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Welcome to the nightmare . . .

There is a world you don't know about, inhabited by supernatural creatures of darkness—vampires, werewolves, and all manner of savage, impossible beasts that live for terror and slaughter and blood. They are all around us but you cannot see them, for knowledge of their presence—so close and so hungry—would surely drive any ordinary human insane.

But for centuries a special breed of hunter has kept the monsters at bay, preventing them from breaking through the increasingly fragile barriers protecting our mortal realm.

These guardians are called skimmers.

But beware . . . for there are very few of them left.

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Speciesamused says

"Leave some alive" "the crazy man whispered.

I am a long time reader on this earth. I started out with King and Koontz and have broadened my horizons with not so main stream as I find them much more of delightful change.

We have some really great authors coming out lately and Mr Pelegrimas is one of them. This book is certainly not getting the praise it deserves.

Blood Blade is packed with constant action and you will not want to put it down.

It is not like anything else I have read. Unique in its excellence.

There are creatures from other worlds thru out the story that live all around us.. But we cannot see them. But they see and abuse us. There is a small group of people called Skinners and they can see all these creatures and have different relationships some friend, some foe. The Skinners are on a mission to keep this worlds people safe. They are few and the other world beings are many.

Craig says

This is a new series I stumbled upon. I enjoyed the read once the characters were developed enough. The last half of the book definitely flows better than the first half. I am looking forward to trying out the next book in the series due out anytime.

Brian Taylor says

I didn't connect with the main character, or really care for how he acted/was portrayed, which really hampered my reading experience. Most of the action, however, was well written.

Michael Selden says

An okay story. I finished it, at least. Had some interesting parts and a fair amount of lazy writing

Cheryl says

Cole is a video game developer who's bored with his life and decides the best way to rejuvenate is to go to Canada and kill something. Fortunately for Bambi, but unfortunately for Cole and the others on the trip, things don't go as planned and the group is attacked by a huge creature that Cole can't even begin to identify. One of the men who'd tried to stop what he called a Full Blood, but is obviously dying, asks Cole to take some kind of a knife and a message to a woman named Paige. Feeling he owes the dying man for saving his life, Cole agrees and is thrust into a world that he never dreamed existed.

Once he finds Paige, who is a Skinner, someone who hunts down and kills monsters, Cole learns that, even if

he goes back to his normal life, the Full Blood can, and most likely will, track him down and kill him. Also, Cole feels a responsibility to try and stop the murders that are usually deemed wild animal killings. They find that there's more going on than just the normal occasional killing of humans and Skinners. Paige and Cole, along with the help of a man who calls himself Prophet, attempt to stop the killings before they start an all out war between supernatural beings and humans, who are blissfully unaware of what's going on around them.

I liked this book quite a bit. Cole was really freaked out at first and then slightly freaked out when something new and/or weird happened. Paige tried to get Cole up to speed and mentor him without forcing him to do something he didn't want to do; she gave Cole the option of leaving at any time without laying a guilt trip on him. They were both pretty normal people who happened to be thrust into less than normal situations but, unlike most people, they did what needed to be done in order to protect the rest of the unaware world. There was a good amount of action and I liked Cole's personality and sense of humor. I look forward to reading *Howling Legion*.

Mary says

Very interesting and unexpected. I like how this author writes.

Jodotha says

It took me a few more pages than usual to get into this novel - though I imagine, had I been male, this would not be the case. You see, the pace of this book didn't seem to really pick up for me until after the first hundred pages or so. It wasn't dull or anything - there were some very good action sequences, and more than enough mystery thrown in right away. No, the reason it took those hundred pages for me to really get into this novel was the simple fact that it took the story that long to introduce the character with whom the protagonist would feel romantic tension.

There - proof I'm female.

What started as a read like any other ended in a fascinating look at how men and women approach stories so differently. This author gets my kudos for managing to write something that, I think, appeals to both genders. There's plenty of action and fast paced movement for the guys, and just enough sexual and romantic tension to keep things interesting for the girls.

