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“I don’t do nice. Period.” -Kilter (nickname: Off-Kilter)

Kilter is crass, reckless and stubborn. He has alienated everyone—just the way he likes it. Until the day he meets Rayne and emotions he buried long ago reawaken.

“I was nothing but a science experiment.” -Rayne

Rayne has been locked away and used for research ever since she was a child. The abuse caused her to withdraw into a tomb of numbness where she’s found a safe place to hide. But her safe place isn’t safe at all, it’s slowly killing her.

When Kilter rescues her and she is unexpectedly drawn to his raw honesty, Rayne must decide whether to trust him and fight for what she can’t see or drown into the depths of darkness.

For some Scars, it’s the story of healing and redemption, for others it’s the beginning of a tortured existence. Which will it be for Kilter and Rayne?

A band of fierce warriors walk in the shadows of the human world with capabilities derived from the senses: Trackers, Sounders, Healers, Tasters, Visionaries and the rare Reflectors. They are known as the ‘Scars.

*Stygian must be read first. 18+

Scars of the Wraiths Series

Stygian (Scars of the Wraiths, Book 1)

Tyrant (Scars of the Wraiths, Book 2)

Take (Scars of the Wraiths, standalone)

Credo (Scars of the Wraiths, Book 3) (coming 2016)

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Nanci **WarningIWasASailor??MyMouthisDirty says**

Wow this book had me all over the place. There are so many stories going on in this book I was getting dizzy. I was mad, sad, happy, anxious and excited. As soon as the last 100 pages came and everyone was finally connected I couldn't put my kindle down. I was a ball of knots! I thought I was going to throw up. Omg it was intense.

I had a love/hate relationship with this book. I would hate Rayne than like her, hate her again than like her. Ugh! I also had issues with Dalara. I kept having to stop it because she was another one who frustrated the hell out of me. I liked her in book 1, book 2 not so much. She came off as selfish in this book and kind of bratty, very immature. But I still can't wait to read her book and I'm totally rooting for her and Waleron.

I Freaken Loved Kilter! I loved his hot ass in book 1, and in this one I was ready to push Rayne out the way and say "take me!"

Can't wait to read about Abby and Damien, omg it was their story was so sad and heartbreaking.

warhawke says

Tyrant is LIVE!!

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Genre: Paranormal Romance

Type: Book 2 from Scars of the Wraiths series

POV: First Person – Multiple

Rating:

Kilter was an insensitive, abrasive loner. Betrayal from his past led him to a self imposed "exile". He refused to let anyone in until a woman stirred emotions in him he buried a long time ago.

Rayne was a victim of abuse since she was very young. Over the years, she learned to escape it by withdrawing within herself, dangerously risking her own existence. It took a long road for her to find herself back. But just as things started to look up, it came crashing down again.

My favorite type of hero has always been the dark horse/underdog tortured souls. Kilter was definitely one of them and I've been waiting for a long time for his story and I'm glad this book didn't disappoint.

I found the piece of Kilter that had been broken off. Fragmented. The piece that cut so deep that he'd been unable to repair.

Kilter caught my attention since he was first introduced. The way he pushed everyone away just reeled me more to him. He was bitter from his past experience and refused to see things in another light. But beyond that, he had a good heart even when he refused to acknowledge it.

Rayne had been through a lot in life. I understood her coping mechanism and it's sad to see her withering away. I love how her situation brought out the best in both her and Kilter.

I have to say it took me a while before I get the rhythm of the story. One of the reasons is because it's been a while since I read the last book and I can barely remember anything. And there's also the multiple events happening in the book.

"Fuck, you got wasted with a vampire? Did you read your witch handbook at all? The part where it says 'never get wasted around a vampire'? Even I know that, and I'm not a witch."

The first 50% or so, there were so many characters and things going on, there were barely anything on Rayne or Kilter. I was starting to get worried, but then things started to make sense and the multiple stories converged into the big finale. About the last 20% things were so intense I was afraid to turn the page haha!

My Delara. The woman I couldn't have but wanted. The only woman who could touch me without me freaking out. The woman I didn't deserve and would destroy if we were ever together again.

I felt like Waleron and Delara had been overshadowing the main characters since previous books. I'm glad to finally see their purpose in the stories and looking forward to finally get their own story in the next book.

