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Book 2 of the Telepathic Clans Saga, the sequel to the multiple 5-star reviewed The Succubus Gift. It's not easy being a succubus. Brenna O'Donnell and Rebecca Healy continue their integration into the Clan. Learning more about their Gifts and always seeking someone who will love them. After a crash course in learning about her genetic heritage, Brenna O'Donnell has discovered what it really means to be a succubus and has learned to embrace her strange Gift. Her major concern is whether Collin will accept her for what she is. As she adjusts to telepathic society, others in the Clan have plans that will strip the last of her freedom. The social season is around the corner, including events that Brenna never imagined in her wildest dreams. The succubi, representatives of the Goddess on earth, are at the center of an ancient worship. And if a girl is going to be the center of attention, then obviously she needs a new dress. Between the romance and glistening balls of the Clan's social events, Brenna and Rebecca discover life is not secure. Telepaths from other Clans are kidnapping young girls and selling them into slavery. A continuation of what one reviewer called an, .. ". utterly heart stopping onslaught of sex, violence and paranormal abilities ..."

## **Succubus Unleashed Details**

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## From Reader Review Succubus Unleashed for online ebook

### **Mia Darien says**

First off, I actually read this as a beta reading copy. I know a few things have changed, but the story is the same and I feel confident in letting folks know what I over-all thought of it. I'll also admit that I helped do the cover art and blurb, so I'm not entirely not-involved but I think I can write an objective review.

So, on with it...

This is the second book in the Telepathic Clans Saga. I posted my review on Goodreads about the first one, which I had several issues with. However, I beta read the second book and was pleasantly surprised. I had trouble getting into the first until maybe half way through, but then it got me. The second book did a better job of grabbing and holding me all the way through.

I found the world of the telepathic clans to be fascinating, and I liked a succubus as the main character. I found it different and fun. I loved the polyamorous angles to the opinions of certain characters about love, sex, dating and life. It needs to be seen more in mainstream fiction. Not as The Big Deal as some menage romances, but just as a different way of life, of being. The open sexuality for women and men alike was wonderful. Just... it's a part of who we are. And when you're a succubus, even more!

The ball/party halfway through nearly made me take a cold shower.

But what I liked a lot better about this book was that we see all of these characters loving the MC, Brenna, but in this one we're shown why more than we're told why, which was an issue I had with the last book. I felt like that aspect was Tell rather than Show, but this fixed that and I felt better connected to Brenna. Rebecca was kickass. I'm still not sure I feel this is a "romance" per se, since while the first book felt more like a coming of age story, this was more a political world-builder, and coming into one's own.

Still, it was a good paced read with a fascinating world. I have the third book waiting on me to beta read it and I'm looking forward to it! This is a solid 4 Fireball tale.

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### **Maghon Thomas says**

So, we're back again and things are getting deep. There's some travels, and some magic, and some romance, and some serious creepies. LOL And we've got some more back stories added, which makes it PERFECT to just pick up, even if you haven't read book one- I would tell you to read it cuz it's so good, but if you start with this one it won't hurt :) And now that people are finding out what Brenna is and her "usefulness" things are getting both very cool and really scary!

Brenna is finally cool with being who she is, and being ok with that. She is learning to uses her powers, and what those powers are. She's also growing some confidence. She is finally letting go and having fun. I really enjoyed seeing her growth so far. And now Brenna is learning that there's other clans and who they are and what they do.

The beautiful setting and world scenes are just gorgeous. There's so many things about this series that is

fascinating to me. And there's even more action and more crazy to add to the first. I mean some seriously crazy fight scenes and scary moments! And Rebecca is still one of my favorite characters! And yes, I am still Team Collin and we do get to see more of him and some of his past.

I think my favorite part of the book is her explanations. I am just so very much impressed with how very cool her writing style and writing descriptions are! I am definitely a big big fan of this series. And I know my review for the first book was only 4 PAWS but this one is definitely a BIG FAT 5 PAWS!!! VERY COOL! :)

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## **Laura Greenwood says**

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

Succubus Unleashed is book 2 in the Telepathic Clans series. I received a copy of Succubus Unleashed from the author in exchange for my review.

