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Mac can't lose another friend. Even if he doesn't want to be found.

The ripple effect caused by Mac's best friend Amy's murder has driven Mac's new love, Kyle, to leave Hemlock and disappear from her life forever. But Mac knows that Kyle plans to enroll in a rehabilitation camp, where he can live with other werewolves. She refuses to accept his decision, especially since the camps are rumored to be tortuous. So she sets out in search of Kyle with a barely sober Jason—and Amy's all-seeing ghost—in tow.

Clues lead Mac to find Kyle in a werewolf den in Colorado—but their reunion is cut short by a Tracker raid. Now Mac and Kyle are trapped inside the electric fences of Thornhill, a camp for young werewolves. As she devises an escape plan, Mac uncovers dangerous secrets buried within the walls of Thornhill—and realizes that the risk to the people she loves is greater than ever before.

Thornhill Details

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Say says

3.5 stars. I liked Hemlock than this one. It started out slow and I was bored during the first half of the story. But I liked how the story progressed. It is more of a "government espionage" rather than a paranormal story on werewolves. I liked that it's different. I liked it because of the mystery and suspense. BUT I hate the love triangle. I just don't care about Mac and all her drama regarding her conflicting feelings for Jayson and Kyle. I JUST DON'T. If it weren't for the annoying love triangle thing going on, I would have rated this higher.

Molli Moran says

I can't do it. I can't wait ANY longer.

I NEED THIS ONE IN MY LIFE NOW. I need Kyle. And Kyle/Mac.

whimpers

cries in the corner clutching HEMLOCK

Okay so we have a cover! I LOVE the title design with the swirly and the forest!

Mary ♥ says

4.2/5 stars

Love is a game where the odds are permanently fixed

I probably had second book syndrome. I did not enjoy half the book (the other half was awesome), which made me really sad because I had adored Hemlock and I had really high expectations. These things happen, though. I was really glad to be back in this world, see all these characters I loved again. The relationships in this book are amazing. It's like something connects them all, like a red string of fate, and after Amy's death, everything fell apart, and their world was not as they knew it.

In this book, Mac and Jason are heading towards Denver, to find Kyle, Mac's lover, the werewolf who had left them behind, afraid that he would hurt them. In their way, though, lots of bad things happen until they are captured, held in a rehabilitation camp named Thornhill.

As you can probably guess, this camp is NOT what it seems. It's kind of the cliché mental asylum scary place, something I enjoyed, to be honest.

In this book, I also liked Jason. I keep being Team Kyle, but Jason was not the alcoholic spoiled teenager that hates werewolves, as he was in the previous book. We saw a different side of him, a caring and tender Jason that we had not expected. And I was glad I met him.

"Jason?"

"What?"

"Thank you"

"For what?"

For choosing us, I wanted to say but the tide carried me away

Kyle and Mac's relationship was the cutest thing ever. The way they always thought about each other more than they did themselves, and Mac's dream at the start of the book made me smile and fangirl a lot. They were so perfect, not being able to stay away from each other, and despite everything, loving each other more than anything.

I liked this second book a lot, and the ending made me tear up a little, with its happy turn. I predict that things will get really messy in Willowgrove but still, no matter what, love will always find a way, as it always does, the most powerful emotion of all

Recommended

~Mary

Marie says

SO good. Parts of this left me breathless. So much great action, and lots of twists. Review to come!

Juhina says

Just.... ugh.. I love this series with such passion <3

This doesn't have a bad cliffhanger like Hemlock so thank you Kathleen Peacock!

Still.. I can't help feeling book hungover and sad that I have to wait a full year (or even more) for the third and last book

Kyle.. why do you insist on breaking my heart? and Jason? and Mac? and all the amazing characters in this book!!!

Full review to come closer to the release date, but bottom line?

READ THIS SERIES!!!!

Review posted on September 9, 2013: HAPPY RELEASE DAY!!!

