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One touch and she is his...

Jared Ayers works outdoors, embracing a solitary life, hiding from his inner demons. But after so many of his Pack brothers have found their mates, he starts wondering if there might be a mate in his future too. His world turns upside down after he's hired by the "Ice Queen of Lake Tahoe". One touch is all it takes. One touch to send the wolf howling within...

A gifted psychic with pyrokinesis, Taryn Goldstone wields fire beyond her control— sometimes with dire consequences. With Jared, she discovers that some flames are meant for passion—and healing. She has enemies who covet her powerful gift, but they are about to learn just how far a wolf will go to protect his mate.

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Calm Your Pits says

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I really enjoy the books I have read in this series and look forward to reading the ones I missed.

Jared is just as fantastic as his brother Jason if not more so. He is battling a crippling issue since the death of his past girlfriend and still finds the strength to help Taryn learn to come back into the world and be able to touch her son. That Damian creep get crazier every time and now he may possibly have werewolf capabilities also! Sebastian is hit or miss, he only helps if it benefits himself but have helped the Pack out of some sticky situations.

Linda says

"That first day when we met, when I gave you my estimate for the deck project and you wouldn't shake my hand..." I laced my fingers with hers. "There was something sad and lonely in your eyes. I knew all about your reputation, your nickname the Ice Queen, but that wasn't what I saw that day. When I looked into your blue eyes, I saw a princess locked away in a tower, a prisoner. I wanted to set you free."

ICE MOON by Lisa Kessler has it all: suspense, mystery, humor, warm fuzzy moments, holiday magic, fairy tale allusions, sexy wolf shifters, and a breathtaking romance. The story is told in the alternating points of view of the hero and heroine, which allows the reader to be aware of the thought processes of each. This is the story of Jared Ayers, a talented werewolf carpenter, and of Taryn Goldstone, who is psychically gifted with pyrokinesis, but far from being in control of that gift, making it extremely dangerous, if not deadly, to be around her.

I loved Jared and grew to love Taryn, who has been nicknamed the "Ice Queen" due to her defensive reclusive nature. I'm so glad that Jared has found his mate; but they each have serious issues to work through first. Being a fan of fractured fairy tales, comparing the heroine to Rapunzel locked away in her tower, and the hero being the prince destined to free her, completely captured my imagination. Supporting characters who ensnared my heart included Taryn's darling son, Charlie, and Jared's cherished canine companion, Tank. Favorite characters from the previous books figured prominently in the story and are guaranteed to increase the pleasure level for fans. The plot thickens with Nero, the nefarious quasi-military organization; Its people amaze me with their sick thought processes.

Even though ICE MOON is the fifth book in the author's MOON series, it can be enjoyed as a standalone, if that is your preference. However, the story's entertainment quotient will be exponentially increased if you have read this series in order, as you will then become invested with the characters and captivated by the storyline that involves Nero. Lisa fills in the basics so the reader is never lost if the series is read out of order, but reading the books in order with all of their nuances, imparts a whole other perspective. The entire series is fantastic; I'd recommend a week of binge reading to catch up;

You won't be sorry.

Lisa is one of the most talented authors I know. I've read every book she's published and enjoyed each

immensely. ICE MOON hit all the paranormal romance notes for me. I highly recommend ICE MOON and the whole Moon series to anyone who enjoys paranormal romances! Hunky wolf shifters are a plus! I can't wait now for BLUE MOON!

My full review is posted at Reading Between The Wines Book Club. Please check it out here:

<http://www.readingbetweenthewinesbook...>

4 1/2 Wine Glasses!

Erin Burns says

I received an ARC of this book from the Publisher, via Netgalley, this does not affect my opinion of this book or the content of my review.

Book 5 in the Moon series and up to this point it has seemed like the action was really ramping up. So Kessler changed the tune and really hit us in the feels. Dang but Taryn has had a hard row to hoe. And meeting Jared just doesn't initially make it any easier. Fortunately for her he's a hottie who knows what he is doing (when he isn't being a bonehead with testosterone poisoning), and fortunately for us, this is romance so we know we're going to get that happy ending.