Note:

I have a soft spot for Roarke :D

Books in the series:

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Maida»-(^`v^`)-> says

RATING: 5 "Kilter & Rayne" Hearts!! :D <3

“She was a fuckin’ angel, and I was the devil ready to break her from the magnificence.”

Elizabeth says

~5 Unforgettable Stars~

TYRANT made our TOP PICK VIDEO FOR MARCH!

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CsNuw...>

Tyrant is the second book in the Scars of Wraiths Series. It takes you on a ride that you will never forget. The passion and fury that dwell within the Scars are like no other mystical race. Every moment is packed with action, suspense, mystery, and love. **Tyrant** is not a stand-alone. It is the second prequel in the series (before **Take**) and the series absolutely must be read in order.

“Torture spoke volumes, and I knew it all too well. Never again would I put faith in anyone-period.”

Rayne has spent her life in pain. Tortured by her husband in a lab, she has maintained control by hiding her abilities and merely existing. After helping Kilter escape in (which happened in **Stygian**), her life is changed forever.

“I’d gone back for her.”

A broody "alpha male" Kilter is drawn to the waif Rayne. After she risked it all to help him escape, he is willing to defy his leader and battle the world to make her safe. Rayne and Kilter make a unique pair. Both broken and haunted by demons of their past; they must make a way together.

In addition to the development of Kilter and Rayne, in true Nashoda fashion, the supporting characters in this book play a huge role in the plot development. Tensions are rising as we discover more of the history between Walderon and Delara.

"My Delara. The woman I couldn't have but wanted. The only woman who could touch me without freaking out. The woman I didn't deserve and would destroy if we were ever together again."

Additionally, another Scar has found a love of the forbidden fruit with a vampire.

"It was undeniable. Didn't matter that she was a vampire, and I was a Scar. Love had no boundaries."

As the characters are interspersed, the plot thickens, and the action continues to keep you on the edge of your seat.

Told in multiple POV, **Tyrant** is another home run for Ms. Rose. I lavish in every word that this author writes. The characters are complex, and the stakes are high as they try to survive. The passion between Rayne and Kilter was both tender and dynamic. Additionally, my love and concern for the entire crew of characters have me 100% invested. The story arc is well developed and quite complex. As a reader, I sometimes feel intimidated when I see a glossary is attached to a book, and yet, this series is so well constructed that each element is crystal clear and I rarely even had to peek. This is one world that will heighten your senses and melt your heart.

Overall, **Tyrant** was a fantastic read. Paranormal romance fans **MUST** check this series out. I applaud this author for her mad creative writing skills. If Ms. Rose is writing, I am reading. Everytime!

*****Scars of Wraiths Series*****

BR with my girls LOYDA and WAR!

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Snow says

5 "Kilter was my beautiful tyrant" stars

For some Scars, it's the story of healing and redemption, for others it's the beginning of a tortured existence

I borrowed the sentence from the blurb cause it actually, well only partially, depicts the essence of the events in the second book in the **Scars of the Wraiths** series

the solid firm thing that is a constant in this story is ACTION...there's no time for a breather!

It's a page turning book,

it's angst,

and sometimes I reacted like this

it's passion,

it's anger,

and suppressed anger

it's a whirlwind and turmoil of all the emotions known to a mankind!!!

I was just mindblown by everything. EVERY. SINGLE. THING.

There are several couples/characters to follow and it really speeds up the pace of the story making it at times chaotic BUT you are eager to find out what the fuck is going on, and what the hell will happen next, so you again do this...

yeah, yeah...you get so worked up in it all, so you might not be aware of what you are doing

ALL in ALL, a fantastic ride...of any means of transport, you choose!!!

NASHODA, fun-fuckin-tastic work!!!! AGAIN!!!

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and yeah

Kilter, baby...showed me what HE got!!!

BR with Shan bam and Denise release... *wink*

Can't wait for the 3rd book!!!

Elfina Renee says

Oh my gosh, so intense, action packed! It was like watching Mortal Combat, without the dueling of souls. Vampires fighting witches, tattoos coming to life, what's not to love? Nashoda Rose went above and beyond, shocking and thrilling us in this paranormal five star read!