Everyone who knows me is no stranger to my unconditional love towards Hemlock by Kathleen Peacock. I loved that book so much and it is one of the few paranormal books that I actually enjoyed, let alone loved. When I received Thornhill for review I was over the moon. I tried to hold reading it off, closer to the release date, but I couldn't and picked it up immediately. While I had high expectations for it, I never doubted that I would also love Thornhill, and that was exactly what happened by the end of the book. The complex and thrilling world, as well as the characters and their relationship dynamics, and just how the plot progressed were just as perfect as how it was in Hemlock.

The characters in this series is what makes up this whole book. Not that the plot isn't bloody fantastic, but the characters all feel so real to me. I am invested in all of the characters, including the secondary and even tertiary ones. Mac, Jason, and Kyle are one of my favorite friendships in YA books. I personally wish I could read how their relationship started and how they were before all hell broke loose. Mac is such an intense character and I love how she takes no crap from anyone and always scolds Jason and Kyle for trying to act as her body guards and making her feel like a damsel in distress. I also love how all three look out for each other and care for each other even with all the issues that do come in between them, no matter how big they are. I am hoping we get more scenes between Kyle and Jason in the next book because I love their banter together; add in Mac and it's perfect.

Plot wise, Thornhill was on fire. Everything progressed so fast and you weren't left in the dark for too long. The setting of Thornhill is completely different from Hemlock so everything is new and we are introduced to a completely new mystery. Even with the serious and dangerous setting the characters are thrust into, the funny dialogue is not lost. I especially loved a scene towards the end of the book between Mac and ghost Amy (no spoiler here since Amy is dead before even the first chapter of Hemlock) where Amy complains on how Mac always puts her life at risk.

"Seriously, I'm beginning to worry you have a death wish. When I wrote 'BFF' in your yearbook, I didn't mean it as a suicide pact" - Amy

This might sound weird but I really wish I met Amy before she died. She was the catalyst to everything that has happened in the past two books and I wished I knew her, and not just her ghost self that Mac keeps dreaming about. Hemlock also has one of my favorite romances in YA books. The love triangle was done brilliantly and I personally do not know who to root for. We've got Amy's ex-boyfriend, Jason, the broken and lonely rich boy as well as Kyle, who you can always lean on and will always be there for you. Their scenes with Mac are all swoon worthy and I feel I am betraying them both because I just can't seem to choose who I like more!

Overall, Thornhill did not disappoint one bit. I loved every single page of it and can't wait to get my own hardcover of it. I feel sad that this series is coming to an end with the third book. I need more of my Hemlock dosage but I can always reread these books because they're definitely reread material!

Booknut says

"You do know why I'm really here, don't you?"

I shook my head. I didn't. Not anymore.

Amy looked at me sadly, then glanced over her shoulder at the fountain. Something churned the leaves and

gave off a sharp, metallic scent. With horror, I realised the liquid in the basin was blood. I scrambled to my feet, but Amy stayed sitting as though nothing were wrong.

She dipped her finger in the fountain and it came back coated red. "Things are about to get so interesting."

A search.

All Mac wants to do is track down Kyle and return with him to Hemlock. But how do you find someone that doesn't want to be found? It's no easy task, and with the Trackers hot on their heels, Mac is running out of time.

A raid.

Mac's ideal reunion is cut short as she and Kyle, along with a group of werewolves, are captured and sent to Thornhill, a rehabilitation camp for young werewolves - a camp shrouded in mystery. As they are assimilated into camp life, the dangers slowly reveal themselves...especially for Mac.

If she tells those in charge she's a reg (a human) she might never see her friends again. But if she pretends to be one of the wolves, she's playing a dangerous game that may cost her her life.

A living nightmare.

Werewolves begin to disappear. Training regimes test the wolves physically and mentally. Cameras watch their every move.

And the question remains: will Mac manage to uncover the dark secrets of Thornhill and save her friends before it's too late?

