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Four wealthy women kidnapped.

Three ransoms demanded and paid.

Two bodies returned, mutilated and drained of blood.

One man determined to avenge the wrongs of his past.

Nikki James is in San Francisco at the request of her partner and best friend, Jake. The wife of Jake's old friend is missing, and Jake intends to find her whatever the cost. While the authorities believe the kidnappings are the work of a sick mind, Nikki knows it is something much worse. Vampires. Six of them. And they know who she is, and why she's there.

Michael Kelly has just returned from a vampire hunting expedition in his homeland and wants to spend some much-needed relaxation time with Nikki. But when he discovers she's gone to San Francisco to pursue the vampire gang currently terrorizing the city, he has no choice except to follow. Not only to keep her safe from the gang, but because he fears the psychic talents she's beginning to develop. Abilities she should not have and cannot control.

The chase takes them through the sewers and tunnels of San Francisco. As the body count begins to rise, so, too, does the danger. Michael isn't the only one aware of Nikki's new abilities, and she becomes a target. But Nikki has no intention of obeying Michael's demands that she leave. She's tired of playing it safe and wants him to realize it's all or nothing. She's either a full partner in his life, or she's out.

But nothing prepares her for the price she has to pay for her stubbornness—the life of someone she loves.

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From Reader Review *Chasing the Shadows* for online ebook

Sarah says

This is book 3 in the Nikki and Michael series & I'd strongly recommend that you read the series in order. Although I won't give spoilers for *Chasing the Shadows* in this review it will be impossible not to include things that may spoil the previous books so if you're new to the series I'd recommend you read the reviews for *Dancing with the Devil*. This is a series I'm thoroughly enjoying so I'd definitely recommend you check it out!

Nikki & Michael have now been a couple for several months but although they are very happy together Michael's work with the Circle has meant he is spending a lot of time away from their home. Nikki isn't happy that he leaves her behind & wants to be able to work with him. She knows her talents have been useful in the past and believes she can help him. Michael on the other hand is determined not to let her put herself in danger - he wants to protect her and the best way to do that is to keep her away from Circle business. This is causing a lot of conflict between them so Michael isn't happy when he comes home from a case to find that Nikki is in San Francisco working on a case with Jake.

Women are being kidnapped and although the ransoms are being paid their mutilated bodies have started turning up. The latest kidnapping victim is Jake's best friend's wife and they need to work fast if they are going to find her before she is murdered. But it isn't just a normal killer they are dealing with and Michael has also been asked to investigate by the Circle.

This was a fantastic installment to a great series & I can't wait to read the next book. I love Nikki & Michael and am really enjoying watching their relationship develop. The romance is really well done but it is only part of the story and there was plenty of action that kept me on the edge of my seat. Nikki's psychic abilities are changing since Michael made her into a Thrall and I'm really curious about what is going to happen to them in the future. Keri Arthur has definitely earned a place on my favorite authors list & I'm looking forward to reading more of her books. I'd recommend this series to any urban fantasy fans - especially if you like a little romance thrown in for good measure

Beth says

Chasing the Shadows is a heart pounding, non-stop, emotionally enthralling story. From page one, Keri Arthur hooked us with her memorizing characters and the dark magical world brought to life from Arthur's imagination. Bringing us a story that really hits home with our characters, new revelations and a battle for compromise, I found *Chasing the Shadows* my favorite Nikki & Michael story so far.

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Lync Lync says

This appears to be the last in the trilogy (from the Author's website) yet there is so much still unresolved and only hinted at ...

TinaMarie says

On going relationship between Nikki and Michael. He doesn't want her to be involved in his dangerous profession and she does. While they are working out their differences and learning that their powers are changing they have to track down a killer vamp

Sanny says

Once again 3.5 stars

I really like this series and Keri Arthur knows how to keep you engaged throughout her books and there's never anything that makes me lose interest or bores me...

...BUT Nikki and Michael's back and forward drives me insane. As soon as one of them is on board with their relationship the other one starts doubting it. The most obvious solution in the world would be to start TALKING instead of screaming and butting heads.

I really get their points of view but the way they go about stating their opinion makes me want to scream and it distracts me from the great plot. The Plot like the in the two previous books was solid and kept me right on the edge of my seat, hoping and guessing.

The character growth throughout the book is very noticeable and while their relationship problems don't magically disappear, I was glad to see that they finally found a way to start in the right direction towards the end; I can only hope that it will continue into that direction in book 4.

The end, wow. There are many authors that would've changed direction in the last possible moment and in

an incredible gesture of strength would've saved the day. I like Keri Arthur's approach much better, she didn't choose the easier road but took us on a great journey instead.

So what's left to say? I can't wait for book 4!

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Tina says

Wow! Nikki and Michael are chasing the smell of evil to San Francisco. Here Nikki's talents further develop as she takes a ghostly dive in a cemetery. Book three in this series is the best by far. You will get misty eyed at Nikki's loss and smile at the sweet ending!

