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Original Sin is book two in the Alexandra Jones series, the sequel to First Bitten.

Alex has run. Leaving everything she knows and loves ... Nathan, behind. She's a fugitive; hiding from the Original Vârcolacs who want to claim her for themselves.

Hiding in Italy, she has changed her identity and her appearance; working in a coffee shop in the quiet town of Sassano.

Then Zeff steps into her life. He's solid, sturdy, but more so he's human – he's someone real, tangible, a friend throwing her a lifeline in a world of loneliness.

Believing she's safe from attack, nothing prepares Alex for what's lurking in the woods, on her doorstep, intoxicating her into a web of control and deceit.

Danger is closer than her shadow ... the hunt is on again, forcing Alex into the hardest dilemma yet.

Praise for First Bitten, the first book in the Alexandra Jones series:

'The ending - god what an ending! It's so emotional I think I spiraled for a while, unwilling to let it go. As a reader, hooked from the first chapter, I'm prepared to send death threats to get a sequel to this novel. There MUST be more, I need more!' Poppet, author of the Pravus series and The Gods and Thurs series.

'So much happens that you just want to know, "What happens next", "Will everything work out okay", "WHY!" and to top it off the ending has a cliffhanger that has you saying, "That's it?!?!" It definitely leaves you wanting to read the next book.' Marie, Paranormal Reads.

'I'm ultra-excited to have found such a brilliant new series! First Bitten is Book 1 in The Alexandra Jones Series and I devoured it in a day. I don't want to give anything away, so all I'll say is it has all the elements to make up the perfect urban fantasy: a very real and sympathetic main character, a terrifying supernatural situation and the hottest love interest you could imagine!' Shalini Boland, author of the Marchwood series and Outside.

Readers please be advised that the author has dropped this series and will not be writing the final book in the trilogy.

Original Sin Details

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Fiendishly Bookish says

Um can't help it but the urbane Zeff is my choice. And he's an Original! Powerful! Yummy-sexy!

Jennifer Davis says

I was given and e-copy by the author in exchange for my honest review.

This is the sequel to "First Bitten" The author is high on my list of favorites. She has a way for making you fall for her characters and feel all their emotions.

Alex has set out on her journey of a new life on her own. She had to make a choice that is killing her on the inside, but it is better then watching her loved ones die. She has changed her identity and her looks, hoping it will help her hide while on the run from danger and her past. She constantly has to keep her guard up, one mistake and it could be her last. Choices have to be made, but there are consequences to them all. Who can she trust? Will she have the strength to survive and do what is right? She is on a long road with two separate paths, but which one will she take?

I laughed, cried, and felt panic right along with the characters. It had me on the edge of my seat. A must read that will have you wanting more. The release of the next book can't come fast enough.

Kim Chappell says

I couldn't put this book down. Alex was amazing from the time she left Nathan at the hotel. She had to learn to do everything for herself that she hadn't been doing. She had to hunt and drain her animals for the blood, work for money to keep moving so no one could find her not even Nathan. She had to keep him safe most of all especailly after what happen to Sol. She finds herself in Italy after 6 months of being on the run and she still can't get Nathan out of the heart and her mind. She is so in love with him she can't see straight.

She finds herself working in a coffee shop and trying to get enough money for her next move, but she had to sign a 2 month lease on the apartment she is staying in. One day at work she sees and really hot guy come in who starts talking to her. His name if Zeff and she knows something is different but can't place it. He shakes her had and gives her an electrial charge of some sort that is beyond strange and she almost jumps away at the touch. She continues to talk to him and searches trying to find out what he is but only finds him to be human. So as soon as she can she leaves work goes home and heads to her woods to hunt. She has her pack with her passport, money, extra clothes everything she needs in case she needs to leave in a hurry for any reason. She kills her bunnies, drains the blood and buries their bodies and she always does and starts to head home when she smells something different; a vampire. Shit she tries to run but he cuts her off and attackes her breaks her bottles of blood and almost kills her. Zeff of all people comes to her rescue. When she comes

to she is in a house she doesn't know, not in her clothes, and with the Zeff guy.

