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In a world where a werecat virus has changed society, Roan McKichan, a born infected and ex-cop, works as a private detective trying to solve crimes involving other infecteds.

Between his mutating virus and his rocky relationship with his artist boyfriend, Dylan, Roan has enough problems to solve without taking on other people's, but that's the nature of his work. Someone has to look into the case of the murdered trans woman, and if the perp is the dirty cop Roan suspects it is, the police are not the right people for the job.

But now Roan has a new obstacle to overcome: someone caught part of his transformation on video, and the media frenzy is making it hard to do his job. One case nets him a hockey team full of new friends. Another leads to an attempt on his life. And Roan's hustler sidekick drags him on a quest for revenge. With his world and his body both in turmoil, Roan is finding it harder and harder to see the line between justice and vigilantism.

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Kaje Harper says

This series continues to be enthralling and excellently written. Book two is still my favorite (*sigh* Paris) but I'm becoming extremely fond of Dylan and also of Holden. This book has some of the funniest moments of the series. The scenes with Roan and the hockey team which adopts him as an honorary member are wonderful. The relationship between Roan and Dylan moves forward in believable and sometimes painful ways, and Roan's adaptation to his virus is still evolving. His attempts to balance the components of his life can be heartbreaking and he remains one of the most complex characters in M/M fiction, and one of the most sympathetic and unusual. (view spoiler) I will reread this, and wait eagerly for the next one.

Tamika♥RBF MOOD♥ says

"There's bigots in every race, creed, and orientation. Idiocy is universal."

So this was book five and I feel like something ominous is going to happen. I think I have 3 full books left and I'm worried about Roan alot. Learning that the virus is adapting to Roan was super scary. What does it really mean? Is he suddenly going to outlive everyone? Between learning about the virus evolving and the huge amount of violence, I don't really know what to think. WTF Holden? I'm not giving him a pass to be on his vigilant kick. Sure everyone deserved what they got, but who anointed him to be Judge, Jury and Executor?

I like Dylan, but honestly I would rather him move on. I know Roan loves him, but at this stage of the series I just feel like he's a warm body. It's taking a toll on him, you can see it from each book. I feel like the trauma that he witnessed as a kid is the same feeling now without the familial guilt surrounding it. Roan is in a different place, and on one hand I want Dylan to stick around, but only because I think Roan will find a way to end it if there's no one their for him to be with. It's the sad truth and it's purely selfish on my part for him to exclude his happiness in order to place Roan.

I do miss Kevin. What the hell is up with that? This book the hockey players made me enjoy it alot. They were funny, and such a protective bunch. Kinda made the story lighter then what it was. It was almost dark at times, and it hurt to see Roan lose himself in the Lion at times. The lion takes over and Roan completely loses himself. I'm so afraid that he is going to do something that he regrets sooner then later.

Definitely looking forward to the next book, but I can't read these back to back. I need to space them.

Desinka says

This was a great installment in the series. I liked both the relationship bits and the "detecting". The second case was too gross and depressing but apart form that I can say this was a very well balanced and engaging read. I was happy with both Roan and Dylan. And Holden was on par as usual:)

Looking forward to the next installment:)

Thanks to my reading buddies R*A, Meep, Otila, Rosa, Sheri and Sofia:) I didn't manage much sharing but it was great to know you are here:)

Otila says

4.5

This is my favorite in the series so far. I'm an action-movie lovin' gal so I found all the violence, murder and and mayhem in this book completely entertaining.

The new characters introduced in this one were great. I love Tank and Grey and I hope to see more of them in the future.

I think I love Holden even more now. I love his moral ambiguity and badassness. *"Now don't be insulting. You know I'm not a psycho. I'm just icily pragmatic. Fuck that whole hooker with a heart of gold stereotype. I've got a heart of stone. And you can't say you didn't know that."*

I like how his character plays off of Roan's. I think Roan wants to believe that his moral compass is still intact, that in comparison to Holden, he's got an excuse for his actions: the lion. Since the first book, Roan has shown that his comfortable in the gray areas. He can rationalize turning a blind eye to others taking justice into their own hands and even nudging them towards it. In this book he went much further and i'm interested to see how far he'll go and still insist it's the lion's fault.

The writing in this book is much more solid than in previous books. The mysteries were intriguing and there's not as many plot threads left hanging or details that go ignored. There's still some (view spoiler) but they don't annoy me as much as they did before.

