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Being a descendant of a fallen angel, nephilim Malachi Starkman, is all about his duty in protecting mankind and preventing Satan's army from growing any further. He leads a squad of talented warriors on this quest to preserve humanity, but as leader, he feels every aspect is his responsibility. After centuries of fighting, he is starting to feel burned out, and wondering if this is his sole purpose on Earth.

Local teacher, Trinity Bradshaw, has been trying to move on from her turbulent past but it doesn't seem to want to let her go. Therefore, when a deliciously handsome man with alluring eyes says he wants to help her, she cannot say no. So many obstacles stand between the two, but neither of them seem to be able to walk away from the other. Will they find common ground or will she just be a liability in his quest to destroy the one that has plagued him for years?

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LadyCalico says

The heroine, supposedly a teacher, had me gritting my teeth at her poor grammar--an offense to teachers everywhere. The writing was filled with odd phrasing, poor sentence structure, and misused words, as if the book had been written by Yoda, e.g. "she locked back up the house," "she threw her face towards," "It was him that," "Malachi and her had gotten." "Ramiel is known to have the personality of a tornado; carefree one minute and horrifically angry the next." Uh, just how carefree is a tornado? Young people, if you aspire to be an author, it would behoove you to stay awake during English class, or do schools not bother teaching English anymore? After reading "she found herself staring into two orbs of black ibis," there was no hope of enjoying the rest of the book, and the solecisms just kept coming, too numerous to count.

Jasmine says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal)

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I love this book it made me laugh and cry at the end I love the love story between Trinity and Malachi. The way they met in a dream and didn't know each other was real until he found her almost dead, not knowing he was holding his soul mate.

If you like a book with love and awesome nephilim(a nephilim is a descendant of an angel) ,Then u need to read this !

Kathryn Brink says

I received this book from the Author and Lovers of Paranormal at Goodreads.com for an honest review. Absolutely amazing!!!! I am a wannabe nephilim so this book was such a joy to read. Each character is so unique yet so connected in what they know about each other and what they do. They have an easy going repour but with such respect for one another. I found the romance/ lust between Malachi and Trinity riveting. I must admit that I am a total sap for Gemariah and hope there is a follow on book which gives him his happy ever after (suspecting with Nicci maybe??). I found myself dreading the final pages as I could have kept on reading this story forever. Applause applause for the author.

Mariela German says

I would like to thank Lovers of Paranormal group and the author Rebekah Daniels for allowing to read this book for an honest review.

Wow, where can I start to describing this book?, Well this book was between a 4.5 and 5 stars, but it is definitely a 5 stars book, there were minor typing mistakes, but it was an editing issue, so not big deal.

The story had a good flow, I did not get lost by reading what was occurring during the storylines of the many characters in the book. I was so into the story that I looked for the short novel before Celestial Beginnings, "Prelude to a Dream" and oh my, it won't disappoint you whatsoever! You get to see the other side of one of the main characters.

I love Malachi and Gemariah, and my favorite of all was Gideon. Gemariah easy-going personality was adorable and his antics against Nicci were funny and entertaining! Malachi and Trinity, those two were perfect for each other, soulmates. Tori was a badass fighter and strong female, she was like the older sister I would like to have, Terah was the little sister of the gang, which made her the cutest of all of the Nephilim. Gideon was my favorite, you really need to see him and technically read about him to see that he is not what others think of him...

The story about their past and the courage those nephilim have to protect humanity and do God's work won over the sexual scenes, not that they were bad, they were good, steamy, seductive kinda way good, but the story was excellent.

I would truly, sincerely recommended this book to anyone that likes erotica paranormal romance or if you looking for something similar to the works of J. R. Ward.

Ms. Daniels: I can't honestly wait for your next book, you have become one of my favorite authors.

Readers: Watch out for this author, she won't disappoint you! Really you'll fall in love with her work. because I did!!!

C.A. Szarek says

Writing is hard. I get that and I always try to see a book with open heart, eyes and attitude. Keeping this in mind as a reader (as well as a writer) I feel like leaving an honest review is for the best and I hope something can be learned from it.

This was a new author for me, and unfortunately it was a tough read. The first chapter started steamy & had so much potential but the heroine was wishy-washy & a touch immature from the start. Then starting in chapter 2 and carrying on, the author kept doing tense switching, going back & forth from 3rd person present to 3rd person simple past. Drove me nuts.

The writing wasn't bad but there were a great deal of weak phrasing & just odd word choices for me. It also gave the book an immature feel for me. It made me laugh a little but there were tons of telling (vs showing) issues.

As the book continued the shifting of tenses was consistent, but also included moving to 1st Person Present. Made me not want to finish the book but I did want to know what happened. Hoped it improved.

Many of the scenes didn't move the story forward. They left me wondering why they were there.

