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Three years ago, one horrific night changed his life forever. And now the wolf soul that was invoked to save him is taking over his body, day by day.

Can he master his animal instincts in time to discover who is stealing children's souls before the delicate balance we all depend upon is shattered?

Or will he reject the one woman who can help heal his body and his soul?

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Laurie says

Amber Scott excels at creating flawed characters and then surrounding them with emotional landmines. Grant carries a burden of guilt that he feels powerless to escape; his life was torn asunder three years ago when his young nephew was abducted while he was almost beaten to death, helpless to protect the boy. On that night, Grant was given a dual spirit; bequeathed by an unlikely benefactress to help him search for and rescue his nephew. His efforts thus far have been fruitless.

When Grant's sister, Beatrice, hires yet another psychic, he is skeptical to say the least. Soon, however, he realizes that Leigh is the real McCoy. She also confuses him because she awakens something in him that has been buried deep inside.

Broke and alone, Leigh is homesick. After having used most of her savings to reach him, Leigh has just been unceremoniously dumped by the man whom she thought would become her husband. Leigh is not looking for any emotional entanglements after that embarrassing fiasco. Helping Beatrice find her son, Tristan, gives Leigh exactly the opportunity she needs to return home. Regardless, Leigh feels drawn to Bea's enigmatic and volatile brother even as he tries to shield her from the darkness that is his nature.

Amber Scott capably gives voice to her characters with tersely written short sentences and phrases deliberately intended to convey the essence of what each character is feeling, thinking about, or reacting to. While normally I prefer reading books that are written using a more flowing sentence structure, in this case, the shorter, sometimes choppy flow, works well. The story moves along quickly as the tension escalates. The dynamics between the characters is particularly engaging, though I do feel like Shelton could have benefitted from some additional fleshing out. I enjoyed reading this book and stayed awake until the wee hours of the morning so I could find out how it would all end. The ending was satisfying while leaving just enough room to set up for the next installment in this uniquely conceptualized series.

Christi Snow says

My Review:

This book was completely original both in the story and the timeline. The book takes place during the 1930's, but it doesn't read like a historical book...at all! Having the book set during that time period actually creates some really fabulous settings with a boat and train (private cars) for travel modes.

The book starts off with an incredible bang when the hero, Grant, wakes up disoriented and naked in an alleyway in Paris, France looking eye to eye with a miniature white poodle.

Leigh is the heroine and she has her own issues...namely her own personal ghost, Jacob, and the fact that she was lured to France under false pretenses and now has no way to make it home.

Beatrice & Grant are brother and sister who are trying to find Bea's son and Grant's nephew, Tristan, who disappeared without a trace 3 years ago. Because Leigh is a psychic with a connection to the spiritual world through Jacob, she and Bea hook up. Grant is less than convinced about Leigh's claims.

This book was a really interesting read. There are a lot of different paranormal layers...Grant's inner wolf, Leigh's ghost, and Tristan's disappearance and it isn't clear until the very end how it all ties together. I saw the ultimate twist coming only about 3 pages before it happened, but otherwise it was all completely shocking and a surprise. The action stays high throughout the entire book which makes it really fun to read. From the time I started it, I never put it down.

Like I said, it was just really creative and I love that about it. I loved both Grant and Leigh's characters. They both have things that they have learned to hide, and it isn't until they start getting honest with each other that all the pieces of the puzzle start to come together. I do NOT read historical books, but the history aspect of this story didn't really affect the story at all except for providing some amazing settings for travel.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book. It was completely different from what I normally read. It was interesting, entertaining, suspenseful, and romantic. I found myself completely caught up in the story trying to figure out where it was going next. Really fabulous!

jD says

I am unnecessarily confused. This book was a romance, a mystery, and paranormal. I got the romance. The paranormal aspect wasn't bad. It's the mystery that tangled me up. I don't know if the author realized she left some major questions unanswered or if I somehow missed the book that preceded this one. Too much was taken for granted. I felt like I was reading the sequel to something. The writing was also choppy so that made it even more trouble than it was worth. Two stars is being kind because it was free. Had there been a monetary exchange I would be raving about now.

Jackie says

I read a sneak peek of Soul Search a while back and it left me wondering what would happen with Grant and what had really happened to his nephew Tristan. I didn't think I would be that interesting since it's set in the 1930's. I got an ARC of Soul Search a few weeks ago. I couldn't put it down. The only thing that got between this book and me was work. I could only read a few pages a night. This is the best book I've read this year. Grant was saved three years ago by a woman so he could search for his nephew Tristian who was taken the night Grant was beaten. His sister Beatrice has stopped at nothing in her search for her son. She has found someone who she believes can help her find her son. Leigh is a young woman who with help from beyond can see things. Grant doesn't believe Leigh is someone believable. But a part of him knows Leigh can help, she has someone who can help Grant. I don't want to give anything away but once I started this book I didn't want to put it down. The description is so vivid, the characters are well developed and the chemistry is unbelievable. I love Grant and I really hope there's a sequel to this book. I didn't want the book to end, that's how hooked I was. Grant is a complicated man, which pulls you in makes you fall in love with him. I want more of Grant's story, of his past and what's to come for him. Amber Scott is an amazing writer. I can't wait to read whatever comes out from her next. I highly recommend this book. It's a great read that will keep you hooked until the very last page. And will keep you wanting more. I'll definitely read this one again.