Hearts collide, alliances crumble and form, horrors unfold and ghosts make their re-appearances in this thrilling sequel that is sure to have you on the edge of your seat!

Pre-reading Review:

Just thinking about Kyle and Mac being apart:

And that Mac's searching for him with a *barely sober Jason* (which is *such* a smart idea, right?):

And on top of it all, realising it comes out in **SEPTEMBER**:

Taherah says

CANNOT WAIT TO READ THIS BOOK!!! One of the best werewolf genre books I've read...Oh and Team Jason FTW! Although Kyle is awesome as well ;P

Updated: 11/24/13

MY THOUGHTS:

ASDFGHJKL A bloody brilliant book, Thornhill is an absolutely fantastic sequel to Hemlock! Considering the fact that Hemlock is one of my favorite books, I most definitely had high expectations and boy did it reach it. Kathleen Peacock once again did a great job writing a thrilling, action packed, horrific yet magnificent, and a page turner, Thornhill won't disappoint!

The plot was written awesomely and had the perfect pace that you never got bored! Thornhill represented the concentration camps in the Holocaust except this one is more of a "rehabilitation camp". It was quite fascinating seeing an author bring it up and have this kind of setting since most don't usually incorporate it into their modern world novel. The imagery easily made me feel like I was immersed into the world as both a bystander and as Mac. Thornhill (the camp) however got way more complicated and all the secrets that got unravel was just mind boggling and was not something I expected.

Mac, oh Mac how much I love your character! One of my favorite heroines, Mac continues to be brave, loyal, and lovable as ever. I basically squeal at all your moments with Kyle but more with Jason ;P I love that no matter how dangerous the situation, she was willing to do anything to rescue Serena and anyone else if possible. Mac also a pretty relatable character and it was easy to connect to her. We also see more of her history and background which I really liked since I thought that would be an open ended thing that some authors love to read.

Then there's the romance. *dreamy sigh* I honestly love both Kyle and Jason (Jason a bit more :P) I really wouldn't mind if Kyle and Mac got together but I would like some more Jason and Mac moments. But if Mac and Jason did get together which doesn't really have a huge chance unfortunately I would be happy! I love that we did get to see more of a relationship development in this story as well. And we definitely see the friendship between the 3 or well at least the common goal both Jason and Kyle had which was Mac's safety. Another thing I want to talk about is Amy, Jason's dead ex-girlfriend and Mac's + Kyle's dead best friend, her ghost I feel like foreshadows or signifies something big. It could be me over analyzing things but one can never know. Besides she reminds of Lily Kane from Veronica Mars which actually has a kinda similar love story/friendship arc. If you've watched Veronica Mars, you'll understand. If you haven't do yourself a favor and go watch it :D

Thornhill is a MUST for all readers!! With mystery, a love story anyone would love, and action packed as ever, Hemlock and Thornhill is perfect for any YA reader! Trust me you don't want to miss out on this series. Kathleen Peacock did a crazy awesome job writing this book and JUST READ IT

Darkphoenix says

Thornhill is the second book in the Hemlock series and it was an enjoyable sequel to the first book, Hemlock. It picks up pretty much immediately after the events of Hemlock and maintains a decent pace throughout the book. There are some rough patches but they are few and far in between so thankfully it doesn't drag too much.

At the end of the previous book, Kyle leaves his hometown of Hemlock to protect his friend, Jason and

girlfriend, Mac. In Thornhill, Mac and Jason go to Denver to look for him and to try and convince him to come back with them. Another friend of theirs, Serena, also joins them. In their search for Kyle they run into one of the local packs, and find Kyle with them. There isn't much time for a happy reunion. Trackers raid the pack's home and almost everyone is apprehended and taken to a detention facility called Thornhill. They lose track of Jason immediately but considering that he had joined Trackers earlier and has a tattoo to prove it, they aren't too worried. The facility is meant only for werewolves but Mac manages to get in. Once inside, they are separated from Serena under the pretext that the Warden wants to question her further. Kyle and Mac soon realise that something is not quite right at this facility. Werewolves disappear overnight without any explanation.

