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Forgotten Realms Queen says

I think this is my favorite of the Sentinel Wars series so far. I think Butcher has really found her stride with this one.

Dying wish is the 6th book in the Sentinel Wars series by Shannon K. Butcher. For those interested in a world overview, check me out [here](#).

So the Sentinel Wars is all about a race of beings called Theronai trying to defend the world from demons, natch. They suffered a setback a few centuries ago, and were no longer able to propagate their species. As a result they have been slowly dying off.

Each book revolves around one male of one of three races: Theronai, Sanguinar, and Slayer falling in love and finding their mate. And for the male Theronai, it's a big deal because they will die without a mate.

The Theronai of the day is a man named Ian, who really should have died centuries ago, but has kept himself alive by sheer force of will, and good thing too. Because when him and his brothers raided a demon nest, they found Jackie; a woman who has been imprisoned, battered, fed upon, and gold knows what else while in captivity, and thankfully is capable of mating with one of the Theronai males.

What draws these two together in the first place isn't love. Ian is a cold hearted S.O.B, and Jackie is so damaged at first from what she had endured that all she wants is to be left alone, so when she's forced to choose a male, she chooses the one most likely to leave her alone: Ian.

Well you can guess where it goes from here.

I'm a little bit surprised with this one though, despite the fact that I enjoyed it so much. The love scenes between the two main characters are darker in nature than what Butcher usually writes. It's still good, but surprising.

The only thing I don't like about this series is how in the first book it was stressed how there are no more compatible females left in the world to save the Theronai men, and now they're multiplying like rabbits ever since. Each book introduces anywhere from 2-3 compatible females, and here we're told that Jackie is linked to dozens, if not hundreds of other women around the world. It seems like you can't shake a stick without hitting one of these women anymore, and for some reason that bothers me.

But inconsistencies aside, still a good read, and I won't be stopping the series anytime soon.

Enjoy folks.

Keri says

3 1/2 stars for me. Iain is a Theroni living a complete lie and if the truth is ever revealed, his life will be forfeit. His soul is gone and the only leaves on his life tree are the inked kind. So far though his monster is

under control, but he knows he doesn't have long. He ended up rescuing Jackie at the end of the last book. She had been prisoner of the Synestryns for two years, being tortured by the demons.

Now she wants to escape again, but from herescuersrs. These men need too much and she feels she has nothing left to give. But in order to leave she must choose somebody. So she chooses Iain, whom she knows has no feelings for her so he won't be hurt when she leaves him. But once she takes his necklace she starts sensing dark places in Iain and once his secrets revealed she is going to fight like mad to keep him from being killed.

I liked the set up, but it took me awhile to feel Iain and Jackie's romance. Then SB has started introducing more characters in already a crowded field of players. Plus I feel that there is a divergent story line starting up in another world. While this story didn't work quite as well for me as some of the others, it was still a good story and I look forward to the next in the series. Just wish we would have been given a hint as to who it was going to be.

Melindeeloo says

In *Dying Wish*, Butcher give her series formula another twist, her leading man immortal Theroni warrior Iain isn't just close to losing his soul, he's already crossed that line and his leading lady, Jackie, who is free from being used as a blood slave and breeder for the Theroni's demonic enemy is unusual as well in that she is a potential match to every one of the warriors - though she wants nothing of their world and intends to return to her old life and just can't accept that her old life is lost to her forever.

I didn't like Jackie to start out, though it is sort of unfair of me to want her give up her dreams and commit to saving a warrior, but I really wanted her to man up and help the poor guys out. However Iain was enough to keep me going initially. Iain feels sort of Carpathian here with his honor and remembered feelings for his brothers and he's the complete opposite of Jackie in that he lives only to help his fellow warriors who are close to the edge to hold on long enough to find the woman who can save them. I never got to the point where I was super pro Jackie but I definitely liked her better when she started fighting her fears and I was happy that I didn't find the loophole to the HEA for the soulless Iain to be super predictable.

One thing that I have liked about Butcher's series is that she's built a cast of recurring characters over the books and has sort of an ensemble thing going on, with new, old and future pairs all woven into the mix (and I felt really sorry for Cain with the way that things go down for him here and I was not particularly happy with Joseph, this was not his finest hour.) But I have to say that Butcher has a lot of balls in the air on this one. Almost too many, with a significant touch up with Hope and Logan, peeks at Nikki and Madoc and two other old pairs, plus two in progress pairs (view spoiler), and the start of at least two more (view spoiler) in addition to Jackie and Iain story. It definitely gave my old brain a work out trying to remember who was who from past books and I think that it would probably frustrate new readers to try come up to speed with so many past characters making cameos.

