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I always wanted to know where I came from. Now that knowledge could destroy me.

Dez thought she knew who her mother was, who she was. Thought she had friends, a boy who loved her, and a school where she finally fit in.

But across the veil linking our world and the next lurks a monster which can annihilate. . .or liberate her. Now she must confront it there with help from one boy who loves her and one who can't stand the sight of her.

Dez thought she understood her tiger form, her deepest self. But in this treacherous place, she'll have to choose between the two halves of her soul--and determine which world survives.

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Farah Jay says

This is the final book in the Otherkin trilogy, and I'm sad to say that this was actually my least favorite of the three. I was pretty excited to start yet another adventure with all the shape-shifters, but I just did not enjoy the plot of the book! I felt like it dragged on too much, and I just didn't care for the plot that much compared to the characters themselves. If you've read my reviews of the first two, you would already know how much I really love the characters here. Dez, the tiger shifter, is a great protagonist, though she kind of annoyed me at some points here. I think another reason for not enjoying this book as much is because there wasn't much of the shape shifters all together. I loved reading about their adventures together, and them not spending much time together here bothered me.

To be honest, I actually hated the plot. It felt boring for me, and there wasn't much humor in the book. I felt like it was all too serious. I wanted more friendship, more romance, and more humor. All I ended up getting was just too much action. I guess there was just a problem with the balance here. The world building was great as always, and we really did learn a lot of Dez in this final installment. I also really wanted to slap November here. She pissed me off so much, and I actually remember her being nice in the two previous books. I was a bit sad to see the series over, but I was glad it still ended in a good way.

Overall, the Otherkin trilogy was a great trilogy full of friendship, romance, and action. The writing is great, and the world building is constructed very well. If you are a fan of paranormal, fantasy, and romance, I really do recommend this trilogy as it contains a mix of all three! I really did hope that I would have enjoyed the last book a bit more, but I still really enjoyed this trilogy. I will definitely be looking out for Nina Berry's future books!

Diane Lynch says

Tiger shifter Desdemona Grey, aka Dez, faces a lot of challenges in Othersphere. She still has feeling for her ex-boyfriend Caleb, who left in the previous book and came back in book three. She is now dating his brother Lazar. They need to face the boys' dad, Ximon and the Tribunal, in their quest against shifters. To top things off, she needs to deal with her biological parents Orgoli & Khutulun agendas.

Othersphere is the last book in the Otherkin Trilogy. I admit I skipped over books one and two. I seem to be doing this more and more even though I hate reading books out of sequence. Anyway, I had no problem following the book. Nina Berry does a great job of recapping necessary past events. I would appreciate this, even if I did read the other two books because when waiting six months to a year between books one needs a reminder. Heck, I have read books back to back and sometimes still needed a reminder of things that happened.

Othersphere was a great story. There is a ton of action and subplots. Nina Berry keeps you guessing at what is going to happen next.

The detail and creativity that Nina Berry put into the development of Othersphere are noteworthy. It is an amazing world. I was easily able to visualize her creation.

The characters are well developed. I especially enjoyed the love triangle between Dez, Caleb, and Lazar. You could easily understand what she sees in both the brothers and felt for the characters and what they experienced.

I definitely enjoyed the story and would go back to read the previous books as well as seek out future Nina Berry novels.

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April says

Othersphere is the final book in The Otherkin trilogy by Nina Berry. It begins shortly after Caleb left in Othermoon feeling betrayed by Dez. Now with Caleb gone Dez has started dating Lazar and has not heard from Caleb since he left. After Amaris sneaks out of the school Dez follows her, knowing she's going to meet up with Caleb. She just wants to see that he's okay, but when they are suddenly attacked by Ximon and The Tribunal things take a turn for the worst. Ximon opens a portal to Othersphere and throws Amaris through it into the dangerous other world. Now Dez, Caleb, and the other shifters have to find a way to get her back.