Thornhill wasn't as gripping as the previous book and I also found it a little hard get back into this world. That's one huge drawback of having to wait too long for the forthcoming installments. There is a possibility of the reader losing interest. Thankfully it didn't happen with this book (although it did happen with another series). The good thing about Thornhill is that Mac, Jason and Serena found Kyle fairly early in the book. The narrative also took it's own sweet time to pick up but once they enter Thornhill, the pace picks up quite a bit, plus there's always the looming threat of something truly horrible happening in that place, so that keeps the reader hooked.

Most of the characters from the previous book are here and there are a few additions. Of the old lot, Mac, Jason, Serena and Kyle are present (obviously) as well as Amy. I don't remember the previous book very clearly but this time around, I preferred Jason to Kyle. At least Jason has personality; Kyle was boring and uninteresting. There was also no spirit in Mac. I vaguely remember her having more spunk. She's still brave and willing to put her life on the line for the people she cares about but there was little or no spark in personality. Amy is still a little creepy, though I guess that's warranted considering she's dead. In the new bunch, we have Eve, Curtis, Dex and Warden Sinclair. That's the other problem with this book; it wasn't too big on character development. I vaguely cared about Eve but even though she features fairly heavily in the book, she didn't really create an impression. It was the same with the others. With the exception of Sinclair. She was truly hateful and a seriously revolting character. As far as villains go, I like the ones that are out and out bad, there is no sappy sad story that tries and explains why they do the horrible things they do. And if there is, they don't use it as an excuse. Sinclair was awful because she was convinced that she was doing the right thing, that she was helping these werewolves by ill-treating them and hurting them. I wanted to acquaint her head with a crowbar on multiple occasions.

Thornhill was a bit of a let-down considering that I had been looking forward to it quite a bit. But it was also not as bad as it could've been. There are no dull relationship woes or annoying and completely avoidable misunderstandings, a decent heroine, a truly evil and delusional villain and decent secondary characters, it is worth reading at least once.

Shelley says

Genre YA Paranormal

Rating 3.5-4

My Thoughts

"Something is coming, Mac. It's not over." Amy

The Hemlock series is told in a world where the government sends anyone who has been infected with the Lupine Syndrome to various rehabilitation camps around the country where they kept without any hope of being released to protect others from being exposed to the epidemic.

Unlike other werewolf novels, you have to have been scratched or bitten by a nearly or fully transitioned wolf before being infected. Unlike other werewolf novels, Peacock goes inside a camp called Thornhill and exposes what those who are sent there are put through on a daily basis.

Thornhill picks up almost immediately after the end of Hemlock. Kyle, who has been infected with the Lupine Syndrome, has decided to leave Hemlock behind so that he doesn't infect anyone he cares for including MacKenzie (Mac), and his family. Mac goes on a journey from Hemlock, a place where she's lived for the past 3 years, to Denver in order to find Kyle and stop him from doing something stupid that will get him caged in a Rehab Center.

Alongside Mac on her journey is Amy's former boyfriend Jason Sheffield who joined the Trackers but didn't fully complete his initiation because he may or may not love Mac, and Serena Carson a spunky and determined werewolf in her own right. Mac's plight takes her into the core of Thornhill's Rehabilitation camp after she, Kyle, Serena, and a new character named Eve, are rounded up in a raid on a local werewolf hangout run by someone Mac hasn't seen in over 3 years.

As the only "Reg" in the entire camp, Mac literally puts her life and her future at risk and on the line when she refuses to announce that she's not one of the 3,000 wolves who are infected so that she can try and find a way to rescue Kyle and Serena who she talked into coming to Denver with her and find out what is really going on behind the scene at these camps.