Brenna has had time to get used to her new role as a Succubus and now enjoys a life with her friends and family, fully accepting of what she is. But there's still problems going on with the prostitution ring, particularly the desire of the ring to kidnap succubuses, making Brenna's security tighter than ever. When a trip to Europe surprises everyone with the outcomes.

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Just like with the other two books I've read from B R Kingsolver (Broken Dolls and The Succubus Gift) I absolutely loved this book, everything about it is just so well balanced, the characters, the plot line, the legends behind the powers. The whole thing is just so well thought out and described that it draws you in. It is one of those books that is a complete pleasure to read and doesn't feel like an effort at all!

One thing I particularly liked with the other two books was the characters, and this one didn't fail to deliver on that front either. Because most of the characters were introduced in the previous book, there was a lot more time spent on development in this one, particularly of Brenna, but developments were also evident in Rebecca, Collin and Irina.

There was quite a bit of development time given to Brenna and Collin's relationship as well, which was something that I was excited to see more of, and that included experimenting around with powers (and leading to a discovery that make the succubuses very happy!) and when they wanted to get properly serious. The relationship between them seems to really work because of how the author has built the characters themselves as well as their relationship.

On that note, there are scenes of a sexual nature throughout Succubus Unleashed, as well as some pretty liberal attitudes towards sex. None of which bothered me I may add, but for some people it may be uncomfortable, and so I provide warning.

Though this book did seem to be more focused on Brenna's advancement in her personality and as a succubus, there was still plenty of excitement and action (as in the none sexual kind) which definitely keep you reading! I would most definitely recommend this series to people!

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### **Lucia Culpepper says**

It was a bit strange to have the climax section of the book full of a trip around Europe with a gathering of smaller events instead of the standard accumulation of the plot. It worked, though.

A bit harder to accept was how easily Brenna fell into all the wealth and responsibility. It hasn't even been a full year, but someone who has only before been responsible for herself and her research is very suddenly comfortable ordering people around and managing finances in the millions. All while protesting that she's not good at this sort of thing and isn't ready for it. While there is definitely a characterization involved in not /believing/ you're good at something you are, there needs to be more on the side of "not capable" to justify her feeling this way. And I would've been more comfortable with her screwing up a lot more. I get that there's a Chosen One schtick going with this, but it always rubs me the wrong way when someone is so completely capable of absolutely everything and constantly "astonishes" new characters with her power and wonderfulness.

Still a very enjoyable read though, despite those nits.

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### **Ann says**

I loved the first book in the Telepathic Clans series (entitled The Succubus Gift) and I thought I'd have to wait a year or more before I'd get my hands on the second one. So imagine how ecstatic I was when I saw just a few months after I had finished the first one that the second book's release was imminent!

The first book was incredibly intricate with lots of plot points. The poignant points stuck with me, but there were some more subtle parts that I may have forgotten. But not to worry Kingsolver opens with a great refresher forward of what Brenna O'Donnell went through in The Succubus Gift with a sneak peak for what was in store for this installment.

The cover this time around is a unique blend of realism mixed with animated power swirling around. I think I might like this cover more than the first. It definitely portrays the stronger version of Brenna.

Succubus Unleashed picks up immediately where the last one left off. As a result of the events of the last book, Brenna has become far more comfortable and confident in the powers and needs of being a Succubus. Brenna's also being acclimated into her family, and introduced to her very very vast fortunes. Which she uses to take the reader on a lust worthy shopping trip.

Kingsolver has an amazing talent for taking several stories that offshoot into different directions, and pulling them together into one cohesive story where they play on and enhance each other. This time around there's a lot of focus on family politics with questions of inheritance, relationship drama, mysterious kidnapping of Succubi and a huge discovery that completely changes the way that Succubus will live.

While the story still focuses on Brenna, I feel that the other characters get their share of front page time equally. Which is awesome because I pretty much love all the secondary characters just as much, if not more than Brenna. We get glimpses into their personal lives and as well as working together as an unstoppable team. They get into some pretty epic street battles (I kid you not, it's like Street Fighter, fists and balls of energy flying everywhere - it's freaking AWESOME!).

Brenna has changed in leaps and bounds this time around. I love that while she is still a strong and intelligent character, she manages to maintain a certain air of youth but in certain situations she becomes this dead serious all-business woman that isn't to be trifled with - it provided surprising moments for both me and the other characters at times.

