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Blessed—or cursed—with a connection to the souls of others, Sloan Jordan can see the best in people... and the worst. For twenty-seven years, she's kept her ability a secret, but eleven young women have been murdered in the mountains of North Carolina, and Sloan may be the only hope of finding their killer.

She has just agreed to help Detective Nathan McNamara with the case, when a stranger—who is as alluring as he is terrifying—shows up at her doorstep with a dark past and another puzzling mystery: she can't see his soul at all.

Now Sloan is on the hunt for a deadly psychopath with two irresistible men. One of them would die for her, and the other would kill to keep her safe.

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Linda Strong says

Sloan Jordan is either blessed or cursed. She has a 'gift' ,, of sorts. She can determine if someone is alive or dead by just looking at a picture. She can determine from the living if they are 'good' or 'bad'. She calls it looking at their souls.

Detective Nathan McNamara learns what Sloane's secret is. He's not quite sure if he believes her, but he's been working on a case for years. Eleven women have gone missing, never to be seen again. Nathan wants/needs Sloan to help him determine where they are and who took them.

Sloane sees a stranger ... who she is immediately drawn to. She can't read soul .. which has never happened to her before. When he shows up at her house, she finds that he also has a dark past and a secret similar to hers.

"Now Sloan is on the hunt for a deadly psychopath with two irresistible men. One of them would die for her, and the other would kill to keep her safe." (From Book Blurb)

It's not absolutely necessary, but I would recommend reading THE DETECTIVE, a short story that introduces these two main characters. This series has a little bit of everything ... murder, suspense, mystery, a touch of paranormal, romance. The characters are well defined and I like seeing a bit of personal history from each of them.

This was well-written. There is no cliff-hanger, but it does have a hint of what's to come in the next book ... THE SIREN.

No spoilers but I would be remiss if I did not mention how much I enjoyed the very last line in this book.

Many thanks to the author for providing the digital copy of this novel. The opinion expressed here is unbiased and entirely my own.

KelticKat says

This was a cross of so many genres I love: Paranormal, CSIish, & Romance. Pretty much hit it out of the park for me.

I loved Sloan - her strength, her vulnerability, her smart moves, and her stupid moves. She was a real person to me - maybe that's why I liked her so much! Loved her humor too, best ability in the world is to be able to laugh at yourself and not take yourself so seriously. She had a paranormal ability to sense things about people and also call them to her as well, but even that didn't work all the time. Sloan is a publicist for Buncombe County - not the most glamorous job but it did keep her in her hometown of Asheville, NC.

a great quote from the beginning of the book: "The lobby was full, and I suspected the entire bunch had just watched me check out my own ass in the mirrored glass. "Wonderful," I muttered."

Sloan's BFF - Adrienne is a Hoot! Loved that she complement and was opposite of Sloan in many ways!

Detective Nathan McNamara is new on the force of the Asheville PD - Sloan's first impression of him is priceless: "could have been Mr. January on the Buncombe County Hot Cop Calendar if one existed."

They officially meet when Nathan brings over a press release on a missing persons case. Sloan slips up and blurts out that the person in the picture is dead. Which she knows by her unusual ability. Once the man is found dead - as Sloan predicted - Nathan returns to her with questions and another missing persons case involving a young girl, which leads to a serial case involving 10 young women.

Once, Sloan & Nathan begin working on the case together, she has to deal with her attraction to him and all that comes with it.

And wait for it...enter a HAWT mystery man - Warren Parish - and shockingly she can not sense anything from him. So now we have the "dreaded" LOVE TRIANGLE.

I'll let you read the rest for yourself...

Loved this story and all the characters - great cast of leading and supporting players. The mystery was gripping and complex. I honestly read this book in less than a day - I was compelled to keep turning those virtual pages.

Definitely ready to get my hands on the rest of the books in this series!

Heather says

I thought the premise behind the book was very interesting and would make for a good read. Unfortunately, I just did not connect with Sloan. I found the overall tone of the book to be juvenile and superficial. I was hoping that as the story progressed, we would see some growth in Sloan and her relationship with Nathan, instead we were introduced to Warren. I felt like the relationship with Warren could only be bad news, especially with their reactions to one another. I was surprised that Sloan and Warren did not even consider that their responses could be a negative thing. Overall the book was promising, I am mildly curious to see what the ideology behind Sloan and Warren's relationship is, but I am just not sure I can suffer through the immaturity of the characters and the love triangle.