One thing that I have to mention, Butcher has stuck pretty much to mainstream steamy PNR language in the previous books but hit one of my language nits this time around. While I can tolerate the c-word for the guy part to 'crow' about, I don't care for the p-word for the girl part that 'purrs' when stroked - it won't bother everyone but it bothers me.

Despite my nit and the brain strain, I still enjoyed *Dying wish* - I really like Butcher's Sentinels series and the

pathos of the immortal warriors trying trying to retain their souls and their honor, even as they struggle to try to keep from losing hope of every finding the woman who can save them. And I like how Butcher keeps changing up her formula to keep things fresh - last time with the vampiric Logan in the lead and this time with the soulless Iain finding the woman who will bring Spring to his wintry life-mark. And one really good thing about all of the peeks at future pairs- they have me looking forward to the next book, and being glad that it looks like Butcher has enough ideas in the works to keep the series going for a good long time.

Jessica says

This one had moments of wonderful, but it also had moments that annoyed me. I liked the couple and think they are a good match. I like how all the side stories are progressing promising possible greatness to come. I am really curious about Sybil and Maura, they were trapped in children's bodies for years but circumstances have made them grow up physically.

On to the next book, I have no clue what couple is next but have my fingers crossed for Joseph, Sybil, or Tynan.

Styles says

I presume you know what the book is about, I'm letting you know what I like or dislike about it.

Wow. Every once in awhile you come across a book with a twist you just simply didn't see coming. And this is one of them! I am really excited by this read and I bet you'll enjoy it too.

About mid-way through this book I worried... because I know Ms. Butcher is a "newer" author... would she choose to write a book without a HEA... Just because she could?... Because she wanted to do something "different"?

I'm a HEA kind of gal - it took me 30 some years to discover this about myself but there you go. Anyway - I HATE, absolutely DETEST growing to care for a character to end up with sad endings. Life does a fine job of that all on its own thank you very much. But, I digress.

I kept reading and the concern only grew - I really had no idea the direction the story would take, and then WHAM! The last 1/4 of the book the water starts to swirl, the words flew by, and.... wow! Just wow! Oh I do enjoy Ms. Butchers writing, and right now? I'm fan #1!!

I look forward to the next Sentinel Warrior Book for sure.

In regards to the story itself - it is well written, well paced, excellent introductions of a few new characters and aspects of the overall plot. Enough repetition from previous books in the series to gently remind the reader of prior events. In that respect it was about as good as it gets.

PS - Jackie is just my sort of female lead. She swears almost as much as I do (ha!) and definitely thinks and responds to circumstances much as I would. Not everyones cup of tea but I sure like her!!!

And Stan?!!!! omg!!! How excellent is that bit of a twist? Seriously - this is one great book!

Barb Lie says

Dying Wish is the sixth book in Shannon Butcher's Sentinel Wars series. Before I do my review, in case you don't what the Sentinels are, here is brief description direct from Butcher's site.

They are the Sentinels. Three races descended from ancient guardians of mankind, each possessing unique abilities in their battle to protect humanity against their eternal foes -- the Synestryn. Now, a beautiful but damaged Sentinel may be a warrior's last hope...

Jackie Patton is the heroine in Dying Wish. Jackie herself has been a captive and tortured by the evil Synestryns, as we have met Jackie previously, when she was rescued by the Theronai warriors. We find Jackie living in the compound run by the Theronai's, where they all live, as well as many humans, who have survived attacks from the Synestryns.

Jackie wants nothing but to be left alone, she is still badly traumatized, and plans to run away from everyone. She is determined to rebuild her life, and become the strong person she once was. Helen, the first of the Theronai women to be found, is Jackie's sister. But no one can get through to Jackie that living outside of compound is dangerous, as the Synestryn will always find her. But Jackie can't take living there, where she feels she has escaped one prison for another. Especially with all the warriors constantly trying to push Jackie to choose them as her mate, since she is a potential match for the desperate Theronai men, who need a woman to literally save their lives.

Iain is one of the Theronai men who are close to death, and is one of their strongest and best warriors, but he is very cold hearted, and only looks to kill the enemy. Iain has lost all his leaves on his lifemark tree, that all Theronai men have. He secretly manages to hold on to life, as he is in constant pain, but only a select few who are in the same boat as Iain, know that he is soulless, which is a automatic death sentence. Iain is the only one of the Theronai who is not interested in Jackie, he feels it too late for him. He wants her to choose any of his 'brothers', who have a chance at life.