S.M. West says

5 STARS

This series is spellbinding. I felt like I was watching a movie with the action and suspense and the many captivating characters with their stories. You'd think having a story about one main H/h but with some many compelling side stories going on would detract from it or dilute it but no! There are a lot of side stories going with Damien and Abby, Delara and Waleron, and the dynamic of all the Scars and all of it meddles beautifully together to make **a rich and enthralling story.**

This story is about Kilter, a Scar who is an unyielding force of anger and distrust given his past and Rayne, a woman abused all her life who Kilter rescued in Stygian.

If you seriously love Alpha heroes and those who have many demons to fight (both literally and figuratively), you'll love Kilter as well as most of the male Scars...

These two together are beautiful. They are both broken in different ways but find solace, trust and love together.

“It was everything Kilter was.

**Rough.
Honest.
Raw.”**

I'm really looking forward to the next book, Credo, about Delara and Waleron. These two have been dominant forces throughout this whole series and their story is long, twisted, sensual and heartbreaking. Can. Not. Wait!

I can't recommend this series enough, especially for those of you who love PNR. This is a must read!

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MELISSA *Mel Reader* says

4.5 Stars!
(ARC provided by author)

Rayne is a young woman living in Toronto and being held prisoner at a compound where she is experimented on for research. She has powerful abilities others want to use her for, & her life hasn't been her own since she was a young girl. She merely exists as she tries to hide inside herself. She has learned to shut down her emotions. Being trapped within herself has become her only safe place to escape.

Suddenly there is hope when a gorgeous, intense, scary tattooed man named Kilter comes to her rescue. He's a bit harsh & abrasive, but he helps her escape. Rayne is stunned that this man has come for her. He's the only person in her life that has ever helped her.

Kilter takes Rayne home with him & is very protective of her. He shows her kindness & Rayne feels safe with him. She also feels a strong connection between them she can't explain. He's honest & he's the only person she feels she can trust. Trust is a tough thing for Kilter. He has been betrayed in the past by those he trusted most. He isn't used to caring for anyone but himself, but he feels drawn to Rayne. He feels compassion for her & an affection that surprises him. She's the first person he's cared about in a long time & he wants to protect her.

Rayne begins to feel dependent on Kilter. He makes her feel whole again. He's become her hero, & she sees a tender side of him others don't. They start to develop real feelings for one another as Rayne heals. As she gets stronger she begins to notice Kilter even more & how beautiful he is. Her attraction is becoming harder

to ignore & the feelings are mutual. Kilter has fallen for Rayne & is totally devoted to her. We get action & drama when people are still after Rayne to use her for her powers. We get a lot of other stories I also enjoyed involving other couples. This was another fabulous book in this series! I can't wait for Waleron & Delara's book next!!! :D

Sabrina says

In all honestly, I think I've read so many amazing books that I've become picky and a little critical of what I read now, leading me to not rate too many books higher than four stars. I reserve the five star ratings for the books that I know will stick with me, and that were so good I felt consumed by the story. So for me to rate two books in a row five stars, you know that's something special. And this series is certainly special.

Tyrant should be read after *Stygian* to get the full understanding of the story. In the previous book we were introduced to Kilter, the asshole Scar that the others try to limit their time with. He's a no nonsense type of guy that doesn't have time for patience or sympathy. That is, until he comes across Rayne at a research lab that's doing experiments on Scars. For some reason after he meets her, he can't stop thinking about her, and when he had to leave her behind he vows to return for her.

Rayne has never been more than the property of her husband. He became her guardian when she was only ten years old and since then she hasn't known anything other than the life he forces upon her. Then Kilter shows up, still his same asshole self, trying to rescue her. They both have a long journey ahead of themselves to get back to normal, but together their journey doesn't seem so long.

Sigh. I just loved this book. Kilter was such an asshole but it made him so interesting and, in a weird way, it made him likable. The anger that he had inside of him is how his character went from just another asshole Hero to a relatable guy that had emotions hidden down deep. I really enjoyed seeing him let go of some of that anger while falling for Rayne. One of the best things about him is that he never changed his ways. There's no doubt that he was softer around Rayne and less intense, but he never lost the personality that we first met him with, so I really liked that there was no random personality change that sometimes happens with douche-bag characters.

Rayne grew into a beautiful person throughout this book, and I adored seeing her become more sure of herself and open. She had a hard time letting go of what had happened, but she eventually took her life into her own hands and fought to survive. That's when I fell in love with her character and I had been cheering her on the whole time. I thought it was even extra special that the majority of her fight she did without Kilter, and even though he helped her quite a bit in the beginning, she was still independent for a lot of her battle, and she survived.

