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## On the Prowl Details

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## From Reader Review On the Prowl for online ebook

### Vashti says

I have not read a Christine Warren book in quite some time and just recently picked up the "original" versions of this series. What to say? This book was great, loved the storyline of arranged marriages and this one did the trope justice. Nicolas Preda and Saskia aka Sassy Arcos are two Tiguri who were contracted to marry when she was 8 and he 19. She falls in love with him at this young age and Nic is just Nic. I enjoyed both characters, even though Saskia has a submissive personality, she has a very strong backbone and stands up very nicely for herself. Nic on the other hand is all old world old fashioned when it comes to his mate. The action starts on their "wedding" night when they are interrupted during lovemaking and Nic is accused of attempting to kill Rafe who is the head of the Other council. This book introduced some of the old characters in prior books and was happy to see them. Missy still has not had that baby and Graham is as possessive as always when it comes to his mate. I really felt for Nic when he found out who had set him up. All in all a great addition to the series and happily awaiting the rewrite of Rafe's story. Lovely book and will be doing a reread soon as I basically ran right through this book.

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### Kendra says

3.5 stars.

Not read in order. Wasn't too into the book, but enjoyed the twists at the end.

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### Quinky says

I love Christine Warren's book ever since I read 'Wolf at the Door'. And I love her world of the Others. I especially love it when Rafe and Graham is in the story (which I have to admit, it's always). But one thing I don't like about Warren's story... is the time line. It just confuses me. I've been following her even before some of the titles were changed (Fantasy Fix, Fur Factor, Fighting Faer, and Fur For All). And reading this, I was surprised that the time line went back in time again before the unveiling. I know she had to do it to published Rafe's story. But it's just that for someone who has read Rafe's book, and even stories after the Unveiling this just confuses the heck out of me. I still like to read my story in coherent order, especially when the story has a lot of characters. But despite all that I still like her world. And I love that this time it's a tiger shifter! I like Saskia's personality, and I think Nic is a really good match. I like their sense of balance and how each handled their arranged marriage. I agree with Saskia's view of "Why must everyone be against an arranged marriage?". I mean I believe not all arranged marriage will turn out bad. Even the plot is acceptable. But when reading this one, I couldn't get the same feeling that I had when reading some of Warren's earlier books. There was just something missing and I couldn't point it to what. Hopefully Rafe's published story will bring it back on track and I can't wait to see Tess again :)

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### Melindeeloo says

Two powerful Tiguri (Tiger shifting) clans decide to strengthen their positions - and establish a Tiguri presence in the US - by combining forces via an arranged marriage. Nicolas Preda has it all planned in a very cerebral way of how he and his mate to be are going to rule their new domain, but he is unprepared for his visceral attraction to the elegant Saskia and how she threatens his tidy vision of the future. Saskia thought she was ready to do her duty and marry Nic, as a child she worshiped the teenaged Nic, but when Nic tries to go old school on her and thinks that he can treat her like a child and dictate the rules - she's going to remind him that a tigress has claws...

After the first couple chapters - and a very promising setup - I was excited to find that Warren finally brought her 'A' game and that *On The Prowl* recapture all of the things I had liked in the earlier books of her Others: an intense steamy pairing, girl bonding over stupid male moments and appearances from many of my old favorite supporting Others - Graham, Missy and Rafe.

Both of the leads here are good - even though Nic has some neanderthal moments he's actually decent enough to know that he's blown it once his temper cools down and Saskia is a great example of winning through brains instead of kick-buttiness - and together they are burn up the sheets combustible.

So I loved Warren's latest all new addition to her Others series and am hoping that she is in the groove for the oh-so-long awaited rewrite of Rafe's story - there's just a little bit of him here and I want it all.

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### **Cindy says**

OK...here's the deal. I get in a rut sometimes, reading teen Paranormal Romance or just a plain good book and there's nothing naughty in it. I NEED naughty sometimes. So I pick an author that's very good at naughty. Enter: Christine Warren. I got hooked on this "Other" series when you could only get them through Ellora's Cave. And I bought alot of them! Now, they are available through Amazon, and I buy alot of them }:)

Heart wrenching beautiful Saskia Arcos is a Tiger shifter who has been raised with old fashioned values and willingly accepts an arranged marriage with Streak leader, hunky, handsome Nicolas Preda...a shifter Saskia has loved since the age of 8, when she first met him. Trying to come to terms with being mated to a very domineering alpha male has it's drawbacks. Add to that the Council of Others out to take down her mate as a suspect in the mauling of the council leader, a cat shifter, who dared to flirt with Saskia during her engagement party and the mystery needs to be solved so that Saskia and Nic can become the mated pair they were destined to become.