BR with Sofia, Rosa, RA, Desinka, Meep and Sheri

Skye Blue ?*~??('`?)~*? says

This is my favorite in the series so far.

Is it just me? Or was anyone else hoping that Dylan was heading to the friend zone?

HEY! If there can be tv show shippers, I can have a book series Ship.

I ship Roan and Holden.

I know, your going to say that Holden will corrupt Roan further, and bring him to the dark side. I say NO! Holden would do everything in his power to protect Roan from darkness, wile taking it on himself.

"I know you're a good guy, Roan. It's endearing, if slightly naive. But I'm not, and you knew

that. That's why you bought me in. You want to heap guilt on someone, heap it on me. I can take it." He then leaned over and kissed Roan gently on the forehead before giving him a bittersweet sort of smile. "No one's better than whores for absolution."

or

"I'm not your assistant investigator because I'm eye candy, although I'm that too, if I don't say so myself, nor am I a great detective. I'm your assistant because I will always back your play, because you being in any form of lion will never shock me, and because I'm so motherfucking ruthless it kinda scares you at times. I get the job done, and we never discuss the costs/"

Someone please write a Roan/Holden explicit fan fic....PLEASE!

Okay, wishes are done, back to the review.

The mysteries was much more solid this time around. Yeah, were a couple questions, but they were minor. Every case had conclusions.

I love all the humor. I love the music references. I love the new Hockey team, they were a fun addition. I hope they continue on in the series.

I even liked Dylan better this book.

It's nice to see a series get better with every installment, instead of running out of steam. I'm even more excited to start the next book, than I was after finishing prior books.

Tara♥ says

“There’s bigots in every race, creed, and orientation. Idiocy is universal.”

This book just made me hate humanity in general to be honest. I've come to the opinion that Roan should just eat everyone. They deserve it. Humans suck.

One of the things that's terribly disconcerting about this series is that it really shows humanity at it's absolute worse and yet I laugh like a crazy person and fall in love with some of the crazy people. Not the majority of the crazies now but the ones who Roan seems to adopt. In this case a crazy hockey team that made no sense and yet fit in perfectly. I'm a little in love with all of them but Tank is my favourite (even though I don't want to talk about how long it took my brain to remember that people can and do speak French in Canada therefore he did not fall into the 'not Canadian' camp in relation to the Falcons. I almost did an update. I feel shame. Sorry French Canadians!) Grey is my second favourite and if Scott does not watch himself I will rip

his heart out. For reasons!!

Anywho!!!

This felt like the most violent so far but I think that is mainly because I've been reading them pretty much consistently for the last couple of weeks and as a result I'm dreaming a lot about murder and big cats and throats getting ripped out and street kids being found dead on the sides of roads and blood. I'm dreaming about a lot of blood! I may need to take a little break!!

What's hurting my heart the most though is Roan's fears about himself and the constant feeling of grief that radiates off him. I want to scream at him to snap out of it at times and I want to wrap him up in cotton wool and hid him away from the world all the other times.

This series is taking over my life, it is not perfect but it is addictive. It's difficult to read at times because it is dark and grim but it is also funny as fuck and it's impossible not to root for Roan and Holden and all those who follow them. The obscure references do nothing but add to the fabulousness of it (there was a Father Ted reference that made me squeal for joy) and there is a scene where Roan and Dylan discuss who would play everyone in a movie that caused a google frenzy. I've lists and lists of bands and music to look up and I have highlighted the crap out of the majority of the books. Basically these books, so far, owe me absolutely nothing cause let me tell you I've got my monies worth!!

Plus and also this ones cover:

I can't explain why I love it so much but I want it framed and added to a wall in my house where I will see it often because I absolutely love it. I'm a total cover ho' in general but for some reason this has become one of my favourites. Thank goodness I loved the book or I'd be devastated!!

Again, I'm almost afraid of what is to come next but I'm also really, really hoping the Lion comes out again. Is that bad? That's bad isn't it?

Erica says

I loved these cases and I loved the new friends and I loved the realistic clashing with Dylan, but I'm getting a little tired of the House M.D. impersonation Roan is trying to pull off. I like a self-destructive hero as much as the next gal, but it's starting to feel like Roan isn't capable of any personal growth, and without a character arc what are we even doing here?

It's funny, because as long as it took me to warm up to Dylan, *now* I'm mad at Roan on Dylan's behalf. Roan is lying to Dylan too often and keeping too much from him, and I'm worried about their relationship. I love Roan, but, man . . . he'd better get his head out of his ass.

