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Douglas Meeks says

NOTE: This story actually covers two books so this review does the same, if you don't have book 2 you don't really have the whole story.

Cursed by Blood Saga by Marianne Morea

These are the first 2 books in this series so far and while I am not sure when book 3 will be released these two comprise the complete opening story so there is no requirement to read more but I am sure I will but the books so far are :

Hunter's Blood Special Edition (Cursed by Blood Saga)

Twice Cursed (Cursed by Blood Saga)

Summary:

Revenge. It's a way of life for psychic, Lily Saburi. Haunted since the brutal murder of her best friend and partner, she's obsessed with retribution—a vigilante bent on striking a blow for humanity against the shadowed world of the supernatural. Prey turned predator she aims to even the score—one bullet at a time starting with the beast that changed her life forever.

Prepared for Armageddon she's in for the fight of her life. But when mortally wounded by a diseased and insane Were, Lily is rescued by a most unlikely savior—Were-hunter, Sean Leighton. Sexy and powerful, Leighton is charged with destroying anything infected with the deadly pathogen threatening the survival of his pack, and that includes Lily. But their immediate attraction leaves them both breathless and confused. As Lily grapples with truth about herself, Leighton is faced with the looming reality that he will most likely have to kill the woman he's falling in love with. Only time will tell if they are destined to be together or if they'll fall victim to the Hunter's Blood.

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Review:

This was a story I stumbled into after reading a bit about Hunter's Blood on a forum and let it be known right up front, book 1 ends with a bit of cliffhanger which you MUST have book 2 (Twice Cursed) to avoid death from frustration.

The combination of these 2 book is one continuous story that grabs you and draws you into a world of Weres and eventually Vampires. There are some other things mentioned and I can hardly wait until she writes more in this series as I see huge potential to it. The story revolves around Lily who is a bit of psychic plus a bit more powers that seem to be unknown even to her, then add in the requisite hunk Sean Leighton (Alpha of the Brethren of Weres) and you have a perfect storm of intrigue, passion, mystery and action.

Someone is seemingly trying to kill off most if not all of the supernatural species via a biological agent and the search to figure it out while dealing with personal demons is riveting. This story has a bit of everything, villain that is easy to hate (motivations are unclear until almost the shocking end), main couple that you can't figure out if they are in lust or love for about half the story, good secondary supporting cast although the vampires are painted a bit too vicious in some respects but pretty much line up with the ones in Ilona Andrews' Kate Daniel series in motivations and personality (totally unlike in powers).

I was a bit disappointed in the lack of romantic buildup but this is more of a mix of PNR and UF with the main thrust being the urban fantasy story with the romance as a good motivation and keeps the story interesting and multifaceted. This is a story that will stay with you and characters that are memorable.

I give this about a 4.5/5 Star rating in entertainment, the only complaints is my revenge junkie was not fed as well as it could have been (but not ignored either) and a romance that fell closer to the old "MINE!" than a true meeting of minds until later in the story. All things considered I highly recommend the 2 books together and hope I see more.

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Cynthia Weaver says

This is a tremendous follow up to Book one, Hunter's Blood in the Cursed by Blood Saga. The reader is transported from the farms and wood of Maine to heart of New York City. Ms. Morea has combined, Vamps and Weres in a thrilling story of good vs evil with just enough romance to keep you coming back for more. This one will have you staying up till the wee hours to find out who survives and who gets the girl.

Loves To Dive says

Marianne Morea brings us the long awaited sequel to her novella Hunter's Blood in which we met Lily and Sean – human and were. Lily was out to find the were that killed her best friend Terry, and exact her revenge. Sean Leighton, Alpha Council of the Brethren, is also hunting the were who is carrying a mutant virus that drives weres crazy, and is also his brother. As we left them, Sean and Lily had fallen in love, Lily learned she was carrying the antibody for the virus, and Sean was on his way to meet with the council to determine whether Lily should be turned or should remain human.

