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From the bestselling author of WORLD OF SHELL AND BONE comes a love story set in a town where nothing is ever as it seems...

Eden, North Carolina--my hometown and personal hell on earth.

After I left for college, I vowed I'd never see it again. Too much had happened there, and my wounds were still raw. When I found myself headed back four years later, I was adamant nothing would keep me there for long.

Then I met the intoxicating Dax Allard. Copper-colored eyes, skin that emanated an exceptional heat, and a host of strange talents... It wasn't long before I was drunk on him.

But Dax's past was darker than mine, teeming with ancient secrets. Falling for him could cost me my life.

I had two choices: walk away or deal with the perilous consequences.

It was no choice at all.

This is a complete serial novel omnibus, consisting of several smaller novelettes to make up the whole. It is equal in length to a full-sized novel.

## **Fevered Souls Book 1 Details**

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# From Reader Review **Fevered Souls Book 1** for online ebook

## **Fangs for the Fantasy** says

Cara dreaded returning home from Chicago – but with no job and no job prospects, she didn't really have much choice but to return to the small town of Eden

And get a job with the mysterious and wealthy Dax Allard – but an encounter with a hellhound and a strange mystical connection has made this small town far more exciting than she imagined.

I am often wary of romance in books – not because I'm against a romance plot, but because there are so many ways a romance plot can be written to guarantee I'll hate it. What are those ways? Well there are several. And they're in this book.

All of them.

Cara and Dax meet and LOVE STRIKES! Special Woo-woo love that means she is now his betrothed (which totally doesn't mean the same as what we usually mean by that word – it also includes a compulsion to murder as well). She is dramatically attracted to him at first sight, tearful at the idea of his rejection and neither of them can stay away from each other. No development, no character (at all), no relationship, no interaction – just ZING INSTA LOVE FOREVER! Not only insta-love, but she is addictive to her – even her smell (like a certain sparkly vampire we may know) meaning it's almost impossible for him to be around her without a relationship happening (at least in the beginning of the book, not so much by the end because consistency is not one of this book's strong points).

Dax is a demon which makes him super dangerous and deadly to Cara – but she doesn't care! She has known him for precisely 2 seconds and will now be with him forever EVEN IF HE MAY EAT HER SOUL! Of course he nobly warns her several times which she just completely ignores, maybe pausing long enough to insist that he'd never hurt her because she just knows. She's also the one to keep pushing for the deadly soul eating sex because life and limb meaning nothing to this woman.

Being a noble love interest, Dax decides to protect Cara by staying away from her – something she takes as devastating, tearful rejection. In a job interview. Yes because he's a complete stranger looking to employ her and him not doing so is enough to cause an epic tantrum of "it's not fair!!!!" Frankly, I wouldn't have hired her anyway, because she went to this interview for a job she needed and wanted and didn't bother to research it first – not even realising Dax was a person, not a company. She googled him after the fact.

And while Dax is a demon he's a super-special nice demon, not only abstaining from human souls (a demon vegetarian? Do they have golden yellow eyes) but being a special kind of demon that has SUPER BINDING LOVE.

We have a love triangle – but not really. There's a guy, James, who's really into Cara but she doesn't like him that way – so she invites him to talk in the middle of the night, hugs him a lot and generally keeps him hopeful and he remains on call. He constantly worries about Cara being in an abusive relationship because Cara, well, basically keeps sending up red flags that she's in an abusive relationship.

Dax is super protective and/or super jealous. To the point of breaking down a fire-station door in case the firemen had kidnapped her. No. Really.

Let's take a pause here to look at our romantic characters Dax doesn't have a character. He's rich but I have no idea what he does except give money to charity. He doesn't seem to do anything that doesn't involve Cara, he's just a big sexy cardboard cut out. Frankly, I found him immensely dull – and if you find a demon dull then that is a very very poor demon indeed.

And Cara makes Bella Swan look like someone with a beautifully rich and nuanced mind (I am trying so hard not to make Twilight analogies with this book, but really, it's one tub of body-glitter away). No, really. She has this vast hatred for her home town that is never explained and quickly evaporates when it no longer serves a purpose. Her father is dead and she blames herself for it – for reasons unknown by is useful for extra angst in the beginning.

