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Dog With A Bone (Black Dog Book 1)



Synopsis

Black Dog, Book 1 Half-bloods with Thierry's skill set are given two options. They can join the conclave's marshal program, or they can pack their bags. Turn down the job offer, and you've just shredded your residency pass for the mortal realm and booked yourself a one-way ticket to Faerie. Texas is the only home Thierry has ever known, and she's not going anywhere. Even if it means following in her notorious father's footsteps as a peacekeeper. But pinning on the badge opens her eyes to the fact sometimes fae need protection too, and that sometimes humans are the real monsters. Black Dog, Book 1.5 When a fae boy goes missing, all evidence points to a warg being responsible for the crime. Thierry is called to lead the hunt for the rogue, but the closer she gets to locating the boy, the further she gets from the truth. **Dog Days of Summer was previously released in the Nightshade Anthology**

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Customer Reviews

This is an eARC review. At first glance I thought the concept of this book was pretty good, Thierry's half Fae heritage was interesting and appealing enough for me to want to read this book in the first place. I thought the story has the potential to become a good series, but then I was disappointed by

how short this book actually was (on it said 184 pages, and it ended at 89% on my kindle). At the same time while I was reading this book, I couldn't help but feeling something was missing from Dog With a Bone. Dog With a Bone was action-packed, basically from the beginning to the end of the book. While it was entertaining to read about both leading characters demonstrate their abilities, but that was all there were, actions and nothing more. Dog With a Bone has focused entirely on the investigations and fighting Foes, both character development and world building were pretty much nonexistent. Because this book basically jump straight into kicking butt, which pretty much neglect on proper introductions of the character. When the book ended I didn't have any particular strong impression on either the female or the male leading character. Even though we were given an impression that there were some sort of history between Thierry and Shaw, but the actual detail wasn't clear. According to the book they were friends, then he became one of her instructor, then when she graduated from school he became her partner. And from what I understood, wherever she goes he follows, and the reason he have pair up with her because he is the only Fae that is immune to her Fae ability. Not really romantic if you ask me. Overall, I enjoyed the investigation bits and kicking butt part of the book, but I would like to see the next book spend more time on worldbuilding, and character development.

I finished Dog with a Bone (Black Dog Book 1). I would give it 4**s. Interesting world building, it is a little confusing at first, but a really good read. The title refers to the type of succubus that the h, Thierry, is. She has the ability to suck the life out of Fae creatures. A rare ability that she has to obviously use sparingly. The only nit that I have is that the h, is only 18 years old. She has been through a lot, but she is still young. Thierry is in training to be a marshall for the conclave, (the ruling faction for all fae creatures on Earth). Her partner, the H, Shaw, is an incubus and is immune to her "gift". They compliment each other and therefore are able to help one another. You are kind of dropped into the middle of a story, but it picks up and some things are made clearer. The action is throughout the whole story. Her first case as an investigator in training is a deadly and dangerous one. I must warn you that the ending isn't an HEA, the story continues in the next novella, Heir of the Dog. Overall I like the world, and the main characters. You are in the dark concerning some of the background of the two of them, but I assume that more will develop as the story rolls out. There are a best friend, and a Fae "Criminal Minds" type computer guru in the background, but the focus of this novella is Thierry and Shaw. There isn't anything overtly sexual in this novella and the attraction is apparent, but not acted upon. I really like the use of unusual creatures, not usually seen in Urban Fantasy/ Paranormal Romance. This series of novellas, (four of them), will apparently be

complete in July, 2015, which is a treat. I like reading the whole story in a relatively short length of time. Overall, it is a different spin on the incubus/succubus tale, which intrigues me more than other I/S novels that I have read. The fact that there is an investigation in the background adds to my interest.

There were hints of potential throughout the book, but none of them were ever realized. It was weird reading the blurbs associated with this book that say things like "mixes laughter" and "oozes sexual chemistry," since this book had nothing resembling humor and zero chemistry of any kind. The beginning of the story seemed to bumble along and then the reader finds himself (or herself) on a rather lackluster plot where you never even encounter the villains until the very end and there's an encounter that really had no sense of gravity to it at all. It didn't help that none of the characters in the book had anything resembling a personality. They were, A) Generic attractive woman with strange powers, B) Generic and incredibly predictable love interest with a tortured soul, and C) Generic best friend. Even the villains, once we finally meet them, are bland, and villains are where the author generally has the most creative license. And while I've already mentioned the predictability of the love interest, I think it is worth mentioning that the author makes no effort to actually develop chemistry between the two primary characters. It breaks down to both characters are attractive and in proximity, therefore they must long for one another. The insidious plan of the generic villains (the plan itself had a lot of potential for drama that was never really realized) seemed secondary to the tedious meanderings of Thierry and her incubus paramour.

Series is about Thierry, a half-fae woman who has abilities considered to be very rare and becomes a Marshall, partnering with Shaw, an incubus who was first her friend and teacher at the academy. The concept of this story as well as the action is pretty good. But we're missing a great deal of world and character building. I couldn't even get a handle on what the characters look like. The flow of the story is confusing at times with some thoughts or actions appearing to come out of left field. I had to reread some scenes a few times to get a better handle on it. The initial scene grabbed me, as did a number of the other action scenes, but the story didn't hold my attention and it was easy to set it down a number of times. Told from Thierry's point of view, I never did feel a connection with her or her feelings.

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