Jackie unable to escape is forced to choose one of the men, and of course, she chooses Iain. Jackie feels safe and in peace when she is near Iain, and she senses that he doesn't care, and will let her free, when they leave the compound.

Early on, Jackie despite her torture, comes across as unfeeling and selfish. But once she leaves the compound with Iain, everything begins to change. Iain stays with Jackie in her attempt to return to her former life, but they do not get very far. The Synestryn's always seem to find them. Jackie must take Iain's lucera, to help him fight the demons. The lucera allows her to be able to use his powers, and Jackie learns how to make them her own. While they fight for their lives, Iain is badly hurt, and Jackie has to use her newfound powers to save him. But she must return to the compound once again to ensure that Iain is saved.

Both Jackie and Iain have become very attracted to one another, and each fights this off. But after they go on a mission (Jackie unable not to help find a child kidnapped by the demons), their attraction becomes a sizzling romance. The monster that resides in Iain, causes him to lose control, but Jackie finds a way to keep in control of his monster.

This was truly a great story, with a lot of action. It was great to see Iain, beginning to have feelings once again. For Jackie to allow herself to open up and to care for Iain, and to fight to help and save him. There are

many added stories, with other characters that add so well into the story....Torr and Grace, will they ever be together; Tory, will she come whole; Cain, one of Iain's 'brothers', whom Iain tries to pass Jackie off to; Serena, the long dead lover of Iain, who turns up alive 200 years later; Samson, the young child saved by Jackie during her captivity, is growing rapidly, with the jury still out if he will be human or synestryn, just to name a few.

It was an exciting ending, with Jackie becoming a very powerful Theronai to help save Iain, who had been discovered as being Soulless. She forces him to escape with her to stop him from being executed, as the soulless are totally beyond control. But they end up on rescue mission for another young girl who had been with Jackie, and was recaptured. Iain, whose dying wish is to die in battle, begins to give up on life. But it Jackie's powers keep him, as she has made other plans. With an unbelievable twist, where Jackie makes a deal with a monster and shares her soul with Iain to save him.

Some more interesting twists, such as two of the women are now pregnant, something that was a curse and never could have happened. The future of the Sentinels is with hope, though still very much in danger. This was a great read, right from the start. Shannon Butcher does such a wonderful job hooking you into the story, into the lives of the men and women in this fantastic world. I loved Dying Wish, and the entire Sentinel Wars series, and love Shannon Butcher's storytelling and how she writes. If you have not started this series, please do not miss it.

Barb
The Reading Cafe

Angie ~aka Reading Machine~ says

Iain could feel his lifemark is bare and he's soulless. He feels nothing and has a monster trapped inside of him. Jackie having been rescued feels trapped because of her own fear and helplessness. Everyone tells Jackie that she needs to pick a Theronai male to bound with but Jackie wants nothing to do with any Theronai male except Iain. Iain does expect her to save him like the others do. Torr is so desperate to save Grace from what she's done. Hope tells Logan that she has an idea how to save Grace. She remembers a woman who is a healer from her childhood. Tori wants nothing more than to kill Zillah and she knows she's the only one who can do it. Andra and Paul stop Tori from leaving Dabyr but she fights them. The woman comes to Dabyr takes both Grace and Tori with but leaves a woman who has been trapped for two hundred years. Iain is asked to confront this woman only to discover that she is Serena his long lost love. It's discovered that Iain has no soul which means he must be killed. A young girl has been kidnapped again and must be rescued. Jackie, Iain, and Cain seek to rescue her from Synestryn. Can Grace and Tori be healed? What will happen to Serena? Can Jackie save Iain? Will Iain allow himself to be saved? Will Iain get his dying wish? Can the Theronai women become pregnant? Your answers await you in Dying Wish.

This installment of The Sentinel Wars is non stop action from first page to the last page. I didn't like Jackie at first but I've come to respect her very much so. Iain is one of my favorite characters in this series because he truly believes that he's beyond help. He knows that Jackie lied about accepting the luceria. So much happens in this book that are revelations and some surprises too. The next book Falling Blind is coming out soon.

