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Book 3 The Turning in the Defender's Blood series carries on from 2, The Birth and The Battle – read on to find out what happens to Alex and Zach and indeed James!

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE EXPLICIT SEX SCENES IN THIS BOOK!! NOT SUITABLE FOR UNDER 18'S.

The Turning Details

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Patches Braz says

Book 3.

The twins have been born. Yet now Alex lay dying, she has lost too much blood. Zach has a choice to make, even if he does will Alex get through the transition? They must leave the twins to keep them safe from their own mother. James comes and stays with Zach to help Alex when she awakens as she will very strong and in a Blood Lust Zone. James is in for a shocker of his own!!

I was crying from book 2 when I started book 3 and continued to cry. This series will pull you in and suck you dry! I really love A.K. Michaels writing style she has a way of writing that is just plain awesome! All the people that we have met in Book 1 & 2 make an appearance in this book as we also meet others.

5 Stars

Patches

Suzanne says

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I continue to enjoy this series and really like the development of the secondary characters. In this book it's James, the very physically and mentally scarred vampire pilot from the first two books. He meets his mate, Lisa, when he helps Zach get Alex through her turning in a remote area of Canada. This book was actually more about James and Lisa than Zach and Alex which was great although I was missing the action in this installment. There was lots of sex and just a little bit of action.

Cynthia says

I received this as a review copy, i will also say that I try to not post spoilers but it is always possible.

I am floored yet again by how well she writes! I start these books and I do not want to put them down. Which is almost impossible with Christmas here now. She has a style of writing that keeps you glued and entertained with this set of stories. The complex interactions of not just the main story but the little stories going on around them. Is completely and utterly amazing.

She can twist the tell so you do not know if your matching a couple up or is there just a friendly helper there. You keep thinking one way then it switched and your thinking another. Which I have to say I love love love!!! A good twisting story is the way to keep me reading your books and she supplies that in spades!!

Thank you for such a great read!~!!

Karen Hartsfield-Voliva says

This is the third book in this series and A K Michaels keeps you on your toes. The storyline was fantastic as always. Zack and Alex were not the only storylines this time. James finds someone and comes out of his safety zone. The new character Lisa is a great addition to the characters. She's full of pep and energy. The birth of the twins was great but the birth at the end of the books is the best. The cliffhanger is there as always but that's ok it keeps you reading.

Lisa Welch says

Another head spinner of a book

Wow an amazing 3rd book to the series so much going on in all directions more mates are found, lots of missions and again a hell of a cliffhanger

Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines **“If she doesn't make it – I'll stay there – I think it's for the best. I may be dangerous if that happened.”**

“The one he refused to let die. Every last one of them hoped that she survived the turning. If not, then this magnificent vampire of theirs, the best of the best at his job of protecting innocents, would be lost to them also.”

“She had no idea if Alex or Zach would make it back.....but she had to hope.....that was all she had at the moment.....hope.”

“When I look at him my breath goes away – I only see my mate. He's gorgeous in my eyes mom.”

“No James – I won't ever leave – you've got to know that. I love you James – I don't think I could breathe if I wasn't with you.”

A.K. Michaels does it again! Since starting this series I haven't slept, ate, and my kids have decided if they want me to throw a pillow at me because I get so lost in this world that I ignore everything! Alex has been changed and Zach is waiting on pins and needles to see if she will survive. James being the great friend he is has decided to stay and help Zach and when he meets Lisa he has thoughts he hasn't felt since before the explosion that left him with the scars he has. As always the story was epic! Zach is such an amazing mate for Alex! They are adorable together. I fell in love with James too! All of these yummy men in this series are (shivers) spectacular! As in true Defender style they save the day, the girl, and the ending left me dying for the next book!

I was given this book by author in exchange for an honest review

FIVE BLOOD FAIRIES

Elizabeth Robbins says

Book 3 in the series is possibly the best yet! Several interconnecting plots wind their way through the story. James, the vampire pilot, meets a wolf-girl named Lisa. Will they be true mates, or good friends? Alex is fighting to survive her transformation into a vampire, but after days of agonizing screams, Zach is sure she is doomed. A family of wolves needs the councils help to escape an abusive Alpha, and Dimitri is sent to help. He feels strange sensations when he confronts the Mother. All in all this was a highly entertaining book, containing beloved characters from previous novels, and a few new faces. A lot of questions are resolved, and a lot more are created. Enjoy!

T.M. Payne says

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Author: A.K. Michaels

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Reviewed by: Tammy Payne- Book Nook Nuts

My Rating: 5 Stars

REVIEW

Wow, this book finds Zach fighting for the love of his life. The Fairy aka Alex's aunt has told him what he must do but does he have the heart to do it? His mate cannot tell him what she wants and its weighing hard on him.

Zach has done what he must and now the waiting begins if Alex pulls through will she be the same? Will she hate Zach? James is going with Zach although Zach does not want him in danger. Those who are trusted and loved are caring for the babies. Can Zach bring their mom back to them?

While in the mountains of Canada, helping Zach out James finds a reason to finally come out of his scarred shell. Can she be his savoir? Lisa is a powerful wolf but even she cannot keep her mother safe from what has happened. Can James save his new family?

Wow this series just keeps getting better loved this one

I was gifted a copy of this book for my honest review.