It is a good installment. We've got wheels within wheels conspiracies and counter conspiracies. We have both an adorable plot-moppet AND a plot-pet. Both too cute for words. I shouldn't really call them that, both characters are integral to the plot and not merely sops for cuteness. And we have a rugged, sensitive, rough-tough-cream puff for a hero. And then there's Taryn, who for some reason reminds me of a Nalini Singh's Ashaya from Hostage to Pleasure.

I'm still intermittently struggling with the alternating first person POV, it didn't suck me in quite as well as it did with Gareth and Nadya (those two are still my favorite couple), but I do enjoy getting to be in both people heads throughout their courtship. How's that for contrariness? But seriously, I think that you get a much richer sense of both characters this way, it is just that spending so much time in both characters heads has a tendency to slow the pace of the story down and, for me at least, the action. But that is a personal preference, as any long time readers here know, I tend toward more action-adventure Bruce Willis-esque stories.

As for the plot of this particular book, we took some strange and interesting turns, we've got some insight into multiple characters, and a pretty exciting conclusion to this books' individual story arc. Though the overall series arc seems even more shrouded in mystery than ever. It is hard to say much more than that, since this is a series that definitely adds up, but suffice it to say I can absolutely see where the showdown is coming from.

But even with the small lags I mentioned, I find this series addictive. I like the characters, and I really love how the author is building up to a completed and cohesive story arc. This is the sort of thing you can easily binge on.

3.5 stars and I am eagerly anticipating the next one in March, bot because I am super curious who our hero is, and because it puts us that much closer to Book 8-the finale and the amoral hero that I love and love to hate.

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3.5 stars

Patricia says

Welcome back to the pack. Jared is the one wolf that is hiding demons and is looking for his mate. He is the master carpenter and loves to work outdoors. But as his brothers all find their mates , he wonders if his mate is out there. Well as we all know the brothers find their mates and when they do nothing will keep them from their loves . Jared finds that out the day he goes to do an estimate on a new deck . For the Ice queen of Nevada . Where with one touch his wolf starts howling and the pull of the mate is strong . He along with his dog Tank will protect them from the evils of Nero .

I loved the characters in this book, they are so strong , Jared is the man that any woman would want to have . He is tall sexy as sin and good with his hands the kind of man you want to have around . He is also sweet and lovable and charming . He will do anything and everything to help out the pack and keep Taryn and Charlie safe. You see him let down his guard and become friends with both Taryn and Charlie first and watch the love grow between Taryn and Jared grows and goes to a slow boil . Taryn kind of annoyed me at first she was such a well lack of a better word a ice bitch . You see her closed off and well actually scared of what could happen and what did happen in the past. As I was reading along I started to warm up to Taryn as I saw her opening up and becoming more of the happy woman that Charlie and Jared need .

I think that Charlie was my favorite character in the book. He was so lovable and sweet . You just wanted to hug him and watch him be a boy. Charlie is such an honest sweet character that loves with all his heart and wants to be happy. The rest of the pack also make appearances in the book and there is a surprise that I cheered about . I am not going to tell you , you have to read for yourself but its good really good

The author has combined suspense and romance seamlessly . The way the author just characters go about falling in love naturally was so nice to see . But when they did finally end up in bed lets just say it as so hot on so many levels. I will never look at another bowl of ice the same way again. You have to read the book but lets just say WOOOOOHOOOO. Even though this is book 5 in the series , the author still keeps it fresh and new with each character . The romance mixed with the mystery and the wickedly evil bad guys . Turn it up to be a great read . So come back to the pack and take a chance on Jared an Taryn for ice.

Paula says

Ice Moon by Lisa Kessler is still as exciting and intensely gripping read as the first book was in this series. Fascinating is the word that comes to my mind concerning the story of Jared Ayers and Taryn Goldstone

with her son Charlie. Their romance is tied with the overall bigger story of the wolf pack and the jaguars, so for that reason it would enhance the enjoyment to read these in order. However, for just Jarred and Taryn's romance it stands well on its own.

What a powerful story about love, honesty and the strength to be gained by standing with family and loved ones. It has complex, memorable characters as to be expected from a Lisa Kessler's book. Ice Moon reveals more history of the overall story's past but by no means bring a finale. Instead the suspense and intrigue continues to build making it hard to wait for the next in the series.