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### **Jacqueline's Reads says**

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### **4 Demontic Stars**

**If you need a *Twilight* fix, then *Fevered Souls* is your read!**

This is my second S.K. Falls novel and all accidental. My first novel by Falls Secret for a Song, review is [HERE](#). Fevered Souls is VERY different from Secret for a Song and it just goes to show how diverse some authors are.

### **[Summary]**

Cara hasn't been back to Eden since she left for college. Back with a degree, she's desperate to find a job. Cara goes into a job interview with Dax, a mysterious, but wealthy, dark and handsome man. Upon arrival, he immediately tells her that the position has been filled and dismisses her. Cara, on the verge of tears goes home. On the way home, Cara is attacked and is saved by Dax. As Cara and Dax's relationship form, she is starting to notice Dax isn't like normal guys.

### **[Disclaimer]**

I have to note on a few things. *Fevered Souls* is Book 1 of the series, a.k.a. volume 1 and within this read it's broken into 5 mini novellas, called Possession, Betrothal, Illumination, Initiation, and Judgment, a.k.a. episodes. Also, there's a cliffy! However, it's not a pull-your-hair-out cliffy, so you will be fine.

## [Review]

You will find all the elements of a good paranormal read in **Fevered Souls**, including large creatures, attacks, rescues, saves, slight love triangle and sexual tension. **Fevered Souls** isn't steamy and I would categorize this read as a Young Adult and that is perfectly fine. I don't think steam was necessary for this read.

Cara and Dax has what I like to call an insta-love. I liked Cara, she wasn't overly annoying, but she at times seemed to go with the flow a bit much. I kind of wanted her to put up a fight and add more tension and banter between her and Dax. But if you like a no fuss Heroine, then she's your girl. Dax has all the qualities that I look for in a dark Hero, but there were moments where I just wanted him to up his game you know? Yes, Dax does get jealous and yes he is protective, I guess I just wanted to see him, flip his ... you know sh!t.

I feel liked *Fevered Souls* was a great wet-your-toes kind of read. It was overall pleasant, quick and it did the job. I am interested in book 2 and I hope it's 1.) a little longer, 2.) there's more build-up between Cara and Dax 3.) more epic plots, twists and turns.

If you want a fast-pace novel, then **Fevered Souls** is for you.

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## Jessica Figueroa says

When Cara left Eden to go to college she didn't expect to come back. Already set for an interview she was ready to take up a job and came out from the interview that day with more than she expected. With the knowledge of Demon and hellhounds, now she has vengeful demons after her Soul. Her employer, is a bit over protective and managed to piss off the wrong demons protecting her. Now he's going to try to do the best he can to protect Cara and her soul. Did I mention if they act on their mutual attraction, Cara will end up pregnant and the unborn child could kill her? Which then leads to the whole who takes her soul when she's dead? Sucks to be her.

No. You don't leave a cliffhanger like that and not expect a person not to want to get ahold of what's next ASAP. I hate cliffhangers and now I'm going to look around to see what happens next.

I enjoyed this quick fast paced read. Right from the beginning it gets you. Soon as I hit page 3 I was like WTF? I had to know more. Good thing that this book was just more than one getting the whole season one has its perks. Except for leaving me with a cliffhanger in the end. Normally I dislike instant connection / I love you / Soulmates thing, because it feels rushed but with the limited amount of pages there are in this it was fine. Until I got to the ending of this book I wanted Cara to be with James and I hope that nothing

happened to him because I want to read more about him. I want to know more about all the characters for me it was hard to connect to the characters because everything was pretty quick.

If you like Rachel Vincent Soul Screamer's books you'll enjoy this. Idk for some reason this book is original in its own way but reminds me of that series.

Overall I enjoyed this book and suggest you lovely readers to check out this book.

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## **Michelle's Paranormal Vault of Books says**

Check out my post for the book tour, with a giveaway too, and excerpt. Click banner below to go to that post.

I really like the fast pace of this book. I am very glad that I have the whole first season, as I would not have liked the wait between each little cliffhanger, as I am not a fan of those anyway.

I know lots of people are not fans of the insta-love, but this is a little different, and easy to accept, as it's a supernatural connection they have, but if it was not that way, then sure, I would feel the same way. But we are dealing with the supernatural here, so it's acceptable.