Othersphere is an amazing ride of fantasy and adventure! It was exhilarating picturing the strange new world and learning of the amazing ways it awakens Dez's senses. I loved finding out more about Dez and her amazing connection to Othersphere. I can only imagine being a teenager trying to find out who you are and where you're from while being stuck in a love triangle with two brothers and having the pressure of a friend's death on your shoulders. Needless to say tensions are high within the group, causing emotions to run amuck, pushing the story to a perfect crescendo as they race to save their friend.

I love the world Nina Berry has created in this book. So dangerously beautiful and breathtaking! It made me a little sad the story had to end. But I think it was a nice ending to the series with everything neatly resolved and Dez finally realizing she chooses who to be and that her origins doesn't have to define her.

Shelley says

Genre YA, Paranormal

Rating 3-3.5

My Thoughts

Othersphere is the third and final installment in the Otherkin series by Nina Berry. Desdemona (Dez) Grey faces her most difficult and final challenge when she faces not only Ximon and the Tribunal, but also her own parents (Orgoli & Khutulun) who have their own desires and goals when it comes to Dez staying on earth or returning to the Othersphere where she was born.

Dez also faces another difficult choice between brothers Caleb and Lazar. Lazar really picked up the slack and kept Dez sane since the last time we saw Caleb leaving Morfael's School for Otherkin behind after the events of Othermoon. In the end, you will have to trust that Berry makes the correct choice in regards to who gets Dez's heart and her love and whether or not she stays on Earth or returns to the Othersphere.

The usual suspects all return: Amaris, Arnaldo, Raynard, November, and London who really grows with leaps and bounds after traveling to the Othersphere and a meeting with wolves who have been extinct on earth for generations. I liked the fact that London became a leader of the wolves and the dire wolves. I liked that she didn't really back down to any challenges she faced whereas November came across as angry, ill

tempered, and definitely someone you won't see her actions coming.

I would have liked to see Dez grow a whole lot more than she did, but her actions and her choices are made from her heart and yes, she does have a bunch of emotional baggage hanging over her head as the so called leader who hasn't made the best choices. I was happy to see Dez get her so called HEA even if it meant not facing her mother in a final brawl to end all brawls.

Berry pushes the envelope in Othersphere by focusing on the extinction of species which were pulled over into the Othersphere to protect them from extinction. Berry blames this on humanity. As with most social justice commentators, humanity is to blame for the dinosaurs dying off, and the fact that nothing was done to protect them. You will either find yourself agreeing with Berry's stance or you won't. I am not here to make that choice for you. History is what it is and events of the world have traversed many situations where things could have been done to protect certain species from extinction. We saved the bald eagle and the hump back whales, I am sure humanity could have saved more with aggressive actions and legislation.

Othersphere is probably the best ending that Berry could have hoped to get out of this series. Loose ends were tied up, and there apparently is no need to continue or split off characters to make their own series.

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Richa says

Originally posted at City of Books

The finale of the Otherkin trilogy definitely does not disappoint! It's action-packed, riveting, and full of suspense. I actually couldn't take my eyes off the pages. I'd really missed this world, and now I'm sorry to have to say goodbye to it and to all the characters I love so much.

Dez and the rest of the shifters encounter a new threat in this book - one they've met before. He's from Othersphere, and extremely powerful. Dez knows she has to stop him, but she has her own identity to figure out, as well as the pull she feels towards the world she came from. Also, her confusing feelings about Caleb and Lazar aren't helping matters at all. The shifters at the school are pushed to their limits in this thrilling conclusion to the Otherkin trilogy.

We get to see a lot of the Othersphere in this book, of course, and that was an intriguing change. From the first mention of this world in Otherkin, I'd wanted to know what it was like. And now that I do, I can't say it's a world I'd want to live in, but I would definitely love to explore it. It's dangerous, with hidden depths everywhere, and it's definitely mysterious. I think it was awesome that we get to see a lot of it in this book.

This book focuses on character development, which I think was amazing. Dez goes on a journey of self-discovery, and thought it's difficult, she manages to find who she really is and where she belongs. She decides that she doesn't have to feel like a misfit anymore. Dez is honestly one of my favourite YA heroines ever, mostly because of her toughness, skill, and ability to focus on what's important. But she's torn throughout most of the novel, between two brothers she loves and who love her back.

