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Monsters do exist... and they're the good guys.

Lillian Rosewood leads an ordinary, boring life working as the manager of a psychiatric hospital. The highlights of her day, other than her skinny hot chocolate, are the hunky guards who work in the secure section. Until a late-night emergency is wheeled in.

Captain Jack Harper is insane, drop-dead gorgeous... and just had his abdomen shredded. Despite the fact they're not an emergency room, Lillian can't turn him away and risk a death on her hands. Unable to get the handsome soldier out of her mind, Lillian sneaks into the restricted area to check on him. What she finds is beyond belief. Somehow Jack has managed to heal himself from a near-fatal wound in mere hours.

When one of the doctors, Walker, attempts to rape her, things go from bad to worse. In the blink of an eye, Jack is loose and Walker is dead... and Lillian must accept a truth about her rescuer that will change her world forever. What if the patients aren't insane? What if their stories of secret government experiments and monsters are true?

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Jess the Romanceaholic says

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Pet Peeves: Sexual Assault, Too Much Setup for the Next Book

I've never before read anything by Mina Carter, but I can easily say that if this book was any indication, I will definitely be reading more in the future.

I admit, this was completely a case buying the book for the cover, and I can definitely say, the content lived up to that delicious eye candy. This was my first Mina Carter title, and I assure you, it won't be my last. I'm dying to see where the story goes, and I'm very upset that I have to wait to get my hands on the sequel, Blood Mate (since, well, it's not actually been written yet).

Recommended for fans of secret military operations, fated mates, and new twists on old paranormal ideas.

4.5/5 Stars

Micheale says

There are two stories in this really, really short read. I say short because I think each "story line" should have had its own, but the author put them together because neither story was long enough for the publisher, in my opinion.

The main story line? Pretty much cookie cutter style with the male and female coming together, falling in instant love, etc..... Vanilla sex scenes were okay.

The second story line should have been the main one, for me. Still have the cookie cutter style with the male and female attraction, but at least the female lead is a strong woman!

While this is fiction and almost anything can go, it does have to have some "real" components to believe in and this one just did not have that. Even tho I liked the secondary story, I will not be reading anything from this author anytime soon.

Maya says

[No. (hide spoiler)]

Calisto says

Good and entertaining, but it could have been freaking awesome.

I'm actually a bit disappointed because there was so much potential here. Dark and scary and kicking assery awesome. Unfortunately, it falls into some well-trodden tropes that a 'mean' editor or beta reader should have red-lined. I mean really, evil secret government military experiments?

This is a romance. Terrific, but for all that is holy! stop with the repetitive, 'oh, he's hawt', 'oh, he's so sexy, what a fine ass', 'wow, what an ass'. I got it the first time, now would your TSTL ass of a heroine just STFU and go kill some zombies?

The heroine. Yeah, the more I read of her, the less I liked her. She just does some really, stupid things including a really TSTL moment when she goes off to 'check' a hallway WHILE THEY ARE FIGHTING ZOMBIES and doesn't tell the hero. Guess what she finds in the hallway? Apparently, she's never watched a horror movie in her life, either.

Oh, and let us not forget the 'sniff, sniff, you're my wolf-mate' trope. Can someone please, pretty please, put this trope out to pasture and shoot it? With a nuke? I get the idea of destined mates, one person in all the world is romantic, but the sniff test is lame. And it's lazy writing. And it totally disempowers the heroine. Mating for life is awesomely romantic but sniff, sniff we are going to bone for all eternity and you have no say whatsoever because it's destiny, pisses me off!!!!

Stepping away from my rant box now. ;)

What saves this story (other than a terrifically dark universe) from being the flag bearer for trope nation is getting to know some the sequel bait and getting to know the world-building through their eyes.

Would I rec it? Yes, especially if you like the darker, creepy universe aspect, but be ready for mega tropes out of trope nation to rear their ugly, little, well-trodden heads in the worst moments.

April says

This book is a very interesting turn on the myths we think we know. Mix genetic altering with Werewolves, Vampires and Zombies. Throw in some romance and the evil government, bang you have an intriguing new series!

Smutty fans of Mina Carter may be a touch disappointed, there isn't a lot of smexy steam here. This is more geared towards the Urban Fantasy crowd. Loads of story, building characters and fleshing out a fairly

detailed plot. I enjoyed all the intrigue and suspense.

Never fear, there is at least one hawt bedroom scene, but it is more than 75% through the book. So, if you are looking for one of her bedroom reads, this isn't going to work for you! The smexy time is great and plenty detailed, it just isn't the whole point of the book.

This is a mixed narrative, mainly between four characters, giving very different points of view. Most of the time we have Lily and Jack, the leads in this book. They have a great dynamic and I love seeing that sweet Lily has a real backbone! The rest of the time we have Darce and Antonia giving their thoughts. Antonia is a great character and you really see more of what is happening in the facility through her eyes.