Candace says

Holy. Freaking. Cow. I LOVED this book! Even days after finishing it I would find myself wanting to read it. Like I hadn't finished it. I just wanted more. I wanted to stay lost in this book for a lot longer! Also, I'm

not one to comment much on the actual writing style. I guess I just don't feel like I know enough to comment on it. I either like a book or I don't (writing style wise) but this was one that I would read something and would really think that was really clever of her to write it like that. Or that I would connect with the particular way she described something or had it play out. So I'm definitely a fan of the writing style.

I loved Sloan. LOVED. She has a personality I really truly connected with. She has this weird ability of 'knowing' people and she's reluctant to help with solving any crimes or getting involved in any way. But when she realizes she can help she really jumps in with both feet, anxious to help where she can. She's a true friend and has a fantastic personality that really shines in the book.

I also loved Nathan and the stranger mentioned in the description. I don't want to give anything away so I need to be vague here but the characters in this book are extremely well done. They have personalities that really shine through and bring them alive, making them people I feel I really actually know.

The romance. Wow. I'm head over heels for this romance. It's not the romance you expect from the beginning. And if I knew some of the things that it entailed I would have probably thought I wouldn't like it. So I'm actually glad I went in not knowing because I loved it. I mean seriously, it was perfection. But I want MORE. I want the book to go on forever because I just want to spend more time with these characters. Really, I love them that much. I just want to be with them, even if it's mundane activities.

I read this book almost completely in one sitting. Once I started reading I couldn't stop. I just wanted to soak it all up as fast as I could. And then of course I wanted more. I'm definitely anxious for more and I know I'll be anxious to read anything this author writes. I'm definitely a fan!

Alicia Huxtable says

This book would have been 5 stars had the author managed to put some emotion into the words she has written. The storyline certainly has great potential as do the characters. All in all an enjoyable read

Jillian says

I've had The Soul Summoner on my TBR list for a long time. It kept getting pushed down and looked over. I'm glad I finally read it. I loved this book. It was fun, exciting, interesting, and there was mystery. This book has adult characters but would be fine for the YA audience. There was kissing and then a single scene of glossed over sex. Like they went to bed and it fades black and picks back up after the fact. That's not typically my preference because I love seeing romantic aspects and good sexy time scenes, but it really worked in this book. I didn't miss it at all.

I loved all the characters. Sloan, Nathan, Warren, and Adrienne, Sloan's parents, all of them. Great characters!!

I'm excited about this series and looking forward to continuing on to book 2 next.

Audible: I added the whispersync audible narration to this Kindle book. The narrator was good. Hopefully the rest of the books in the series share the same narrator.

Susan says

Soul Summoner is a promising start to a new series. Sloan Jordan has been able to see souls her whole life. It wasn't until she met Nathan McNamara that she thought of using her gift in a different way. I immediately fell in love with the Sloan - Nathan friendship and want more!

Dee says

I felt this book was a cross between several others I'd read - the premise was good, but the execution was really juvenile. The characters acted like teenagers not the responsible adults they supposedly were. The amount of times they shouted hysterically was grating, in particular the supposed intelligent cop. The ending was insane - two weeks after being shot/abducted/tortured they were just giggling about it? The reactions from the characters were so unrealistic I just couldn't get attached at all.

Alison says

I loved the story line of this book and it had me invested from the start.

why 4 star's im not a lover of love triangles and one minute you invested in my relationship then you cant feel explosive chemistry the next.

Also the chemistry between the hero/herione was something ekse that I would like to know how it was when they finally came together but it was skipped over as it had a pnr, mystry feel to it more then romance. still a excellent read

Princess J. Antoinette says

Oh boy I cant even explain clearly without to much gibberish of how much I love this book. In its own wicked way this book has bewitched me. I mean seriously my thoughts are tongue tied that I won't be able to properly articulate my feelings for a proper review.

Just note this book was engaging, suspenseful, intriguing, intense, with just a bit of passion.

I would say that only thing this book was lacking and the author miss a opportunity to make this book better was she didn't give us details on the kisses nor the sex scene. I mean she didn't have to give raunchy details but it could have been tasteful and keep with the flow of the book.