Dolce Amore says

Reviewed for Booked Up

To See Review at Booked Up

Grant Connel is determined to find his nephew, who disappeared three years ago. During his search, the wolf within grows stronger and stronger and Leigh Hamilton, who can see and feel things, could be too much for a weak man... but not for him.

Helped by Leigh and her ghost, he starts to remember what happened on the night his nephew disappeared and he got the wolf. He realizes that the kidnapping was connected to soul traffic and he has to stop it. He never thought that one of the bad people might be one of his closest friends.

The characters were few and developed. The story was good; but a little bit confusing. I had to reread some of the sections so I could keep up. I think Ms. Amber Scott was so involved in writing the story that she didn't realized that we can't read her thoughts and we need things more clear. So I give the book give 4 stars

Joseph says

working through the beginning of this one. Better written than a lot of the new ebooks I'm finding recently. Characters are believable and compelling, except perhaps for the overused tool (among many new books) of love/hate at first sight between the hero and heroine. I'm not sure why new authors are leaning so heavily on this tool. Conflict and drama, romance and discord, are all well and good. But dragging out the "She means nothing to me, she's just a burden. I'm not really looking at her sexy legs, but I'm pissed at that OTHER guy for looking at her sexy legs" for chapter upon chapter gets a bit dull and predictable, and doesn't even make sense to me.

Barring that one irritant, I'm enjoying the book because the author has done a great job of dishing out the clues to the puzzles that are the characters lives and motivations, and the story behind their challenges. I eager eat up each new tidbit of information as it gets unveiled.

Carien says

A suspenseful and romantic story.

Scott creates a dark and dangerous world where men turn into wolves and spirits walk among us. Grant is a grim hero, but the heroine, Leigh, is more than his match and the developing relationship between them is a joy to read. The tension between them is intense and at times really hot. The action storyline is suspenseful and full of emotion as well. There are quite some twist and turns and I was on the edge of my seat, rooting for Grant and Leigh to not only find love, but to save the day and catch the bad guys.

I hope Scott will keep writing paranormal romance, because I love her settings and her characters. And I hope she writes a sequel to this story as well.

Katrina says

Soul search will leave you searching for an answer any clue as to who, what where and why - one of those stories, where nothing is as it seems and far from predictable - a unique storyline, that will have you wandering in which direction Grants wolf side will go and as to whom is the one stealing the souls of the children. This alone will have you gob smacked !!!

A storyline, thats new and refreshing, twists and turns you wont see coming, and characters Im sure you will swoon after (** ALPHA MALE **) and secondary characters that build as the storyline progresses.

Amber has entwined the world of the paranormal, with elements that all blend well, scripting a story that will not only have you eagerly anticipating an ending but also intrigued as to where the storyline is headed. UNPREDICTABLE by any means.

Storyline will certainly keep your interest piqued right till the very end. Depending upon what type of reader you are you may even need the box of tissues handy!! Be warned!!

Scorching electricity between the two main characters, ** waggles eyebrows** that hotty would certainly make any girl howl ** inserts wolf howllllll here ** .Sexy scenes that will leave you breathless, and frantically reading.. ** blushes ** .. lol..

I really enjoyed the way in which Amber portrays her descriptions, I think I fell in love the moment that door was opened and that half naked man stood in front of me .. lol..

If your after something different with elements of ghosts, spirituslism, romance, action, and even smexy scenes that this read is for you !!!

Cat says

Favorite book I've read by Amber Scott yet! Okay I've really only read two books so far, but this was way better than the first one!

Anyhow - I really enjoyed the plot of this book. Characters were interesting and each had a nice backstory. The author is totally fine with leaving you in the dark about things, but I kind of liked that. The chemistry between characters was nice, and there was only one actual sex scene. It was steamy and hot, especially after all the build up, and I found it to be pretty....tasteful?

Overall great story - romance&sex, mystery, trafficking, soul theory, travel, veils/mediums, etc.

Lizzielvr says

I've been in a reading funk lately, started at least 4 books and couldn't get into them, didn't really feel like reading (crazy, huh?). So I decided to start one last book, Soul Search, and it ended my funk...I'll admit I was a bit confused in the beginning, but I think that is what kept pushing me to read. A good story, likeable characters, and I found it to be quite unique.

Sapphyria says

I found this novel to be a nice, new twist on the werewolf.

After Grant is beaten and left for dead, the assailants kidnap his nephew Tristan. Sometime in the hours, minutes, or seconds following the heinous crimes, Grant's body is invoked with the soul of a wolf. He blacks out when he turns, not remembering anything about the time spent as the wolf. When Grant's sister, Bea, travels across the sea to London and meets Leigh, a spirit medium she's certain that they will be able to find Tristan.

