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## **Bonded Details**

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## **From Reader Review Bonded for online ebook**

### **Carla says**

Fantastic! I love this book and this series so much. Claire and James are likeable and I love their family as well. I recommend this book highly and I can't wait to read book three!

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### **Raven Reviewer says**

Expectations are high in the second installment of the Empath Trilogy and HK Savage delivered. The roller coaster starts out slow but quickly escalates with action full of twists and turns. James and Claire's adventures range from kidnapping to torture, murder, rape, and in true paranormal fashion, "turning". Who "turned"? I won't tell. All the while, characters are falling in love, giving up on love, and being betrayed by love. Throughout it all we are introduced to new powers, new characters, and new beings in this mythology. It's difficult to keep it all straight. So much has happened!

This book is violent enough that I would not recommend it for younger audiences. Yet, it is not violent enough to be written off by those with weaker stomachs or those adverse to gory scenes. It's a good balance to have these events in written form without it being over-the-top. Romance and action is always a great combination. Throw in some mysterious supernatural elements and it's gold.

I loved watching Claire become powerful in her own right. She's a grown up with abilities and she's using them. No helpless little girl here. There are some high strung emotions, yet the characters are not rash or dippy. Instead, the emotions felt dead on, given the circumstances. This is difficult to write.

There was a point when I groaned, thinking I am going to see grown adults act silly. However, I am happy to report this is Vampire Diaries-like but it's not high school. No, no. I was delighted to see this is still Twilight all grown up. Instead, we just have characters with overactive imaginations and idiotic insecurities. Just like everyone else in the world. Yes, I said that. Move along now. Keep reading.

Some storylines, on the other hand, did not feel quite natural, I will admit. For example, if Lucas really was interested in Claire (not in that way, ladies) and she had already been kidnapped with unspeakable things done to her, then why would she be left alone again? Like ever? Would I care so much about my freedom from my boyf

For full review, go to <http://ravenreviewer.tumblr.com/post/...>

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### **Nancy (The Avid Reader) says**

I received a free copy of the book from the author for my honest opinion.

Now that Claire has met these people who have taken her under their wing sort of to speak and have taught her how to control her abilities she has become a better and happier person. Claire has grown so much since reading Empath. She has become so much stronger mentally as well. Once she learned how to control her

abilities she was living in a new world a world where she could have friends and let people come into her heart; she learned to love and once she felt this feeling that was so new to her she fell hard for James who is a vampire. Not that she had never loved anyone before she couldn't feel her feelings for feeling everyone else's.

Claire is one strong woman with her abilities especially now that she knows how to control them. And with James as her mate together they are almost unbeatable. With their bond they can out smart just about anyone, human or vampire. Their love is very strong but on occasion James thinks that it is falling apart or that he is losing Claire. He doesn't know or believe that she loves him as much as she does or as much as he loves her. Both of them are always thinking that they are going to lose the other one. They are both so jealous that if another person just looks at one of them in what they think is an inappropriate way then they are ready to attack.

I love the relationship that the two of them have and the bond that they have. It would be so amazing if we as humans could have a relationship like theirs. You know I think in ways we do. Like in the way that some couples can and do finish each other's sentences or they can feel them and know if they are close by. May be some couples can feel what the other one is feeling. I think that may be some couples can feel each other's pain. If they love each other enough they can feel all of these things and may be more who knows right?

This has been one amazing series so far and I can't wait to finish the third book in the series Secrets. I have really and truly learned a lot from reading this trilogy. If you have not read the Empath trilogy yet then I suggest that you do and right away it is totally out of this world.

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## **Karen says**

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I love the way the Author portrayed the strong will of Claire in this book. Claire is prepared to speak her mind, in spite of the repercussions she knows will follow. Her readiness to sell her soul to aide in the survival of the ones she loves makes her a character so undoubtedly courageous.

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## **OpenBookSociety.com says**

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**SPOILERS!!!!**

Bonded is the sequel to Empath.

After finishing the semester at college, Claire formally moves in with James, although it was a already a done deal. They explore the "marking" in this installment. The "marking" is revealed slowly as you learn about it through James and Claire. It's a clever plot point; I like how it plays out. Claire struggles to deal with James' emotions as well as her own. She loses control a number of times. She battles jealousy, rage and insecurity. She is hit with every obstacle but it forges a stronger relationship between them.

Squeal! Claire gets to be the hero for once. I loved seeing her take control. She was determined to do whatever it took to save the man she loves. Claire matures in book 2, she becomes more self-less instead of

so self-absorbed. She puts her life on the line for both James and Stephen. It was refreshing to see her growth.

The Vampire Council and their politics is fascinating. I like the world Savage has created for Vamps and Weres. The Council would like Claire to work for them, helping train new vampires with gifts.

Claire also considers becoming a vampire but she struggles with what she might lose and gain if she makes the choice.

Due to a choice she makes, Claire suffers unspeakable violence. But she did not wilt and die. She channeled it into anger to save herself and the others. James is truly there for her in a way a lot of men would not be considering the circumstances. His support and love was truly beautiful.

Stephen shares more about his background, some of it is heart-breaking. Surprisingly, they grow closer as he shares his similar experiences.

In my experience, most middle books in a series are uneventful and often boring. Bonded does not follow that path. There are numerous plot twists and action to keep you absorbed in the book.

Bonded is a severe emotional roller coaster ride. I laughed and cried but it evokes strong feelings as only well written books can.

P.S. I really really want Claire to kick Anton's ass.