Thornhill once again shows that Mac is a determined, stubborn, and loyal friend to Kyle, Jason, and Serena but still makes some interesting albeit dangerous choices which puts her in harms way. She meets the one person who turned his back on her, and learns the real reason why. I believe this meeting made Mac think differently about the past 3 years plus she's spent with Tess and how she ended up at this point in her life.

I have a hard time with Love Triangles and Thornhill is no exception. Both Kyle and Jason are, at times, hard to like because they make some choices that take their toll on Mac who feels obligated to save them from themselves. Yet, both would most likely bend over backwards in an effort to ensure that Mac is protected and not left in particularly dangerous situations. While Kyle is running away from his problems, Jason tends to drown his in alcohol. I also realize that Mac, Amy, Kyle, and Jason were nearly inseparable until Amy's death, and all need time to grieve in their own ways.

"Things are about to get so interesting." Amy

Mac is still dealing with the ghost of Amy who apparently has some major insights into things that are to come in the future and refuses to move on until she has her say and makes Mac see the light. No matter what we feel about Amy at this point, her continued participation must be important, or, Peacock would have not allowed her so much story time in Thornhill.

In the end, Thornhill dives into the darkness of the governments attempt to corral what they consider to be an out of control epidemic affecting teens. Mac's choices, while not what one would consider smart, were brave and honorable nonetheless. She can't just stand by and watch friends left behind where they might die. She has to do something or what is the point of living? I am eager to read the third installment in this series, and can't wait for the title announcement and synopsis!

Kaylee Magic says

CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT CANNOT WAIT FOR THIS BOOK!! I need more Mac & Kyle & Jason & Kathleen's awesome writing! <3 (;

Giselle says

The long anticipated sequel to Hemlock arriving at my door was no doubt the highlight of my week. I greedily tore into it a few days later, bringing me back into the turbulent lives of Mac, Kyle, and Jason. As usual with sequels, I think I would have loved it more had there not been such a large gap of time between reading this book and its predecessor. Things did eventually come back - mostly - although the dark, action packed thriller that it is removed any chance of ever becoming bored regardless.

Hemlock introduced us to a world where being infected by Lupine syndrome means you're now a threat to society, and thus no law applies to you anymore. You'll be hunted until you're found and sent to rehabilitation camp. In Thornhill, we see exactly what these camps consist of, and it's not pretty! This is what I was craving to find out in the first book; it's safe to say I was instantly enthralled by the grim setting of this book. Plus, Mac and Kyle are now trapped into this facility brimming with morbid rumors. It turns up the suspense, multiplies the conspiracies, and opens our eyes to some very interesting, very dark secrets. My point: the setting is A-1! It's even more dystopian-like; all oppressive surroundings and claustrophobic feelings. The advancement in world building and plot is significant for the series and I surprisingly never got a middle-book feel from it.

Even though we grow to side with the werewolves, I found it realistically constructed from a societal standpoint. Thornhill's biggest villain is shown as this cruel, heartless human being when really it's all fear-induced. It doesn't make it right, but it makes us understand. Just think about it - if on the street could be a walking weapon... What makes it worse is prejudice against werewolves is not only cruelly witnessed, but enforced. You can be arrested for being a werewolf sympathizer, for instance. This divide between those infected and regular humans makes it so society becomes okay with shooting a werewolf for the sole reason of that person being a werewolf, no matter how unthreatening they're being. It's realistic, which makes it all the more disturbing.

The romance, at least from what I remember, is a little bit more pronounced in this sequel. The plot surrounds Mac and her need to rescue Kyle with the help of Jason who's obviously infatuated by her. There is some development in regards to the love triangle, but Mac's feelings don't seem to stray from Kyle so it's still not your cliché back and forth love story - I kind of heart Jason, though, so it's bittersweet. I do have one character qualm - albeit a minor one, but it's one that surrounds this sequel's plot as a whole. It's my doubt in regards to Mac's reasoning for getting herself in unnecessary danger by staying in the camp. I think a smarter decision would have been getting out and getting help from the pack. As such, I was not convinced by her motive to stay; it didn't feel like a very logical solution any way I turned it. Unrelated, but more uncertainty showed its head during the Amy chapters. I'm not sure of the significance yet but anything regarding such a portrayal of the afterlife has the tendency to become a bit too spiritual/religious for my liking. So we'll see

how it goes.