Zeff tells her he is a vampire hunter and that she is safe. He also has to tell her her pass port is ruined which she freaks out about because now she can't leave and how is she going to travel and now she has no blood Oh god he know what I am!! But he tells her she can trust him and soon she realizes she can do exactly that. Zeff becomes her friend or so she thinks. He helps get her a new pass port, teaches her to fight, teaches her to shoot a gun, also teaches her to turn into her wolf form to hunt; things she never thought she could do. She becomes this independent person and can take care of herself. But she is becoming drawn to Zeff and is thinking less of Nathan which is what she thought she wanted but isn't.

Her pass port is ready and Zeff takes her out because she is leaving the next day and they are attack by 5 vampires. She finds out Zeff is an Original! Her whole world upside down again the 1 friend she thought she could trust and he said he wanted to help her keep her safe and now he's an Original. Oh and he has fallen in love with her and he says he doesn't want her to make lost of babies like his brother does. But all she can think is she needs to get away from him as fast as she can and back to Nathan.

You don't want to like Zeff but you can't help it he's strong and caring. He has always been their for Alex where Nathan was an ass at times and that love/hate thing with her Zeff just has that sexy, charming thing going on from the start.

Here she goes back to Nathan, to the farm where she feels safe. Nathan has her in bed as soon as she hits the drive way but is an ass as soon as the sex is over. Trying to push her away as usual can't face his issues and you just want to slap him. But he wakes up and the scream it out and find out they are madly in love with each other. She finds out he just came home from looking for her 4 hours before she showed up. That he never gave up. For 2 weeks things are heaven nothing but sex, can't keep their hand off each other.

When she gets back to the farm you get to know Craig, Scarlett and more about Jack. I love these characters it just helps make the book.

Then they show up and so does Zeff and hit all hits the fan....

I loved this book and can't wait for the next one to see what happens next!!!!

Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says

5 ZEFFERIFIC STARS

I think I should start this review by saying I am a **COMPLETE fan-girl** when it comes to Samantha Towle!! I mean the women is a genius. I **LOVED** the 1st book in this series First Bitten, it is one of my all time favorite books **EVER**! So I was dying to read this when it came out and was absolutely blown away by it.

It pick's up 6 month's after Alex has left Nathan in a hotel room (which was an epic way to leave us hanging in the last book....lol). She is on the run moving around from country to country and has landed herself in Italy where she meet's Zeff (heart skips a beat!!) and then all the good stuff begin's! I don't wanna give to much away so I'll just say there were point's in this book that my heart literally **STOPPED**. I was having a major internal struggle over not letting myself fall for Zeff. I mean the guy is wonderful and is so awesome

to Alex but he is just not Nathan. Alex is such a beautiful character and so absolutely relatable and I loved that she found herself in this book. She has learned to be independent and self sufficient and that made me love her even more. And then there is Nathan the undeniably gorgeous man that he is! I really loved him more after reading Original Sin (if that's even possible). I felt like he was so wounded and broken and it broke my heart to see him like that but also he was vulnerable with Alex which he wasn't in the first book. The chemistry between Alex and Nathan in this book is **EXPLOSIVE**! I mean hot sex everywhere...I loved it. There is no denying that they are meant for each other and that makes me so happy.

Let me end by saying that if you have not read this book or this series. You **HAVE TO!** It's amazing and the characters are unbelievable. **I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE it!!**

AJ says

Picking up 6 months after the devastating end of First Bitten, we find Alex on the run and hiding out in Italy. She is broken hearted, and missing Nathan terribly, but in order to keep him, and herself, safe, she keeps herself hidden, moving around every few months, trying to stay away from anything supernatural that could pinpoint her as a the only female Vârcolac (a vampire / werewolf hybrid) in existence.