If it weren't for this delicate balance, I'd say this book is rather like the dozens of other paranormal hunter-type books out there. Nothing particularly original, although the descriptions and names for such recognized creatures as werewolves and vampires are changed and mixed up a bit. But the characters are multi-taskers - keeping both sides of the audience appeased, and that is something I definitely appreciate.

So when the sequel comes out, I'll probably pick it up. As entertainment goes, this book satisfied.

Amber says

Marcus Pelegrinas has created a darker, more bloody world of vampires and werewolves, and the people who try to keep them from preying on humanity. The actual supernatural creatures were handled with originality and creativity; he added some new elements to the vampire and werewolf mythology, taking stock creatures and making them seem new. Also interesting was the addition of bits of humor, through Cole's

interactions with the MEG operator, Stu, and his flirtation with Paige.

While I liked the action of the story, Cole and Paige seemed very one dimensional up until almost the very end. Also, sometimes the actual craft of the story, the nuts and bolts sentence construction and grammar usage, pulled me out of the narrative; I'd see a strangely constructed sentence, or dialogue that was sort of stilted, and it would pull me out of the world that Pelegrimas was trying to construct. Overall not a bad start to a new supernatural series, but I hope there are fewer jarring elements in the second installment.

Michael Bates says

Plot-5 Stars. The plot has a great twist on the traditional hunter type of the supernatural. The Skinners weapons (transforming weapons Awesome!), journals (passed down to new skinners), the different items used from the supernatural are all exciting. It makes you want to see what else he can come up with in the story and what other surprises await. Between the twist on monsters, the flow of the story, and the unique world of skinners, I would say for me this is the start of a hit series.

Characters-3.5 Stars. While I did enjoy Cole and Paige as characters, I really did not get into them until really the second half of the book. I felt like while they were good characters, they did not seem like main characters to me.

Twist on Monsters-5 Stars. For me personally, I just about enjoyed everything about this book. It was refreshing to see vampires,werewolves and shapeshifters with a twist. The same old vampire who sucks blood was taken and transformed into something much more in this series. Add the Full Bloods, Half-bloods, cross breeds and you have a whole new take on Vampire and Werewolves.

I will for sure check out the next in the series. If for nothing else, the monster's and their world are enough for me.

Carol. says

An interesting book. For me, it read like the plot to an action movie where our naive and inexperienced hero comes face to face with things that go 'bump' in the night and is given a choice. It is very action oriented, and feels very masculine; I felt a little like I was watching "Blade III," actually. Slightly different take on vampires and werewolves. Actually, it took me a while to figure out the shapeshifting mythology of the story, as his teacher is prone to the typical 'I'll tell you what you need to know... two minutes before you need to know it.' I could have passed on Pelegrimas' effort to give us multiple points of view, and thankfully, it didn't happen too often. For the most part, it interrupted the flow of the story more than building tension or providing explanation. Did it really matter how the shifter was corrupted? Not really, unless you wanted to humanize him; an odd choice given that so much of the story has very clean lines against 'good' and 'evil.' While this vampire and shifter world is normally hidden, it seems to be taking a turn of events at the end. I might pick up the next installment just to see where the storyline goes.

Mike (the Paladin) says

This has been my "take along" book so I've been "reading on it" for a while. it's the book that went with me to waiting rooms or when i had to wait in the car for something...

Anyway, pretty good book. I considered for a while before settling on the 4 star rating. It was close, 3 to 4 but I finally decided that the book tipped the scale into 4 star territory.

Here (again) we meet a young man who's about to find that world is NOT what he's always assumed it to be...far from it of actually. Cole is a slightly burned out game designer. Some of his games have been wildly successful but he's sort of up against things stress-wise and so on so...he decides to take a long delayed vacation. He's going to get away from "first person shooters, rambling zombies, blood sucking monsters...and he's got a deal that just happens to come at the right time! He's going on a hunting trip to Canada.