I have to say in the book, the ladies owned it! They were seriously kickbutt! I love Lily's sassy snarky comments. Antonia isn't as fun but she makes up for it in attitude! They are a serious handful for their men!

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Emily Beresford, who is always a delight. I love her energy throughout the read. She infuses the words with emotion and adds depth to the story. I enjoyed her tone on the men's voices, appreciating that she doesn't take it too far. I hope she stays with the series.

I am beyond thrilled to see this author stepping into audio!! I can not wait for all her books to be released!! I will have some seriously happy ears.

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Dianne says

2.5 stars

The plot to this story sounded great, the reviews are pretty good and I didn't check out the reviews like I should have, because even with those two things combined this book had serious flaws. Now mind you, I did finish this book and in the end it was worth it and I may even read the next one to see if the author has learned from her mistakes. I actually blame the beta readers for not bringing these things to the authors attention.

----->SPOILERISH ----->

We have a Psychiatric hospital being 'invaded' by soldiers with a horribly maimed man. Now not knowing at the time that this man really wasn't a man the hospital manager (our heroine) lets herself be rode roughshod over and lets them bring the wounded man in instead of making them bring him to a real hospital or even calling an ambulance for him. Now he is bloody with his guts hanging out, but she immediately starts thinking about how handsome he is. She does this again later on in the book too. Really?

The other army employees being injected with something that can stop the lycan, vampire, zombie virus but

kills them? Uhm..did I miss something? How can the operations stay operating if all the people injected ultimately die?

When we first meet Antonia, she is being given a dose of meds and at the end of this she is being paged to Operations. When we next see her she is on/in bed in her room. A very bad continuity issue. And not the only one, just the one I made note of. Really?

If Lillian is the manager of the hospital that her grandfather owns -how could she apparently not know that there are wings being used for nefarious purposes on one hand, and then on the other hand know enough about the hospital so that she knew there was secret passages?

I needed some back-story on the main characters that I never got in this book. Where was this all taking place? Will the next book explain all this?

Okay enough with what was wrong, now what was right. The story itself has been told before by Lora Leigh. Government experiments on soldiers/civilians, become other and find their one true mate. Ms Cart does well with making it just a little different though. The characters have been fleshed out but not enough in my opinion.

While I can understand the confusion of some of the other reviews with the abrupt ending, I can only say that this was a clever thing to do and will keep those who really liked the book anxious to read more. I found it fairly good place to stop.

When you got by the mistakes the story was intense and fairly bloody and exciting. The romance, what there was was at a fairly good heat level. The bleakness that Jack had was normal and not overdone.

The decision Jack has to make for Lillian near the end of the books perfectly works with the dream sequence at the beginning of the first chapter. Good use of foreshadowing there.

This was NOT a horrible novel, it just needs some better management. I will be reading the next one, especially if it's going to be Darcy and Antonia.

Nikki says

Zombies. Never thought I'd willingly read a book with them in it. Not usually my thing. However, I. Loved. This. Book! This is my first from this author, and it won't be the last. The plot was pretty non stop and the writing was great! I really liked the new take she took on the werewolf/vampire and ZOMBIES! theme. Hello! it was great. I kinda wish there had been more sex in it though.... And there better be a second because I will be very sad if there's not! Ms. Carter has a new fan in this girl *points to self* :)

Sophia Triad says

A book that includes zombies, lycans and vampires all together. Military experiments not ethical that went wrong. Lots of action, violence, dark scenes. The scene where soldiers are transformed into zombies made my stomach ache.

And the most interesting fact about this book is that although it is so dark and violent, it is actually a paranormal romance.

Hollie says

~3.5 stars~

This was a creative paranormal/cyborg read. I think it has a lot of potential as an overall series. Paranormal beings galore. I'm likely to check out the next book in this series.

Chappy says

Really interesting...unlike traditional paranormal books, here the werewolves, vampires and zombies are created by an evil government agency known only as the Project. Regular soldiers are taken against their will and infected with experimental viruses. The transformation is gruesome and permanent. The werewolves now also have the ability to turn or infect others by biting or scratching.

Lillian is a psychiatric hospital manager and she meets Jack when they bring him in to treat his injuries. There is an insta-lust mate love thing that happens immediately and it's pretty hot.

In a parallel story, we get to know Antonia the Blood or vampire. She's sent to hunt down the escaped pack...and runs into a hot werewolf of her own. I'm hoping this will be the next book.

Bea says

Hmmm. Typical "me genetically enhanced warrior oppressed soldier werewolf" you "hot strangely knowledgeable nurse human" story.

What concerns me at first was that I thought I had read it before, until I realized that the plot of Primal Law is very similar. So, if you like that book, you will like this one.

Pamela says

Lycanthropes, Vampires, and Zombies. Oh My!

I wasn't sure what to expect when I picked up this book as I've never read anything written by Mina Carter ("Carter"). After reading "Perfect Mate," and thoroughly enjoying it, I can tell you that she's got a new fan.