I suppose I'll find out if he manages to do that, pretty much right now, since I'm starting the next book immediately. I'm on a roll.

Em says

This has seriously got to be the best book in the series, it was absolutely terrific. I loved the big action scene right at the end where Holden and Roan seemed to take on the whole world. The both of them work so well together and it's great to know that Holden has Roan's back in any situation.

Bloody brilliant!

One thing - where's Matt, I thought he was a great character and had hoped to see more of him?

MLE says

Smart, snarky writing, interesting, complicated characters, and well developed plots makes this one of my favorite series. The only downside for me is that I have to wait for the next one.

Sheri says

Cataclysmic chaos.

Things come together for Roan and then hell breaks loose again.

I certainly don't envy his anything-but-boring life. He is either dodging or throwing fireballs. Constant flux. But? Now with adaptation? The crazy just got crazier. Uh huh.

Book five was powerful, but hell, when is anything not sharp, strong and violent with Roan?

The investigations were intense.

The hockey team is bad ass. *bubble thought* (Tank and Grey are awesome. Scott can kiss my ass.) ;)

Dylan is surely winning over my heart.

And Holden? He is scarier than Ro. I'm struggling to figure out his appeal and fan club. I'm intrigued but sure as hell not smitten with him. He's a loose cannon and as much as Roan needs him, I'm not sure he does? Roan's bulletproof exterior has cracked. Dylan slipped in. Ro realized he has something to live for. It's about damn time!

Yep, the going is *still* good.

Another frisky buddy read with my girls, and I'm roaring 'n ready for the next.

4 Is it Batman?-Or Superman?-No,it's Crazy Cat! stars

***It's taken me awhile, but I've finally figured it out!

Speed loves comics. Her frequent use parentheses is the bubble above their head! Ha! I kinda drove me nutty the first book or two, but I hardly gave it second thought when I came across an entire paragraph in parentheses in the first chapter. It's simply their bubble talk. :P

Laura says

4.5 Stars

This series keeps getting better and better!

Shift is book five in Andrea Speed's Infected series and one of my favorites so far. It has it all from humor to heartache and cuddles to blood & guts!

Roan, werecat detective and all around superhero, is in a world of hurt and uncertainty. His virus and lion seem to be shifting or adapting in ways that Roan cannot understand, predict or control—which scares him. Is he in control or is the lion? Some great questions pop up in this book—I would say profound—but Roan would slug me for going there. Not even the doctors know what to make of Roan's change. The lion's rage and hunger are coming out with almost no warning and causing more physical and mental consequences for Roan. Can he control the lion? Or will it consume him?

New cases and new friends keep Roan busy, distracted, and laughing though. A murder case introduces Roan to The Seattle Falcons, a semi professional hockey team with one hell of a love for fighting. I believe Roan found his people! :) Tank, Grey, Scott, and more add huge doses of humor to this tale. Tank, the insane goalie, instantly hit my "Can't-help-loving-you-even-though-you're-a-psycho" List hard! He's the type of guy that will have your back in a fight no matter what. Plus he can guard, cook, and swear! And speaking of fighting—WOW! Speed writes some kickass fight scenes here. Bloody, bone crushing brutal, gross, and fun! Bones pop and "crackle like bubble wrap", people! How fun is that? :D

This book hit me like a jolt of adrenaline! The fighting, investigating, and loving all added up to fun and one of my favorite visits to Roan's world. The pace and suspense were spot on perfect! All the pieces came together—and there are a lot of pieces and connections. Roan's life is filled with so much chaos, action, and love. Born infected, Roan has always felt and lived one step away from death, but yet I can't help but be in awe at how **alive** Roan is from morning to night. He makes me want to go out and live! Get in a fight and fall in love! Haha...It sounds silly, but he does. Roan McKichan is constantly thinking, moving, and living!

All of these characters dug deeper and deeper into my heart. From old friends to new. I loved them all, but Holden and Dylan especially. They both made me very happy in this leg of the journey. Roan wasn't the only one in a state of flux. Others around him seemed to experience a shift, change of heart, or slap in the face. Dylan standing up and asking for more from Roan made me cheer. And Holden...I liked Holden at first sight, but he just keeps getting better. More layers! More laughs! More mystery! I want more!