Now, in New York City, Detective Ryan Martinez has been called to a homicide in a club where he finds the dead appear to have been drained of all their blood. Detective Ryan is able to sense strange things about the scene which he keeps to himself. The homicide turns into a high profile case. At a loss as to how to solve the murder, Ryan's boss suggests they contact a psychic they have used before – Lily Saburi, who at the moment is pacing the floors at the were compound awaiting her fate which is being decided in the council room.

Lily learns that master manipulator Edward Parr is out to either have Sean turn her immediately, or imprison her at the compound until she can be turned. She storms the meeting and lets everyone know in no uncertain terms she will not sit still for either option. She decides to leave and go back to New York; Sean sends one of his guards Jack Cochran with her to protect her.

Ryan and Lily are assigned to work the homicide together, neither of whom are happy with the partnership. Sean is stuck back at the compound trying to maintain peace among the various weres while keeping Parr in control. When Lily visits the crime scene, she realizes there is a rogue vampire on the loose.

Sean not only has to deal with Parr's underhanded ways, he has to meet with the vampire leader to explain the situation of the rogue vampire. Lily has to deal with a less than happy partner, and what the heck is wrong with Jack? Could things get any more complicated? Probably, considering the full moon is approaching and Lily is going to go into the equivalent of heat, attracting weres like dogs to kibble. Parr has disappeared, vampires are not happy and Lily still hasn't been able to bring herself to face Terry's parents and deal with her death.

Hang on your hats folks, Ms. Morea has pulled out all the stops and will keep you on your toes from beginning to end. She gives Lily not only supernatural abilities but a sarcastic mouth and a razor sharp mind all wrapped up in a package of one skilled hunter. I liked Lily when I first met her, and in Twice Cursed she continued to impress me. This woman is a force to be reckoned with, she is strong, smart, a warrior and just so darn sassy, I want to be her. Sean somehow manages to deal with her independence and not go crazy, and is still madly in love with her.

The rest of the cast of characters are no slouches either, Ryan has a mystery or two and he and Lily play off each other well. Jack is irreverent, sexy and not what he seems. Parr is the perfect villain, we know he's not playing with a full deck and he is less than predictable so don't even try.

There is a lot going on in this book, we have to figure out the mystery of the rogue vampire, what is Parr up to, why can Ryan seem to sense things and while dealing with all this we get breaks to enjoy such steamy hot scenes between Sean and Lily that I had to keep telling myself to breath. This book will get your heart pumping and when you're done you will be surprised and very satisfied.

Member of the Paranormal Romance Guild Dual Review Team

Marianne says

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Kylie Allen says

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nadina j whitsitt says

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Awesome fantasy book! It will draw you in with the first paragraph and keep you there throughout the book right through the end!

Susan Commeford says

Much better than the first...a good story with lots of action, romance, and humor as well. I liked this one...

Nadège Richards says

TWICE CURSED picked up exactly where HUNTER'S BLOOD left off, which was perfect for me since I hate having to go back and remember what happened in a story before I dive into the sequel. Morea has a way of captivating a reader with every word, and Lily and Sean make the perfect, heart-throbbing pair. The mysterious premise will excite you, as will Lily's inner fight when she must choose between her role as mate to Sean and her penchant to be a hunter.

I'm not one to like 'mystery' so much as romance, but I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed the spicy scenes between Lily and Ryan, the mix of the real world and the supernatural, and the adventures Morea really spun in TWICE CURSED. It was a full length novel, but I gobbled it up in less than 12 hours. I recommend this to Urban Fantasy readers for sure! And if you love a good detective novel, TWICE CURSED is also for you! I've recently been into the Were/Vamp phenomena, so I definitely got my fill as well.

Amy McDougal says

Meh.

Patricia says

OMG what can i say about this book . well its awesome . from the very first page to the last. you can't put it down. I n book two for lily and sean. wht high council is in shambles and there is a rogue vampire that is going around killing people. Oh yeah and then there is the full moon mixed in there for fun and mayhem. Lily helps dective martinez who unbeknowest to him is a were. Sean (the oozing sex and phermones alpha and lily's mate) trying to keep the weres in order and tabs on his mate . while trying not to get killed. ok no

more spoilers . read the book and find out for yourself . love the ending and can't wait for the next book. I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves a good read .