I really liked Dax, he was very sexy, and protective, and I liked that. He would do anything to keep Cara safe. I thought for awhile she should be with James, but I see that probably won't happen, but who knows, as I will need to read the next season to find out. I was not happy about the cliffhanger at the end of this season one, (which ends with episode 5).

I guess I will have to get the next one when I can, to find out.

I am confused on this cover for the whole season, it does not fit the characters at all. I know it is supposed to be Dax, as I see the smoke (which is what happens, he puts off lots of heat, being a Demon and all) but he is supposed to have black hair, and the guy on this cover has blonde, and that just bugs me. I can't say I loved the cover of the episodes much, but at least the hair color is correct. I am all about covers. I do like the overall look of this one, just not the fact as it does not match the characters.

Here is a little taste of a steamy scene:

*He leaned down, his lips coming closer to mine. I held my breath without meaning to, anticipating the burning that would only half have to do with his temperature.*

*When his lips closed over mine, I snaked my arms around his neck, and fisted my fingers in his gorgeous, thick hair. I pressed my body closer to his, my lips opening hungrily, our tongues meeting, tangling together.*

*Dax's hands traveled slowly up and down my back and then slid to my waist. He was gentle with his mouth, tasting me, nibbling so softly on my lower lip. When I broke off to catch my breath, sweating from the heat he put off, he slipped his full lips down to my throat and kissed his way to my collarbone, nibbling along its width. A soft moan escaped from my throat.*

*His head jerked up, his pupils so dilated his eyes looked black. He was almost painfully hot now, but I resisted the urge to move back the fraction of an inch that the tree branch would allow.*

*"You are so damn irresistible," he said, his every muscle tense. "You have no idea how much I'm restraining myself at this moment."*

*"Maybe..." I tried to catch my breath. "Maybe you shouldn't restrain yourself."*

I do recommend this book to fans of the Paranormal. It will keep you interested for sure. It did me.

5 out of 5 stars for sure.

I was given a copy of this book by the author for my honest review.

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## **Christine says**

3.5 out of 5 Stars. When I started this book, I was in a mood for a paranormal. This one has a lot of sexual tension...a lot!! I mean I do not want to give anything away, but all the sexual tension made it very steamy. OMG. I was screaming at my Kindle there was so much tension. The book is insta-love. I mean within hours there was love, but I have to say, it works for this book. Usually the insta-love that happens within days bothers me, but this. It just worked. Well, there is hot and dark Dax Allard, which I think helps. How can you not love him???

### **“You. Are. My Betrothed.”**

Did I feel connected to the characters: Dax I loved him, but I was disappointed that he was not more bothered by James (an old friend of Cara's from high school) trying to “hit” on Cara. I am not sure how this is going to sound, but I wanted him to seem more alpha with Cara. I know he was always there to protect her, but for some reason, I wanted more from him. Dax even being what he is, is a great guy, but how could he not want to tell that guy to back off. I hope in season two he is not accepting the fact that Cara is friends with James. Yes, a girl can be friends with a guy, but there is just something about that friendship that bothers me.

Now regarding Cara. I liked her character a lot. The only thing that bothered me about her was that she knows James had the “hots” for her, but she kind of leads him on by continuing to be friends with him even though it is obvious he wants more than friendship. Or maybe that if opportunity presented itself, he would jump on it.

Positives: I love the background on Cara; her coming back home to a mother that is practically comatose after losing her husband, Cara's father. I love how the story opened with Cara looking for a job at Dax Allard's corporation.

Negatives: When I first started reading the story, I could not stop. However, I was somewhere in the middle

the story lost me. I can't put my finger on what happened. However, there was a lot going on at the end that grabbed my attention.

Bottom line: I enjoyed the season and can't wait to read season 2.

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### **Katrina Marie says**

Fevered Souls is a fast paced novel. I haven't read any books that discuss demon society, but this one definitely does. And it's not always pretty.

I think my favorite characters are James, Victorine, and Oscar. While Dax and Cara are the main characters, they felt a little bland. I'm not a huge fan of insta-love, and that may be one of the things that kept me from loving these characters. They seem to not be able to go on without the other. That's just not healthy at all. Besides the little love thing, Cara is a strong woman. She wants to get back on her feet, and get her mom some help. She also doesn't like being the victim. She takes in her own hands to learn how to defend herself. Dax is intense. I think that may be the best word to describe him. He's incredibly sweet, but also insanely protective. James is a friend of Cara's. He cares about her, and constantly worries about her relationship with Dax. Oscar is sweet and caring, while Victorine is bitter. But I like her, she doesn't hide her feelings.

