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Unthinkable Details

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Dísir says

The premise of 'Unthinkable' is exciting: steeped in history and myth, with a touch of the paranormal, superhuman capabilities and military conspiracies...all of which I've sort of come to associate with authors like Christine Feehan's Ghostwalkers and Rebecca Zanetti's Sin Brothers series to begin with. I love getting thrown straight into the action, smack in the middle of a thick, juicy plot where there's a history to plumb and an uncertain future to ride through. And that was what the first few chapters did for me.

But it went downhill quickly from there. The constant emphasis on needing getting laid, very obvious Stockholm Syndrome and getting into each other's pants became an unwelcome distraction; it made me think of randy teenagers looking for their next hookup instead of men and women with special powers and military-grade training looking to negotiate their way out of a high-stakes situation that is supposed to be tense and suspenseful. Where I'd expected a difficult, push-pull negotiation process with hardline torture and raw emotions, many of the scenes between Jake and Christa were overshadowed by thoughts of them needing to kiss or sex each other up, resulting in a strangely juvenile setup that felt out of place with the given context...and more like Twilight than Homeland or the X-files.

Thankfully the story picked up once again, only to be given an odd Dr. Whovian twist before it ends.

'Unthinkable' well, is a mix of quite a few things—urban fantasy, erotica, paranormal— but neither of those are fully realised at this point in time. The entire arc has only just begun and the obvious cliffhanger and strange revelations would probably all make sense by the time the series ends. At the moment however, I'm left floundering, bewildered and somewhat confused.

Coral says

Plot: 4/5

Characterisation: 3/5

Prose: 4/5

How much I enjoyed it: 3/5

Elizabeth Neal says

Background - Many, many years ago, a group was discovered on another continent, a group unlike any the man had seen before. That man relocated them to his home in Scotland and they were never heard of again.

As the years went by things changed for the group, as well as expanding with new additions, and when current members realized things weren't as they should be, they made a plan. However, that plan resulted in some consequences they didn't see coming. To make things right, Jake, the leader, decides to get the answers they need, there's only one thing to do...they need a bargaining chip to see where the Colonel stands. They also want to discover their origins, where they came from, any information about their lives, information that

has never been shared with them.

Christa, the Colonel's daughter, sees only the good in people. The Colonel knows his kind-hearted daughter could never understand some of the decisions he's made, nor his need for power that started him on this journey and has ensured she isn't aware of them. However, he can't control everything or everyone and regardless of the steps he's taken to keep the two sides of his life separate, unfortunately for Christa, they're about to collide with her right in the center of it.

"He fucking loved being in her mind. She was like no one he'd ever encountered before. He loved hearing her quirky thoughts." - Jake

As the pull to be near Christa becomes harder and harder to resist, Jake is torn between what he's coming to crave where she's concerned and his responsibility to his chosen family. As Jake and his team work to free the others and discover all they can about themselves, it seems someone is eliminating anyone in the know about the group. That could mean the Colonel is in danger. Even though they don't trust him, he is working with them as a necessity to keep Christa safe. But what happens when the Colonel learns Christa is specifically being targeted as well?

Will Jake find the members of family that were taken hostage? Will he find the other missing members as well? Can the Colonel be trusted? Who is behind what's happening? Is the same person or people responsible for everything? Or are there more players involved than Jake is aware of? What happens when Christa learns the other secrets her Dad is keeping, ones that specifically involve her? Will Jake and Christa get a chance at a future together?

One-click now to find out the story behind the Tribe, as they're referred to, and discover what they're up against as they try to uncover the truth about their beginnings. Please keep in mind while the book does let us know there is a future for Jake and Christa, the plot is in no way resolved and will continue on in book two. I did find the premise unique and am curious to see how the story will continue.