Rachael Broddle-wasbrowning says

This book was given to me for free by the author in exchange for an honest review..

For me an authors calibre of writing is apparent when one can read a later book in a series and still be pulled into the story. I subsequently read Hunters Blood the first in series, which I recommend reading - very good..anyway

I was taken from the first page straight into the story from Detective Ryan Martinez arriving at a brutal crime scene. Though the main protagonist is Lily Saburi, Ryan takes us on a journey of his own and as the story progresses we see his story interlinking with Lily..though Lily is with Sean at this point, part of me wanted her to get together with Ryan and the chemistry between them is undeniable, but I will say no more about what happens between them.

Lily is called in to investigate the murders, much to the dismay of some members of the police force because she is psychic. As the crimes occur in a different city to where she is living with Sean, a good portion of the book has the characters living apart.

Marianne gives the main characters space and it adds to the depth of the story that Sean and Ryan have their own difficulties which are shared with the reader.

There are betrayals and upheavels and characters change allegiance in this fast paced book, I could barely draw breath at times.

Marianne has done it again and produced a book in which her characters are entirely believable, Lily is a modern woman, who drinks,smokes and dyes her hair...she is flawed and not perfect and through these little touches, we are allowed a glimpse into her very soul.

I have read an awful lot of this particular genre and can say that this author is up there as one of my top authors, alongside Charlaine Harris, Ilona Andrews and Kelley Armstrong.

Katrina says

Oh my goodness, what a ride! Fast paced, suspenseful, with the characters so real that you feel like you can touch them, Twice Cursed was an exciting and exhilarating read. Marianne Morea's storytelling talent is impressive and hopefully the readers will see more from this talented writer (Ryan's story maybe?)

Dianne says

Weres and cops and vamps, oh my! TWICE CURSED by Marianne Morea has GOT to be one of her best works!

Lily Saburi, a Psychic investigator returns, a little softer, a little happier, but still one tough gal hip deep in the supernatural world. Lily is brought in to assist the New York Police Department in discovering who is behind the vicious slaughters of some of its citizens with her special talents and not everyone is happy with that, particularly the detective she has to work with. Is there an attraction, or is it something else?

Lily's personal life is taking a turn for the better in the form of a HOT alpha wolf, Sean and she has come to terms with the loss of her best friend Terry, several months before. The new murders are gruesome and so similar to Terry's, there must be a connection. Vampires and Weres even join forces to find justice and save their people.

Written with grit and in-your-face style, Marianne Morea has created a three-dimensional world where you almost feel the need to duck when the knives are thrown! The action and twists barrel on through the entire story with an ending that ties it all together in a neat package. There were no hanging questions, if a point was raised, there was an answer. There is great attention to detail throughout the book, with every character, every scene!

=^?^=mskitty says

It was AWESOME!!!!

I first became intrigued with Lily and Sean's story in the novella Hunter's Blood. The two met when Lily was trying to kill his brother because he killed her best friend. I immediately contacted the author to find out if there was more to come and was assured that a full length novel was in the works.

This novel continues the story. It begins with the Were's meeting to decide Lily's fate. Some believe that to be the Alpha's (Sean) mate she has to be "turned", Sean doesn't want to force her and she isn't ready to commit yet.

We also go to New York where the police are investigating a murder scene, this really showcases this author's talent for putting you right into the story. I could feel the freezing rain on my neck, hear the broken glass crunching under my feet, and see the flashing lights from the police cars. Lily is fed up with the Were deadlock and has decided to go back to NY, she becomes involved with the police when they decide they can use some paranormal help. When she realises a vampire is doing all the killing she gets Sean to come and help track it down.

The story has some plot twists that had my head spinning, I would have never guessed.....

This is a fast paced thriller that I couldn't put down, combining contemporary, paranormal, and a sexy love story.

I recommend it to everyone!