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Guest reviewed at The Bookpushers-<http://thebookpushers.com/2012/02/29/...>

Favorite Quote: “Well...when a boy Theronai and a girl Theronai love each other very much-”

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Dying Wish is #6 in Shannon K. Butcher's phenomenally dark and gritty series, The Sentinel Wars. Since finishing Blood Hunt, I have been anxiously waiting Jackie's story. Jackie Patton was rescued by the Theronai after a long and brutal two year captivity with the Synestryn. Once she is safe, she is informed that she is compatible with the Theronai and has to choose a warrior to mate with in order to save his life. Jackie doesn't want to choose. She wants her old life back. When she is given no choice in the matter, she makes a deal with the leader, Joesph. She will choose, but then she will be allowed to leave the compound and live her own life. He agrees and she chooses Iain. Iain was the one who rescued her and his cold nature leads Jackie to believe that he doesn't care if she stays or goes.

Iain was betrothed in the past but when she died, he gave up and allowed his soul to wither and die. Only through deception has he managed to keep this secret from the rest of the Theronai. When Jackie chooses to “save” him, he is angered that she would waste her time with him. He knows his time is almost up so he agrees to her demands to let her go. When demons attack and Iain is hurt, Jackie takes his Luceria and uses it to heal him, not knowing that the promises she makes in return will bind her in a literal sense.

As Jackie and Iain fight against their attraction and bonding, the Synestryn are once again massing forces to take back the females the Theronai rescued. Only Jackie knows of the locations she was kept, so she as she is pulled deeper into a world that she wants no part of, she finds herself having to make choices that will force her to leave her old life forever.

Ms. Butcher continues to deliver an emotionally dark, gritty, action packed story that held me captive till the end. A fabulous blending of urban fantasy and paranormal romance, Ms. Butcher gives us a series that intertwines new and old story lines in a way that doesn't leave you over whelmed by the sheer amount of knowledge she imparts. A smooth flowing story line and continuing progressive arc engages the reader and sets a fast pace for reading. The premise of this one still revolves around two main characters but multiple sub plots keeps the series engaging and fresh.

This book is an absolute whirlwind to read as Ms. Butcher goes further in depth into multiple character story lines and POV's, which I loved. We are given more insight in to Thor and Grace's situation, along with Joesph, Cain, Tynan, and more. I want Tynan's story so bad now. *swoon* Her characters are rich in depth, development, and personality. Ms. Butcher imparts diversity and individualism into her character dialogue. She has added some humor in the last three books which balances nicely against the over all seriousness of this series. I enjoyed the brief bouts of levity. Her characters continue to walk in a gray area between good and evil, constantly surprising me. The Theronai, Slayers, and Sanguinar continue to use nefarious means to

achieve their goals almost as much as the Synestryns. We see lines being crossed, misconceptions capitalized on, and actions being questioned. You never know till the end how it will all play out.

Both Jackie and Iain are extremely strong, protective, yet fatalistic protagonists. They both have seen the worst their worlds have to offer and they have, in a sense, given up. Jackie doesn't want to save anyone and Iain doesn't want to be saved. Yet for their somewhat bad attitudes, they both will, reluctantly, do what needs to be done. I will admit that both their attitudes became trying at times. Her constant demands to go home and refusal to see that she will always be targeted by the Synestryn along with his, "I'm no good for anyone..." and trying to set her up with other men frustrated me. Especially when you realize that they know they are being stubborn. It continues through out the story but the other story lines are compelling enough that you are willing to forgive their overly angst driven scenes. One thing that confused me is that all the mated pairs have gone through this and a part of me wondered WHY doesn't someone tell our confused couple this. But they don't. It's like they all forget that they went through the same emotional turmoil. All Jackie gets is people telling her you owe us. That's easy to say if you weren't abruptly dragged out of your world and in to a demonic hell, kept of the verge of death for two years.

"I need you to give these men hope. They're good men. Whoever you pick would give up his life to keep you happy and safe. Hell, even the ones you don't pick will."

"It's not what I want."

"I thought I'd made it clear that I don't give a fuck about what you want. We saved your pretty little ass and kept it safe for weeks now. I'd say it's time to pay up."

"I didn't realize my rescue came with strings attached."

The romance is slow to develop because they each realize the bonding capitalizes on their emotions and neither wants this connection. Even with their bad attitudes, their sexual scenes are quite steamy and has you hoping that they will realize, as you have, they are perfect for each other. Their relationship reaches a pentacle point when Jackie is faced with the fact she may lose Iain and decides to finally face and accept her true fear-losing someone else she loves. This is where I really started loving Jackie. Once she makes up her mind, she is a powerful force of nature no one wants to go up against.

