥ Cross My Heart ♥ says

Reviewed at Cross My Heart Writings & Reviews

With each *Vampires In America* book, I think they just can't possibly get any better. Wrong! I enjoyed this series in the beginning, but the last couple of books have just blown me away. I keep expecting to get tired of bossy, dark, baggage toting, alpha vampires, but let me tell you - it just ain't happening. Aden is absolutely magnificent in this book as he battles all competitors for the title of Lord of the Midwest territory. Big, bad*ass, dark, but melt your panties gorgeous - he is one stone cold, powerful dude. I really loved getting his heartbreakin backstory in "real-time" through his flashbacks. But, it seems Aden's come up against a raging force to be reckoned with in Sidonie Reid, a human investigative reporter out to revenge her friend's death at the hands of slave/sex traffickers. She believes vampires are behind the sex ring, and nothing and no one - not even the soon-to-be Lord Aden - will stop her from seeking vengeance. When these two meet in one of the vampire blood clubs, sparks fly as both are shocked to feel such an intense physical attraction radiating between them. As the story unfolds, this couple goes toe-to-toe in a dance in which Sid holds her own, often defying Aden who is most certainly not accustomed to being told "No". Both are strong, stubborn, and determined to "lead" this dance while guarding their heart and refusing to lose. They make a formidable team in both battle & the bedroom, but will either survive the darkness?

Get ready for the HEAT because the scenes between these two are HOT! Aden is the very definition of "sex-on-a-stick" and surprise, surprise: a bit of a dom! And my, my . . . it seems our Sid likes it a little "dirty"! What a great story! A Page Burner! A Must Read! I can't wait to continue the series.

Dorsey aka ♥? Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

11.27.13

Five Fangtastic Stars!!!

D.B. Reynolds does it again! Another great storyline, hot Vampire Lord (and *this* Vamp is much more hmmm....sexually dominant? Yep, that's the word I'm looking for), and a strong heroine. Once again as with all her books I want more, more, more!!!

Fantastic addition to the series, looking forward to "*Vincent*"

* Reread on 4.16.18

Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 5 out of 5 unicorns - I loved it!!

***Received ebook from Belle Books for an honest review

The cover is beautiful though I imagine Aden much bigger :)

This is the 7th full novel in the Vampires in America series, and while they can be read standalone, I recommend reading them all in order with the novellas and short stories, so you don't miss anything :) I tend to hate reading and wondering...wait when did that happen...lol so reading them in order is how I avoid that :) This is for adults only since there is sexual content and violence and lots of it :)

Sidonie is a brave and strong female lead. I love that in a lead :) Aden is a broody male, but he grew on me fast, and he definitely puts up a front. I seem to fall in love with all the vamps and mates allied with Raphael and Cyn...lol As always in this series, tons of action, steamy scenes, and trouble coming out of the woodwork everywhere :)

Wow, I really love this series. D.B. is a fantastic writer with all the plot twists, action, and descriptions that make the story jump off the page. She is definitely one of my top authors for vampire romance :) She amazes me with all of her creativity to come up with all these complex stories that keep me wanting more and coming back :)

I highly recommend this series to all vampire romance lovers especially if you love Lynsay Sands and Kerrelyn Sparks vamp series', you will want to add this series to the list to read :)

Ann says

Love this author's writing and this series but by 31% in I didn't really care for either Aden or Sid. And that just never improved. Aden seemed more a cold, primitive, arrogant, control freak than a sexy hot vamp. Guess they can't be all class like Raphael (sigh). Sid, well she's all business and lacking any real feeling or warmth. Couldn't really see her interest in Aden other than to get what she wanted. Disappointing to say the least. Where's the personality? Where's the connection? Just couldn't cozy up to either of these two. Like cardboard characters. Just two people put together for the sake of the story. Should have felt their connection at the initial gathering where they meet each other, but, nope, nada...nothing.

Now I did feel the love Aden had for his vampy children/guards – Kage, Freddy and Travis but most especially for Bastien. And my heart went out to poor little Aden growing up a slave in Morocco in such a horrible environment without any care or concern from his selfish, loveless mother. It's not any wonder he wasn't the warm and fuzzy type. But despite those moments this one didn't knock my socks off. The story was pretty good, and it's not that I'm just too hung up on stories about Raphael and Cyn (ok, maybe I am) but I wanted this one to WOW me, and well...it just didn't. And another thing....WTH?!? Does everyone now have to throw in a bk with BDSM elements?!? Seemed unnecessary and a turn off.

Hoping Vincent's bk up next gets things back on track to the page turning stories early on in this series. But until then, unfortunately, with a feeling of disappointment, I'll have to go with a 3.0 stars on this one.

