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After fifty years of searching for his lost brother, vampire David Derringer attempts the unimaginable: he bends his knee in prayer. While he doesn't believe, his mother's faith was strong, and her final request—a request made the night she and David died—keeps David on the path to his younger brother, Danny, despite the many obstacles.

David doesn't expect his prayer to be answered. He certainly doesn't expect an angel to intercede on his behalf.

Jophiel is tasked not only with helping David find his brother but with saving David's soul. It seems like an impossible assignment meant to punish him, especially when they must face the Brotherhood of St. Rocco, an organization dedicated to eradicating vampires.

But David has a chance to prove he's not like other vampires when he meets Arthur, a young man with a secret and a death wish. Following a very steamy encounter, Arthur expects to be bitten. David never even drops his fangs. Which is a good thing, since Arthur might be the key to finding Danny before it's too late.

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JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

Really, really enjoyed this. It is not the typical menage, nor is it the typical vamp story. It had me on the edge of my seat right up to the end. It had twists and turns and a few wtf moments. It doesn't have much sex, but what is there is hot and smexy, especially the actual threesome. I did not love the ending however. I felt like I was left hanging in more than one way and was really hoping for more closure on the David front. It is a HFN though, and is set up nicely for a future story which I am very eager to read.

Smith Barney says

Some really tight sexual tension between a deadpan angel and provocative vampire..a highly unlikely but eventual combustible duo in this sexy no-nonsense character-charged, fast-paced little story.

There's a 3rd-wheel-element with the 3rd MC..that's not bad..(could have been drawn better)..but my stars were for the angel/demon element and the passionately written content.

Disregard this ephebophiliac-cover photo because it's about as mismatched and non-complimentary as the other 75% overused POS recycled stock photos 'cover art' in this genre. Marketing-wise..a fast-track course on this important marketing shit..would be advantageous for some writers.

leigh says

Ambitious and intriguing premise which will need at least one sequel to this book to be fully realized. (The ending of this one suggests that this may be the intent.)

Demoted angel Jophiel, strangely unferal vampire David, and ill and despairing human Arthur cross paths on a quest to find David's human brother. What starts as a fairly conventional angel/demon attraction story deepens in emotional and thematic complexity when Arthur enters the mix. All three characters are unwillingly but inexorably drawn into each others' personal dramas as they struggle with their own issues.

David was the most interesting character to me. Jophiel was a fairly typical Supernatural-type angel and Arthur was still too much an enigma by book's end. Their relationship(s) were enjoyably sexy, but I did not find the emotional triangle to have been believably developed by the end of this installment.

The plot, involving God's will, the fate and origin of vampires, and a sect of vampire-killing monks at times overwhelmed the relationship angles with its complexity. I would have liked more dialogue and one-on-one time with each of the couples.

The epilogue sets up further adventures, which look to be quite exciting.

4 stars.

Nova says

[I loved that David got a second chance, but somehow I liked him so much more when he was still a vampire... And the cliffhanger? ARGH! (hide spoiler)]

DarienMoya says

Update: I read this back in 2013 and am just now posting my review for it. I've been impatiently waiting for a sequel ever since. This was such an amazing read and I'm quite shocked it never got the recognition it deserved. Intercession is on my list as a fave book of all time.

4.5

My very first time reading Pepper Espinoza, and I do solemnly swear that it will not be my last. At first Intercession started off a little slowly and honestly I wasn't all into it, but in no time it picked up and I was hooked. I am talking sexiness of epic proportions and my new fave hot as hell vampire. It should become a new rule: angels should always fall in love and have sex with vampires, makes perfect sense to me.

David is vampire tormented, tormented by the promise he made to his dying mom and years spent searching for a younger brother out of reach. Yet, he is willing to do anything and that anything finds him in a church praying to god that most likely will not answer his soulless prayers. It's just his luck when a monk decides to ruin his one on one time with god and try to put a stake in his heart, but David is feeling generous and he lets the monk live. It's just proof that god doesn't answer a killer's prayer and so finding his brother is something he has to do on his own, but time is running out and every day the trail gets colder and his brother Daniel gets older. He needs a bit of a miracle right now, so when a man appears in his car saying he's an angel sent on a mission of god David is having a hard time believing it but he's willing to take scraps.