I know I've said it before, but I'll say it again---GO meet Roan and the gang. Now!
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Just a Few More Reasons to Love this Book

1. Roan's T-shirt collection. From old school punk to one line insults and humor. You gotta love the man's taste.
2. Simpsons shout outs! Roan's Homer boxer shorts are priceless. Hehe...

3. Hockey love.
4. Words! Speed threw out some gems here. My favorites—gormless, miasma, and meshuggenah.
5. This is a true spoiler. Beware. DO NOT CLICK if you haven't read the previous books. (view spoiler)

My “eww” moment:

“Tank then started beating on the guy, big roundhouse slugs to the head that made one of his earlobes burst open and start spurting blood.” Haha...So gross!

Thank you for the book gossip, Christina. It feels right sharing Roan's world with a friend. :)

R * A Reader Obsessed * says

4.5 Stars

So the saga of Roan, aka Batman, continues and I was not disappointed. In this installment, there was a lot of character development where motivation and feelings were explored more. We see a different side to Dylan. Though he feels powerless to keep Roan safe, he makes his needs known, pushing Roan to be more aware of the consequences of his actions. He's deceptively insightful, surprisingly forceful. Holden too plays a major part, becoming an invaluable part of the team. He's full of street cred, the perfect partner as he works the opposite angles of their investigations. His moral ambiguity allows certain things to get resolved. Will it complement Roan or corrupt both of them further? And let's not forget the fabulous group of kickass hockey players. What started off as a client/investigator relationship changed to almost a surrogate family. Tough, fierce, crazy - their loyalty and acceptance were a joy to read.

I continue to appreciate the exceptional humor, the bitter sarcasm. At times this was a lot of fun - at others, the mysteries/cases were particularly dark and disturbing. Speed as always, continues to show the absolute horrible depravity and evil that some are capable of, and this was probably the most brutal entry yet.

There's a lot of debate and back and forth, regarding Roan's other half. Some are scared of it. Some want him to embrace and own it. Others want him to use it to champion all infecteds, while many condemn him for merely existing. He too, constantly struggles with the uncertainty of his condition. Can he keep his humanity? Who's in control of whom? Surely he must realize that his very nature allows him to do what he does best - protect and mete out justice. But of course being a "superhero" does have potential consequences; his greatest fear being that it will hurt those he loves. Time will only tell if Speed allows him to come to peace with this internal fight and whether or not his living by the sword will be his undoing.

"He was born this way, caught between human and virus, lion and man, a hybrid compromise between two incompatible states... he was a thing that shouldn't have been."

Thanks to Desinka, Meep, Otila, Rosa, Sheri and Sofia for another fabulous BR!

?? Michaelle says

4.5 Stars

Damn, these books just keep getting better and better. They're so well written and engaging you almost don't even notice the lack of sex scenes (although, this had the most "graphic" one so far, and it wasn't actually detailed, just the bit of making out and then after-sex cleanup).

Still loving the morally ambiguous Holden. (I don't even know if that's appropriate because there's no ambiguity to his morality at all, and IDGAF either.) Sometimes I think he'd make a better partner for Roan...

Except, in this installment we finally get to see Dylan snap a bit. It was ridiculously refreshing and made me warm up to him a little more. He's not as perfect as he's been previously portrayed and that was a brilliant move; I think his peace-loving, serene disposition is hard-won and makes that balance he provides for Roan, that safe, loving home more special in many ways. Roan needs that soft place to land when things inevitably go pear-shaped, which is why Dylan is the boyfriend, and a necessary complement to Roan.

I mentioned in an update that I think those Falcons hockey team guys should have their own book. I don't even care that they are (mostly) straight; I'd still read it if Andrea wrote it. (I should check her book list...for all I know, she *did* write one and I am an unobservant idiot.)

Rosa, really says

My mind is a blank so you're just going to have to trust me when I say this is one of the best books in this series.

Cuz of things. And stuff. And other things.

Yup.

Thanks BR buddies---Sofia, R, Otila, Desinka, Meep and Sheri!

4.5

Dreamer says

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfK-WX...>

Brilliant book, love Roan, one of my favourite characters despite the lack of any overt sex in this series. I also love the peripheral characters Dylan and Holden and even the ice hockey team that befriends him! Two different cases in this book in which the lion takes more and more control of Roan..

Samuel Beckett's 'Krapp's Last Tape'... There was a piece of it he wanted as his next tattoo. A broken phrase, but it had all he wanted in it: "clear to me at last that the dark I have always struggled to keep under is in reality my most unshatterable association..."