I do have to say on a side note, there were a couple of things that irritated me and while this is purely a personal preference on my part, I did want to share what they were. First, and this happened very early on in the story and then colored my enjoyment of the remainder of the story. I may have eventually been able to forget about it, but then it was referred to again, therefore refreshing my memory and irritating me all over again. Jake, Quinn, and Rose are traveling to their destination and a comment is made by Quinn, essentially telling Jake he's too tense and needs to get laid. Rose then offers herself up to have sex with him, saying she'd take one for the team. No. Just no. I do not want to have another character offer to have sex with the hero. Then she later referred to her offer again and said Jake should've taken her up on it. (This is after Jake and Christa have met and it's obvious to all the members present that they're attracted to each other and the team disapproves.) Now both times nothing happens between them and we are told that not only has nothing ever happened between them, but that Jake views her, and all the other members, as family and has never thought of the female members that way. Which brings me to my second irritation. I find it icky that she would offer to have sex with him, twice, when they've become family to each other. Third, we have Jake's mental thinking of how it's been three months since he last had sex. Oh no, the horror of it all, right? I hate when it's done like that. It's been three months...which equates to it being forever ago...ugh. Why do people feel the male characters have to essentially be manwhores or they constantly need sex or have just had it recently? There is nothing wrong with a man that isn't like that. In all honesty, that man is more of a hero in my eyes. The fourth and final thing, it got really old really fast that every woman Jake came into contact with, minus the female Tribe members and not including Rose's offer, either flat out flirted with him, mentally thought about him and what they'd like to do to him (psst...he can read minds so we were given this

information.), or was obvious in checking him out. We get it, he's hot. That doesn't mean that no woman could be in his vicinity without it impacting her. I didn't feel any of these were necessary nor did they add to the story. In fact, they detracted from it for me.

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Paula Phillips says

Once upon a time there was a tribe discovered in Africa back in the late 1800's by Malcolm Rayleigh. He brought them back with him to a compound in Scotland, over the years the male generation of Rayleigh's took the Tribe under their wing with the most recent being Martin Rayleigh. The Tribe as they were called helped the US Government as most of them had telepathic skills and were above intelligent and beyond what the normal humans were capable of. This worked well until recently and now the Tribe members are being hunted along with those who were in charge of the tribe committee. Jake Callahan is the oldest of the Tribe members and is their leader and now he wants answers into why his friends and he are being targeted. He sees that the only one who can give him answers is the guy known as "The Colonel". The thing is he isn't talking, well not yet anyway. Jake kidnaps his daughter Christa to use as a bargaining chip, but all is not what it seems as Jake is falling for Christa and vice versa though she claims it's merely a case of Stockholm Syndrome. What will happen though when Christa's true background is revealed? I have to say the first 1/2 - 1/3 of Unthinkable was quite action-packed and then took a turn of romance in the air for a few characters especially Jake and Christa - who btw Jake Callahan is now being added to my list of Book Boyfriends. The last part of this book and the ending OMFG I so did not see the entire twist coming, I did have a inkling about the original tribe members but that last page. Readers be prepared for a shock and a cliffhanger ending. The other thing that attracted me to this book was the fact that it has an Academic Geek Lit angle with Christa and her science background which I loved. With the way Unthinkable ended, I am now looking forward to reading Book #2 in the Beyond Human Series and reading how Nina explains more about the strange object in the cliffhanger.

Shari Kay says

First time reading this author. It was okay. The ideas are definitely there. The writing is easy, a few grammar issues but nothing jarring. But the characters didn't grab me. I found myself wanting to skim.

Jake and Christa were likable enough. It was interesting being in Christa's head if not a whole lot embarrassing for her...because Jake can read minds. Which is awkward when Christa is hoping he is a strip-o-gram sent for her viewing pleasure and he ends up being her kidnapper. Jake is a cocky guy, so he listened in on her wayward thoughts a lot...and I was mortified for her. I cry foul right there.

Their romance was also somewhat awkward. I didn't really get the connection until we get further info. down the line. Which also seemed a bit contrived, but at least cleared up why gorgeous hunk was attracted to pretty scientist who just happens to be the daughter of his enemy. I still felt it was a bit weird how it all unfolded, maybe I needed to feel more of a connection to buy in?

I can't say I warmed up to any of the side characters either. I would go so far as to say I didn't really even like them much. Quinn was okay. Kaitlyn is abrasive but I *would* love to see her take down a few certain someones. The other women weren't really put in a good light in my opinion and I never warmed to them. I was interested in Kane, but if I was suppose to feel sorry for him, then that was a fail. Because I didn't. (view spoiler)

So the bulk of the MC's are part of a group of kids that were used for experimentation, drugged unknowingly, thought they were working for a greater good only to find themselves horribly betrayed. And i mean...badly. So badly, I didn't know how later in the story they could stomach being around certain individuals. Needing their help or not. Wanting answers or not. I think I would have blown those MF'ers away without another thought. But I can be a bit bloodthirsty b*itch when it comes to someone killing my friends/family/babies/innocent teenagers and good men that are just trying to help. But that's just me.