Jophiel an angel of the Lord can't believe he got stuck helping a vampire, a soulless evil creature of Satan. How can god demand that he help something without a soul? But it might be a way for Jophiel to redeem himself so he has no choice but to help the vampire David. Being in David's company Jophiel is realizing that there is more to the vampire, and he isn't just bent on killing and causing mayhem. He has a conscience and his deep caring for a sibling long lost sets him apart from the rest. If only he wasn't so attractive, and a key player in all the things that Jo should never have or feel. But he will help him find his brother with all the angel power within him.

Throw in the human Arthur, and the story takes a turn of mayhem, betrayal, and sexy good times. Three men brought together under dire circumstances but form an unbreakable friendship. I can't call this one a ménage relationship though there is ménage sex, but anything beyond that hasn't been established yet. David is the glue keeping them together and without him Arthur and Jophiel relationship seems uncertain. There is some twists and turns, all leading to an explosive ending which isn't HEA or HFN it's more like WTF. So I now pray for a sequel, and might possibly resort to begging for more David, Jophiel, and Arthur.

I am talking about Vampire/Angel smexing and it sets my pants on fire. The writing is engaging, witty, and just spot on I am going into Pepper's backlist because she has created a fan in me. Intercession is a story about hope and finding love when you least expect it. I don't want to give much away, but that ending...maaaaaaaan it's like whoa!

Should You Read It? YES!!! A fave read of mine, and I wish I could delete it from my head just to experience the feels of reading it for the first time. Awesome read!!!

Update 2: Its not available for purchase anymore and that makes me sad ?

Vivian ?(????)? says

I'm quite at loss as to how to review this, honestly. I had already finished it two days ago, but due to circumstances, I postponed the reviewing and rating of this book until now. I regret that now. Sometimes, it's best to write a review whilst you're still bathing in the afterglow of *wonderfulness*. And it truly is that-- *wonderful*.

The plot was solid and definitely intriguing, with various twists and turns (a lot of which resulted in angry pouting...). Not only that, one of the things that really pushed this book up there for me, and made it all the more fabulous, was the characters. Having an angel, vampire and an itty bitty human thrown into the mix can allow for a lot of over-the-top, cliché and flat characterisation but I *loved* the characters. I thought they were wonderfully built, and reacted and acted in a way that actually made sense and didn't seem forced and I was seriously pleased. And apart from all those stupid technicalities, I was just plain fond of these characters. There were only a few characters that I was unsure about (view spoiler).

Following on from characters, I feel the need to specially mention how God was portrayed. I have never been 100% sold on how God is portrayed (in all of the different books and in different ways), and I probably never will. However, I found that in *Intercession*, while I still wasn't exactly comfortable, it was still (relatively) believable and didn't divert my attention from the book much. Some books choose to portray God as really 'in', and hip, with the slang and all the shebang. I really really hate that, especially when it's overdone and frankly, it feels blasphemous despite the fact I'm not even Christian (I'm not even sure how that works), it just feels disrespectful. Others choose to portray him closer to tradition: all knowing, all powerful and it's usually incredibly cheesy and cringe worthy. But I like the fact that in *Intercession*, God safely on the right side of 'modern' (without being seeming juvenile, or ridiculous) and definitely didn't stray into the realm of discomfort for me.

Something else I found absolutely delightful was the writing. It flowed smoothly, quite descriptive and definitely a joy to read. Not only that, there was this wonderful sense of reverence that seemed to radiate off the words. And not in the religious sense either. Every kiss, touch and moment together contained this reverence, this sense worship for love and all of these warm and stunning emotions. It made what was already some pretty great sex scenes (yes, the sex scenes were hot, heh) much more profound and meaningful.

Overall I adored this book. It was definitely a good read with a strong plot and a wonderful romance backed up by equally wonderful characters and just plain loveliness. There has to be a sequel coming (I refuse to believe otherwise, even if it hasn't popped up on goodreads yet) and I eagerly (and impatiently) await my chance to read it. The set up for the next book just about *killed* me.