"...if you think I'm going anywhere, you're wrong. I'm going to be with Iain every second of his death. I'm going to soak it all in, memorizing every detail, every ounce of fear, every scrap of suffering. And then, when he's dead, I'm going to take all of that and find a way to shove it so deep in your brain, you'll never be able to sleep again."

The ending is a mixture of explosive action, jaw clenching tension, and a mind blowing conclusion. I honestly couldn't see how it would end in the way I wanted but Ms. Butcher once again manages to achieve the impossible. The Sentinel Wars continues to be one of my favorite series and I look forward to the next in her series, title and release date to be announced.

Over Rating: B

Brandi says

I was dying (no pun intended) for this book to come out, and now that I've finally got a chance to read it, I'm conflicted and feeling a little unsatisfied.

On one hand, Dying Wish was packed, and I do mean packed, with action. Tons of things going on left and right, so I never once felt like the plot was dragging; frankly, there's no time for that with all that Butcher fit into this book! I love it when action moves, but honestly, at the midway point, I felt like there was maybe one plot twist too many.

Which feeds into why I felt unsatisfied.

A gripe I had with the earlier books was that there was so much not answered by the time you got to the last page. Unfortunately, with all of the side plots, nothing's changed with Dying Wish. There's just too much going on, and for every question Butcher answers, she throws in three more questions. All of that not knowing, all of the introduction to new story lines without tying off the ones already present in the series, is frustrating to me as a reader. Having all of these questions and no answers sucked out a bit of my reading enjoyment.

Putting all that aside, I enjoyed the answers I did get in Dying Wish, and liked the twist of Iain's soul right from the start. It was hard to connect with Jackie, so even though I could understand her feelings, I spent most of the book wishing she'd get with the program and/or to stop being so stubborn. I recognize that isn't fair given what she's been through, so while she's never going to be my favorite heroine, I get where she's coming from and the choices she makes.

Iain was my favorite part of Dying Wish, and Jackie's saving grace, I think; even being as he was, the decisions he made really spoke towards the kind of man he must have been. It was especially nice to see their relationship grow. It was slow enough to feel realistic, but quick enough not to get boring. And the sex scenes, while not necessarily imaginative, were hot.

There are also glimpses of most of the previous characters, which was nice to see, and hints of future couples. A few of my favorite characters seemed to have off days in this book, like Joseph, but there was good news, too, for the warriors. Still, some of the choices and events in Dying Wish were heartbreaking, and only leads to more unanswered questions.

Overall, it's a nice addition to the series, and I'd recommend it with a warning that not all of the questions will be answered by the time you finish.

♥?elody says

3.75 stars

I feel like I'm in the minority with every book in this series so far. Jackie did not annoy me as much as I thought she would like a lot of readers. Her fears and hesitation were totally justified. A lot of reviews label her as selfish and hard headed. Well yeah, I would be too when trapped inside a cave with nasty human-eating monsters for 2 years straight. I felt the Theronai's, Joseph in particular were being too narrow-minded,

unrealistic, hard-headed and unreasonable with her. They kept trying to force her into something she wasn't ready for. She wanted her old life back and some normalcy and I don't blame her. You are dealing with a highly traumatized victim, what do you expect? Desperation to get some normalcy back no matter how unrealistic is expected. Even with all her baggage, she still went above and beyond to help save Ian several times and was willing to put herself in the line of fire for him. It impressed me that no matter the mind fuck and paralyzing fear of facing the Synestryns again she was willing to do it to save others. I can't label her as selfish given the lengths she went to for others, Ian in particular. She was open minded, realistic and grounded through the whole thing and way more patient then a hand full of the Theronai characters have been IMO. She called out the guys and ladies on their idiotic bullshit rules while defending Ian. It was very refreshing. The thing that was 'jump the shark' moment for me was having her approach Cain and make that silly pact with him near the end. Gave me whiplash. That disease comment she made was nasty and WTF given everything she went through with Ian. I found it a little out of character of her to do that after everything they went through together. It made her come off cold and callous and I did not like it.

And how does Ian go from having no honor in the beginning of the story (series more like it) to having honor half way into the story?? He keeps stressing till the very end how his honor is the only thing he has left to hang on to which was very inconsistent to how he was presented in the beginning of the book. If a Theronai warrior has honor that means his soul is still intact, Ian is the only warrior who is completely soulless. Very contradictory mistake and made no sense. The author never bothers to address this sudden change and that annoyed me more.