Of course I have a quote from this book...and you're going to love it: I'd rather spend my days mining for diamonds in a pile of horse shit.

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### **Mandi Schreiner says**

*On the Prowl* is the first I've ever read of Christine Warren. I believe this is her thirteenth "Others" book but after doing some investigating and talking to people who are familiar with her books, this one is more of a

stand alone. It introduces us to the world of The Tiguri, or tiger shifters. What initially drew me to this book is an arranged marriage. I love it when the hero and heroine are forced to marry early in a book. I can usually find this trope in historicals, but I was happy to see it in a paranormal romance.

Saskia and Nicolas come from traditional, old Tiguri families and it is very normal for the parents to arrange marriages to continue their clans. The tiger shifters have a low birth rate, and have grown somewhat sparse in recent years. Much depends on this marriage, not only for future children but the Tigers have decided to move into New York city, an area where other shifters have power. They are not necessarily welcome, although no one is outright hostile to them.

While Saskia and Nicholas knew each other when they were younger, they have not seen each other for many years. But they are thrown together after their engagement party. I really liked that these two aren't really opposed to the marriage. They understand their customs and what is at stake and are willing to give it a go. What Saskia underestimates is just how alpha her new fiancé is.

Nicholas is over the top, borderline ass, extremely protective male. And I just ate it all up. I seriously couldn't get enough of him. I'm sure he will turn some of you off. I mean – he really is an ass. And while Saskia definitely had her moments of giving it back to him, which made me cheer, she also understands her role of being the wife to this kind of male. She didn't let him walk all over her, but she didn't feel like she had to fight for complete independence either. Taking into consideration all of their traditions, their relationship made sense to me. Their engagement doesn't become an official marriage until she is pregnant. There is a lot of "the female belongs pregnant in the kitchen" kind of deal in this book. Again, probably not for everyone. But I found it to be a very fun book.

Somehow, the press of their bodies together had transformed her from the cool, elegant stranger he'd become engaged to into a fierce, demanding tigress in heat.

Thank God and everything holy.

He sank back into their kiss, reveling in the way her body surrounded him, arms and legs clasp him close. He couldn't wait to feel her sex clasp him, too. He wanted to sink his aching erection deep into the hot cavern at her center and feel them jointed together in one sweating, straining body of lust. He wanted to match their stripes until there was no way to tell where he ended and she began.

He wanted her like his next breath.

Did I mention this book is a little over the top? I can't leave out an example of how Saskia gives it back to Nicholas after he acts like an ass-wipe:

*"I. Cannot. Believe. You!"*

*Jerking back, Nic stared at his mate, his eyebrows drawing together as he realized she might not be in complete agreement with him after all. In fact, judging by the look on her face, it occurred to him she might be about to take his gesture of goodwill and shove it up part of his anatomy he really preferred to keep to himself.*

*"You arrogant, selfish, egotistical, medieval, despotic, swollen-headed, dumb, idiot penis owner!" Leaping off her stool, Saskia clenched her hands into fists and drew them up in front of her torso as if she had already half-decided to take a swing at him.*

A lot of times, their arguments end up naked in the bedroom, which for some reason I approved of.

Besides working out the kinks to their marriage, there is also an attack on the head of the shifter council, in which Nicholas gets framed for. This set-up was a little weak for me, but it did integrate well within the

romance.

This book was a really fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon. If you like super alpha males, and lusty bedroom scenes, I think you will enjoy this one.

Rating: B

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### **Marcia says**

Bookswagger Marcia: Four crowns. I have been following this series since I discovered Walk on the Wild Side in my local Wally World. I am officially hooked. One thing about the Other series I enjoy is you do not have to read the entire series, nor do you have to read them in order to comprehend or enjoy any book in the series. I jumped into the series and read them out of turn and was very comfortable. On the Prowl was funny, sexy and surprising. I loved alpha Nicolas, I loved seeing him so confused by his feelings for his arranged bride Saskia. Marriage to his arranged bride was not what he expected. His character handled it like a grown tiger for the most part, not bemoaning issues or dragging things out in an effort to create conflict. Nicolas acted like the head of a clan bull-headed, stubborn but willing to compromise. Even he was surprised at some of the choices he made when it came to his mate but a man in love rarely follows a logical path.

Saskia is another one of those characters based off real women that make you say jeez and you think you are not going to like, just like Ava in Your So Vein. You will definitely root for her, to train her man on how to treat his alpha mate.

For fans that follow the series we get to see some of the ladies and the men we fell in love with from previous books. Although they give poor Nicolas a hard time accusing him of crimes he did not commit. Fans will not regret peeking in on the others in On The Prowl.