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## **Fab Fun & Tantalizing Reads says**

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**cucuo says**

### **I Don't Know Why I Keep Reading This Trilogy**

Okay, I know why; I like the idea behind the story line. I do not like the writing at all though, and this one had me wondering if an editor even looked at it. I feel like there are gaps all over the place, and that the time line is messed up. Like its been a few days but then it has actually been weeks only To go back to days.

I also feel, that with this one, it could have been two books had the two separate story arcs been filled out more.

\*\*\*\*\* past this point will be SPOILERS and TRIGGER WARNING\*\*\*\*\*

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## **Tasha says**

**\*\*4 star rating\*\***

With the semester finished, Claire officially moves into James’ place to spend the holidays. Claire and James’ relationship is on full force as they explore their bond. This book has lots more action and things going on than Empath.

What I liked:

- The action – So many things happened in this book. There were kidnappings, fights, emotional breakdowns, and so much more
- Character development – Claire matured a great deal in this book, she just came off as much more selfless, sure of herself and her love for James. She was also a total bad-ass in this book
- The fast pace – This book moved way faster and smoother than the previous one. There’s a very obvious improvement on the author’s part



- The bond between James and Claire – The readers are just much more privy to the details of the bond. Also, this bond saved them numerous times

What I did not like:

- The lack of sexual tension – There was just no “sizzle” between Claire and James
- There were just some parts that I couldn’t understand, at least not immediately. Suddenly Claire is mad at Stephen, then Stephen is mad at Claire. The characters’ reactions to things were just a little too big and much (only sometimes)

I enjoyed this book much more than the first ’cause it was fast moving and it wasn’t draggy. I found the kidnappings and the characters’ attempts to break free and to save each other really interesting and it just added a lot more emotion and intensity to the book.

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## **Wendi says**

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Not only is HK Savage still following the good old formula laid out by Stephenie Meyers for all YA (YA really? Some sexy love scenes....) vampire romance writers to use, but the book dragged. OMG did it drag. I had to put the book down to take a break from Claire when she fell back on being emotionally crippled and just being plain stupid about her relationship with James.

James and Henry - more Henry now than anything - are still patronizing but the excuse is that it's their world and she has to learn how to be in their world.

I feel like there was a section of the book that written really well but then the after effects of that part were simply washed away so we didn't have to think about it any more. I think that was a disservice to the readers, to the characters, to the story. Healing and repair, not just brainwash. Maybe I'm nitpicking but I'm not so sure.

This was a less fun novel considering that the only reason I started to read it was in hopes of having a bit more brain candy for the rest of my Spring Break. It was too heavy but not written well to make it worth reading. It's a shame.

All vampire romances: let's find some kind of originality and leave the were animals to Stephenie Meyers

and Twilight, 'kay? thanks.

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### **Jeanne 'Divinae' says**

In this second installment, we still find many grammatical errors. They irk me to no end. I try to ignore them, but I can't. The writing style is about the same for me in this story also. Okay, but nothing gripping. This part of the story, I feel was a little bit better than the first book. While we find out more about some things, we are left with more questions.

A lot of stuff happens in this story. Jame's life is at risk, Claire comes to the rescue. Then Claire is taken and tortured... mentally and psychically, until the gang comes. Though, really Claire is a bit of a bad-ass and will do what she has to do to survive. Then the Court summons them. Miranda is very interested in their bond and wants to know more about it.

Claire, because of James', is starting to act more 'vampire' and less human. We start to discuss if Claire should or should not be changed. We also see Claire and James' relationship grow stronger.

Though some answers were approached in this story, I am expecting a lot of answers in the third book.

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### **Chrys Andersen Burns says**

Does anyone else find James to be completely boring? At first I was ok with it because I figured once they started learning more about each other maybe he would have a fascinating past or something. Of course I was wrong. Their romance is so dull. I don't feel the love and no sexual tension of any kind. Also people in the book tend to do really weird things all the time. Why was Stephen mad at Claire, heck why was Claire mad at Stephen. Tara attacking herself to Omar so quickly and then hating the vampires for 'saving' him. (yes the saving him part was weird too...that was the only way?? Really??) Ok maybe I see her being mad at the Vamps but why Claire, and why not Henry. So many questions. The only person I find slightly interesting is Lucas and he will probably end up being a bad guy. Also, haven't Claire and James only known each other a few months? Why are they getting married? Arg.

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### **Amanda says**

Danger lurks around every corner and I'm happy to say Claire really steps up and takes control. Her bond with James is really speeding along quickly barely giving them enough time to process all that comes with it. While being emotionally connected is great, Claire faces so many challenges because the vampire side fights to take control...causing a fear of losing herself.

Claire is strong willed and holds no questions when she willingly offers herself in order to save the people she loves. I wish I held that type of courage.

Bonded is emotionally charged, I almost had whiplash (in a good way if that's possible) from the journey. Shock, jealousy, past lovers, insecurities, kidnappings, rage, and confusion...HK Savage does a great job of capturing a little bit of everything.

It is hard to not give away too much so I will finish with saying it was a great book, action packed and definitely captivating. I look forward to the third installment, Secrets.

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### **Brandy Dorsch says**

This is a series that keeps it coming! Claire and James are bonded and the relationship is developing quicker than either had planned. Claire moves in with James and struggles to maintain her humanity with the development of their connection. Being “marked” is usually done through bites but it seems like these two have developed a “psychic mark” that allows them to blend together.

Betrayal is the name of this game and I have to tell you that I was lead to believe one thing and it turned in a completely different direction! Love when that happens. Stephen’s character is growing by leaps and bounds and I am anxious to see if he finds the love he is looking for.

Stoked to discover what happens to this dynamic family in the third book, Secrets!!

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