I don't know about anyone else that has read this book or that will read it in the future but it gave off some freaky vibes that was personal to me and I'm going to leave it at that.

4.8*- So Good

C. Erani Kole says

This was amazing!

I haven't laughed in such a long time in a murder mystery with a love triangle. Usually those things are beyond intense, and one love interest with bodies falling like flies is enough on a girl, but Sloan's got two and ten.

The writing was great with Sloan's POV and her angst about people finding out what she can do felt so realistic, especially with the responses she got. That's why I loved it even more when she handled it like a boss, and took it with a grace that had nothing on her gift of... er, collecting? It's so important for me to get into a book, and I fell right through, reading til my eyelids gave out and finishing up as soon as I woke up. It was that good.

The murder mystery was interesting with all the different characters coming and going, but I loved the connection between Sloan and Warren. So much going on with that; I love how smoothly it was delivered. Not once was I nervous about their relationship, and I definitely didn't have any bad feelings when she was with Nathan. If you can create a (and I use this word lightly) multiple relationship among two guys and still make it all work harmoniously and stuff, you are a writing deity.

On top of the murder and sexy men, I also enjoyed seeing Sloan's struggles with wanting a normal life she worked hard for and doing what was right. At times I got annoyed (just once, I swear) but her best friend, Adrienne, was right there to clear it all up for her (Bless you, Adrienne). The characters were all adorable with enough presence to move the story along and bring the story itself out of the love-triangle situation and back into the case. Nathan and Warren were so genuine that I honestly had a hard time choosing one in the beginning.

This story is filled with so many awesome things, a mystery with a creepy set of guys to point fingers at, a party-hardy best friend, hot guys who mean well, love, and the type of fear that one's brain can only attempt to put a face to if it means sleeping a little better at night... or not.

A seriously definite recommend. You'll be missing out on thrills and laughs.

Jennifer says

I enjoyed this book, I think I would enjoy it a lot more if I knew if the main character gets 1 love interest or two. Id rather her have two and not decide but that's just me. So might be a deciding factor if I continue or not. I also wonder if this will turn more paranormal in the next books or keep to a more realistic human reality with them always wondering what they are. I guess I will just have to check the next book out and see!

quick edit

I went ahead and read some spoiler reviews of the other books to see if I wanted to use my time and read them but I'm not getting the vibes I'd be too into it, A lot of my reading pet peeves seem to come up in reviews so I think I will pass on the next few

Bec says

This turned out better than I thought, even with the love triangle that I think is resolved by the end of the book. This could be sci-fi or fantasy depending on where the author is going to go with it and mystery. Off to check out book two now.

Anthea says

This book gave me the feels...

I absolutely loved this book initially, well maybe the first 90%.

First stop Nathan, then Warren... oh lordie give me strength *sigh*. The story had me hooked, it was compelling and building nicely and I was full of anticipation and feeling all loved up, then all of the action happened so suddenly in the last 10% or so and I felt a little disappointed and deflated. It was over, just like that. My bubble had burst *epic sad face*.

I am definitely keen to continue and have already started on book 2.

Dianne says

Have you ever been thinking about someone and Poof! There they are or they are suddenly calling or texting you? Is it coincidence, sheer luck? For Sloan Jordan, it is a secret she has kept hidden for years, she sees souls. When she thinks of someone or says their name, they are bound to show up in her life! Not only that, she can tell if a person is good or bad, alive or dead. Her “gift” comes with a cost, migraines, drained energy and having to watch what she says. Her gift is a positive one that seems to be growing, too.

If you’ve got “the power,” use it, but only for good and that is exactly what Jordan does when she aids the handsome detective, Nathan McNamara with a case involving the murders of eleven young women. Can Jordan help find the killer?

When a mysterious stranger comes to her door, his soul is a blank to Sloan, but he knows who she is and what she can do, because for all of her lightness, he carries darkness, and finding the dead or the evil is his gift. Two men, one heartbreaking case and not enough Jordan to go around as she finds her heart being drawn to both men. One accepts her abilities because he needs her help, the other knows how she feels to be different. Is it possible she can finally find love with one of these strong and possessive men? Are they even available? First things first, a killer must be caught...

The Soul Summoner by Elicia Hyder is part murder mystery, part lopsided love triangle and paranormal intrigue. Flavored with a dash of humor, brilliant dialogue that adds to the realism of this tale, from start to finish, Elicia Hyder has a spellbinding read that defies being pigeon-holed into only one genre, but is guaranteed to entertain from start to finish!