We get thrown into a world full of demons and hell hounds. The hell hounds are pretty creepy in this book. They aren't like anything I've seen them to be in movies, or other books. There are also many types of demons, each one has certain gifts. They have an hierarchy of sorts, and clans. The society system is fascinating. (Spoken like a true sociologist) I want to learn more about each kind. Also, there is something that happened with Cara's father that's hinted at, and I hope we find out what it is. And the ending! Super cliffhanger, and I want to know what the crap is going on.

If you like insta-love, and the prospect of a new type of society, definitely pick this up. It's a fast read, and I don't think you'll be disappointed.

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### **Renee Rearden says**

I love romance novels (especially when they have crazy-beautiful covers), and if they have a paranormal plot I am sooo there. Unfortunately, the plot in Fevered Souls left me with too many questions and a ton of frustration...and not in a good way.

Character development was two-dimensional and inconsistent. The plot had huge holes throughout, and the story ended with a cliff hanger that gave no plausible explanation for the future series arc.

The nitty gritty:

Cara returns home from Chicago because she couldn't find a job after graduating college. Of course, she didn't come home to be near her emotionally broken mother. She came home because of a job advertised in

her home town. I gave Cara the young, selfish, get-out-of-jail card on this one because I figured it was part of her growth arc.

Nope. Just her character.

Now, Cara supposedly has a college degree. However, she went to the interview with no real knowledge of the company, its workings or the owner. All of which could have been gleaned from the internet before she went to the interview so she was armed with knowledge to support her qualifying skills for the position. (She did this after the interview. Just...wow.)

When the owner, who is of course gorgeous and uber Midas wealthy (with no explanation as to how he has the money he does, what kind of company/companies he owns, etc.) tells her the job is unavailable, Cara has a meltdown and says "It's not fair." Again, just...wow.

I would have never hired someone just based on that ridiculous outburst alone. She was to be the liaison between his company/companies and the many philanthropic projects he supported in the community. I wouldn't want someone that had zero coping skills and an utter lack of professionalism representing my interests.

Dax's character is slightly more interesting. He's a smokin' hot demon...literally. The high body heat and steam were a cool side affect of being from Hell. His desire to not want to hurt Cara in any way is consistent. His commitment to being a good individual is consistent...no matter how hard or selfishly Cara tries to influence his choices and behavior.

The insta-love connection between Cara and Dax is a given because of the betrothed setup. I can go with that because a reason was in place. What I can't accept is Cara's continued efforts to push Dax into a physical relationship knowing the immense risks...like getting pregnant, dying in childbirth and Dax eating her soul. Yep, that's pretty damn serious.

But Cara just believes Dax won't hurt her. 'Cause she has a feeling. I mean, not that Dax, who must be hundreds of years old (we never find out how old he really is), would know with his vast experience and knowledge about the situation. Add the fact that Cara's completely selfish thoughts/actions are further displayed by her complete lack of consideration for what her being hurt, by Dax, would do to Dax. He loves her. He is fighting his own nature not to hurt her.

And when she gets pregnant, not if 'cause Dax has like super-demon sperm that'll knock her up lickety split, she'll be carrying a demon halfling. Since the halfling demons are treated like worthless, unwanted aberrations (and Dax feels that way himself), why in the hell would she ever chance creating a child that would live that kind of life?

Because Cara's character is a selfish narcissist...well, that's redundant but you get the point.

The overarching plot for the series is a threat by one demon faction to another...demons that want to rule the humans want to overthrow the demons that keep the races separate and safe. Nothing new here...right down to the ruling demons completely ignoring the threat. Like, turning an obvious blind eye.

All in all, I was sadly disappointed with the execution in Fevered Souls. So much so, I'm not interested in continuing with this series.

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## Cristina ♥? says

### Possession (4/5 stars)

I decided to make a review for each episode, so I'll start with Possession. Because the episode hasn't had only 50 pages, my review will be a mini-review. The story is about Cara, a girl who came back in Eden to find a job. She had an interview at Dax Allard's company, but Dax didn't give her the job from the first time. In Eden were happening strange things and Cara almost died because of them. But Dax saved her and he isn't what he seems.