While waitressing in a small-town Italian coffee shop she meets Zeff, who is gorgeous, sophisticated, and charming. And in a creepy case of déjà vu, Zeff ends up saving her one night while she is attacked in the woods. Somehow Zeff knows what she is, and when he offers to help her and teach her how to defend herself, Alex agrees. As he helps her come to terms with what she is, and accept her new life, even though she still thinks of Nathan constantly, she does start to let him in.

I was so torn over Zeff. I really liked him... like <u>really</u> liked him. He is smart and funny, and the banter between him and Alex was gold! But, like Alex, I felt like I was being unfaithful to Nathan:\ There is a bit of mystery here though, and I did have some suspicions, and was convinced I knew what was going on, but I was wrong, and I have to say that I absolutely love how that storyline played out, and can't wait for more of Zeff! Bravo Ms Towle!

The story twists and turns all over the place, and I really don't want to give anything away, but I will say that yes, Nathan is in this story (squeeeeeee!!!). (view spoiler)

I loved seeing a new side to Alex in this book. She is more confident, self assured, and comfortable with who she is, with a bit of a badass side to her now, and it's awesome! She also knows what she wants, and she's not afraid to grab it with both hands.

There is a bit of action towards the end, and I love the direction that the series is taking. I can't wait to see where the next book goes.

4 stars.

Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says

I LOVE LOVE when I discover a new Author and find their first book to be amazing. Then I always get worried, if it's a series, what if the 2nd one fails to keep up?..Huge pressure!!

Well, how much do I LOVE Samantha Towle right now??? A bloody LOT...she is FAB-U-LUSH!!! This book was FAB!!! And I got to say that having the image of Tom Hardy in my head as Nathan WHOA big big big CAM!!!!!

So as I said Original Sin is the second book in Alexandra Jones series and I was hooked from First Bitten so was chuffed to bits there wasn't long to go before this one cause I HATE cliffhangers!!

I don't do spoilers so....Alex is now on the run from the Originals continuously running from country to country ending up in Italy where she meets Zeff. (I got a bit of a crush on him and felt really bad, like I was cheating on Nathan here, but even Alex did so it's all good!!) She still loves Nathan though....(so do I!!!!!!)

I love Alex...she is so REAL, funny and in this book she really came into her own!! All Ms. Independent, Kick-Ass and In Control!!

And Nathan *sigh* I LOVED that we got his POV!!! He is in such need of fixing..all bad-ass hot alpha male with that vulnerability..how can you not love him?!?!

The relationship between Alex and Nathan is Yummy HOT..I mean the scene in the (not going to tell)!! They are pretty perfect for each other that's all!!

This book has got so many twists and turns it is impossible to put it down...The need to know is intense and I had so many conspiracy theories in my head whilst reading, it kept me guessing which is great, I hate the obvious!!

Well done Sam, I can't wait for the 3rd book!!!

Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says

Whilst the first book (First Bitten) in this series was a slow build up, this book was all go from the get go.

It had me gripped from page one until the very last page!

The chapter from Nathan's pov was amazing allowed us an insight into him and the emotions he was feeling and I have to say, that chapter really did tug at the heartstrings.

I love Nathan as a character, he is all brooding, alpha, sometimes sensitive and can definitely say the wrong thing, but I just love him.

Alex comes into her own in this book. She is accepting of what she is and is learning to deal with her

situation and has definitely grown in character since the first book.

The relationship between him and Alex exploded in this book and there were some pretty hot scenes and the introduction of Zeff added just the right amount of tension to the story.

I love the take on the whole Vampire/Werewolf theme that Samantha has created and I am eagerly awaiting book 3.

Elle jones says

Samantha has really delivered on this book.

Def the best so far, and Zeff....well I kinda like him better than Nathan...just sayin.

Really looking forward to seeing what happens next. Great read!

Rachel Wheeler says

LOVVVVED ITTTTT!!!!