Ms. Hyder’s easy going style is engaging, her world is alive and her characters are priceless!

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Dianne Sunshine says

I couldn't finish this book. In all honestly I only read for first 5 chapters and had to stop. The main character was constantly on the verge of tears or crying. The story also felt like it was talking at me vs carrying me along to get wonderfully caught up in the story.

Ghadeer A says

2.5 stars

The voice of each character is the same I honestly couldn't distinguish between them
They had the same tone the same sense of humor the same morals and the same expressions
But the idea is original and very interesting

Floryie says

I received a free copy from the author for an honest review

This book was a better read than what I was expecting. The start was a bit slow but then it went on to become a smooth read. I wouldn't exactly call it a fantasy because the only fantastical aspect was the protagonists' powers. Otherwise it was a normal who did it read.

The characters were well formed. Sloan was a contradiction of sorts. She was a strong character and I loved her struggle to get involved in the case or not. Nathan was a likeable character at the start then I disliked him for a while but then he again became a cool character at the end. He took me on quite a journey. Warren absolutely blew my mind. He is my type of hero - strong and silent.

The story progressed well and the identity of the antagonist was a total surprise. The author played it well. The story kept my attention throughout the book with the various twists and turns.

The romance part had me guessing at every turn. I was so sure who the hero was but then the story turned into a competition of sorts. The scenes were fun and funny.

In short, I can see myself reading more of this author's books.

My one line review : A surprisingly attention grabbing book

My rating : 4.5/5

My reread factor : 3/5

Trisha says

The title and blurb for this book are misleading there are no souls summoned. The premise had promise but there was too much "crush" behavior (hitting and sticking tongues out) for late 20's adults. Was this supposed to be a YA novel with shallow characters?

It also dragged on and on with a dull romantic interest then pivoted to a love triangle in the end. Not interested.

Lorna says

(RabidReads.com) You know those books that you immediately like the "voice" of the main character? The kind that draws you in with the character's personality and the premise of what that character is going through? That was this book for me. It was also in my to be read pile way too long and I am not happy that I let it lay there for ten months or so.

Sloan is a seemingly normal hometown girl, living and working in the small city she grew up in. She's in public relations for the city and as such, she works with various members of law enforcement, at times. But she also has a pretty big secret, one that she has only shared with her best friend, Adrienne. Sloan can tell just by looking at a person if they are good or bad. She can also look at a picture of someone and know if they are still alive. And to top it off, she can picture someone in her mind and they will show up wherever she is-as long as it's someone she knows. She was adopted as a baby and consequently has no one to tell her what she is. She meets the new police detective in town, Nathan. His sister disappeared years before and he is still trying to find out what happened to her. When he realizes (by accident) what Sloan can do, he enlists her help in finding his sister, and the other eleven women that have disappeared over the years. In the middle of all this, she meets another man, the one person she can't read at all.

I have always been a fan of serial killer books, so when that aspect was brought into the story it just upped my interest in this read, along with the paranormal gifts that Sloan has. Sloan is full of snark, is pretty feisty, and that's probably my favorite type of female character. Nathan is handsome, intelligent, and very tenacious in doing his job-and looking for his sister. He's also got a girlfriend. There's plenty of humor whenever his girlfriend is in the picture because she's Sloan's arch enemy and Sloan's snark comes out every time. The girlfriend does come off as the cliché blonde mean girl. The mystery man ended up being a major part of the book and is actually one of my favorite characters. Due to spoilers, that's all I am saying.

In addition to the humor, this book also has its share of suspense and detective work. The gifts that Sloan has figure prominently in the book and made for an interesting story line, to say the least. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that there ends up being a sort of love triangle. But it's definitely not as bad as some, and although it was kinda different in how the author chose to resolve it, it didn't really bother me. In fact, there was only one thing that bothered me. I got tired of Sloan hitting, kicking, and elbowing people during the course of everyday conversation. Nothing painful, and all done in fun, but still it just kept happening, and I

noticed it.

I couldn't put this book down. Literally. The characters, the premise, and the unusual gifts all wove together to make for an excellent read. I highly recommend this to adult paranormal romance/mystery readers. Adult due to some sensual scenes and violence.