Rating: 4.5 STARS

Leanne says

4.75 rounded up

I don't usually do vampires...and I try to avoid books with angels but something about Vio's review appealed to me. I can't resist an underdog.

I mentally three-starred this about a third of the way but then these guys, these three wonderful, multifaceted guys, sneakily began to turn on the charm. The plot is a little crazy, totally unpredictable (or perhaps this is just because I don't read many vamp/angel fics) and so *refreshingly different* three stars became four. What happens in the final third totally won me over. The love, the angst, the twists and turns in a cracking plot... it's a win!

Read this little underdog. It's fast paced, well written and has three MC's who will sneak into your heart.

ETA-I should warn that this seems to be the first in a series and it ends with a helluva of a cliffhanger. Cannot wait for the next installment!

Cindi says

4.5 stars

A vampire determined to keep a promise. An angel sent to help him. A lonely man with a death wish. Each must battle between what's right and wrong in order to survive.

This is a beautifully written story about three unique men who come together (in more ways than one) to keep a promise. This is not your typical sappy romance story though it does have sweet moments. It is a dark story with some dark characters. I absolutely loved it.

I only had one issue and this is noted in the spoiler link.

(view spoiler)

Full review can be found at [On Top Down Under Book Reviews](#).

Vio says

4.90 stars

I keep wondering why Intercession isn't more popular, it won't let go of me. I needed to write something, I know I won't do it justice though, damn it. I am irritated because I can't seem to express myself the way I want to. This story is fabulous, amazing and complicated, unusual and frigging intriguing, edge of your seat stuff, the twists are unexpected and I loved them. And it's funny too. If you're wondering why I didn't give it 5 stars, I was pissy about the ending. I still might change my mind when the sequel arrives. If you love paranormal and suspenseful stories about Vamps, go read it, seriously it's pretty awesome.

Elizabetta says

2.5 stars

The blurb really whetted my appetite... ingredients for an interesting recipe that left me unsatisfied:

take one Vamp with some shred of humanity left in him

add one ex-archangel seeking his own redemption

stir in one human with a death wish

Mix well into a hot PNR menage romance. Right?

David, on the run from gangs of vampire hunters, stops to send up a prayer in a church. It's the last place you'd find a vampire, but he begs God for an intercession. He asks for help in fulfilling his dying mother's last wish, to find his younger brother. This gets some notice in Heaven, and Jophiel is assigned to helping David. But when he discovers a small light glimmering in David, Jophiel's task becomes another intercession, the saving of a soul. Arthur's involvement, why he, a weak human, would knowingly hook up with a vampire (and thumb his nose at death), is crucial to the story and related to David's quest. Arthur has secrets of his own.

So, the set-up gets extra points but there were some things I just wasn't feeling. The interaction between David and Jophiel wasn't remarkable. Don't get me wrong, I liked David, he added humor with his flippant wise-cracking, But it felt like this detracted from that heavier darkness I wanted to feel in his story— the darker he was, the greater his redemption would be. And I got Jophiel's turmoil, that he didn't fit into heaven and its politics; yet he desperately wanted to prove his angel value. His investment in helping David— the redemption of his remaining humanity from vampiferocity— added to his character. But them together as a couple? Not so much. It really wasn't until the ultimate sex scene between all *three* guys, sensual and inventive, that things finally started cooking. Arthur's acting as a conduit between David and Jophiel was cool, and hot. A sexual mediation and a high point of this thing. But was this enough?

The scenes in heaven distracted and the religious expounding became annoying— and these were a large part of the story. I need careful handling of any religious subtext to avoid preachiness and while it didn't quite get there, it was too much for me. The vamp hunting monks could have been interesting in their twisted righteousness but they became caricatures and I couldn't take them seriously. In the end, the recipe for deliciousness just didn't mix well.

And the ending? A big HFN, that's 'holding' not 'happy' for now; a sequel seems to be in the offing. This was not indicated in the blurb and I don't think it's spoiling to mention it here... a big no-no, homey don't play me that way.

