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Imprisoned at Alcatraz for over forty years, Dr. Laura Olson dreamed of two things: freedom and meeting back up with the man who spared her life and gave her a chance to serve her country from behind bars. All that changes when a shapeshifter comes to the Rock, ripping out and eating the hearts of the inmates to steal their memories and paranormal abilities. The shapeshifter sweeps through the prison and finally attacks Dr. Olson, stealing her heart and her undead powers before fleeing the country.

When the shapeshifter declares himself to be the second coming of the Mayan blood god Kukulcan to the people of the Yucatan, America's anti-supernatural forces spring into action, recruiting Dr. Olson and giving her a chance for payback.

The vampire now must work with a team of living stone soldiers, a teenager who can freeze objects with her mind and the super soldier who captured her long ago. Can the undead Doctor keep her new team alive long enough to get revenge, or will she succumb to her blood thirst and join with the new Kukulcan?

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Tommy says

Great addition to the series.

Éric Kasprak says

Another good outing for the Stone Soldiers. This is a great new-pulp series with straightforward writing, perfect pacing and awesome action. I think this is the end of the shapeshifter story arc and after 3 books (even do he was a really cool villain) it's more than time. I can't wait to see what new adventure awaits our heroes and that's the strongest recommendation one could hope for.

Renee Fleming says

Girl Power!!!!

The first two books were introductory in storyline. #3 is action packed filled with non-stop thrills. I had to keep reading because I needed to see how it was going to end, and what an ending or as another beginning??? Await, ordering #4 right now. CE Martin get as script ready, I can see a series, but only on a channel that would be true to books.

Jim says

This one seemed like a short story, but I don't think it would qualify as that short. It seemed to go really fast. I guess the reason it did is that you should already be familiar with most of the characters by now, having read the first two books, right? Well, if you didn't read the first two books first, then you're kind of strange and probably lost and sick. Yeah, these stories, if you're not familiar with the Stone Soldier series, could easily make you sick.

This is a continuation of all the blood and guts spilling we had in the other two books. Without going into the whole background of the story, we have a giant shapeshifter who was created some where around the time before Noah and the flood. He survived some how in a tomb that was uncovered by modern day man and promptly opened which brought this creature to life. Now he lives by consuming the hearts of humans! Yes, he just walks up to you, sticks his huge six-fingered hand under your sternum and up your rib cage until he has his hand around your beating heart. Then he just rips it out! Of course you're still alive while this is all going on and even after he stands in front of you with your beating heart in his hand, you kind of notice that he starts eating it, and then you fall over dead.

The creature in this book is called Tezcahtlip. I'll let you figure out how to pronounce that. Anyway, he's the surviving brother of two giants that were in the last book, one of which was thankfully killed by Colonel Mark Kenslir. Col. Kenslir, as you recall, is the Commander of Section 1039, Special Operation cell, a.k.a.

Black Sabers. His group has become a mixture of survivors. Josie is a young kid, about 18, who's there because she was a kidnap victim and well, kind of special to Col. Kenslir. Then her boy friend, Jimmy, who is, or was a scrawny kid Josie knew back in neighborhood who also got kidnapped. Jimmy is dead, but also alive sometimes. There are three other Stone Soldiers which I won't go into detail on since you can read about them yourself. Let's just say, they need to help Col. Kenslir fight this giant shapeshifter or everyone's going to die a slow and painful death, again.

Tezcahtlip goes to Alcatraz where the US has consolidated all the parahumans that have been caught doing something illegal. Here they are drugged into oblivion without anyone caring much about how long they stay that way. Tezchatlip also inherits the abilities and memories of any who he eats. So he stops off at Alcatraz and begins to eat. Then he see a lovely female doctor who he decides must have a delicious heart so he rips it from her and consumes it right in front of her. She dies and then later jumps on Tezcahtlip's back and starts ripping his body apart! Ok, yes, I said she died, but since she's a vampire, she can't really die just by losing her heart. So, Tezcahtlip decides he eaten everyone in Alcatraz and is really getting annoyed with this crazy lady on his back, he changes into his usual form of a monstrous red dragon and flies off for Mexico.

OK, now is where the rest of the story starts. Col. Kenslir comes to Alcatraz to see all the damage and he recruits the young vampire doctor making sure she promises not to eat anyone, suck their blood out or suck their life-force from them. Then the entire team heads for Mexico. Read the bloody book to find out what happens from here on.

Ok, if you don't like blood and guts, then it would be best you stayed away from this series. After three books of the stuff, I'm getting kind of acclimated to the messy parts, but there sure is a lot of it. If it's not someones heart being ripped out, then it's bones breaking and brains getting dissolved or whatever unpleasant thing you can imagine. I like the writing although this would be best presented in a comic book than just a normal ebook. I think I might read some more stories of the Stone Soldiers, but for now, I think I'll read a Winnie-the-Pooh book so I can calm down.

Kelly says

Colonel Kenslir has faced some tough bad guys in his years as a soldier battling against supernaturals but I think two amorous women who don't know the meaning of the word NO might just be more than he can handle. Poor guy. His old fashioned sensibilities took a BEATING this time around.

But enough about Kenslir's non-existent bedroom shenanigans. The shapeshifting giant is back. Well, one of the shapeshifting giants, at least. And he's mad. He wants to restore his power base to what it was in the days when blood sacrifices were brought to him and he was feared and worshiped. So what does he do? He creates an undead army to enact his will. AS ONE DOES.

Kenslir and the team are up against something dangerous and deadly. The giant's ability to absorb the powers of those he consumes makes him more of a threat with every passing day. The way he's sucking the life force out of people just makes him stronger and stronger. Frankly, the fact that anyone is able to survive going a round or two with him says a lot about their various abilities.

The world here is continuing to expand with new characters (hello, horny vampire!) and potential new enemies. Josie's abilities are growing and the newest soldiers are learning their way around their strength.

Good stuff!

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Dave Markel says

Stone soldiers #3 blood and stone

Wow. !!This was an adventure!, I had serious doubts the stone soldiers were going to win this battle. What a story, it just kept getting wilder and wilder as it went along. Great characters and great drama !! Best of the series yet !!

Nicolas Wilson says

Notes from the wife. I guess she was very bored, and went through this one right after book 2.

She said she regretted doing that- she says the core style of these books is better in small chunks. She said that reading them for days straight, she got to be very distressed/distracted by the way the characters are written and developed. These are very pulpy novels, overpowered action heroes clashing heads, but she said she'd hoped there's be a bit more actual character development, especially since book 2 had gotten her hopes up on that front by being largely more subtle and cohesive than the characterizations on book 1.

Anyways, she said that the Mythical series is fun once in a while, or for short periods, but it's not as engrossing to pick it up and read from beginning to end. She enjoyed it, but felt that it could have balanced the pulp feel with more nuanced characters.