Do the ends justify the means?. Do they? How much collateral damage is acceptable? How low will you go and try to tell yourself you had no choice? This seems to be the underlying theme throughout the book. So much so, I was left unsatisfied at the end. This is beginning of a series, so maybe the author gives them their comeuppance later. I'm just not sure I'm interested enough to find out.

Would I read the next one? Maybe. Maybe not.

Celestine says

Enjoyable paranormal book with a potential sci-fi twist. Croft has created an interesting situation with her "beyond" human characters, and I really liked the characters and the potential story lines. I love Croft's sci-fi books, so I am pleased to see her adapt a new series in this new world. Although this story concludes with this couple the underlying plot is unresolved at the end.

Book source: Purchased.

Elaine says

This is the dramatic start to an enthralling science fiction adventure and romance set in contemporary times. It involves a group of paranormally talented people who have been brought up in foster care before being brought together to form a team, the Tribe. They used to think they were working for the good guys but the death of some of them has made them question their orders and escape from where they were being experimented on. That was three months ago and now their former bosses have ordered them to be captured and some of them captured it is up to their leader, Jake Callahan, to endeavour to ensure they can all be free. To do this he instigates the kidnapping of Christa Winters, the beloved daughter of the man who used to be their boss and the man currently holding and threatening the lives of Jake's team mates. Christa is a science geek who has no idea what her Dad is involved with and who is instantly attracted to Jake - and the attraction is mutual! As more people are murdered, danger lurks from unknown sources and soon Jake is desperate to keep the Tribe and Christa safe

This is an action packed adventure with well developed characters, a superb plot and that ending is one heck of a cliffhanger! Initially it seems a straightforward story but the author has cleverly interwoven a variety of

threads together to create an intriguing story that had me reluctant to put it down, I wanted to know what happened next! Now I can't wait to read the future books in this amazing series. I have no hesitation at all in highly recommending this to anyone who enjoys stories set in the present day but involving science fiction elements together with mystery, adventure and romance!

I was gifted a copy of this book by the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

JoRead says

Full review to come.

Marta Cox says

I really enjoy this authors work and I'm constantly amazed that more of my reading friends have yet to discover her. I'm particularly fond of her somewhat unique paranormal and sci fi stories so this book sounded right up my street and I'm happy to say it was everything I hoped for but and the but is I just didn't want the story to end!

So basically we have a group of somewhat enhanced people who worked for the government but are now on the run. They are the Tribe, descended from a strange race discovered many years ago and kept secret. There are those who will do anything to control these escapees and it appears that their former boss has a huge chink in his armour , his daughter Christa. So taking advantage of that seems pretty straightforward to their leader Jake. Yet he's in for a whole world of hurt when he kidnaps Christa because she is an innocent, with no idea what her father really does. Oh and did I mention she looks at Jake and imagines that he's a stripper sent to fulfill her every fantasy? Yep sexual chemistry is not easy to ignore but is this Stockholm Syndrome or something far more elemental in play?

Without revealing too much I will state that I got pulled into this story very easily . Yes it's amusing reading how Jake and Christa react to each other but the constant ribbing from his fellow Tribe members just felt joyful. After all their lives have been controlled so it made sense that they would revel in freedom and tease each other, life is after all for living! Best of all though are the secrets , the mystery and just how far does the corruption really go as unspeakable and to my mind inhumane acts are used against the Tribe. Yes I did kind of guess something about characters here but the ending had me wanting so much more . Warning, if you read this you will be desperate for the author to write the sequel !

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Four and a half from me

Lenore Kosinski says

<https://celebrityreaders.wordpress.co...>

4 stars -- I received a free copy through NetGalley in exchange for an honest and unbiased review/opinion.

You know, it's actually been a while since I read a good paranormal romance/urban fantasy. I don't actually read a lot in this genre, but for me what makes this more urban fantasy in my head is the greater action

sequences, and the sort of government/military aspect of the characters. I don't think that's actually correct, but just shows where my head is at. Regardless, those were the elements I really enjoyed about this book. It had some great sassy characters, an intriguing paranormal aspect that looks to be setting up for a great new series (I can't help but wonder if the next books will be about Christa and Jake, or other characters in the Tribe), and a good deal of suspense, mystery, and action.