Rayne and Kilter's pasts had a lot to do with their story, and the mix of past and present was really good and

made the story all the more intriguing. I liked how what preceded their current story had a big affect on their personalities, and the book, but it never really took over the story. Instead the past and the present came together really well.

"We were both broken in different ways by those we trusted. But it's what brought us together."

There were a lot of different POV's in this book, and a few character's smaller stories within the big one, including Delara and Waleron. Usually it gets a little annoying for me when there are POV's from characters other than the main ones, but in *Tyrant* they all worked with this story and came together well, which surprised me.

If you can't tell from this long rant of a review, I loved this book. The story was full of suspense, action, and sexiness that I think many will find intriguing and worth reading. This series is highly recommended!

Michelle says

5 Stars!

WOW!!! This book was packed full of so much going on and I loved it!! I did NOT want it to end!! Tyrant is the second book in the Scars of the Wraiths series. Don't let the glossary of terms scare you away because I had no problems keeping up. If you love a good PNR series you shouldn't delay starting this one! You must read the first book Stygian before you read this one even though it's about a different couple the books are connected. They don't leave you hanging on a cliff but leave you wanting more.

We met Kilter and Rayne in the last book. This one starts off with Kilter going back to the compound and rescuing Rayne from her abusive husband.

Kilter is a loner. He's arrogant and tells you how it is. He doesn't trust anyone. He's stubborn and sexy! None of the scars want to be around him because he's such an a**hole. He's been burned before and he feels his race let him down. He can't get over it and he listens to no one. He's been beating himself up for weeks after he rescued Ryker and left Rayne at the compound. When he ignores the other scars and goes all cowboy and finally gets Rayne free and back to his home he doesn't know how to help the broken woman he's rescued.

Rayne lost her parents when she was younger. Her parents best friend takes over her care. Then when she turned 18 they get married. She's been at her husbands compound for years. Rayne is his puppet. Doing whatever he tells her to do or she will be punished. The only thing that she's been able to control is how much food she puts in her body. She doesn't eat anything hardly at all and his slowly fading away. If she's too weak then her husband couldn't make her use her abilities. If she's too weak he couldn't run tests on her. Kilter doesn't know how to help her. The other scars are ready to step in and get her the help she needs before she dies. Kilter isn't happy about this.

I loved Kilter. He's the type of book boyfriend I love when I'm reading. He was so protective of Rayne that he went up against everyone to keep them from taking her to a clinic to get her help with her eating disorder. He knew she needed help but he didn't want her locked up in another facility.

I loved Rayne. She had been through so much all her life. She didn't have anyone in her corner until Kilter came into her life but she was still scared to trust him. She knew she needed help but was also scared to let anyone help her.

What happens to Kilter when he goes up against his fellow scars and leader? Will Rayne get the help she's needed to heal from all the abuse she's had in her life? What is the secret Rayne is hiding? Who is the woman from the compound that is still after her? You will be asking these questions and more.

We get multiple POVs in Tyrant. So even though this is Kilter and Raynes story there is plenty going in with secondary characters in this book. This one had me on the edge of my seat at times, fanning myself and also had me reaching for a tissue a time or two! OMG! I can't wait to get some of these other couples stories!! I feel Nashoda Rose is building us up with a series that is going to be so good! There are endless possibilities for more books! I can not wait!! I highly recommend all PNR lovers to start this series!

Thank you so much Nashoda for giving me the opportunity to read and review your new book! I loved it!!

Waleron and Delara's story is next! I will be over here waiting very impatiently for it to be released:))

Pre-order your copy of Tyrant today so you can start reading on the release day March 7, 2016!

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Lo Bookfrantic says

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MARCH'S TOP READS TRAILER**

5 ★★★★★Terrific Stars

Genre: *Paranormal Romance*

Type: *Book 2 from Scars of the Wraiths series*

POV: *First Person – Multiple*

"We were both broken in different ways by those we trusted. But it's what brought us together...Kilter was my beautiful Tyrant."