Collin - Brenna's now boyfriend is still my absolute favorite! He's strong, supportive and all around adorable. In this part of the story, we even get a sneak peak into some of his relationships, which causes some major tension but also leads him down a new road in his life.

Rebecca - Brenna's best friend, with Brenna's discovery that Succubus gene carriers are prone to intense sexual urges, I feel that Rebecca has definitely grown up. She's taken control of her life and doesn't feel so ashamed any more. It was great to see this, I always wanted Rebecca to be okay with herself and now that she is a bit more she's become confident and this confidence ends up translating to other aspects of her life!

Succubus Unleashed takes a more intimate look at the inner workings of the clans, and especially the role of the Succubus. We're introduced to very old and familiar iconic pagan rituals that are presided over and sealed by a priestess. While Brenna is initiated into all of this, the reader is opened up to this wonderfully enlightened world where women are revered and respected for their sexuality. I loved this so much! Especially in today's world where women's rights are slowly being stripped away and where women are shamed for being confident in their sexual wants and needs - Kingsolver isn't afraid to embrace the fact that it's a part of our nature and that it's totally okay to relish in it. With this in mind, Kingsolver takes her sex scenes up a notch, which one of the lines in the book perfectly describes as "... the most civilized and discreet orgy you'll ever attend." (loc 1948).

But what really blew me away was Kingsolver's use of realistic science to explain key aspects related to the clan abilities. It's so rare for authors to actually bother to explain things like this, let alone explain it in perfect clarity and have it work so well in the story. Plus it completely spoke to my Biology Major side - I totally squealed and went "I KNOW WHAT THAT DOES!" before she even fully explained it. I love having these light bulb moments while reading.

The Telepathic Clans series has a little bit of everything for everyone. International mystery, romance, political drama, paranormal abilities, epic smack downs and to-die-for shopping trips. I don't think I'll ever be disappointed by what Kingsolver writes, and I'm already eagerly bouncing around waiting for the next in the series!

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### **Aimeekay says**

I really enjoyed the second installment of the succubus saga. Once again the author does an amazing job of bringing us into Brenna's world. I loved the descriptions of Ireland and the different places Brenna visits.

There was more of a back story given in the beginning of this novel. So if you haven't read the first book,

The Succubus Gift, you won't be too confused or lost. Although I do highly recommend reading The Succubus Gift.

In this novel I really think Brenna is finally coming into her own in relation to her powers and her standing in the clan. She used to be unsure and hid from the world. Now not only is she being groomed to take over the clan, she has also began to accept her abilities and even enjoy them. There isn't as much of her romantic relationship in this one, but I think that is good because it gives us a chance to get to know Brenna the succubus, and it isn't just focused on Brenna the girlfriend. (there's nothing wrong with that either, but it does give a fresh change of pace from just your average romance novel)

I also got to find out more about some of the other clans in the world and how they are run and what influences them. Again I really like the world building that the author has done. Not just the descriptions, which as I said before I loved, but also how the characters interact with their world.

The only issue I had with this book was that sometimes characters would refer to events that happened in the past. Not in the previous novel, but "incidents" in the clans recent history. The events are referred to, but it is never explained what actually happened that makes them so important. It seems that they have some importance in relation to what is happening in the current story, but it is never really explained how. This happened in the first novel also, and while it annoyed me there, I assumed that these events might be explained in further detail in the second book. However this hasn't been the case. Overall though, this I found to be annoying, but it really didn't take away from my enjoyment of the story itself.

Over all I've REALLY enjoyed this series so far, and I can't wait for the third book to come out! I definitely recommend it!

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### **Lisette says**

Adjusting to her new life as a succubus, Brenna Morgan has come to embrace her gifts with open arms. Taught to wield them to the best of her ability, she's surprised that she's accepted her new life so easily. Granted, she's still recuperating from the injuries she suffered at the hands of the succubi hunters. Never-the-less, it does little to deter her from living the life she was meant to live.

With her new best friend, Rebecca Healy, by her side, Brenna allows herself to grow and strengthen her abilities. She's no longer afraid to show the world who and what she is, though she knows she needs to be careful as to what she does and with whom. The succubi hunters are still out there, and she refuses to fall into one of their traps ever again.

