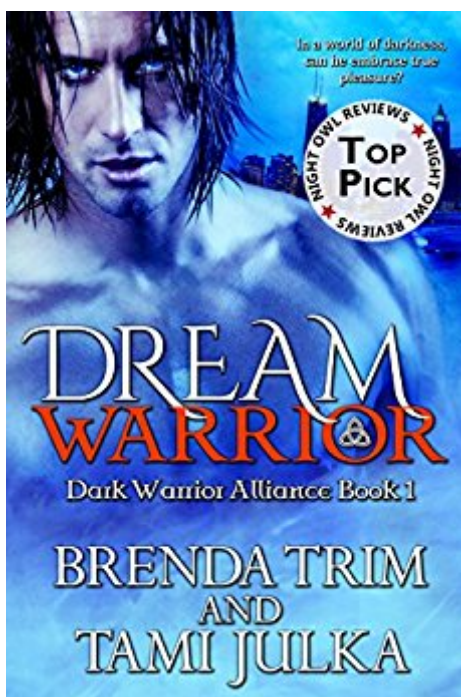


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Customer Reviews

I totally loved how this drew me in from the get-go. Don't get me wrong - it is sad as hell, because the first couple of pages is the husband's death scene and you can just sense the pure and unadulterated love that was between the two. Elsie has always been convinced that her husband was killed by vampires and she's been out fighting them. What a surprise when she realizes that not only are there other, more lethal creatures that go bump in the night, but they are the ones who attacked her husband and have attacked her. The bigger shock? The vampires are the ones who saved her - and the big kahuna himself is her Fated Mate! The biggest problem? She can't get past feeling that she is betraying her dead husband if she allows herself to feel interest for another man. You can really feel the torment that Elsie feels to move from Widow to Fated Mate status; however I also feel that part of the conflict became beaten like a dead horse. (And I hate to say that because I have a feeling that it mirrors Brenda's personal feelings as she got to know her second husband.) It just got to the point, however, that I wanted to tell Elsie to go to a therapist and just be realistic about not giving up on her life in her early twenties! The best part is the friendships that Elsie crafts with the warriors, and seeing how they all stand up for her and with her is so heartwarming! I can't wait to learn more about the Tehrex Realm!

I love this book! The story line is nicely done and is fairly easy to read. You are able to dive into the characters and live through their eyes for a while. It makes for a great escape. The characters are lively and very snarky which makes for some very humorous scenes. I greatly enjoyed how Zander and Elsie, the main characters, interacted with each other. I am definitely looking forward to the next book. The only problem I had with the book is that it did not give you enough hints at the beginning to let you know that the main male character, Zander, is Scottish and has a brogue. You found that out as he spoke. They talked more about his past later on in the story but it was a bit too late. The mental sound and cadence of his voice kept flipping back from English to Scottish in my head and it threw off the rhythm of the book. So WARNING - Zander is Scottish and has a brogue. Other than that it was great!

This was a great book, and added something different to the vampire paranormal. I could not put

this book down! You meet Elsie, who has suffered the death of her husband to what she thought were vampires. You meet Zander, the Vampire King, who once seeing Elsie is driven to protect her and keep her safe. She is his fated mate, but she is intent on honoring the vows she made with her husband and killing vampires....or skirmish as they are known as in this story (since vampires are not like the blood sucking soulless creatures who killed her husband and prey on humans). Their relationship and trip to their HEA is fraught with her guilt for dishonoring her vows, attacks by skirmishes and demons, and battles. Throughout it all, Zander continues to focus on Elsie, giving her his love, affection and constantly giving her gifts. This was my first time reading these authors, and I'm on my way to one click the Dark Warrior Alliance Book 2! If you love paranormal, this is a book for you!

Overall, a good read. I've already downloaded the second book in the series--actually, because I accidentally bought it first. After reading the first chapter, I felt certain I had missed something, so I went back to the author's page, and sure enough, I'd purchased the wrong book. I actually wanted to keep reading (#2 jumps right into the action), but I could tell I'd miss a lot if I didn't read #1. So now I have the background, and am looking forward to reading the second book. While it was an enjoyable read, I had a few issues, including a fair number of misplaced commas. I also felt the sex scenes were a bit abrupt (I like a little build up to the actual scene, not just the act itself), and the hero and heroine's PDA in front of the other warriors was a bit over the top. I kept telling myself it's part of their culture, but I often found myself wincing because yeesh. And probably my biggest issue was my inability to fall in love with the heroine. I wanted to like her, because the authors did a great job of setting her up as someone the reader should sympathize with. But her love and appreciation for the hero felt superficial to me, because it always came down to the things he gave her - a new car, a designer bikini, money to pay her rent, etc. etc. Every time she introspected about her feelings for the hero, it seemed it was always about what material things he gave her, not what he did for her emotionally or even physically. There were plenty of positives in the book, though. I enjoyed the set ups for future books. I liked the secondary characters - both good guys and bad guys. One particular suspenseful scene toward the end of the book (which I'm not going to tell you about because it's a spoiler) was really, really well done. The authors built a fascinating world with believable characters, and like I said, I'm already on to the second book.

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