So much sexual tension in this episode... The attraction between Dax and Cara was destructive. Every time they have seen each other, sparks came out. That tension was consuming. But then Cara found out something not so...human. I liked this episode and it's a promising beginning :)

### Betrothal (4/5 stars)

The sexual tension between them is even stronger. Cara fell so deeply in love with Dax and she couldn't believe that this thing is even possible. But she is not sure about what feels Dax for her. After she found out the truth about Dax and what he is, she couldn't believe that Dax loves her. But she is wrong. I liked because Dax was so jealous when James was flirting with Cara and that thing gave him the balls to tell Cara what he really feels about her. They can't be together (sex) because Cara will die, so the tension is more acute.

They kissed (thanks God!) and their kisses were described very well, but they barely can restraint themselves. Cara is more important to Dax than she thought and they just can't keep their arms in their place :)

I want to talk a little bit about the other characters. Oscar is a man who helps Dax and he is very nice with Cara. On the other side, Victorine, his daughter is a bitch and she gives me nerves. James is cute, but he can't compare with Dax-the hottest of the hotties :)

The things went very fast and here wasn't useless description. It reminded me a little bit about Twilight, but I like it. And when everything seems to be OK, something must be happening...

### Illumination (4/5 stars)

This was the shortest episode, so I don't have so many words for it. Cara must be protected better than ever because she has a bunch of demons running after her and that only because she is Dax's betrothal and they are in love. She wants to protect herself, so she will learn Kondo and she will have an iron sword.

I must say, Victorine is still a bitch (I know she doesn't want to move again, but HELLOOOO! They are in love!). James is OK, but he should give up because he doesn't have any chance. Now all of them must be very careful because this could end bad, very bad...

### Initiation (4/5 stars)

In this episode was described only one day without Dax and that day was awful for Cara. She wanted Dax to be near her, to hear his voice and to feel his heat, but he was gone in Northern Canada to meet the Astaroth group. In that day, she represented Dax in a fundraiser meeting where he made a very generous donation. She stayed with James and after that she went at Dax's house where she should stay with Victorine. But when she reached there, she found some unknown demons and they weren't really...cheerful.

She was a little codependent and she couldn't stay very much without Dax. When he came home, she was a different person. But they love each other and that is explicable. Unfortunately, they can't be together (in the physic way) because Cara could die. She tried to convince Dax that she wouldn't get pregnant, but she failed. They must be very careful, especially now, when Cara is in a real danger.

Judgment (5/5 stars)

What an end! When will be out the 2nd season??? I have so many questions and I think we all have. The end was so abruptly! What will happen with Cara and Dax? Will they find a way to be together without the risks? What will do the Astaroth group? What had happened with James? Is he OK? What is he exactly and what role does he have? And who is Charlotte? Here are so many questions without an answer and I can't wait for the sequel to find out those answers.

Cara's life is again in danger (she actually wasn't never safe) and I don't know what will happen with those groups. Will be there a war between the demons? I think this book ended very abruptly and in it is very much mystery. Cara and Dax have almost reached in that point, but Dax regained his self-control only for a little while and he pushed away because if that thing would've happened, they couldn't stop the consequences.

Overall, this book was very good. A little shorter than I would like, but I liked the story. It reminds me a little bit about Twilight, but it's a very good story and I'm happy I've had the opportunity to read it!

Rating

\*\*\*4.2/5 stars\*\*\*

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## **Romeight says**

**\*\* I HAVE RECEIVED A COMPLIMENTARY COPY OF THIS BOOK FROM THE AUTHOR IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW \*\***

I was honestly surprised with this book and to be fair my real rating would be a 4.5 out of 5 stars but seeing as I can't do halves I'll round it to the 5.

I'll start with the fact that despite myself not being heavily into romance, I could not set this book down. I'm talking middle of moving a house and there I was packing a box with one hand and holding my iPad with the other. I do have to admit, I was slightly disturbed with how the romance of the main characters happened, being a literal instant thing, yet at the same time there really wasn't a complaint once I understood everything that was going on (which is clearly explained). I very much enjoyed the characters and they were easy to

make a connection with but I would have liked to have seen a little more development... Then again this is only the first book and there's plenty of story I have yet to discover. There's so much more I want to know about them! All of them!