Dianne says

Chasing the Shadows by Keri Arthur is filled with all the ingredients for a good paranormal romance, like murder, mystery, love with that electric spark between Nikki and Michael that ignites passion, intense feelings and some fierce disagreements. Michael is very protective and Nikki is strong-willed and needs to feel she is an equal partner in their relationship. The problem is, as Nikki's special powers grow, she has to struggle to keep them under control. Heading off to help Jake with a vampire-related missing person's case is probably not her brightest move. Just ask Michael. Will his old world ways cramp Nikki's progressive style or will they find a happy medium, and what about Jake's missing person's case?

Keri Arthur can create a tale, flesh it out, pack some action in, and by adding colorful characters with great dialogue, puts the reader in the middle of her world. Ever watch two people argue, butt heads and want to put them both in their own corners for a time out? That's how I felt with Michael and Nikki! There were times when they seemed a little over-the-top, but love can do that to people, right? Compromise, anyone?

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Felicity Heaton says

Nikki and Michael are back in book three of Keri Arthur's Nikki and Michael series. Nikki, a telepath and telekinetic, has had enough of playing house and waiting for Michael's return from a mission. Things have been going well for the duo, but their relationship is still strained by Michael's old-world ways sometimes. It's nice to have a little tension in the relationship as it grows, but sometimes I felt it was overdone. The story this time takes us to San Francisco, and back to Jake, Nikki's partner in crime-fighting from her days at the private investigation company. I was glad of the change of scenery as the first two books in the series both featured plenty of time spent in caves, and we often get numerous repetitions about what happened to Nikki in a cave in the first book (won't say what happened as it might spoil things for people). However, we did end up spending plenty of time underground again, this time in the sewers, but I could deal with that as it's still a change from caves and vampires have got to hide somewhere during the day.

Michael returns from his mission with a yearning to see Nikki at his remote cabin and a present in his pocket that isn't something sensual. A certain token for his love. The trouble is, she's headed out to the same mission he's just been assigned to, and now he's chasing her across the country rather than enjoying a nice lazy reunion full of lovemaking. When he eventually catches up with his wayward love, she's neck deep in trouble again. Together they go through various highs and lows with plenty of suspense tossed in to keep me flipping pages, and the odd scuffle between the lovers to keep things interesting, although sometimes it goes too far. Nikki becomes a little irritating in this one as she clearly doesn't know when she's on to a good thing and seems fairly determined to force Michael out of her life or get him killed. She came off as a bit petulant and childish in places. Nikki's powers are growing in this one, and it seems they're affecting Michael too, which makes it quite interesting, but they didn't grow enough to be particularly exciting. Nikki has also picked up some pyrokinetic abilities from book two as well.

I really enjoyed this story, but it started to feel a bit repetitive having read the first two. The author has stock phrases that she uses around twenty times per book each and it did start to grate on my nerves a little. The editing in this book sucked too. Lots of mistakes that really leapt out at me, and some times when the writing was really below par. I wanted this book to be as great as the first two, but it fell short due to the editing and repetition, and playing on Michael being over-protective, and also had a fairly predictable sad moment that didn't actually gain much emotional reaction from me because I didn't feel the person who died was emotionally involved or close enough to Nikki to actually warrant such a strong reaction from her. There was nothing in this book or the previous ones that made out they were very close. I still enjoyed Michael and it's nice seeing him battling his darkness to keep control around Nikki, although sometimes I wished he'd let a little of that darkness out to play. I do enjoy a good biting scene. It might have bumped this one up to a four in spite of the bad editing and repetition. If you've read the previous two, then do continue, but be warned that there are some nasty editing errors ahead.

Deniz says

This is my favorite book in the series!

Arthur's world building is again fantastic. I love the world she created. Each book in the series add on to it. There are all kinds of different beings and elements added in this one as well.

The plot is rather predictable but very entertaining. This is a page turner! Lots of action, fantasy and the love story of Nikki and Michael make for a fun read.

But my favorite part is the character building. And in fact this is the best in the entire series. Yes, I know ,I know- there I am again; Throw everything overboard if the character building is great. Well, as long as I like the writing style- which I clearly do having read the entire series back to back.

While we got to know most of the characters in the previous books- in this one they are more carved out, Keri dug deeper this time. And for me the best part is the dynamic between them. They feel like a group of friends you get to revisit.

The only bit that was disappointing; The villains were seriously mediocre. Predictable and to cliché, made them very caricaturistic than charismatic or believable.

A book that adds on so much to a already good series.

Tiffany says

Delve deeper into the mind of Michael

This is the third book in the Nikki and Michael series by Keri Arthur. This book starts off four months later, where Nikki and Michael are living together. Michael is off on an assignment and is returning home . He gets information that he's needed on another case in San Francisco. He says that he'll do it but first he wants to get home to Nikki, though she's not there, she's already in San Francisco.

Nikki's friend and boss Jake called Nikki to come to help him with a case. His friends wife is missing and they need to find her. Since Nikki has the psychic ability to find people she agrees. She also leaves because she's bored at home. She wants to be a team with Michael, going with him on assignment, though he disagrees because he thinks it'll be to much of a danger, though Nikki's life is always in danger and she doesn't seem to see it his way. Though danger comes in a form of a vampire the moment she get's into her room.