The people he meets on the way...well their a bit stereotypical. There are the idiotic college kids, the "gun nut", the experienced outdoorsman, the hot blonde...you get the idea.

Since I used to hunt (though I haven't for a while I have no problem with law abiding hunters. I don't see how anyone who eats meat, uses leather etc. can get bent out of shape at hunters or hunting.) and I've always enjoyed shooting the picture of the "gun nut" was a bit much...but there you go.

Anyway things do not go quite as planned...especially when a large hairy creature makes an appearance and....on wait...that would be a spoiler. Sorry, well suffice it to say Cole's life will never be the same.

The book moves along at a pretty good clip. The plot is sort of (and this is a phrase I'm guilty of over using) a mixed bag. While a lot of it is standard UF/Monster Hunter stuff there is an added twist that takes it off in a more unusual and interesting direction.

Sadly it does this about the time we're wrapping thigs up and setting up the "tune in next volume" ending.

So, as noted pretty good. the protagonist (Cole) is annoying and you'll probably want to slap him a few times. If you're like me the incessant flirting with his "Monster Hunter Mentor".... I mean the guy goes on and on about her and she's often dressed in things like s sports bra. I don't know, seems like that may be up there with a chainmail bikini when it comes to monster hunting attire. But then I'm not a professional monster hunter so what do I know? Maybe it's what all the top monster hunters are wearing????

Oh well...also Cole tends to swing from, "yes I want to learn to hunt monsters" to "whine, whine, why did i get into this..."

But as I said all that aside...on the whole....when you boil it all down...it's a pretty good book.

Recommended, enjoy.

chucklethescot says

Cole is a bored computer game designer who decides to go on an adventure hunting holiday. He is not expecting to be a lucky survivor of an attack on the group by a supernatural beast. He is able to get help from a specialist agency who want to train him as a 'Skinner' to help fight the monsters.

I liked the darkness in this book, the action scenes were well written and the monsters were certainly new

and interesting. The opening attack at the cabin was an excellent start, it was gripping and tension filled and I was enjoying the book at that stage. The vampires and werewolves were also well written and menacing and there was a nice dark humour running through the plot.

However there were a few down sides as well. Cole isn't the most exciting guy in the world and I did not like Paige. She was cold, one dimensional and not very interesting. The so called sexual chemistry between her and Cole was not convincing and was poorly written. One aspect of the plot which bugged me is that a special agency surely would not send an untrained civilian out to fight these monsters without months of intense training. You really get the feeling that Cole only said yes to joining up because he fancied Paige.

Decent read but I won't be looking at the rest of the series unless it turns up in a charity shop so I can buy it cheap.

Tiffany says

While this book certainly needed more character development, the overall plot is interesting and did read like an action movie.

Tarl says

Ok, I read a LOT in the paranormal genre. It's hard to surprise me with something new when it comes to werewolves and vampires especially. Then along comes Marcus, and WHAM! he does it. The vampires in this book impress me in how they work, and I love, LOVE the concept. The werewolves as well, and it's a breath of fresh air in a genre that relies on far too many tropes.

This book was a fun read. I would have rated it higher except for the brief times where the center of attention focused from one character to the next, which is disorientating when it is third person tight perspective and jumping from one person to the next. Beyond that, and a slow build up in the opening of the novel, this story is really well done. Oh, yeah, the weapon the main character uses...for some reason it's shape sort of eludes me. Sounds like a sort of pitchfork with two prongs...but not entirely sure on that one. Yet that being said, the Skinner's weapons are something amazing and well thought out, and most importantly, NEW!

All in all, no matter how many books I was reading, I kept coming back to this one out of sheer need to find out what happens. The flirting between the main two characters is believable and even more so, hot! (reminds me of how flirting really feels when both parties are interested in each other and they both suddenly realize that they are flirting) It's realistic, it's honest, and it's sexy. Always good. The main character feels human, nerdy, and though a Skinner, he's mortal, with no real powers other than the will to fight back.

A nice refreshing view in a genre packed with Mary Sues...

Get this, read this, and sit back for a fun ride.