The fact that this paranormal romance is set with a demon is such a breath of fresh air! I can't tell you just how sick I am of carbon-copies of Twilight, and the sudden surge of vampire novels as much as I may love them and my horror. There are a lot of similar elements which I won't disclose as to not ruin the book for anyone, but the way it's executed will make everything seem like a brand new thing. The author surprised me with her use of demonology whether intentional or unintentional and has sparked a desire in me to research them as I usually do all my paranormal goodies. That right there is why I decided to bump up to the fifth star, as much as it is a romance it balances very well with the paranormal aspect of it.

In end, it is a very good read that will most likely leave you wanting more as it did me. It is fast-paced - sometimes a little too fast- but what it lacks in length sometimes it makes up with just how interesting the story in the page before you is.

With so many secrets in store, you simply won't be able to put this down.

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## **Tonyalee says**

I had seen the first episode floating around on Amazon but had never gotten around to reading it. When I saw the tour for the entire volume, I jumped at the chance to read them. The first two episodes start off strong and really grabs you. But sadly, things just kind of feel flat for me and their story continued.

We meet Cara on her way home to Eden after a 4 year stint away for College. Jobless and now living with her mother, she is desperate for work. When an interview goes bad with the mysterious yet sexy Dax Allard of Dax Allard Enterprises- and after an attack on Cara, Cara learns there is more to Dax Allard than she thought. After learning about his secrets, Cara is immersed in a world full of creatures and just how important she is to this world. And here, she finds plenty of enemies.

Each story has a small time gap between them. I actually liked this, because I felt I learned more about what has happened and about the lore in the summary than I did when it was initially explained. If this was because I just didn't get it or execution, I'm not sure. It was fast paced, never giving us time to take a breather before something else happened. I am glad I had them all with me because I would have not liked to have to wait between stories. Because of the length though, I felt slightly disconnected from the characters. I was interested in the story as a whole and how things would progress- but I just wasn't WOWED. The lore is different and fascinating. Taking well known creatures with a twist and it was interesting learning about

everyone individually and also as a group.

As the story progresses, we learn more about Mr. Dax Allard and the others like him. (No, I won't be giving it away. Let's just say he's one HELL of a character. ;) ) These two have chemistry right off. Initially, physical that turns into love. Yes, insta love. BUT! This is one of those times where I felt it worked. It's hard to explain without spoilers. So, I won't. Although at times, I felt Dax came off too strong and his constant apologizing grated the nerves. The sexual tension is palpable and their situation just sucks. (For lack of a better word) But again, I wasn't really connected to them and it with so much standing between them, it was really difficult for me "root" for them.

I was also indifferent to Cara's relationship with James. I was just.. too forced I guess. And honesty, with the type of relationship that Dax and Cara have—or can't have, rather— it would just create more tension between the two. Again, I just didn't connect there either.

The last episode left us on a twisted cliff hanger. The story took a turn that I hadn't seen coming. Great set up for the future books.

Overall- While I wasn't wholly connected to the characters, I really enjoyed these as a whole. I'm curious enough to continue on with the volumes, especially after that cliff hanger.

*A copy was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review*

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## **Chelsea (Starbucks & Books Obsession) says**

Fevered Souls is an interesting book. I like the idea of a new adult paranormal because most paranormal romances I have read are young adult and most new adult novels I read are contemporary so the mix of the 2 genres intrigued me. However, I felt like I was a little disappointed. It wasn't a bad book but it wasn't exceptional either. For me, it was an average read.

Cara returns to her hometown, Eden, after graduating college in Chicago and unable to find employment. She interviews for a job with Dax Allard Enterprises, where she meets the mysterious Dax Allard. She feels this instant electric connection with Dax and ends up entering the strange world of demons where her life changes and danger is always around the corner.

I didn't have any problems with the characters in this book but I didn't feel any real connections with them. Cara was likable but mediocre and I am struggling to really find words to describe her because there just isn't anything unique about her. She didn't really change or grow through out the book. I found her to be too impressionable and trusting. She lets herself get caught up in Dax and falls for him way too quickly. She also really pushes her friendship with James when clearly he wants more from her. She is also seems so clueless when it comes to Victorine. Dax is your typical deadly demon who becomes sweet and protective of his human mate. He was predictable but I did like the way he really tried to do the right thing with Cara despite her continued advances and denial.