I enjoyed being in both Christa and Jake's heads...and I enjoyed watching Jake read Christa's mind. Christa was such a delight -- innocent and sweet, but with a side of sassy and strong...and quite frankly her head was hilarious. And Jake was the typical broody alpha-ish male who takes a lot on his shoulders, but is taken down by sweet little Christa. They had great chemistry, and I thoroughly enjoyed the steamy scenes.

We had some fantastic secondary characters, especially in the Tribe members. I can see this setting up to be a series where we get to see each Tribe members story, and I can't wait. There's so many I'm curious about.

And the paranormal type aspect kept me engaged...I was definitely curious to find out what the mystery would be, and I received enough answers to leave me satisfied, but with enough still unanswered to make me want to come back for more.

Strangely enough I think I have a few Nina Croft books, but this might be the first I've actually read..no wait, I've read a short story by her in an anthology, and now that I vaguely recall, I wonder if it was about one of the Tribe. I think I need to go reread it. She's very engaging, I will be looking forward to reading more of her in the future.

Hannah says

ARC REVIEW

heads up cliffhanger! damns youse.

First off, cliffhanger I warn you now, so if you hate cliffhangers do not read. I am torn between liking this book and being utterly confused by it. It jumps you into the story, I was a little confused I had to check to make sure this was actually book one in the series. I really liked the plot, I liked the concept. It's one of those big twisted, nothing is what it seems, no one is what they seem kind of stories. There is deep history with many of the characters and it's kind of summarized but I still felt that so much was left out. I know it will probably be revealed in the later books but it left me wanting more like a prequel explaining everything before the point where this book started. The characters are all very interesting and even the "bad guys" you want to know more about their story.

Jake is the leader of The Tribe a group of people with special abilities they were until recently under control of the government, but one of them died and Jake went in search of what happened and was disturbed by what he saw and it led him and the others to escape. Now that they are free from the confines of the government and their ability repressing drugs The Tribe is discovering a whole new set of talents they never knew they had. They had only a few months of freedom before their former boss raided their safe house and kidnapped several of their people. To get them back Jake sinks to their level and kidnaps the one thing his former boss held dear, his daughter.

Christa Winters is completely oblivious of her father's activities. Christa is so strongly attracted to her

kidnapper she has convinced herself that she's suffering from Stockholm Syndrome. She can't stop thinking about him, and since Jake is telepathic he can read her thoughts he finds her absolutely fascinating. Jake has been drawn to Christa since he first saw her weeks before he kidnaped her. The fact that she is the daughter of the man he wants to kill should keep him from getting too attached but he finds peace when he's with her and when the events unfold and they must run they become closer. Jake tells Christa everything, about The Tribe her father and their supposed origins. Christa is a scientist specializing in DNA and she tries to help find out if the origins they think is the truth is really the truth.

There are so many twists I don't want to say too much and reveal what really happens, it really is a captivating story once you get into it and there are so many surprises it keeps you guessing what going to happen next. Overall, it was a good read once you get into it it's really non stop. I enjoyed the good guys forced to do bad things in order to protect their own.

Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says

Why is it that the one you want is the one you should not have. That is at the heart of the relationship between Jake and Christa. He is on the run from her father and has kidnaped her to have some leverage. Both are very interesting and developed characters. The series name,, Beyond Human, says that the characters are going to be different. Jake is part of The Tribe and each has some paranormal ability. They are on the run after members of their group were killed. Read No More Lies a prequel to the series that gives a lot of background. This has a great plot, exciting action, a nice love story and a cliff hanger ending. A great start to a new series.

Sandy S says

4.25 stars--

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REVIEW: 4.25 stars-- UNTHINKABLE is the first installment in Nina Croft's adult, sci-fi BEYOND

HUMAN paranormal, romance series focusing on a group of supernatural humans known as the Tribe- descendants from a group of people discovered, over 100 years earlier, by an expedition to the Mountains of the Moon (Congo Free State of Africa). This is leader of the Tribe Jake Callahan, and genetic scientist Christa Winters's story line.

Told from several third person perspectives UNTHINKABLE focuses on discrimination and specieism aimed at the descendants of the Tribe- a race of tall, blue-eyed Caucasians believed to be the product of inbreeding who were transferred to Scotland, given a home and all but forgotten. Fast forward to present day where the survivors and descendants have found themselves the victims of government experiments and manipulation, and in the ensuing time have discovered that each has been blessed or cursed with supernatural powers and psychic abilities as part of their Tribe DNA. Jake Callahan is the current day leader of the Tribe, and a man who is slowly losing the people he loves. Enter Christa Winters, a genetic scientist, who is unaware of the Tribe's existence but a woman who is closer to the Tribe than she could ever have imagined.