When Michael arrives he's furious. He can't believe that she just left without thinking of the consequences. Her abilities are growing at an alarming rate and he's worried that someone might be able to tap into her mind or she'll get lost in someone else's. Though since he's there he just lets her search for the missing woman (knowing he'll never stop her) and helps her along the way. Nikki finds that the woman has been taken by a vampire whose soul purpose is to ruin this woman life. Not only this one but many more, like her bosses wife, Mary, who went to school with the man who is now a vampire. Through Nikki's stubbornness she loses someone close to her and it takes all she's got to get rid of the man who did it.

This book was a good one. There was more drama in this one and Nikki really has to grow up. She learns that if she doesn't she'll lose everything. Plus Michael is becoming more of a positive, he's learning to deal with Nikki in a whole new manner and it's not so frustrating between those two. I like this series, like most of Keri Arthur's books, though this one is more of a romance then the other series she wrote. Very good plot line and goes great into the fourth one!!

Cindyg says

Damn this installment really made me nervous...Nikki and Michael are sooooo damn stubborn. Just the right amount of action and passion. Nikki is really evolving but in to what who knows, not even Seline can get a handle all the changes that she's experiencing. Michael is not afraid to put his heart out there but he's scared to death of losing Nikki and he fights tooth and fang to keep her out of trouble but trouble just a knack of finding her and she's too hard headed to back away. She heads right in to the fray.

I love this book and I hate knowing that I'm starting the last book in the series, it makes me sad actually. But not sad enough to not read it, if you know what I mean.

Do yourself a favor and get your hands on this series, I highly recommend it.

Jackie says

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

A QUESTION OF LUST

Nikki James is in San Francisco at the request of her partner and best friend, Jake. The wife of an old friend is missing, and Jake intends to find her—whatever the cost. The authorities believe the kidnappings to be the work of a sick mind, but Nikki knows that the truth is something much worse—especially since she seems to have an unexpected psychic link to the killer. But as always, she is more than willing to risk her own life to save another's.

For Michael Kelly, Nikki's bravado is a source of endless terror. He wants nothing more than to make Nikki a permanent part of his life, but he knows that her quest is sure to get her killed. As they chase through the

sewers and tunnels of San Francisco and the body count begins to rise, Michael badgers her to stay off the case, but Nikki has no intention of complying. She wants him to realize that she's either a full partner in his life or she's out. But nothing prepares her for the price she has to pay for her stubbornness—the life of someone she loves.

Includes an excerpt of the next novel in Keri Arthur's Nikki and Michael series, *Kiss the Night Goodbye*

From the Paperback edition.

My Thoughts

From the beginning of the series Nikki and Michael have been portrayed as solitary independent individuals and that being ingrained for a lifetime it has been hard for the two to form a relationship. Now that they have both decided that they wish to try and make it work as a couple however the overprotective domineering alpha male characteristics that make Michael such a caring lover also make it hard for Nikki to communicate just how much it hurts her to always be left out of the less savory aspects of his life. Her displeasure finally translates into an ultimatum at one point and at the worst possible time causing the two of them to finally reassess the need for a complete compromise if they are ever to stay together.

For me this was the game changer, the truth is that in each book the relationship between Nikki and Michael has always taken precedence over the investigative case that the two happen to be working on. It is very understandable that Michael's character is centuries old and was raised in a time where women stayed at home cosseted and protected by their men, content to raise the children and oversee the household leaving the reins of making a livelihood to those same men.

Nikki James however is a very modern female whose life has not been wine and roses but rather having to learn at a very early age to fend for herself and make her own way. Her friend and fellow investigative partner Jake is almost a father figure and when he asks for her help she feels that no matter what Michael thinks if she can render aid than that is what she needs to do.

Of course rendering aid means much more than just showing up and doing footwork to locate a missing person, in Nikki's case it means opening herself up through her psychic ability to whatever dangerous entity is killing the kidnap victims. Thus begins another round of cat and mouse that Nikki is more than willing to participate in and which causes all kinds of grief before it is over, not only for her and Michael but also for the women's spouses including Jake.

This is my least favorite story line as the series is coming to a conclusion with Kiss the Night Goodbye and yet at the same time the turning point that gives Nikki and Michael a much needed incentive to learn how to compromise in their ongoing battle of wills.

As I prepare to read the last book am sorry to see the series end but eager to see whether the pair create the future together that they both long for!

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Beth Curl says

Really loved it.

Maureen ~Bitch Can Write A Book says

Action packed and a wee bit sad.

I love this duo, Nikki and Michael are one heck of a paranormal team.

Rebecca says

Great series! Loved this one best.

Another good story. If you haven't read the other two books do before this one. I love the story of these two and the back and forth between them. The one part near the end was sad but I knew it would happen to someone. I love how she is getting more powerful. I can see a lot more books about these three!