Unlike the familiar themes associated with paranormal novels, Carter pulls in paranormal elements (lycans, vampires, and zombies), creating something a little off the beaten path. In doing so, she successfully keeps the reader engaged and intrigued by the story.

A secret group of scientists deep within the government have been conducting insidious experiments on military soldiers and on other unwilling participants who have been misled about the “project”. The “project” consists of injecting test subjects with one of three strains of virus turning them into lycan, vampire, or zombie. Once turned, more experiments are conducted, all the while making sure the test subjects never leave the premises - ever. The only way out is with a bullet to the back of the head.

After a year of acting and displaying in accordance with what the project scientists expect of them as lycans, Captain Jack Harper and his platoon, executing their plan of escape, are now battling their way out of the facilities. In the midst of their fight to leave, Jack grabs Dr. Lillian Rosewood, whom Jacks claims as his mate.

What I really like about this novel is the way Carter utilizes the other men in the platoon, not centralizing only on Jack and Lillian. This also includes Antonio, whom I find to be a very intriguing and complex individual. She was once a soldier but is now a vampire. Her directive is to find and destroy the lycans using soldiers and zombies (I know. Sounds odd). There’s more to Antonio than meets the eye. All of this is what make the story even more enjoyable.

Why 4 stars, not 5? Others may disagree after reading this book, but I felt there was a little lull in the buildup of the battle between the lycans, vampires and zombies. Also, the one factor I find very irritating that I find in a majority of books, this one included, is the declaration of love between the hero and heroine in a matter of hours. In less than 36 hours of meeting, Jack and Lillian profess their love for one another. I understand these stories are works of fiction. However, this quick declaration of love taints my enjoyment of the story. I’ve got nothing against the protagonists saying “I love you,” but let’s at least make it seem more realistic.

Otherwise, this is a novel that should be read by all paranormal lovers. I look forward to the next book in the series.

Joy (Cheery?Reads) says

Wow. Truthfully, shapeshifters have never been my favourite read no matter how popular and hot they are written but Mina Carter made this right. Lillian was a very entertaining and funny heroine. It was truly a pleasure reading about her. She made the gruesome scenes with the reanimates or zombies looked so funny. Determined to fight and be strong even though she was quaking and shaking like a leaf.

Jack was an interesting character. He volunteered for the military/government experiment without knowing what he was really signing up for. Although he was confident with his skills and all, he was vulnerable inside. From a human to an animal, he felt unworthy to be with someone like Lillian.

I was very fond of Garry the moment he was introduced but was devastated at his 'destiny'. I couldn't believe it and I was so mad at Antonia for it. She was not my favourite person ever in this story. I detested her because she was such a bitch and hypocrite. Hopefully she will redeem herself in my eyes in Blood Mate.

Emily says

When a wounded soldier arrives needing emergency care at Lillian Rosewoods psychiatric hospital, she tries to defer it to a hospital but gets thwarted instead trying to assist with the patient. After being shut out, her curiosity to see if the man survived ends up with being attacked by a doctor and finding out that the injured man is quite different from anyone she has ever met.

Captain Jack Harper enlisted, but he didn't realize he would be one of many who would be experimented on and kept subdued when the experiments went awry. As part were he knows the second his scent catches Lillian that he has met his mate. Only wanting to claim her, he has to put it aside in order to get the other like him out safe and begin a new future without getting killed by the government that created them.

Wicked ride, loved Jack. Lillian after a few mind boggling moments accepts Jack for what he is, she surprises him continually with her resourcefulness in times of chaos. If your a movie buff there are a ton of references that had me cracking up, great read.

Lindsay says

Ok, starting off...Prior to starting this, I didn't know it was book one of a new series. All I knew was that it had paranormal elements, the hero sounded hot and there would be an instant connection between Lillian and Jack.

This book starts off great. You are immediately dropped into the action with Jack being brought into the hospital...and there's an instant attraction for Lillian to Jack. But after getting Lillian & Jack's POVs, you get another person's POV...Toni. Initially, I didn't like this. I realize that this book is setting up a world, a series and the next book; but it was a little much in the first few chapters.

I'm not complaining though, because eventually, you get Darce's POV too. (view spoiler) I actually came to enjoy Toni and Darce's POVs but...every time the stories switched, I was disappointed to be leaving the current story. Honestly, I felt like a disservice was done to both storylines because they were both good and they were competing with each other in this book. Jack & Lillian didn't get enough book time to satisfy me and the same goes for Toni & Darce.

Darce has a warped sense of humor...which I loved! He was a great character to read. I'm really looking forward to his book.

I loved the relationship between Lilly and Jack. He was so worried that she would be scared of or repulsed by his wolf, but she loved him for who he was, not what he was. I hope that in future books we get more from them. (view spoiler)

This is definitely a series I'll continue with.