The only thing I didn't like in the book was the love triangle, because I love both Caleb and Lazar and there would obviously be a lot of hurt in the end. But I think that Nina Berry portrayed both boys at their best, and I loved seeing that. They're opposites in a way, but also very similar. And seeing them side-by-side is like a black and white painting with gray in the middle. They're distinct and yet some parts of them, being the

same, blur together.

I'm amazed at how far Lazar has come from the first book. From being the antagonist to becoming the sweetest guy Dez knows. Lazar is kind-hearted, compassionate, innocent and incredibly gentle. He's nothing like the Lazar we saw in Otherkin, and I'm really astonished at his development. I admire his strength to defy his father and the values he grew up with in order to do what's right. And I also love how protective he is of Dez even though she's fully capable of taking care of herself.

Caleb is back, but he's obviously different. After the falling-out with Dez, the fact that he left made it hard on the rest of the shifters too, and they haven't forgiven him for it. But Caleb is still the same guy he was, and he still cares for Dez. He just doesn't show it for a while. Caleb is the only one who really understands Dez, and she knows it. Hell, everyone knows it. Their bond is something I've rarely seen in a YA book. It's something to be cherished. He knows that Dez is the only one who can control herself and that she makes her own decisions. Caleb accepts her for exactly who she is, and that brings tears to my eyes.

Reading Othersphere brought me a lot of heartbreak, but so much pleasure too. The characters are so deep, the plot so well thought-out. There are a lot of surprises in this one, things you'd never imagine. I'd want to cry at some parts, and then laugh and smile at others. Overall, the book is an emotional roller-coaster! This is one YA paranormal series everyone should read, because it's really one of the best out there. No pretenses, nothing on the surface. Everything's deep and raw and it just really stays with you. I can't describe it any better than that. So yeah, go and pick up these books if you haven't already. You won't regret it, trust me!

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Katelin Campbell says

Originally posted to A Bookworm's Confessions

Othersphere is the final book in the Otherkin trilogy and I really enjoyed it. It wrapped up the loose ends from Othermoon and filled in any missing information. We finally learn everything about Dez and her connection to the Othersphere, who her biological parents are, and who she ends up with.

At the end of Othermoon, Caleb left because he couldn't trust Dez after she met up with Lazar twice without telling anyone. She was doing it for the right reasons because everyone wanted to kill Lazar but in the end, Caleb broke up with her and then left. In Othersphere, Dez and Lazar are together despite Dez still having feelings for Caleb. I found it a bit weird honestly. I still don't know who I was rooting for in the end (view spoiler).

At the beginning of the book, Amaris sneaks off to meet up with Caleb. Dez follows her, knowing that she is going to meet her brother and Dez just wants to see Caleb. Things go to hell from there. Suddenly they are surrounded by the Tribunal and Ximon throws Amaris into the Othersphere, using Dez to open the veil. Caleb and Dez escape and return to the school. Everyone agrees that they have to go rescue Amaris from the Othersphere (view spoiler). When they get a call from Ximon claiming that he has been possessed by a "demon", the group decides to check out if what he claims is true. Caleb believes Ximon is telling the truth but Dez doesn't. As she is the unofficial leader, the group backs her up. They find Ximon's location and break into his house. It turns out he was telling the truth. Ximon is being possessed by the same creature that possessed Caleb in Otherkin. At first Ximon is himself but then Orgoli, the creature from the Othersphere, takes control of Ximon again and basically destroys the house. November almost dies and Dez freezes up for the first time. We also find out some pretty interesting information (view spoiler).

This book has more action and more tension between the friends. Sometimes I find it hard to believe that a group of teenagers are the ones who go into these extremely dangerous situations with the approval of their teacher Morfael. It just seems a little too unbelievable at times. I did like finding out about Dez and her origins. It's an interesting world. The Othersphere is dangerous but also really cool. I liked learning more about it and the Amba. Berry created a very interesting world and I enjoyed the series. It ended well and I felt no need for the story to go on. She managed to wrap everything up without leaving any plot holes.