Unfortunately the action was contrived and the villain's dialogue was not believable or scary. It was cheesy.

There were also inconsistencies in the timeline...in the space of three different amounts of time passing to describe the same event in the space of three pages. First she broke up with Seth 6 months ago. Then he's been missing a year, then she hadn't had sex in two years? Which is it?

The sex itself was pretty good, so it was a sort of saving grace.

All the high-tension & angry dialogue comes off as juvenile & not befitting the character the author is trying to portray in Malachi. The yelling and word choice makes it not credible for me.

The villain...oh the villain. He might as well been made out of cheese. He gave it all away, his agenda. His friend's agenda too. It was juvenile to me. I like to be left to have to figure something out, and unfortunately this book failed in that throughout.

But something kept driving me to read it. Keep turning that page. Overall I enjoyed the story even though the writing was not top-notch. I did like the ending.

The overall concept of the series is amazing, and has so much potential. But the immaturity of the characters I did enjoy them.

I think that the author is learning. I hope the second book is better!

EroticaAfterDark (Lilith) says

not for me due to many two/three stars reviews.

Jaime says

I absolutely loved this book and can't wait for the next book. loved the romance, suspense and story line!

Crystal says

I received a copy of this book from LoP in place of an honest review.

Malachi Starkman is what you call a nephilim, that means he is a descendant of a fallen angel. They can either be good or bad the choice is up to them. Good thing Malachi is on the good side. He is also the leader of his squad and that is all he thinks about is getting the evil. All of a sudden he starts having some pretty hot dreams about a woman.

Trinity Bradshaw is a photograph teacher at a high school. She has been through a lot in her life. She witnessed the murder of her parents and had several bad foster homes that she was placed in. If it wasn't for Nicci then she wouldn't have had anyone. She is now trying to live through an abusive ex boyfriend. Now if only she can get some sleep, but if you had to have some sex dreams then why not with a dark headed green eyed man?

Once I started reading this book I couldn't put it down. I loved the storyline and the characters had some pretty good personalities. Some where a nice relaxed and some where a little bossy. You even have one that is a womanizer. The main characters really made the story and you had so much excitement and suspense in the book. I can't wait to read the next in the series. The author really keeps your attention and keeps the story going.

Mike Gallagher says

Great book! I loved the story! It had some great twists without being difficult to follow. There were subtle little hints throughout the story about things that were coming. It made it very hard to put the book down, because I had to keep reading to see if I was right. The characters were so well developed that I missed them when I was done reading the book. I want more!

Monica *can't read fast enough*** says**

For Full Disclosure I received a copy of this in exchange for an honest review through the LoP group on Good Reads.

Daniels has an interesting take on fallen angels, demons, and her creation of super natural creatures called nephilim who are the descents of the fallen angels and humans. The nephilim all have special and varying gifts that they are able to use in their fight against evil. The world that Daniels has created is unique and a little dark set in and around Chicago. This first book in the series revolves around Malachi, a nephilim who is also an empath and Trinity who is a human teacher. Celestial Beginnings starts off with Malachi and Trinity meeting in very sexually charged dreams which they both initially think are completely their own. But after a disaster instigated by Malachi's evil fallen angel grandfather Azazel, Malachi and Trinity come face to face. Daniels has a solid and interesting plot line with plenty of interesting ways to take the story. I look forward to reading Gemariah's story. At the end of Celestial Beginnings Gemariah was informed that big things were about to happen. I am sure that Nicci will be a part of the happenings and I want to be along for that ride.

Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines “**Most can’t fight the urge, and it is forever a balancing act for the ones that chose the path of light. This was God’s gift to all, no matter who you were, free will. Therefore, even though it is told that all nephilims are evil, in reality, some chose to fight the good fight on the side of the Lord. It gets easier for nephilims the more generations that pass because of the increase in humanity to the bloodlines.”**

“He would never understand women. One moment they were about to make each other cry, but before they separated they... professed their love”

“I was twenty and thought the sun rose and set around her. Now I know that I was being young and stupid, because I can never remember feeling this out of control with her. It feels like I’m spinning at warp speed with nothing to hold onto. All it takes is one look from you to make my heart speed up. That’s how you make me feel.”

“When he pulled back, the feeling of completeness never left, and he wondered if it ever would. At that moment, he prayed that it never did. He felt that after so many years, he finally had something to lose. The feeling was utterly terrifying, but at the same time, very comforting.”

I'm so upset that I waited so long to read this! It was yummy, action packed, and full of forgiveness! Malachi is a Nephilim, his great great grandfather was a fallen angel.

He wants to be nothing like his "family" so he and other nephilims fight for goodness!

Trinty is a teacher with a past, she ended an abusive relationship and her only time of feeling safe is when she dreams. She has the most amazing dreams with the yumminess man!