The plot is solid and everything goes hand-in-hand. The characters have emotions and depth; attributes that make 5-star books. There wasn't anything that confused me or caused me to question or second-guess the author or her line of thinking. The ending wasn't given away or completely expected until the proper times.

This book is full of secrets and almost all of the characters harbor one or two. The ending of this who-done-it will leave you not only furious, but will pull on your heartstrings. You will feel every emotion set forth in Soul Search.

My favorite section from the book: "He was like a storm crashing over her. Thunder and rain. Hope and pain. Leigh succumbed to the force of it, realizing how badly she want - needed - to be drenched (A. Scott, 2011)."

Julie says

As with all Amber Scott books, Soul Search offers more than meets the eye. The story starts with a bang leaving the reader trying to figure out what's going on. With great clues and no 'telling', you soon begin to piece together the secret Grant, the hero of this story, is living with day in and day out. We get to know his sister, who is consumed with a personal tragedy, and the stranger she enlists to help that unknowingly has the ability to see into Grant's secret while having a few of her own. Of course, the queen of romance wouldn't leave you without a love interest, and the sparks do begin to fly in more ways than one. The twist, however, will keep you on your toes for the next book.

Heather Book Savvy Babe says

Amber Scott does it again, she has created a new world full of magic and supernatural occurrences. In Soul Search, Grant and his sister Beatrice are searching for Beatrice's missing son. The night the boy was kidnapped, Grant was turned into a werewolf, and he has not grown accustomed to the wolf inside of him.

When the wolf takes over, Grant blacks out and has no recollection of what happened. Leigh is semi-familiar with the supernatural, she has a ghost friend, Jacob, who helps her channel the "other-side." Beatrice enlists Leigh's help in finding her son, and Leigh in need of safe passage home agrees. What none of them realize is the soul stealing nature of the boy's disappearance and the mysterious purpose the wolf in Grant has to free those captured souls. As the group travel together, Leigh and Grant begin a new relationship, their supernatural and physical attraction grows, and they must work together to find and free the souls before it's too late.

I really enjoyed Soul Search, the concepts and the mythology is definitely new, very unique, and quite interesting. The story line slowly unfolds, and I have to admit that it took me awhile to understand the paranormal elements here (in fact, I think I am still a bit confused on some things). The reader learns about the souls and the ghosts at the same time as the characters, so I felt the emotions right along with the characters in the story. There is a lot of layers to this story, with relationships, who means what to who, who is good, who is evil, things are not always as they seem.

Werewolves have a whole new purpose in Soul Search, there is not really a pack in the human world. There is really just Grant, and his wolf has the ability to find and free captured souls of children. Humans have found a way to steal the souls and give themselves longer life, and refreshed youth. This concept is so new, and it takes the entire book to figure all of this out, so I was frustrated at times by my lack of understanding. However, I truly appreciate the uniqueness of this book, and I love that the wolf side of the character has such a powerful purpose.

Aside from my moments of confusion as to the paranormal in Soul Search, I really enjoyed reading this book. As I read more and understood more about the world and the characters, I was drawn into the story and I was excited to see how everything would unfold. I can say that the end was not what I expected, and yet everything worked.

Amber Scott is a creative and brilliant author and the worlds she creates never cease to entice me and keep me coming back for more.

Readers who love paranormal romance books, and books about werewolves, I highly recommend reading Soul Search, you will enjoy this unique and fascinating novel.

I received this book for review at http://booksavvybabe.com

Lillie says

See the full review at: Read My Mind

Mv Review:

SOUL SEARCH combines a curious collection of elements that somehow work perfectly for the novel. There's a historical feel to the setting, but the rest of the book is pure fantasy. Leigh Hamilton is a spiritualist that really can see ghosts, and experiences visions that have no earthly explanations. Grant Connel was just a man, until the day his nephew was stolen in front of his eyes, and he gained the ability to shapeshift into a wolf. The two are pushed together when Grant's sister enlists Leigh to help them find her son, Tristan.

Though the mystery of Grant's "malady" and the search for Tristan are the main plot, the romance that develops between Grant and Leigh, as well as the friendship between Leigh and Beatrice (Grant's sister and Tristan's mother) drive much of the emotional aspect of the novel. As this is not my first time reading a book by Amber Scott, I was happy to see that that aspect of her writing was present in this book. Scott has a way

with words, filling her writing with thoughtful, powerful moments. The romance is certainly great, but she always has other relationships between her characters that develop throughout.

SOUL SEARCH is definitely a fresh look at what can fit into the paranormal genre. You don't have to go any further to find a great read once you pick up this book. Scott knows how to deliver a page-turning novel that is one part mystery, one part romance, one part magical and all parts riveting.

4/5 for plot 4/5 for characters 4/5 for language

My Rating: 12/15 (3.5 stars) Highly Recommend

Sarah Louise says

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