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The FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit hunts humanity's worst nightmares. But there are nightmares humanity doesn't dream are real. The BAU sends those cases down the hall. Welcome to Shadow Unit.

The Shadow Unit series was created by award-winning authors Emma Bull and Elizabeth Bear.

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The Unicorn Evils by Emma Bull and Elizabeth Bear

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From Reader Review Shadow Unit 8 for online ebook

James Ellis says

3.5 stars for the Unicorn case / 2.5 stars for the Hafidha situation.

While I am still enjoying the series (particularly the more standalone stories), I'm getting a little tired of the overuse of the Agent in Trouble cliché (typically kidnapped or going rogue/Darkside). I understand that the tv-episode motif makes it more likely, but it still strains my WSOD how often this is happening to these characters in unprovoked situations (ie where the agents don't bring themselves to the attention of the villain in the course of tracking him for a case). Personal pet peeve.

Morv says

Shadow Unit, if the X-Files were to meet Criminal Minds and CSI, along with original and new ideas. By now we have gotten to know these characters from the past 7 books, we know who they hang around with, we know their family life, we know their hobbies and yet there is still a lot we don't know about them. Case in point would be Hafidha, in the last book she bolted and it was unclear to everyone, including the reader, as to why she would run away.

Until you remembered that Hafidha, like Chazz, is a gamma - which is basically a way of saying she is a person who can do amazing things and dangerous things, she can use the power for good, and she did; or for evil because the 'bug' in their heads get off on that kind of thing.

You know Hafidha is a gamma, but unlike Chazz there is no reason to be weary of her, in fact her background brings her to being almost normal, a normal life, training in the police and yet this was something that came out of the blue.

It's interesting here because it's clear the anomaly is different, although stressors make certain people crack, this means it's going to be harder on the team.

By the end of the book the team are down by two field agents, with one turning in their gun and another taken off the job for good.

Let's just say the feels I got from this book were a lot worse than what I got from Chazz's solo book. Will new characters come in to replace old? Will there be a new gamma coming in? How will the team cope?

Lotta says

Good, as always. Characters evolve, we learn more about the anomaly. The team solve cases.

Anna says

Sentimental fanfic for a TV show that never existed... and so much fun.

Lasciel says

This series doesn't pull punches when it comes to emotional content. the drama just feel sso real. I wish they would stop drawing out the story though, I'm burning through money :)

Ron says

Shadow Unit 8 picks up where 7 left off with the search for Hafidha interrupted by another case. Semi-wrapped up by the end of volume. Lau and Brady solve one on their own with minimal violence. Will get the next volume soon.

Ryan says

Its tough to "review" without being completely generic or without a plot review that misses all the stuff that makes it worth reviewing - by it, I mean the series. The plot throws some horrible things at the characters - or throws the characters at horrible situations, and then sits back to see how they react. I most enjoy the sketches in between the cases, where Chaz cooks and Lau spends time at the firing range, Brady is confused about himself, Duke remembers a different life, Faulkner finds peace with her god and her family.

Miriam says

I'm reading this on line so I'm not sure if Sarah Monette's "On Faith" isn't in this ebook or just isn't listed in the blurb, but it was good. I've been wanting more backstory and I think Monette's choice to present two different related stories alternating, without the present-day storyline, worked really well. "On Faith" switches between the 1960s investigation into McCain and Reyes' and Todd's investigation in the 1990s. But it did prolong the tension of not knowing what's going to happen with Hafs! On to "Unicorns..."

"Unicorns Evils" quite good despite a couple elements that I tend to not like: gratuitously high body count and far-fetched motivation on the killer's part. However, one aspect of the resolution... (view spoiler)

Rowan says

This got much darker in this volume of Shadow Unit. Can't say I'm happy about how things are going. It doesn't fit with the inferences I have made about the anomaly. Onward.

~Anita~ says

I don't like one of the gang being in the psych ward. It's one of my long term goals in life to stay out of the psych ward.