UNTHINKABLE follows the life and death struggle of the members of Jake Callahan's team of supernatural survivors. With the government and other factions of secret society trying to destroy what remains of the Tribe, our hero has a difficult time when the members of his 'family' slowly become victims of experiments and 'ethnic' cleansing. When Jake discovers that the man he once considered a father, Colonel Harry Winters, may be behind the Tribe's slow descent into h*ll, Jake targets his daughter Christa in a game of betrayal and revenge.

There is a large ensemble cast of secondary and supporting characters including several members of secret government organizations behind the experimentation and eradication of the Tribe. We are introduced to Jake's team and the people he calls family, as well as a newcomer who may or may not be connected to his Tribe.

The world building focuses on the history of the Tribe; their numbers, their powers and their psychic abilities, as well as their fight for freedom and battle to stay alive but there is plenty of information that has yet to be revealed leaving the reader wanting more. Not everyone will survive the attacks against the Tribe and our hero will struggle with the loss of life and the guilt he places squarely on his shoulders.

UNTHINKABLE is a passionate and fascinating story line about survival, discrimination and fear of the unknown. The premise is inventive, captivating and clever; the characters are tragic, inspiring, courageous and confident; the romance is fated and fascinating-Jake's ability to read minds makes for some unusual and uncomfortable moments both in and out of the bedroom ;)

Nina Croft's amazing ability to blend Sci-fi with the paranormal takes the reader on an adventure into the unknown.

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? BookAddict ✍ La Crimson Femme says

Week 4 of Shameless lasts for several days. I've read Ms. Croft before and I enjoyed her writing. When I saw her name show up on the list of Shameless authors, I hoped to meet her. She is absolutely lovely in person.

She is also good natured as she made it to Florida sans luggage. Oddly enough, someone took her to Walmart to shop for clothing and necessities instead of Target. I can't even. Suffice to say, she learned about People of Walmart first hand. Real life adventure aside, this story pulled me in so hard and fast.

I love speculative fiction. When there are plausible psychic powers, I'm even more intrigued. Who are these "Tribe" found in the heart of Africa? Jake Callahan, a young man who is somehow related to the Tribe also wants to know how he is related. Jake's life has been a series of half truths. Trying to figure out if he is really the good or bad guy is difficult as the kids he's grown up with and now are part of a psychic team with are dying left and right. He wrestles with his decision to be as ruthless as his enemy, his former handler.

This is a complex world with characters who are more than what the seem. Ms. Croft creates complicated characters who are not fully bad or good. She also sets them up with difficult decisions that come across as lose-lose. When lack of experience meets tough decisions, sometimes the character picks the wrong path. Several times, Jake is distracted by Christa, the woman who will get him to his end goal. He knows the truth is out there and Christa's father will help him find it.

These characters are a bit immature and it makes sense because they are essentially children. The oldest one is Jake and he's a mere 24. The mishaps that occur based on their decisions are believable because it is what a child would decide to do. This does make this story a bit frustrating for more experienced readers because they may want to yell out warnings to protect the kids. There is a lot to be protected from because this story seems to several groups all going against Jake and his small team of people. I'm hooked into this series and need to find out more. I immediately purchased the next two books in the series after reading this one. This is recommended to readers who enjoy new adult characters with a "x-files" type feel.

RachelW (BamaGal) says

I had some issues with this one. The premise of the lost 'tribe' of telepathic people searching for their roots and lost comrades was solid, and showed great promise; sort of a PNR/SciFi mix. The characters were where I had issue. The members of the tribe were, across the board, extremely juvenile. They were all into Christa and Jake's romance; talking and teasing about it, even during times of great danger. It was all on the pre-teen level of 'do you like her, check yes or no'. Jake kept peeking into Christa's mind; and the reader is repeatedly and at length treated to all her juvenile gushing thoughts about how cute and manly Jake is. (Even during sex). No, just no.

It got a little better and more interesting later on in the book; but the action still stopped dead to insert a sex scene. The ending had a twist that perked up my interest for the next book; but I just don't know if I can read another book written basically as a YA with a lot of sex and violence. I need it to be more adult level reading than this was. This is a 'maybe' series to continue for me.