Katya says

4.90 Stars!!!

WOW, This is the best book so far in the series. WHY more people are not reading this is a puzzle to me.

This had so much action, excitement, emotion.....it was a block buster and the little cell phone conversation at the end between Ronan & Tynan....OMG! I*~*L*O*V*E*~*T*H*I*S*S*E*R*I*E*S!!!!

Okay, time to calm down. Iain hold's a secret and lives with a monster inside of him. He knows his days are numbered. He has lived a long life with dignity and heroism. His love of his life was torn hundreds of years ago from him and he is only interested in ending this life peacefully and correctly.

Jackie, who was rescued from years of torture by evil demons, just wants to go back to a normal life....one that is impossible. She is forced to pick a warrior to pair up with and she attaches herself to Iain, her rescuer. He can't be more surprised and now must find a way to remove her before she goes with him as he dies or before that dark monster inside him kills her.

When you think it can't get any better a wild slap-in-the-face kinda surprise happens (view spoiler) and the tension grows and the action escalates and wow what an ending....I just can't say enough about this book & series. I can't wait for the next book: Falling Blind: The Sentinel Wars Which comes out December of 2012!

PS...A little plus-this book reveals a little secret about the vampires or Sanguiners...and OMG moment.

McKenzie says

Oh boy was Jackie annoying. A giant pain in the ass. She whines and whines and whines that she wants to go back to her "real" life as a corporate nobody, rather than live and work with the Theronai as a badass. She is constantly characterized as someone who would never turn her back on someone in need, if she could help them, but she spends the whole book avoiding her responsibility and refusing to use her abilities TO HELP PEOPLE. It's infuriating the way she tries to avoid making commitments and then turns around and makes sweeping promises to people she hardly knows. I hate Jackie. I wanted to punch her in the face for several hundred pages. I don't understand why anyone would love someone who behaves and talks so selfishly, and only helps other people when they are about to be killed. Doesn't she realize that helping people now would keep them from almost (or completely) getting killed tomorrow?! Ugh. She totally fails to fulfill her character's potential. I understand why she is written into the series, but I don't understand how Butcher could have made her so unlovable. Badass abilities are no good if the person wielding them is a limp noodle.

That being said, the series is good and the worldbuilding continues to impress. Just skip this book and read the Wikipedia page instead.

Blaire says

First let me just start by saying that The Sentinel Wars Series kicks serious ass and if you haven't started reading the series- why the hell not *shakes her head while giving you a strange pissed off-look*. Oh- but if you haven't read the series yet, don't start with this one! We're already a good couple of books in and you will genuinely confused, although still delightfully entertained. Okay on to what I loved about this book:

I have got to admit, I didn't immediately like our heroine, Jackie. I just found her a bit whining and I don't know... I think I kind of just wanted her to get over herself and start helping the warriors already! I know, I know, that sounds completely mean. But I think after spending so much time with the Theronai and knowing how dire their situation is, I just couldn't sympathise with Jackie as much as she probably deserved. However, after the first couple of chapters, I began to really enjoy reading about Jackie. She definitely had some kick-ass moments!

And oh mama! How hot is Ian? I loved how we got to discover his past and find out exactly why he is so dark and brooding and I really loved how the romance between him and Jackie enfolded. They had some steamy moments (I am talking about that bed scene *blushes*), which just made the book great! But the thing I liked the most is the interactions with all the characters and I think Shannon K. Butcher manages to juggle so many characters really well and have us all panting for the next book in the series.

Overall, this isn't my favourite Sentinel Wars book (that position is forever held by Living Nightmare and Blood Hunt) but it was a very good addition to the series. When is the next one coming out?

Heather book whore & shifter slut extraordinaire says

Definetely the best book yet in the series! As usual it answered questions from previous books, brought together a wonderful and extremely funny couple (which I was not expecting from their personalities so far)

and left even more questions for the next book!

To me that is the mark of a good series - if this book answers questions from the previous book and leaves you wanting/needing to read the next one because of unanswered questions and an interest in the characters then the author has done his/her job as a series writer.

Jackie and Iain are thrown together as the most unlikely couple and through this book we watch them learn to love and believe in themselves again. Funny enough they actually learn to love the other before they learn to love themselves! We also see the continuation of Logan and Hope's search for more like her and fascinating things happen as her memories are unlocked. Finally people we met in previous books are coming more to the forefront and I am hoping that their situations and choices will be explored more in the next book(s).