***Tyrant* is the second installment of the Scar's series and it must be read in order. I was in love with the scars since I read the standalone TAKE.**

***Kilter* felt so wrong leaving *Rayne* behind something he had never felt before. He didn't know why but he knew he had to do go back and safe her from this place of torture; a place that was used to experiment on the Scars. *Kilter* takes off and decides to rescue *Rayne* from her hell without notifying any of the Scars. When he finds her; he thought he was done, a simple task, get her out of her inferno and free her. Little did he know that she was a damaged good. *Rayne* was dying she was slowly killing herself by letting her body shut down by not eating. She found her only control on not eating; that was the only way her brain was able to feel any control after being trapped for so long and used as an experiment as a weapon.**

Kilter was bound to save Rayne from herself but he found that he was powerless something he couldn't handle. Rayne had a severe level of anorexia if she didn't seek help she most likely die. There was a battle between Kilter and the Scars; they wanted to hospitalized her but he refused to lock her up he knew she will not survive and he promised her that he wouldn't let them do that to her. However; he ended up getting himself put away for six months for losing control. I was devastated but it did ended up working for the best. The scars realized he was right and decided to give Rayne a break keeping her monitored on her own with a special doctor who helped her fight her fears and get better.

Rayne was able to get better and in the process she was able to help Kilter become a better person himself. He was betrayed; his past was so painful and he had no trust for anyone not even the Scars. In his mind they all betrayed him. However; Rayne was able to put peace inside of him and helped him healed. She wanted to rescued him from his pain the same way he had done for her. Their love was absolutely fantastic. I enjoyed it so much it was just so beautiful.

"I'd never felt anything so intense as the desire swirled through every part of my body. Overpowering. Electrifying. And terrifying because I melted into him and there wasn't a piece of me that didn't want more of him."

There was so much suspense and surprises when you get closer to the end I was a nervous wreck. We had couple of side stories as well; there was a battle of the crazies with Walderon and Delara oh boy their intensity was so much I was going out of my mind for these two. I want them to be happy so bad that I was full of anxiety I am dying for their book which is the next one in the series. We also see Damien and Abby's story it's so painful to watch everything they go thru but I loved it all everything about this book and these couples. If you are looking for a sexy, action packed paranormal book you have found it. This book, this series has it all and it's amazing one that you won't forget easily. To all my paranormal lovers read this you will not regret it.

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Jen says

I loved this book so much...The only issue I had was that Kilter and Rayne weren't together a lot during the first half of the book. I found myself getting frustrated with that as I love those two characters, and I loved them together even more! Their connection was so intense that I craved every moment they shared. The good news though was eventually they did start sharing the page, and I loved every second of that!

Another bonus is that there are a ton of secondary characters, and each of them brings an interesting situation to the story. This is a story with so much going on, and many secrets and reveals. It is one that you need to experience with no spoilers. What I can say is that this series is brilliant. Nashoda Rose has created a very unique paranormal world, and it is full of action, adventure, and my favorite....sex!! Ha ha! I can't wait to have the next book, and I am officially a devoted reader of Ms. Rose's work. Anything she writes, I want to read!!

Bindi Boo says

5 stars

Yes, i'm still reeling from this book and probably one of the MOST unexpected twist!

Again, the author managed SO MUCH drama, action and suspense WITHOUT stealing the thunder from the main couple.

And oh gosh.. Kilter and Rayne.. so broken but so meant for each other. They needed each other to heal themselves. So wonderfully paced and the feels were amazing.

ABSOLUTELY can't wait for Waleron's and Delara's book. I need the book yesterday! Arghhhh...

Pam says

4.5 Rough. Honest. Raw. Unbending. stars

Rayne

The fight inside me had died years ago. I had trusted. I had fought. Neither had done me any good. So now I trusted myself, and that meant killing parts of who I was. It meant protecting me. Burying me.

Kilter

I loved how he could be angry, but gentle at the same time. I loved how he was honest, even if his words might hurt. I trusted him because of that.

Kilter doesn't feel guilt, he doesn't do regret...he doesn't feel period. He's learned his lesson and now he trusts no one but himself. But somehow Rayne is different, he failed her and for that he is trying to make amends, willing her to take the biggest risk.....trusting him.

“One day you won’t fear me.”

He is everything she needs, her beacon of truth, her protector and her mirror. Like knows like, and in him she sees the same broken faith; they just have completely different ways of dealing with their demons. Blinded by hate and pain, they are *unaccustomed to tenderness*.