Bookswagger Danielle: Three crowns. I would say this was a light paranormal/ urban fantasy book. Readers that are new to the series like me can rest easy because you will be able to follow along easily. While there are a lot of characters, they do not detract from the story they enhance it. In fact a secondary character was my favorite, reporter Corinne. I really liked her because she was outspoken, honest and loyal.

I had a love hate relationship with Saskia and Nicolas. At certain points I absolutely loved them and others times I wanted to smack them. This tells me the author did a wonderful job humanizing the characters and making them relatable. During what I call their, me Tarzan you Jane argument I wanted to smack Nicolas for his backward thinking and applaud Saskia for getting mad and sticking up for herself. However, I did want to smack her for telling Corinne that she called her over to talk about the argument because she wasn't supposed to leaving the apartment. My inner feminist screamed with that statement.

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### **Kate says**

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### **Awilk -never sleeps- says**

I haven't read a Christine Warren novel for some time. I don't really know why, but with so many books and so many series I can't always keep up. I only got this book as I needed something starting with an O for a reading challenge. I must truly thank that challenge. This book was really good.

When I first started, I liked that the story had a nice fast beginning. The story at first seemed to be nothing more than a nice, quick and fluffy read. But this book has a much more important message to tell. It shows the effects of bigotry and not being bothered to learn about the cultures and beliefs of others. Arranged marriage seems like madness to most, but this book made me think about this issue in a different way.

If you read this as just a nice paranormal romance, or as a book with an important message, you will find this a great way to spend a couple of hours.

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### **Monty Cupcake ? Queen of Bloodshed ? says**

The couple in this story are in an arranged engagement/marriage that their parents set up to merge their businesses and pure tiger bloodlines. Saskia was groomed to be the perfect hostess and wife. Nic is the new tiger alpha and CEO of the family companies. They haven't seen each other in 18 years and are now engaged and expected to produce some babies asap.

Nic goes into this expecting his life to be the same, minus a wife at home waiting on him. He's a complete asshole at first and tries to dictate everything to Saskia while giving nothing in return. Example, he leaves in the middle of the night without telling her where he's going and doesn't get why she's mad about that because he's the man and does what he wants. That mentality doesn't work well for Saskia and she flips out on him. I was happy she didn't put up with his nonsense and wished she'd been more violent. It was nice to see them working it out like adults and compromising.

I liked the couple, but I think I liked the mini mystery more. The who attacked Rafe and was setting up Nic mystery was a nice addition to the story.

The characters from the previous books also make appearances.

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### **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

**Posted on Under the Covers**

Brought together by their power-seeking families, Saskia Arcos and Nicolas Preda are now married, but won't be considered fully mated until Saskia becomes pregnant with Nic's cub. As fierce members of the Tiguri – the incredible shapeshifting weretiger community – they are put under the spotlight because of their status in the community and Nic's place as CEO of one of the top corporations in Manhattan.

Saskia and Nicolas are an interesting couple, to say the least. Saskia is a woman who is used to having things taken care of for her. This makes her the perfect match for someone who enjoys control as much as Nicolas. I would say their dynamic is most similar to a Dom/sub relationship. Saskia shows signs of a submissive personality while Nicolas loves to give out orders and expects them to be followed through. Some would consider Nic to be a jerk, but for me, he didn't come off as too demanding. He is a man who knows what he wants and I thought that Saskia stood up to him well.

I was very impressed by Warren's writing style. I read this book in one sitting and I think that is a result of Warren's incredible ability to write so freely and pace her work evenly. Warren also does a fantastic job of giving readers a chance to understand both sides of a scene from the hero and heroine. She does this often and thoroughly and I think that's the number one reason why I enjoyed these characters so much. Nic can do or say something that is completely off-putting, but then readers get his POV of the scene and we understand how out of control he feels whenever he is around Saskia. He isn't perfect at all, but he acknowledges his mistakes when he does make them.

While I feel that the emphasis was placed more so on the romance, there is also a pleasant suspense side plot with a crime that is pointing all the blame to Nic. I don't think this aspect of the book was explored as much as I would have liked, however I did feel like it was resolved well.

For readers who liked a dominant alpha hero and enjoy reading smoking hot sex scenes, then this book will definitely be to your liking. As my first Christine Warren book that I have enjoyed, I can say that it won't be my last if more of the Others are like Nic. He is definitely delicious. Come on, go on and take a bite!