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Fizza says

I loved this book. The story line was exciting and all the characters were well-developed as well as very likable. I liked Jared and Taryn's couple. I also like the irony behind her "Ice Queen" nickname when it was actually her ability to ignite fire that kept her aloof. It was a very engaging book from the very start. I like paranormal romance and this is definitely going among one of my favorites.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

This is book 5 in the series but works well as a stand alone.

I loved Taryn Goldstone. She is so protective of those she loves. The same with those she does business with. She does not touch anyone even her son but she finds great ways to let him know she loves him. Then Jared comes into her life and everything changes.

Jared is also a great character. He has given up on finding his mate and then he meets Taryn. When he accidentally touches her he realizes who she is but realizes that he will have to tread softly to win her.

Add a son who does not know that he is a werewolf but will need someone to act as his guide when he starts to shift you have another thing added to a mix.

Thus starts a great story filled with tension, great characters and a wonderful romance. The plot unfolds slowly and builds to a climax that leaves the reader with a warm feeling.

Dee Ben says

Loved it

I love that 2 scared damaged people can find love and their healing. I loved that he loved her kid ,so much so that Charlie was his .I loved tank. I just loved this book lol hope you do too.

Lisa Kessler says

Ice Moon was a wild thrill ride to write, and I hope you'll have just as much fun reading it!

Jared and Taryn had sparks, literally, and lots of new secrets were revealed between the Pack and their connection to the evil Nero Organization.

The books are all written to stand alone so you can jump in if you haven't read the rest of the series, but I hope you'll be enticed to grab the rest of the books too! :)

Welcome to the Wolf Pack!

Lisa

Elaine says

Ok, so I admit to continuing to stalk this author and her publisher looking out for when the next book in this series will be available - and then I get in as quick as I can to get a copy to read! Considering the number of books I've been reading lately, that should be a great indicator of how highly I appreciate the whole series and this is another great addition to it.

Jared is the member of the pack who is the star of this story. He became a carpenter after traumatic events in his past, leaving his twin to become the doctor he also originally intended training to be. He's been hired to help a local realtor, Taryn Goldstone, to carry out home improvements. She's nicknamed the "Ice Queen of Lake Tahoe" and usually avoids any physical contact with anyone - including her young son. When Jared and she touch, it is like lighting a flame. It turns out she's a psychic who burns everything around her when out of control. She's so scared of her own ability, she's largely isolated herself to protect everyone she cares about. Jared, however, knows she's his mate and is determined to help her gain control of her gifts and to make her his. Unfortunately, Nero are not far behind, coming for her again and her young son has a secret she hasn't yet discovered, too

Superb - the historic involvement of Nero and the pack revelations (no, not telling you what) are definitely unexpected! A new gifted psychic, another threat to the pack and another romance, wow, what an action packed story! I couldn't put it down the characters may well be paranormal and highly talented but their interactions, emotions and lives are portrayed in a brilliant manner, suspending disbelief to take the reader on their journey through life, complete with all the drama, turmoil and love that goes with it. I'm so happy to have been able to read an ARC of this, thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley for giving me the opportunity to do so. Only problem now is I can't wait for Blue Moon, the sequel, to be released, too, so the stalking will continue!

I have no hesitation in highly recommending this (and the other books in the series) to anyone who enjoys to read a mix of genres, including an on-going thriller, suspense, romance, paranormal and mystery, too, in a superbly crafted story where the novels do follow on and add to the developing saga but may also be read as a standalone.

Vickie says

WOW

Ok this has been a great story. Also a great series I was hooked from the beginning of the first book. Every book in the series is a stand alone story and has a H E A . Jared and Taryn story is a great conclusion to the series. I am hopeful though there will be more stories to come. I mean Nero is still around Is Damien really dead? What about Luke and Logan? Very good, a great escape. Be forewarned though o certainly you start you may not be able to put it down. I couldn't! ENJOY

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

ICE MOON is a fun paranormal romance with an interesting central story and conflict. While I was a bit annoyed/sad that Taryn wouldn't even touch her son which probably isn't going to be good for his emotional development in the future (in reality, I'm sure he'll be fine in this series!), I liked seeing the reason behind her 'no touching' rule unravel as the story progressed. It made sense and what Taryn went through to get to her 'not touching' persona was pretty horrible. I enjoyed seeing Jared work his way into Taryn's life and see him help her make some progress and deal with her trauma. Her relationship with Jared was sweet despite the rather fiery start and I enjoyed the fact that there was at least a short period of them getting to know each other before jumping into bed. I've gotten tired of the insta-love and meant for each other forever tropes in stories so even with their very short 'courtship' for lack of a better word I was happy they took their time.