With unrelenting suspense and the same wonderful characters we grew to love, Thornhill is sure to be a winner among fans of the series. If you're new to Hemlock, you're missing one heck of a ruthless, intelligent, and original werewolf mystery!

Find my review of Hemlock here!

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An advance copy was provided by the publisher for review.

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Kierra says

The wait is already miserable and it has only been about an hour since I finished it! SO far away! 2013 come faster....

Kira Simion says

Someone is going to hate me. I just know it but, I feel like this was a tad bit, a wee bit (my friend is British. ;)) slower or just a tad bit not as dramatic as the first one.

Still really good and I thought it was a great read. I have high hopes for the last book in the trilogy.

5/5 *crosses fingers*

Juliette says

First of all, I just want to say that I am so grateful for the advanced readers copy I was given that allowed me to read this wonderful book. I'm so happy I don't have to wait until September?

I had high hopes for this book after reading Hemlock. Hemlock was unlike any werewolf stories I've read and I loved the creativity of it. Thornhill was just as creative. I was happy to see the lovely Mac Dobson, Kyle and Jason.

Anyway this book starts off where it ended in Hemlock. Mac and Jason set off to find Kyle and bring Kyle back home. They know it's not going to be a simple process but they had no idea what was in store for them and what awful things they were going to see.

Mac, Jason, and Kyle are captured and are all taken to Thornhill which is a rehabilitation center for wolves. And shall I remind you, Mac is not a wolf.

I won't say what happens in this camp. All I'm going to say is that they discover that Thornhill is not what it seems and Mac and her friends sacrifice themselves to discover the dark secrets hidden away at Thornhill and will do whatever they can to protect the people they love.

I highly recommend this book and I promise other people that Thornhill is definitely worth the wait.

Christina (Ensnoced in Lit) says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

Hemlock by Kathleen Peacock was one of my favorite reads in the past year. It had everything I wanted in a book-- a fiesty heroine, hot boys, fast paced action, and a surprising depth. When I found out it was the first book in a trilogy, I was both excited and nervous because so often the second book turns into mere filler. Happily, that was definitely not the case here.

Thornhill takes place right after Hemlock ends. We meet up again with Mac and Jason (who still reminds me of a hotter version of Jason from True Blood) as they journey to find Kyle. Selena, Mac's other wolfie friend comes to help out, and we learn more about Mac's past as well as meet some new characters. Eve is a fun new character, and one I'm glad we'll continue to see. Also, we get a ton more backstory about the lupine outbreak and what measures are being carried out to control the situation. This book is pivotal in several important ways-- we get the necessary expansion of the world building, we see more into the main character's past, and we forward the overall plot.

Thornhill is a blast. I read it in a couple of sittings only because I had to sleep. Mac is still a fun character, and while I know Kyle is her heart throb (and generally, I'm totally into the nice guy), I have to say the tortured Jason has really grown on me. He has an interesting role to play in this sequel. I also love the creepy chapters with Amy, Mac's dead friend. She has a eerie eloquence that makes her a scene stealer.

So why does this get four stars not five? Sinclair is a fascinating new character and possible antagonist although it's not really clear in the first half of the book-- I'll leave it to you guys to decide for yourselves. I think she's the key player in this book, and I'm not sure I completely got her. We get a brief explanation at the end, but I found that I wanted more. It didn't quite make sense to me.

However, overall, Peacock once again shows her writing chops in this beautifully written and high velocity sequel. I'm already dying to get the last book in this trilogy, as I think it'll be the best and most explosive one yet.