\*Review copy provided by publisher

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## **TINNGG says**

More of a 3.5. Hmm... my first introduction to Nicolas was not favorable - on their engagement night, he's called out in the middle of nookie for the Spanish Inquisition and instead of telling the h even a bit of what was going on, he says (and I quote) "I don't have time for you."

Many shovels full of manure later, he's dug quite a hole. Of course, we as the reader are privy to his thoughts \*after\* he's uttered some lame-assed testosterone-laden edict (that had me glaring at the pages and thinking "oh no you didn't!". Let's just say what he thinks and what he says are two different things - at least until she calls a truce and suggests starting over.

So what kept it from rating higher was this: there's a conspiracy and yet, much of the time spent with H/h seemed to be well... frankly I don't know what happened on the pages. I know the basic plot was in the background but there seemed to be a whole lot of nothing going on in the foreground - at least until near the end when lightbulbs start going off, someone notes something that raises suspicion that it might not even be a male, the h proves it ain't her, and then... yeah. So I read the book and I have no earthly idea what happened outside of sex and someone trying to kill the head of the council - at least for much of the book.



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## **Mirjam says**

Christine Warren's *The Others* is a delightful and fun paranormal romance series that I love. The publications are not in chronological order. *On The Prowl* may be number 13, but it takes place before many events witnessed in previous books.

In *On The Prowl* Warren introduces a new species of shapeshifters, the tiger shapeshifters or Tiguri. The Tiguri never had a presence in the USA until now. This makes the other shapeshifter groups antsy as in the past the Tiguri always drove the other shapeshifters off when they settled in a new territory. Tiguri traditions and customs are very strict and old-fashioned as well as different from the traditions of both the werewolves or lions for example. Protagonist Saskia is a good daughter, so she allows herself to be married off to Nicolas Preda, head of another powerful Tiguri family. Not really a bad thing when the husband-to-be is the handsome and sexy Nicolas! Meanwhile Nicolas is in for a surprise, for Sassy may be willing to play the trophy wife, but she is not the obedient little tigress he expected. Instead she has a will of her own and plenty of sass to go with it when his wishes clash with something she considers important!

I liked Sassy from the start, even though at first I got the impression that there was little fire in her. But Nicolas seems to bring out the best in her and sparks are flying in their apartment! Sassy is smart, sweet and a good girl, but no pushover. Trained to be an asset to her future husband both socially and politically, she is really put to the test when the leader of the Council of Others is attacked by what appears to be a tiger shapeshifter. Suspicion immediately lands on Nicolas, Sassy and both their parents. Nicolas intends to clear their name, but he will need smart and clear-headed Sassy's help, whether he wants to admit that or not!

Nicolas took me a little longer to like, basically because his idea of a woman's role in life is so incredibly outdated. It really annoyed me, but thankfully he proved redeemable. Once he changed his tune a bit I started seeing the good qualities he also possesses and warmed up to him. Nicolas is the prototype alpha male, which you expect in shapeshifter books. No timid or shy tiger could lead a *Streak* or even a global corporation the way Nicolas does.

There have been a few books in this series that I did not enjoy as much as the others in this series, but *On The Prowl* is definitely another gem! I lost myself in the story from the start and didn't return to the real world until the last page had been read. There is plenty of passion between Nicolas and Sassy, there is some action and of course there is girl bonding over silly alpha males. I always love it when characters from previous books play a role and that is always the case with Warren. All in all it is Warren at her best!

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## **Desinka says**

After a promising start this book swiftly headed from exciting to totally disappointing. It was readable and not that very boring but there was almost no plot and the one there was so predictable, I knew who the villains were from the start. There was no spark between the characters, who were uninspiring at best. Even the appearance of familiar characters couldn't make up for the lack of any new vitality added to an otherwise interesting world.

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## **Oleta Blaylock says**

This book is set in the time frame of the original stories but wasn't part of those stories, so it isn't a re-write. This story is about tiger shifters or Tiguri. Nicolas Preda and Saskia Arcos have become engaged to bring two of the most powerful families Tiguri families together. Nicolas has moved his businesses main office to New York because that is where so much business is now conducted. He has his whole life planned out and thinks that Fate is just going to go along with his plans. He is so wrong about that. Saskia may have been raised in the traditions of her people but she isn't going to be some meek little mate that never knows what is going on with her family and her mate. These two are very intriguing because they love their families and traditions but they both want to bring the 20th century into their world. There are appearances by old faces; Missy who is now very pregnant with her first child, Graham, Dimtri and Reggie, Corrine, Mac and of course the ever charming Rafael De Santos. There is more history in the story about the Others and their prejudices. This is a good addition to the over all story. It is written in a time before Rafael has found Tess. I think fans of the other stories will enjoy this one very much.

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