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\*\*\*This is a short teaser story which includes the first two chapters of Prowl\*\*\*

Mackenzie Smith has been plagued with horrible nightmares since she was a small child. In them there is an evil voice, whispering deadly threats. Only now she is seventeen and the man from her dreams is making appearances while she is awake.

Is it just a figment of her imagination or something more sinister?

## Shiver Details

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## **From Reader Review Shiver for online ebook**

### **Amber Garza says**

If you have enjoyed the Prowl trilogy or are curious about it - check out this short story which is a prequel to Prowl.

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### **Angel **\*\*Book Junkie\*\*** says**

Way to short to even be a prequel BUT, I guess it did what it was supposed to do and will make me eventually read the next book in the series. I like the premise just this did not give me enough to rate it any higher.

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### **Laura says**

A pretty good teaser. Kenzie seems a tad bit whiny for my taste but there does seem to be the potential of an interesting story.

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### **Marjorie says**

Somehow I missed the memo that this was a bonus intro to a trilogy. Not a stand alone story at all like some extras can be. It is a short tease to get you interested in buying the other books. Wasn't a fan. Wasn't completely horrible. Just "meh".

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### **Sarah says**

(Source: Downloaded for free from Amazon.co.uk)

This is a very short introductory story featuring Mackenzie from the prowl trilogy. It's short, but it is good, and I am intrigued to read more about Mackenzie in the next book.

8 out of 10.

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### **chucklethescot says**

I'd say that this book is probably better read after you have met the characters and got the story in book one, with this just being a fan bonus more than anything. I decided to try it as a free download to see if it made me want to read the series.

There is nothing wrong with the writing or anything like that. It was a decent read which is why I have marked it as ok. Coz it was ok. I just found that this book was mostly about a girl with the reputation as a slut obsessing over her new boyfriend and getting upset when he only wants one thing from her. Er, you're a slut remember? That's how every guy will view you Kenzie! So I didn't have much sympathy for her really.

We get a bit about her creepy nightmares, which I assume will form the basis of book one. It sets the background to Kenzie and why she was being sent away but even when I read the free chapters for book one I found her going into slut thought mode again and it did put me off a bit. I'm not really finding her as a nice character, a bit whiny, rude and boy mad which I'm not keen to read as my heroine. So overall I think I'll give this series a miss.

If you like YA paranormal with boy obsessed girls in it, you might like this one.

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### **Larika says**

loved it.

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### **Aydrea says**

Very short, doesn't give much info but it's spooky

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### **Melissa Levine says**

I haven't read the Prowl Trilogy. This short story...I have no words for. I didn't feel like it was bad or good.

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### **Vicki says**

I thought this prequel to the *Prowl* trilogy was quite good. I got into the characters right away. I had already read *Prowl* but honestly couldn't remember too much about it since it's been awhile.

Shiver really captured my interest and the "dark figure" creeped me out!

**Recommendation:** I think if you read this it'll definitely hook you to read the series. Amber Garza has a good way of writing so that you are drawn in to the unknown.

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### **Gary Butler says**

This book is less than 80 pages which is the cut off line for a book to be entered onto my all time book list. I do not really consider this to be a book at all. This is a mere 20 pages, which gets it a written review instead of a video review. This is a prequel short story to the amazing Prowl trilogy. The story explains why the lead

character is going to visit her Grandma in the first book. It also introduces some characters that are in the first and second books. Overall it is not necessary to read this before the reading the first book in the series. I think I actually liked it more because I had already read the trilogy and this was like a behind the scenes bonus feature. 5 out of 5.

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### **Abbie says**

This was an okay novella, but I'm glad it was short.

Would have been better if I had read this before reading the first two full length novels, but I completely forgot about it!

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### **Sarah says**

I haven't read any of the prowl books yet, but from this little prequel it seems like it would be very interesting.

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### **Lucinda says**

Intensely gripping and full of electric tension that sends chills down your spine, this is the most exciting YA series I have encountered this year!!

Wow. I was left breathless after reading this short snippet which co-insides with Amber Garza's series, and which also contains two follow on chapters. I can honestly say that 'Shiver' not only exceeded and surpassed all expectations but from what I have read I am now desperate to read more by this incredible author, whose writing is second to none and which will delight many fans of this genre.

Full of intensity you are drawn into the main character's life instantly, finding out about Kenzie through her own eyes in regards to her home life and social life. The difficult and tense relationship with her mother is emphasized through comparisons between her friends and her Grandmother, as she seeks out that love which only flesh & blood can give and which she is lacking. In regards to high school Kenzie is your typical seventeen year old teenager who loves to party and drink, and fantasizes about boys including Caleb whom she has had a crush on for years. With best friend Hayley averting her attention towards her boyfriend and with her mother hardly ever being at home, within the emptiness and the dark there is something more sinister that lurks beneath the surface. Constant nightmares since a child, Kenzie hears a creepy voice that urges her to release all this pain inside by self-harming and cutting. She also senses that she is being watched and that she is never really quite alone, as this feeling of foreboding comes to the surface and eventually out into the light. With the lack of communication between herself and her mother, their strained relationship comes to a head so that Kenzie escapes from all she knows to a place of safety and calm (you would think). Full of beautiful descriptions that paints a vivid and clear picture within your mind, and which adds to the atmosphere this stunning narrative draws you in so that you loose yourself within the main character's story and the absorbing storyline. Exciting and mesmerizing I was taken by this girl whom I could easily empathize and relate to, including her school life with the 'popular crowd' and those that want to party, drink ect. Which reminded me a little of 'Skins' television drama or other similar teenage observations that is

perfectly converted by the author into realistic literature. Once I had read the first 'teaser' I just had to read on, with chapter 2 ending on such a dramatic and shocking cliffhanger as to make me grip the pages tightly, hence making you want to read on and find out what happens.

I am so impressed, astounded and awestruck by such a fantastic storyline that is inspired, original and spectacular and which I guarantee will have you sat on the edge of your seat wanting to read more. If I could rate this higher than five stars I would, for the reason that it blew me away – AMAZING!!! ?

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## **Kim Justice says**

My Review:

Short and Sweet! Honestly this twenty page e-book will leave you wanting more. Especially when it also gives you a sneak peek into the next book.

Author Amber Garza is a great writer. Her stories will not let you down. The flows and the characters are amazing.

The only thing was it is just too short.. I know it was meant as a teaser, but I would like for there to have been more in this book.

And so due to the above I am giving this book a Breath of Life Rating of:

Four Clock Rating!!!

Disclosure: I received this book in exchange for my review. The opinions are mine. And your opinion may differ.

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