2.5 stars = character

3.5 stars = story

Overall = 3.0

Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

3 Not my Favorite Stars

Sidonie Reid is determined to write a story on the slavery ring the vampires have been operating in Chicago for years. The ring got her friend and source killed and she will stop at nothing to expose them. Even if she has to play good for the next Vampire Lord in Chicago. Maybe she will even let him bite her...

Aden was born the bastard son of a man who gave him to slavery when he was just a kid and a mother who sacrificed him for her luxuries. The one thing he won't tolerate is someone operating a slavery ring right in the territory he has decided to win as his own. Having to work with beautiful Sidonie in order to destroy the operation is just an added bonus.

Soon Sid and Aden will find themselves battling several fights at once and it will become hard to keep their boundaries intact. But can the two of them make their relationship work?

Why me?" she whispered. "You could have any woman in the city. Why me?"

His eyes filled with heat and something else . . . victory. "I like redheads."

Sidonie started to pull away, pissed that her only attraction to him was something so shallow.

He laughed at her efforts, holding her fast and not letting go.

"You don't like that?" he asked. "Then answer the same question. Why me?"

Sid looked up at him in surprise. This arrogant, confident, powerful creature . . . and he needed to ask her that? She stared at his perfect face with its sensuous mouth and chiseled cheekbones. His extraordinary eyes.

"You're beautiful," she said honestly.

Yeap Sidonie, I can see the depth just oozing out of you. What a hypocrite.

This moment about sums up my feelings about the book. The writing and the story were as solid as ever but I didn't feel the relationship. The couple fell in lust at first sight, in bed at second and in love at third. The book was filled with sexual tension, sex, sexual fantasies. The story got swallowed by an avalanche of lust and overdeveloped libidos.

And I really, really didn't like the heroine. She was driven and generally nice but there was something so

annoying about her. She set limits and never kept them, she made her mind and then let sex change it. Generally she was a huge hormone walking around the hero.

Aden was much better, he had the whole "tortured hero" thing going for him so I loved him. But he wasn't enough to save the romance side of the book.

There was also some BDSM but it was pretty light. I got the feeling that the author only went there because it's the new trend in book. BDSM is "in" these days, it's what all the cool kids want to read about. :P

(view spoiler)

Anyway... Not an awful book but nowhere near the author's capabilities.

The BookChick says

My Rating: ★★★★☆

EXCELLENT: The characteristics of a 5 star story include: an awesome story; and, I love everything about the story — characters, plot, and story elements. I would definitely read it again and I would highly recommend it to a friend and rave about it often.

My Thoughts:

Sigh...I just finished Aden and I have to say that D.B. Reynolds did not disappoint. Aden was long awaited but totally worth every second of the wait. His story continues the fast-paced, thrilling, and super steamy *Vampires in America* series. Ladies, let me just tell you, these vampire lords are total alphas and will leave you swooning and panting for more. But, I digress **fans face**. Yes, they are sexy...but the series itself is woven together quite well. Each book builds upon the others and deepens an intricate and intriguing plot. Once the North American lords have been secured, and we have one final book to cinch that in Vincent, a larger battle looms with the European vampires seeking to expand their influence in the U.S. I cannot wait for *those* stories to come!

Now...onto Aden *sigh* <--boy that feels like *déjà vu* *LOL*

We first meet Aden in Hunted when Reynolds sets the stage for his ultimate takeover of the Midwest after the demise of the corrupt lord Klemens. Until a new Lord can be established--by conquest--Lucas hold the territory and all of its vampires in trust. But, the die has been cast and Raphael has maneuvered powerful lords and allies as rulers over the North American territories. The only two strongholds in his effort are the Midwest and Mexico. And the Midwest is where Aden comes in. Aden is one of Lucas' vampires and by far the strongest. Lucas rallies behind Aden and he gains Raphael's support as future lord of the Midwest. Raphael's "blessing" is the easy part. Aden has to face challengers for Klemens old territory--challengers who were once loyal to the malevolent lord. Klemens was evil and he used drugs and sex slaves as a means of perverse control. And that is where Sidonie enters the picture. Sidonie is an investigative reporter at her father's newspaper and she seriously begins to hunt the sex slavers to bring them down after the murder of her friend and former sex slave, Janey. Sidonie's hunt brings her to a blood house where she meets Travis, one of Aden's lieutenants albeit unbeknownst to her. Travis brings Sidonie to the "challenge" gala, kind of like the opening ceremony of the Olympic games, and she comes face to face with the favored challenger, Aden. That one meeting...that one moment changes the course of their destiny and weaves their paths and their future together in a most delicious manner.