The plot expands the over arching series story line and it's explained well enough in this book that you can just jump right in with this book and not be too lost. There are some big revelations about Nero, the big, evil corporation going after shifters and magic users that will most likely spell some bigger things happening in the next book. ICE MOON was action packed and thrilling to follow especially when Nero inevitably shows up for the big final fight. While there are big revelations I am enjoying the fact that there is so much I don't know. Typically this would frustrate me and I'd grumble about wanting to be just told already. But we are given just enough information about Nero to make it fun to follow and attempt to put the puzzle pieces together.

Fun plot movements and sweet romance aside, I always enjoy a good pet character. Jared's pet dog is adorable and his interactions with Taryn are equally adorable. Taryn's son has some interesting quirks about himself that I won't spoil but they sort of make sense once Jared puts two and two together about him and his mom's past. ICE MOON is a powerful story about love and trust and I'm looking forward to what the next book in this series will bring.

Heather book whore & shifter slut extrordinaire says

LOVED LOVED LOVED as usual! I loved the book and of course this series is amazing!

You can never go wrong with a book by Lisa Kessler

Lorna says

(RabidReads.com) Lisa Kessler's Moon series tells the story of a pack of werewolves that lives near Reno and Lake Tahoe. Simple premise. Or is it? Throw in a lot of suspense, romance, and some wicked villains, and you have this fun series, one that I have enjoyed since book 1. I must say, this fifth book in the series, is actually one of the better ones of the group. I received this book from Net Galley, in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Last time, we got Jason's story, and now we have his twin brother, Jared's, story, and it's about time! Jared is of course a werewolf, but one that has had a bad issue in his past. Due to this, he now suffers from claustrophobia, to the point that he had to give up medical school. Now a talented and sought after carpenter, he likes his work, his cabin, his pack, and his dog, Tank. When he goes to design and build a deck for a woman that lives on the shore of Lake Tahoe, it's not long before he realizes that he has found his forever mate. Taryn is called the "Ice Queen" by the community she lives and works in. And that's because due to her psychic gift of pyrokinesis, she can never touch anyone, including her nine year old son, Charlie. So she has surrounded herself with people that can help her with Charlie, and anything else that might cause extreme emotions-which causes her to burn indiscriminately and Charlie has the burned arm to prove it. Still she has made a life for her and Charlie, owns her own successful real estate business, and keeps to herself except at work. Meeting Jared was definitely not part of the plan.

As with all of the books in this series, this one is a good romance. But it also features the villain from last time, Damian, Sebastian's brother. Damian and Sebastian's father is the head of Nero, the clandestine organization of jaguars with nefarious motives concerning psychic women who they can interbreed with jaguars-and not in a good way. Sebastian has been in all the books and as always has his own agenda-some of which is helpful, but he really is a piece of work! Needless to say, there is a lot more to the Nero problem and five books in, they have proven to be really bad villains in all the books.

My favorite part of this read was the characters. In addition to the main ones, Charlie was a good character, and added a lot to the story-at times even being the story. Tank, the dog, ended up being a fun character, as well. Of course, the other members of the pack and their mates are on board as peripheral characters, and it's always great to catch up with them. But the best part of this read, would have to be Taryn, and how she begins to break away from her ice queen image, and in doing so, starts to take control of her life again.

You could read this without reading the others, but you should really at least read the first one, Moonlight, for all the background information. It's my other favorite book of the series, although, I have enjoyed the rest as well. Recommended to adult paranormal romance readers. Good Read!

Nicola says

4.5 stars.

Spoiler-free full review of the series [HERE!](#)