Malachi has been having the same dreams. So when they meet the real world literally meshes with fantasy! This was a great story. I loved so much about it. The pride and determination Malachi has regarding not becoming like his ancestors was admirable. When he met Trinty it was so heartwarming and scary at the same time. I won't give away more but this is a great book for all lovers of paranormal romance!

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

FIVE NEPHILIM FAIRES

Anna Erishkigal says

Review upgraded to 4-stars

I had initially received this book for free as part of the Lovers of Paranormal Book of the Month club. At the time, while the story was enchanting, there were some rough points that made the book difficult to read, especially the frequent tense shifts from first-person/present tense to third-person/past tense point of view. It was dismaying to leave a 2-star review for a story that otherwise had a compelling storyline, but the tense-

shifts were too egregious to ignore. The author informed us after I left my review that she had pulled the book from distribution and was sending it off to an editor.

Well ... I'm happy to say this story has benefited greatly from the extra attention the author lavished upon it and I am now pleased to upgrade my review to 4-stars. The Nephilim are real, their struggle with their dark side leaves you wondering which one of them might succumb even as they try to do good in the world, and I find my mind running off on tangents about this minor character or that one, wondering which one will star in the next book in the series and looking forward to it, the mark of an excellent story.

I am leaving my original review below so readers can see the book then, as I first read it (for free, I might add!) and now that it has benefited from a little extra love.

4-stars.

ORIGINAL REVIEW FOLLOWS:

May upgrade this book to 3- or 4-stars later...

We read this book as our Indie BOTM for Lovers of Paranormal. I snagged it free (thank you, Rebekah Daniels). Had it not been BOTM and up for discussion, honestly I probably would have DNF'd it. While the characters and story were compelling, the way the author constantly shifted between first-person/present-tense POV and third-person/past-tense POV was so jarring it constantly kept knocking me out of the story.

Okay ... that's the bad...

Here's the good...

I liked Trinity. I liked her students. I liked her BFF (and wonder if Nicki had a little ... lapse ... with a certain arrogant ... okay ... no more speculation about spoilers for the next book in the series). I adored Malachi. And I adored his Nephilim friends, especially Jeremiah and Gideon. The research into Angelic lore was interesting, Malachi and the other Nephilim's inner struggle with their own tainted bloodline felt real, and towards the end I found myself turning the pages muttering, c'mon, c'mon, c'mon because I wanted to hurry up and get to the end to find out what happened.

My only other complaint is a nit-picky one ... Azazel as a villain seemed a bit Boris and Natasha. Not so much it ruined the story, but after such a lovely description of the 'good' Nephilim's struggle with their own internal demons, I think the author could have done a better job of fleshing out a motive for Azazel to hate god and his own offspring. Perhaps the next book? New hero? New demon?

This book (and this series) has a ton of potential and I'd like to see what happens with Jeremiah and friends in subsequent books. It just needs another wash and rinse through the editing cycle to clean up the aggravating tense shifts. Since there are two main characters, I would suggest third-person/past-tense, 'close' POV so it feels first-person even though there's still a narrative voice.

Here's two little cheapie tutorials to show you how to get that closeness you were striving for:

\$0.99 - <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12...>

\$3.99 - <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13...>

Since I did not pay anything for this book and was like 'hooray' when I got to the feel-good happy ending, I would be willing to re-read and upgrade my review upon receipt of the edited update. I will -not- post this review on the main distribution platforms until that time.

Anna says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review, Lovers of Paranormal.

This was a pretty awesome and I love a good angel story.

I LOVED Malachi and it was great that I got that extra back story about him from the prequel (so glad I read it). I was jealous of Trinity, he sounded super sexy!

I enjoyed how beautifully broken both Malachi and Trinity were, so much so that they were perfect together.

That scene at the end...where Malachi and Trinity "bonded" was SUPER touching, definitely my favorite scene aside from when they first discovered they loved each other.

GAHLLL, I loved the love story, my heart was swelling and breaking with Malachi and Trinity.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Gemariah, because he totally helped me the book. His sass and steadfast loyalty are my two favorite qualities of a best friend and sidekick.

I can't wait to experience more from Rebekah Daniels.

Maria Dodd says

I first read this book in October 2013 and gave it 5 stars. It was also the book that increased my interest in all things Angelic, particularly Nephilim.

It is now August 2014 and I have re-read the book ahead of reviewing its sequel. YEP! just as good and deserving of the 5 stars I gave it then. I just feel guilty that I didn't post a review then. Well this is it.....This is a fabulous book with charismatic and believable characters. The plot flows well and keeps you gripped and unable to put it down. A thoroughly enjoyable read and one which will lead you to search for other books of its kind...not easily found.

Goose says

Really loved this book... Cried at the end and couldn't believe how attached I had gotten to the characters. Highly recommended!!!