Yeah Zeff(mysterious)Mmmm... I really like his character... I still love Nathan (of course) and add a little Alex to the mix and you have the perfect ingredients for a WON-dEr-FULL love triangle...Exactly up my alley... It was filled with everything I enjoy and expect in a 5 star series! I am wondering how many books are to this series because there is a lot un-kowns...

I wonder... Is Zeff good or bad??? Hmmm... how delicious is Isiah going to be??? & will Alex be able to keep Nathan in her good graces???

As you can tell I am completely enamored by this new series and give this wonderful author much praise!

***There are grammatical errors but her ideas way out weigh the errors... They didn't hinder my enjoyment one bit, but I thought I would touch on this one negative because I know some of you can't handle it so there is my one and only dig...

Happy Reading Ladies

Sali says

ok sooooo sorry i didnt put this review up sooner:)

this 2nd book in THE ALEXANDRA JONES SERIES is AWESOME!!!!

SAMANTHA TOWLE has added soooo many more elements to thins book that it had me hooked !!!

& omfg im soooooo excited for what is to come in the 3rd book that i can see it already in my head what we are in for !! eeeeekkkkk its going to be a RIPPA MATE !!! (lol sorry had to go all aussie on u there)

this book picks up 6mths after the end of the 1st story. I was nicely suprised to find a different side of Alex come out right off the bat:)......& not only that we are hit with so yummy tall, dark & handsome right of the bat tooummm yep im not talking about our boy Nathan!!!!

i can her u all squeeling just like i am....."YAY LUV TRIANGLE "!!!!

ok now i want to tell u all the bits that make even better than the 1stdont worry no spoilers just some tidbits for u to look forward to :)

1st Alax & her new found awesomeu will luv that

2nd the introduction of ZEFFoohh u will find out all about who that is in the 1st few chaptersu will luv him

3rd omg the humour in this book had me laughing my ass off !!!...ok there is this 1 bit right that Zeff & Alex are talking about a sex cafe' baaaahaaaa oh god i giggle just thinking about itu will luv luv this

4th the nick name!!.....thats all im going to say on that ...ohh u will luv luv that!!

5th ohhhh NATHAN !!! yep we see a totally differen side of our boy Nate that will make every girl ...& even some guys want to drop thier pantiesu will luv luv luv luv luv luv that !!!

Samantha Towle has shown us even more of her tallent with this & i CAN NOT wait to see even more of her awesomeness in book 3especially with how she ended ORIGINAL SIN !!!

thanks SAM u r the shit girlfriend !!! totally <3 u

ok signing out

ROCK ON PEEPS

Dani Hodge says

Original Sin did not disappoint! One of my new favorite series! I tried so hard to take my time reading this book, trying to make it last as long as possible but I couldn't put it down! I love Alex and Nate! And after meeting Zeff he is defiantly growing on me! He is funny and sarcastic and I love it! I really can NOT wait for the next book to come out! I hope I don't have to wait that long! I highly recommend this series!!

Abby says

I LOVED this book.... full review to come

Shannon says

Holy cow!!! I think I'm in love with this series, what a fantastic, hot read. Can't wait for book 3!

Dianne says

Wow! Book two takes off perfectly from book one. Alex is on the run, trying to stay under the radar of the original Vârcolacs. She finds help from a handsome stranger who seems too good to be true.

Again, like book 1, this is dark, edgy and a great read! Romance, action, danger, supernaturals...loved it!

Melissa says

AMAZING sequel to "First Bitten." I have one word: Zeff!!! If you read this book, I guarantee that you will IMMEDIATELY fall for this man...However, after you are done swooning over Zeff, you will be brought back to the reality that faces Alex's unique situation, the very real dangers she is facing, Nathan's family that she regrets putting in danger, and of course the continued "love me or love me not" relationship that hangs in the balance between Alex and Nathan...Please do yourself a favor and read this series:)