Hands down, this was one of my most favorite ViA and that's saying something because I absolutely LOOOOOVED all of them with the exception of Sophia which I only enjoyed. I'm biased because I love the lords--THE MEN *LOL*. But, I enjoyed Aden more so because he was not the "typical" lord. He was not sweet like Duncan, good-natured like Lucas, and funny like Rajmund. He kind of reminded me with Raphael with a bite and that's saying something because Raphael packs quite a punch himself. But, Aden had a total disregard for women because of his early life. And honestly, after reading about it, I probably would have hated women too. So, it was no small wonder that he and Sidonie bumped heads and battled wills when they first met. He saw her as a conquest and she saw him as a story. However, what they got in the process was passion and love.

I always enjoy reading the books in the series because the big, strong vampire lords are felled by strong, human women. Every single one of the lords are paired with a woman who matched him in wit and strength. Sure, not the type of strength possessed by the vampires but strength nonetheless. And, I gotta add Sidonie right there in the "strength" category with the other mates. Although she knew Aden would save her, she proved that she was no princess and saved herself. I absolutely loved that scene between her and Pinto. One of the best Reynolds has written!

This series just keeps getting better and better for me and I look forward to reading what's next!

Ratings Detail:

Rating for female protagonist: 5★

Rating for male protagonists: 5★

Rating for secondary characters: 5★

Steam Level: 5★

Plot Viability: 5★

General Storyline: 5★

Story Ending: 5★

Ease of Reading: 5★

Book editing: 5★

Cliffhanger: No

Overall rating: 5★

Would I recommend this book: Yes!

Would I read other books by this author: Absolutely!

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Tanja ~ T's Book ~ KT Book Reviews says

Well folks, dare I say this has to be my favorite book in the series so far? Yes, yes I will. There is just something about Aden that made me fall in love. His back-story unfolding was mesmerizing - give me a wounded hero that can maintain his heart any day of the week.

Chi town is where the action is this time. Aden is set to take the territory with the "help" of the other Lords in his corner. Dealing with other Lord wannabes is a taxing endeavor. It's during the gala that he meets the scrappy take-no-prisoners reporter Sid. Sidonie is trying to expose the human slave ring in Chicago, and in

doing so needs the help of Lord-to-be Aden. What she doesn't expect is to be drawn in to Aden; he is a shadow of darkness with a terrifying past. When she learns he was born a slave, she finds that Aden will be her best ally.

These two are a fantastic couple. I laughed out loud so many times at the banter and sass these guys threw at each other.

“A cell phone? Please. Who’re you going to call? Buffy?

“Look,” she snapped, trying without success to push him away. “I get the whole alpha male, vampire lord-of-all-he-surveys thing, okay? I kind of even like it in the bedroom. But out in the real world, you are not the boss of me. I don’t forfeit my brain just because we have sex. And I’ll do whatever I think necessary to get my story. Besides, it’s not like most of what I do is dangerous. I’m not exactly Woodward and Bernstein material. But I’m not stupid either. I don’t take unnecessary risks, and I’m careful with the risks I do take.”
“Kind of like it?”

Sid is a tough girl, no ‘damsel in distress’ kind of heroin. She is confident, strong, fearless, and just the kind of woman Aden needs. She is a welcome addition to the VIA spouses club.

In the end, Aden reveals all of his past and in doing so gets the best reward of all. I really did love this installment of the Vampires in America series. D.B Reynolds has outdone herself this go ‘round, and I cannot wait till the next!

5 Brilliant Stars!!

T~

Wendy says

I couldn't connect to the main characters, and the whole plot seemed disjointed. Oh well...moving on.

t'irla ~The Bookslayer~ t'irla's Talk Book Blog says

DB Reynolds never lets you down. I anxiously awaited this novel. DB did a great job teasing me in Hunted and I couldn't wait to get to know Aden and as in all her Vampires in America novels she didn't let me down in fact I think Aden is one of her best heroes yet.

I admit I have loved every single novel in this series ok ok with the exception of Sophia (sorry DB) and Aden was everything I wanted....no needed in her next Lord. Overbearing, opinionated, arrogant, stubborn with a hint of mischief and devilment..he was just *sigh* perfect! Sidonie is another of DB Reynold's strong, alpha women who don't sit back and wait to be rescued but rescue themselves. In Sid's case she is an investigative reporter who after one of her informants is killed pulls out all stops to crack open a slavery ring.

As usual there is lots of great action with several action packed, bloody *ashes to ashes* type scenes and

some hawt steamy sex. The sparks fly when these two great characters get together and we welcome a new Lord into our ViA family.

DB keeps her back story of something brewing in Europe to the for front and is reving us up for some super great reading in the future. She has also introduced to us our Last North American Lord....Vincent who will be the hero in her next novel and I for one can't wait!!!

Another 5 star read. If you love alpha vampire lords and strong heroines this series and this novel is definitely for you. Hey Christmas is coming why not treat yourself to the entire series...it will be money well spent and hours of fantastic reads!

t'irla

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