I'm not sure I cared for the instant attraction between Dax and Cara because he didn't really give her a reason to feel that way about him. Aside from being really good looking, they hadn't interacted enough for Cara to be so worried and attached to him. They know each other for 2 days and they are professing their undying love. Even though I understand there is a mystical connection because he is a demon, I still felt like it was a

little too unbelievable. Especially when he is like "If you're with me, I might end up killing you," and she's like "It's okay, I still want to be with you." What? I couldn't really jump on board with that. I also felt like the relationship and love got even more unbelievable as the story went on. It just moved WAY too fast for me even with the paranormal element in there.

Despite my lack of interest in the characters and my issues with the insta-love, I did find the writing to be well done and the plot to be somewhat unique for a book about demons. This was demon versus demon instead of demons versus angels and I liked that. The different types of demons and their plan for control was an interesting storyline.

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### **Austine (NovelKnight) says**

Fevered Souls isn't exactly a book, per say. Instead, it's a collection of novellas bound together as a series with each novella as an episode -- not something I'm quite used to. I've never really been a fan of novellas since a) I finish them too quickly, and b) I usually don't get attached enough to the characters or the writing style to want to read more by the author. While Fevered Souls has the length of a novel with its five novellas all in one, the story setup didn't draw me in enough to want to read the next "season." I did enjoy Fevered Souls, however, and think it's a great set of shorter stories for paranormal romance fans.

Due to the nature of this book, the plot is very fast and keeps you locked in for the whole thing. Falls doesn't dance around the subject, keeping key plot points hidden from the reader. The author comes right out and tells you what's what without the whole "I'm going to make the story all mysterious to build tension." It was a nice change from the books I've been reading, and Falls includes quite a few cliffhangers to replace the lack of mystery and keep you coming back for more. The world itself is also refreshing as you don't read about demons too often. I liked how Falls could capture the world in such a short amount of time, given the length of the "episodes" in this book. It is definitely a sign of skill as a writer, in my opinion.

I'm not really sure if I liked the characters of Fevered Souls or not. Our two protagonists are Dax the demon and Cara. The characters weren't awful in the least, and I felt they were realistic, but I wasn't a fan of the insta-love they had going on. Granted, it was part of the story which made up for it a bit (and was yet another refreshing change), and yes, it's part of a novella so things have to happen a little quicker, but I still wasn't really a big fan.

Fevered Souls is a fast-paced story divided into five shorter works. It's a great, quick read for fans of paranormal romances who don't mind a brew of insta-love and a few cliffhangers. There's plenty of action and romance to keep you reading all the way through, with a want for more. I enjoyed this "season" and while I don't think I'll be reading any more of the series based on personal preference, I recommend it to older readers looking for a taste of demons.

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### **Maija says**

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What I have always admired about well written short stories, is how an author can get the full background history, write believable characters and interesting story and plot twists, in as little pages as 170. What also helps is that I love action more than I like descriptions, I guess I should read more short stories \*wink\*

I admit I had my doubts when I first got to reading *Fevered Souls*, as not only is it a short story but also a paranormal. But S.K. Falls really pulled it off, the story had my full attention right from the first pages and I enjoyed reading this book.

### **Characters:**

Cara and Dax had a connection right from the start and there was no denying it after he saved her life and revealed his secret. But the connection wasn't just that, Cora is his bethroated which is like being a soulmate, though to a demon. There's danger of him losing it and sucking out her soul, so Dax tries to distance himself from Cara. Little did he know, she's a very determined woman.

After Dax saves Cara, they have to face the consequences of having a war between two families- his and the demon's he killed. They go on a journey to another family to try and help them with the mess they's made.

Even though the story had an insta!love which usually infuriates me to no end, I appreciate the fact that Cara herself acknowledged it as not being normal, and I kind of softened to the idea.

### **Writing:**

What I really enjoyed about *Fevered Souls* was that it had everything that's needed and more to make a reader happy. I never lost my attention and was fully engrossed in the story, so much that I was shocked to see that it had ended. It's fast paced and with many twists and turns in the story, I was pleasantly surprised on some occasions. There were no sexual scenes, but the passionate interaction between Cara and Dax still made my heart beat faster.