A.K. Michaels

Kat says

*** Gifted in exchange for an honest Review ***

5 awesome stars - this book was packed with action and romance and everything else in between.

Book 3 starts where book 2 left off, and Zach has to take Alex away while she goes through the process of changing from Human to Vampire.

Ms Michaels has yet to have written something I have not enjoyed reading, if you like Vampires and Shifters, wolves and Angels you are going to love the 'Defenders Blood Series' .

I do not want to give much away so I will just say that we have lots going on, various couples have some life changing events happening, we have births, escapes, and rescues happening.

There are some hot sex scenes in this book, Ms Michaels has a great way of writing a passionate sex scene without it becoming OTT, which is something I prefer, I read the book for the story, I want the Romance etc, but its the extra topping on top of the very tasty story underneath.

Right - I need to jump straight into Book 4 as it ended up with quite a shocker...

But thats the great thing about this series - there's 8 books in the series all ready for us to read - YAY!

Carolyn Brown says

In order to save his mate Zach had to turn Alex into a Vampire. Will she be alright with his decision? Will he hate it forever for it?

James, a physically and emotional scarred vampire helps Zach with his mates change, in the process he finds his mate, but she is a wolf whose father is the Alpha and wants her mated to a wolf. She leaves and finds out her fathers true colors in the process. Can she stay with James, her true mate or will he be forced to return to her abusive father? And if she does not return will the rest of her family suffer for it?.

Vlad, a vampire, and Irina, his wolf mate, are having a baby, cub, and are going through the emotions of what to do and how will they feel about this child when it is born, as the pregnancy is a result of a rape by a rouge wolf.

Melanie Hawkins says

Page Turner!!

I think Ava just loves to keep me awake cause she keeps writing these books that I can't put down because I just have to know what happens. The first thing I thought reading this book was 'its raining mate's. Seems like we keep getting the making of yet and other storyline and book. This books brings in some situations of where you as the reader will feel the same way as the characters and want to be right there with them carrying a 2x4.

I just love reading Ava's books and I think everyone else should enjoy the experience with me..

Until Next Time... Tabi

Sherri says

Wow. Some amazing things and heartbreaking things happen in this book. Alex delivered her twins, a girl and boy. While everyone is overjoyed that the twins are healthy, their mother lay on the operating table bleeding to death. Zack has two choices. He can try and turn her, or let her die, in which he will also die.

He makes the only choice he can. The babies can't live without their parents. However a newly turned vamp is extremely dangerous to anyone or anything around them, so Zack can't let her be near Alexinia (Lexi) or Conall.

Their friend and pilot flies them to a remote location and promises to return to help. This journey has more in store for all 3 of them than they ever imagined. Lives will be changed forever.

This book is extremely well written, smooth flowing and easy to read. The author does an amazing job portraying the characters, their emotions and the experiences they go through. This series is highly addicting. Once I started the book I couldn't put it down. I had to know what would happen next. It kept me completely captivated from the first page through the last.

Again, the books do need to be read in order. I highly recommend this book and series to those who enjoy Vampires / Wolves / Fairies / Angels and paranormal romance

Donna says

OMG this series is Fab! I've got through the first three in a week! Can't put them down. So glad I found this author, loving her books.

Eva Millien says

In order to save Alex, Zach has to make a choice and hope it was the right one and in helping Zach, James finds something he never thought he would have and everyone awaits to find out just what's in store for the twin babies in this gripping Defender's Blood novel.

Emotional turbulence, exciting action scene and sizzling passion keep the readers glued to the pages of this heart gripping story as Alex and Zach come to terms with the changes in their lives and James finally starts to come out of his self-imposed exile. There is lots of scorching hot sex scenes from more than just Alex and Zach including some BDSM and role play scenes that will leave you panting for more but of course no relationship is without conflicts and since we now have a new mating that comes with another set of issues that could bring about a war... well let's just say that things are heating up with lots of excitement. The characters are strong, compelling and demand the reader's attention from the very beginning while the fast paced plot keeps readers on the edge with lots of suspense, action and romance.

Expectation and excitement builds throughout the story from several different directions as there are escapes, rescues, new missions, and some truly happy changes in all the characters' lives – sorry I will not ruin the surprises although I will tell you that some will make your heart cheer, some will make you angry and some will make you want to cry, so be prepared because the well written scenes and details bring the story to life

ensuring that the readers become completely immersed in the story.

Warning: If you have not read the previous books in this series, I highly recommend that you do so in order to get the full impact and complete enjoyment out of this story and there is a major cliff hanger at the end which has me chomping at the bit to read the next one.

Petula says

This series must be read in order..Although each book has an ending our mischievous author still gives us a cliffhanger to make sure we are eagerly reaching for the next one.

We start this book with Alex bleeding to death after an emergency cesarean to deliver her twins. I spent the first three chapters snivelling.

James is a vampire and a pilot who hides himself away because of his scars. When he takes Zach to an isolated cabin they have to pass through a wolf pack's land. The Alpha's daughter is there to guide them to the cabin.

Lisa is attracted to the vampire and barely notices his scars. But her father will never allow her to mate with anyone except a wolf.

There is a lot of emotional torment in this story, for many of the characters. The sex scenes are steamy, and there are some vicious fights.

It's a good job I already have the next book . I do not want to wait to read it.