For this review and much more:

DaisyGirl says

1.5 Stars

Okay, I'm obviously in the minority here. While I am happy that so many others really liked this book, I didn't care for it. It's definitely not your run-of-the-mill menage love story. (Yay!) Nor is it your typical PNR. (Cool!) This book is a little dark, a little deep, and a little dry IMHO. (Bummer.) The characters were unremarkable and I hated the ending. There were also some religious undertones insofar as the author explored the angel/vampire roles vis-à-vis the Christian paradigm. I didn't particularly care for that either.

Bottom-line: a different PNR menage love story but just not my cup of tea. Too preachy for me.

Susan65 says

Excellent paranormal with the right mix of drama, action, mystery and suspense. David is the vampire...and a real vampire...he doesn't sparkle but he does kill, Rophiel the Angel...charged with helping David in his quest, and Arthur the human...the man in the middle of heaven and hell...literally.

There's a real story here and it plays out at a smooth, steady pace. Each part being revealed little by little until you get that surprise ending...that's not really an ending, and I am hijacking the 5th star until we get a sequel.

Wendy Ann says

Reviewed for Hearts On Fire Reviews - 4 1/2 hearts

The blurb for this book was very intriguing to say the least. I could only imagine it was going to be similar to trying to mix oil and water; a vampire assisted by an angel - dark/evil working with light/good. Sounds intriguing, right? Yes, well this book definitely delivered intriguing. It also delivered several rounds of slack-jawed, "didn't see that one coming", twists and turns!

The vampires portrayed in this story are not the romanticized version showing up in most books today. No, these vampires are truly evil incarnate. David, however, is unique among this species of vampires and seems to have held together a thin veil of humanity and morals – perhaps just a touch of a soul that shouldn't exist. He's committed to keeping a promise to his dead mother to locate his brother. A desperate plea/prayer for God's assistance sets the wheels in motion for this roller coaster ride.

David the vampire, Arthur the human, and Jophiel the angel all become important to one another in unimaginable ways. The story does touch on concepts involving God's creation, the devil, and evolution. It never felt "religious" to me. It was an interesting blend of contentious topics to create angst and perhaps make you pause to ponder things a little more deeply.

I didn't see any indication that this is the first book of a series, but I'm hopeful. I will be sorely disappointed if the story ends here – just too many unanswered questions and too much of a cliffhanger to stop now (yeah, that's me begging)! If you enjoy something a little different, a story that's perhaps a little outside your comfort zone, or one that might have you gaping like a fish out of water, check this one out.

Mercedes says

Lovely 4.5 Stars!

What a great book! Just the right amount of mystery, action and romance.

David is a vampire that has been looking for his brother for 50 years, wanting to fulfill the promise he made to his dying mother. He knows he is running out of time and since he has already run out of leads he walks into a church and prays to God for help. David is not your regular self-loathing vampire, sure he is tired of the life he has to lead but he appreciates some of the advantages of being a vampire.

Normally the prayer from a son of the devil would probably go unanswered, but in this case angel Jophiel is given the order to help David find this brother. Jophiel is a former archangel who can't forgive himself for a major mistake he made thousands of years ago. When he meets David, and as he gets to know him better, he realizes David is a unique vampire, one who deserved to have someone intervene and help save what remains of his soul. In the search for his brother, David runs into Arthur. Arthur is a human who lives with the consequences of his own mistakes and is also the key to finding David's brother.

What follows is an intriguing story where tortured souls are given a chance to redeem themselves and the line between good and evil gets blurry a lot. I enjoyed the plot in this book. There is also a cliffhanger in the end which I hope means there will a sequel.

Mimi says

This type of shit that really, really pisses me off when an author writes a book but does not do a sequel or novella the explain what the hell she was thinking when she wrote a book with no ENDING!!!!!!!!!! I understand the creative process when the characters don't speak to you but come on. She left to much unsaid and so much undone. Lucky, I liked this book a lot if not I would gave it 2 stars just for the hell of it.