### **Cons:**

What I didn't like was the cliffhanger! I hate them from the depths of my heart with all the passion I can muster. And, what makes me mad is that I WILL read the second season in *Fevered Souls*. I've had a taste and now want to devour the whole series.

Another thing that bothered me while I was reading *Fevered Souls*, was that on many occasions I felt like I was re-reading *Twilight*. I found many scenes where, if the situation was a little bit altered, it could pass for *Twilight* fanfic. I'm not mad or anything, it could just happen without a purpose, but I thought I should mention it.

Knowing that this book is actually series of short stories, I won't say anything about the slight repeatings here and there.

### **Bottom line:**

It's an easy to read story that will definitely catch the attention of many readers, especially ones that enjoy fantasy and paranormal genres.

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## **Michelle says**

Fevered Souls is like a series of novellas all put together in one book. They call the book a "series" and each part an "episode". It kind of reminded me like a tv series, where each episode was a like a weekly episode and the book was like a mini series. Normally, I am not a huge fan of novellas, but if you are like me, you should not let that put you off to trying fevered souls. Because the exception for me is when they are all bound up together in one omnibus. The reason I don't love really short stories is that if I do get attached to the characters, I normally want more than 50 pages. But here you get a bunch of episodes, and all in all it adds up to about a book. The only difference is that they are very fast paced and keep you moving right along through the story without much stopping. The plot is always moving forward- quicker than it does in most full length novels.

Dax is a demon and you find that out pretty much right off the bat in episode one. Fevered Souls doesn't do the whole "keep you in suspense for 3/4th of the book" thing that seems so popular these days. I thought that was kind of refreshing. You just got to see how the story played out and for once, you knew all the cards and players. It was nice. The players in Fevered Souls are Dax and Cara.

Right off the bat, Cara likes Dax, and my first thought was oh no, I don't want the fast paced plot to include insta love. (not everything can be super fast) But then the whole betrothed and mates thing was explained and it made sense. At first Dax wanted nothing to do with Cara, but then he lets his guard down and as soon as that happens, it is like the flood gates of emotion are opened. Dax became extremely protective of Cara, and through this we get to learn why when we find out about all the different kinds of demons. Dax seems like the best kind, and I kind of like his hellhound. Such a cutie.

In the first series of Fevered souls, you get to learn about Dax and you can see the brewing of a war. Im not sure if the war is just going to be between the demons yet or if humans will get involved in some way. That looks like it will be fleshed out more in the next series, but I am certainly intrigued by the concept of this book. I really like the pacing of the book, but I would also like a little more details. Each of the episodes kind of recaps what happened in the last episode and I didn't really need that because I was reading them all back to back, but I can see how it would have been nice if I had been reading them one at a time.

I liked some of the secondary characters, like James. He likes Cara too but there is no sort of love triangle at all. Cara only has eyes for Dax. But James sub story line looks kind of mysterious and interesting. Cara has a dream about him towards the end of the book and we don't really know what happens with him so I am definitely going to be keeping an eye out for my sweet guy James. If you are looking for an interesting and

quick paranormal read, you should check out *Fevered Souls*.

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## **Bianca says**

\*I was provided with a free copy of this book for the blog tour. Thank you!\*

“*Fevered Souls*” is such an amazing, fun read! I loved it!

I read this book in just one night. There’s so much going on in ‘*Fevered Souls*’ and I had so many questions about the characters and their stories that I couldn’t bring myself to put the book down. So I stayed up all night and read “*Fevered Souls*”.

It’s been a long time since I read a paranormal book and I have to say that I missed reading about demons and other paranormal beings. So “*Fevered Souls*” was a nice, refreshing read that came at the right time. There’s so much action and intrigue in this book! I mean, seriously! I still can’t believe that the author managed to put so much action in just 170 pages! This is why I was so glued to the book until the last page. The characters development was well done! I came to know the characters very well and I had a great connection with them. At the time I finished the book I felt like they were my friends. My favorite character? Dax. ;) He’s gorgeous!

The world-building was amazing! And the paranormal elements and creatures were very original and made me fall in love with the paranormal genre once again.

I look forward to reading more of S.K.’s work. She is a very talented author, with an amazing imagination and a great writing-style!

I definitely recommend “*Fevered Souls*”. It’s a book packed with action, with great characters and a storyline that will leave you speechless. Loved it!

5 stars out of 5.

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