This is another 4.5 star book. I would like to thank NetGalley for allowing me to read and review this title prior to its release.

Jeraca says

After a disastrous meeting with Ximon and one of their own died, while another student left, Dez is kind of a mess. She used to be the fearless leader who knew all of the answers, but now she is doubting even the littlest things.

When her birth parents keep crossing over to Earth by possessing humans around Dez, Dez realizes that she has to meet them and see who her birth parents really are. But she also needs to see her home, the place she was born, to finally realize what she wants in life.

But to do that is very dangerous, and she isn't going to be alone because her birth father kidnapped a student to lure Dez there. Now, Dez needs to get that leadership role back in place and make sure that she won't lose anyone else that she loves during this last and final battle of the otherworlds.

I admit, this series fell flat for me. I can't tell you why, but it just did. I think all of the characters got on my nerves a lot and they just didn't redeem themselves. I know they are teenagers and are prone to be bi-polar, but I despise people like that. That's probably why I didn't have too many friends in high school...

But not only did Dez and Caleb, who I had issues with in the second novel, do that, but also the side characters. They were so easy to blame everyone around them and they switched sides way too easily for me to be comfortable to call them friends. They are all just really flakey.

The thing with Dez and Lazar blew my mind at the very beginning. I didn't think Dez was that stupid, and honestly, how it ended with the love triangle? I wish that two of them ended up alone and miserable and the third one found a great person to be with and rubbed it in the other two's faces.

But that's just how I feel...

The story ended exactly I how knew it would and honestly, nothing really popped out as amazing during this book, which is such a shame. I was really hoping for a great story to keep with me.

That's what I get for getting swayed by the amazing covers of the beautiful red-head. But I will still keep judging books by their covers and I will have to feel this letdown of what could have been.

I am glad that I read them, but I'm very glad I didn't buy them. I think other readers will enjoy them more than I did, though, and will recommend them to any reader who likes supernatural and shifter books :)

Minh-Tam says

this is my review for the entire series because I read them all in one go:

I love the concept, I love how it starts out being a small hero's journey story and becomes something much larger

but

I was super annoyed at the cheap fake love triangle put in there, the ableist overtones with the brace, the sort of "you tried but not good enough" First Nations rep, and how the main character could have so easily been Asian but nooo (and I don't care that "she's not technically human so why does it matter" that's not the point!) like congrats on the lgbtq rep and ideas about adoptive family and redemption etc

but even apart from all that, I completely took the side of the other characters when they were angry at Dez about not trusting them, not treating them like a team, not involving them in her decisions, doing everything herself, being /wrong/ about everything but not learning from her mistakes

I know that all of her mistakes still ended in something good/gained, but it still felt like it didn't make much sense as an overarching plotline

but like the main plot was good so idk

Stephanie Ward says

'Othersphere' is the final installment in the Otherkin trilogy and a magnificent ending to Dez's story. I was immediately sucked back into the world that the author created as soon as I started reading this book, and I didn't come up for air until I was finished. There's a ton happening in this book, but it flows very well together and doesn't overwhelm or confuse the reader. Dez continues to be a great leading lady - realistic but with flaws such as self doubt. I really loved her as the main character in this series - she's definitely a strong female lead that makes a great heroine. The other characters were well written too, all with distinctive personalities along with their own strengths and weaknesses. By the end of the series I felt like I knew each of the major characters on a personal level - which made me all the more invested in the outcome of the story. The plot in this final book was fantastic - it was full of action, fantasy, adventure, and romance, but it also deals with more serious issues like loyalty, love, family, and accepting who you really are. It sends a great message underneath all the shifter action. The writing was nothing less than wonderful, which isn't always the case with the last book in a series. I've found that some books in a series get increasingly worse - whether it be the plot, the writing, or both - as the end draws near, but this series is an exception. Every book in this trilogy was exceptionally well written and engages the reader in the world that the author creates. This final book has it's own plot with obstacles, romance, and the final outcome, but it also ties up loose ends for the series and doesn't leave the reader hanging with unanswered questions. It was a great ending to an awesome series that I highly recommend to everyone who enjoys YA fiction, especially fantasy and paranormal.