Her fascination with Collin makes her question as to whether or not he could ever like her. Deep inside, she wants him to accept her for who and what she is. She knows that he takes his duties quite seriously, and is proud of what he does for the Clan itself. Yet she can't deny that she'd love to him open up to her a little more whenever possible. Never-the-less, she's determined to show him just how much she cares for him and more.

Immersed in the way of the life within the Clan, Brenna struggles to make sense of all she experiences. There's so much to get used to, and so much more she doesn't know. While everything might seem fine and dandy, she knows that not everything is what it seems. Danger lurks around the corner, something she must

protect herself from at every turn. With the recent disappearances of telepaths from other Clans, she's knows it's only a matter of time before someone tries to lay a hand on her. If she's to remain one step ahead, she'll need to come up with a plan that will ensure her safety as well as that of those she loves. Sadly, that's easier said than done.

Picking up where the first book leaves off, *Succubus Unleashed* dives right in, and provides us with a meatier, sexier, and delightful representation of what Brenna's new life is like. She's still adjusting to her new role, though she's certainly enjoying herself in the process. Her turbulent life doesn't stop moving for one minute, and she's catapulted into situations that blow her mind in more ways than one. Erotic and so very steamy, this book will definitely leave you wanting more!

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### **Sofia Wren says**

Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous! BR Kingsolver's second book is everything I would have hoped from reading the first book in the series, *The Succubus Gift*.

1. This author is no one hit wonder--this book, too, has action, suspense, and fantasy. As in sexual fantasy, urban fantasy, and "Hey, I wish I were that rich" fantasy.

*Succubus Unleashed* is a well thought out sequel. The plot is strong, and our favorite characters come along for the ride on a European vacation. Brenna goes to meet her extended family and spend a bit of her enormous inheritance.

It picks up shortly after Book One, continuing the conflict of the Telepathic Clans while introducing new conflicts sure to be picked up in Book Three (not yet released).

So far everything by BR Kingsolver is well-edited, nicely paced, and one of a kind.

And of course there are more hot outfits, sexy scenes, and bad-a\$\$ fighting.

2. The main character Brenna embraces her role as not only a proudly sexual female leader, but also a priestess of an ancient Goddess.

Kingsolver draws from Irish mythology and history to create a mythos surrounding the Succubus. The Succubus today are descended from ancient priestesses who used sex as a way to raise energy for worship of the great creator Goddess.

This builds off of the themes of female sexuality, freedom and power begun in Book One.

There is archeological evidence to suggest that a goddess culture existed in many parts of the world before organized religion developed.

It's my personal belief that if society gave more acknowledgement to female divine power, sexual women

wouldn't get all the crap that they currently do. Generally in modern America, there is a whole boatload of issues surrounding activity that is, well, pretty natural.

I think this aspect of the book is ridiculously cool-- but then I am a sex-positive, Goddess loving pagan and proud heathen. Call me unusual but this is my kind of book!

### 3. Travel to Ireland, and Paris

As I mentioned in my recent review of Everything to Lose---I adore books set in Europe. I mean who wouldn't want to not only be a powerful succubus heiress, but be jet-setting around the world??

Brenna also has a certain curiosity about the lives of cortesians. Now that she has embraced her sexuality, why not give getting paid a try? And why not in Europe?

This aspect of the book would probably appeal to fans of Secret Diary of a Call Girl as it is quite glamorous.

### 4. Brenna's family sure is complicated.

As so many new relatives are introduced, I can't say I remember everyone's name. I trust BR Kingsolver to remind me when I need to know in the next book. She did a good job of summarizing events from the previous book when needed, without going overboard.

Brenna doesn't expect this but many members of her family are ready to hand her a heavy responsibility.

Most of her Clan already sees her as a leader except there are some who won't make it easy for Brenna to take charge. These enemies make a stink in Succubus Unleashed, and will be sure to appear in the next book.

### 5. Crazy fighting.

This is one scene that will strike fear in the heart of any man! I'm serious.

Wow, BR's fight scenes are never boring. Brenna and her crew have take it to the next level. When a Succubus fights it is deadly, cunning and relentless.

I really wouldn't mess with these women...they have a tough bark, better take a hint and avoid the killer bite.

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**Laurie says**

Loved this series!

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