Disclosure: I received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Alexandra says

As an avid lover of books I do not personally believe in DNFing (did not finish) a book, but I do believe in CBLing (come back later) a book. When CBLing a book I talk about three things: Before, During, & After. Before is my anticipation of reading the book, During is how I felt while reading the book, & After is the

future prospects of the book for me. Some books are just meant to be read in a particular time, manner, or place.

Check out my full review at: [SleepsOnTables](#)

CBL #1: Othersphere (Otherkin #3) by Nina Berry

Before: I requested this book on NetGalley. It sounded interesting and even though I hadn't read the first two books of the Otherkin series I was banking on the fact that it would be well-written enough that I would be able to follow everything without complete confusion.

During: I started reading Othersphere and was a little confused. But after looking at a couple non-spoilery reviews of the first two I was able to follow it better. It's very fantasy which is always good in books because FANTASY ROCKS! It took me a couple weeks of reading, but I finally made it half way through it and I gave up. I couldn't get into it.

After: In retrospect, I think that this is a book that you have to read the previous books to be able to get into. Like I said I wasn't really overly confused while reading, Nina gave enough background to prevent that. I think the issue was that I didn't have the established interest with the storyline and characters that I probably would've gotten from the first two books. It was sort of like I was thrown into the middle of all the action and didn't have the appreciation for how everything ended up there. I do have enough interest in this book to one day try and read it again but I will definitely start with the first two.

Beth says

With all great series, there is excitement but a little sorrow at their conclusion. *Othersphere* was a resplendent ending to a glorious adventure. Of course, I was left still wanting more. Berry kept me on the edge of my seat with the romantic tension while giving me a resolution that I could support. Perfect closure to a perfectly spectacular series. Marvelous revelations are exposed. Splendid and unexpected twist and turns highlight this non-stop, suspense filled story line. Thank you Ms. Berry for this phenomenal trip into the world of the Otherkin.

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Kirstie Ellen says

I have so much to say about this book. Othersphere brings us to the third instalment of the Otherkin trilogy. Dez is with Lazar - a character loathed up until the end of the second book . . . who are we kidding?! We still hate him, he stole Dez from Caleb, and we all know Caleb is just, you know, better [and totally still in love with Dez - so adorable]. So here we are gripping the book a little too tightly as we try and accept this apparent love Dez has for Lazar [whilst in your mind you're going pah, you still love Caleb and you know it]. But come the end of this book I was happy with the result of this little love triangle, but I definitely have mixed feelings about the book itself.

Problem number one. The plot. So let's take a step back and actually work out what the main point of this book is. Is it the love trio? Or is it Ximon? Or is it Orgoli? Or is it Dez's biological mother? Or is it whether Dez is going to go back to the Othersphere or not?

I found this a little frustrating to say the least. I didn't mind a bazillion things going on at once, but once the books ends I felt like, what the hell even happened for 300 pages. In short, it's more wibbly wobbly than the other books. I just felt the structure was a little off. But nonetheless it's pretty good. And if I was writing an essay on it, I would probably whip out some awesome opening sentence like; this book follows the journey of a teenage girl as she discovers who she actually loves, even though she already knows, whilst simultaneously losing all her friends (ish) and trying to battle off monsters, of which most are related to her. Okay. Not the best sentence. But you get my frustration? Thought so.

Problem number two. Ximon. We see a total break down of this jerk, bye bye Mr. toughness. I was like oh, okay then. It made sense but then it introduced this question that will bother you for the whole book, does he really deserve what he gets in the end. At first you'll jump off your chair and wave you trident around in the air saying YES OF COURSE. And then you think, but maybe he could change? But then you're like no. And then your head just hurts because his character is so much effort to think about. Ouch.

And now, I will bless you all with the paragraph you want to hear - how gorgeous Caleb is. That's RIGHT, despite our rocky break up with this sex god in the last book, he is still our shining knight in armour. So time to put those tissues away and start drooling over how chivalrous he is. His black coat is just, sigh, amazing. The sexual tension between him and Dez is agonising on so many levels. Just, breathe.

Lazar is so clingy. That's all I have to say. He's like a freshly cooked piece of spaghetti that you throw against the wall. Yeah. That's my level of love for him - non-existent. I was sad that Arnaldo didn't end up with a girl in this book [sorry if you were hoping he would] because he's so gorgeous. But omigod, when his brothers shift [because they're young] they're the most adorable little fluffy eagles. Ahem, anyway. The relationship between London and Amaris develops a bit more, it's pretty cute, but I'd forgotten they were together so I jumped the first time they walked in holding hands. I was like, say whaat, and then, oh yeah.

The actual conflict that happens in this book is awesome. What Berry does with the idea of extinct animals is awesome. I really enjoyed it. I cannot fault the book in this aspect, it's action packed and totally enjoyable. In a way, it follows the tradition of the other books by having plot twists and weird characters, so there's plenty to enjoy. Even though I was frustrated at some aspects of the book, it's just a solid good read that you can sink your teeth into . . . or fangs ;)

Jan says

I lost interest with this third book. I enjoyed the first book. The second book not as much and the third just totally couldn't hold my interest.

Kt says

Review originally posted on my blog: A Book Obsession..

As I look back over OTHERSPHERE, I realize that I'm pretty torn on how I feel about it. As a book in itself, it was pretty darn good. It more than kept my attention, and had plenty of action as well as great character moments. However, as a series ending book I have to admit that rather underwhelmed to be honest. Between the wishy washiness of the love triangle and how it was resolved, to the final battle that just somehow seemed too easy considering the build up, and the very abrupt way it wrapped up, I'm just left scratching my head. Granted, I read an ARC copy, and perhaps some of this, specifically that ending may be fixed/expanded on, but I just felt like there wasn't really enough closure. Or well, let me backtrack a bit, there actually is closure, it's more the build up to that closure that leaves me less than satisfied. It was like things just needed to be wrapped up, so all the ends were tied off without making sure the middles were correct, for lack of a better explanation. Granted, I will readily admit that I'm terribly hard on series ending books, but I can't help but feel like we skipped right from the appetizer to the dessert in this case, leaving me feeling only partially satisfied.

A lot of the characters seemed well, out of character in OTHERSPHERE. It's like their behaviors do not quite match up with what has been previously established. There's this incident/issue with November that seemed to come out of nowhere, and while I get that she was grieving, it still didn't sit well with me, especially when you consider how it was just glossed completely over later on. Then of course there is the love triangle issue, which frankly just turned me off. I almost feel like it was put in there as a plot ploy since it just seemed out of character to me, and rather forced. I mean there were enough issues between Caleb and Dez to have more than enough tension without adding in a love triangle mess that left me feeling more than a little disconnected.

As I've said, I'm pretty hard on series ending books. I mean there's so much build up over the series, the last thing I want is for things to fizzle out. So with that in mind, I try to still go into these books with a completely open mind, and work with the knowledge that I'm going to be very hard to please. In this case I think the end result is a mix of my too harshly judging and actual problems. As I said there was too many instances of lacking middles, just a whole lot of things wrapped up without the proper build up or foundation. To make matters worse, I actually did enjoy this book, it just came with so many frustrations, that unfortunately that's largely what is coming across in this review. It's a shame, because it really is a good series, and I wish I could have largely gushed about this installment. But I guess in the end what it boils down to is whether or not I would recommend this to fans of the series. Absolutely. Everything has been building to this final installment, and while the middle meat may be lacking, the end result is definitely worth the read.

Angela DePetriss-Phillippe says

I wish for more.

I agree with everything that Nina says at the end of the book and try to do my part, Mother Nature is very upset. And yes, I also loved this last book of the series.(hoping there's more to come + I'm misinformed)