But his past—my past—that made up who we were now. We were both broken in different ways by those we trusted. But it’s what brought us together.

As if they didn't have enough on their plate, threats are coming at them from left and right, even from within their inner circle. But they have to first stand on their own and come to terms with the past before they can lend each other their strength to face their future.

“I care about you and if anything happens to you...you mean something to me, babe.”

Tyrant was a whirlwind roller coaster with a lot of moving parts and players but it all gelled together perfectly. There was never a time I felt lost or confused, it just all happened as it should. This darker paranormal read caters to those who have an open mind, who can live in another world that is not pretty or perfect.

Rayne and Kilter, were a perfect pair, both utterly broken and the least to trust, yet together they were almost normal. They didn't see each others weakness, only their strength and that feed the need to help make it all better. Kilter was such an alpha man, he was demanding and sweet, such a contradiction that totally worked for him. He is so not good with words, so when he tries to express himself, it makes it all the more sweeter. Rayne, I saw blossom, from the lifeless weak girl to the woman she was born to be.

I fell in love with their world and in awe of the characters, all so unique in their own special way. Although this book focuses on a new set of main characters, it is not a stand-alone, you have to read **Stygian** first to fully appreciate their story. This story is told from multiple POV's but all needed to transition from one scene to another. Since everything is occurring at the same time, the set up for the next book was well underway, and I have to say based on what I read here, I am super excited of what is coming next!

Damian and Abby

These two had some serious shit to deal with, and as intense as their situation was, the care and gentleness just blew my heart wide open. It was tragically beautiful, time will tell how their tale will end and all I can do is hope for the best.

Waleron and Delara

I was about self-destruction and Waleron was about ultimate control. The two could not mix.

Damn, now these two have been burning the pages with their hate/lust/love. They are infuriating yet I can't hate them, I want their HEA so so much. Their story is next and I hope they can pull their heads out of their ass to set things right.

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Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4 STARS

My emotions had been sealed, hidden and buried in a tomb for years. I was numb; I liked being numb, but Kilter dug up the top and ripped off the lid, and now my emotions were tearing through my veins like missiles.

I'm a huge Nashoda Rose fan. Whatever this woman writes, I'll read. But there's just something about her *Scars of the Wraiths* PNR series that has hooked me to the point of addiction. Each time I finish a new installment, I find myself rabidly salivating for the next. I'm absolutely hooked on this unique world that Nashoda built with her characters. Her writing maintains its signature grit and if possible her alphas are even more alpha in this one. Something to do with the PNR aspect, I'm sure, and I eat it all up with a squirming sort of glee.

Now if you haven't read *Stygian*, you **must** before going into this book. While each book in the series focuses on a different couple and their HEA, the story arc continues throughout the series. And while the author gives you a jolt of memory here about what happened in book 1, you would still be slightly lost having not read *Stygian* first.

Those that have, you'll definitely recall Rayne; a waif of a woman that you don't quite know is a friend or foe. She's the wife of one of the most brutal enemies of the Scars, and also the man responsible for the death of one of their mates. But she's also the woman that helped Kilter escape the compound when he went for a rescue mission, and now he can't stop thinking about the woman he left behind. Is she paying for letting him escape? Is she actually an unwilling prisoner? Kilter knows only one thing, he **needs** to go back to her and he'll stop at nothing to do it.

Rayne was a bit of an enigma. You know what she's suffered and you know that she's valuable to the people holding her captive...but you don't know why. Years of abuse has reduced her to a shell of a woman. She's dangerously thin, emotionally stunted and scarred. She doesn't know why this dangerous warrior wants to help her, but she's trying her hardest to accept his help now that he's rescued her from the hell she's known practically all her life.

Tyrant was a bit different from the other books in the series, where there was quite a few more POVs in the form of Delara, Waleron, Jedrick, Kilter and Rayne, and two more side characters that you'll get to know later in the book. But there is not one wasted page. Where usually I would be bothered by so many POVs, it really worked for the story here. Each POV drove the plot, and I couldn't see it working without it.

There's quite a lot of story that happens here too; outside of just what's going on with Kilter and Rayne. The story that truly kept me glued to the pages was Waleron and Delara. There's some mind reeling revelations that left me both shocked and impatient to finally get their full story.

As for Kilter and Rayne? They were absolute perfection. Kilter has been angry at the world for years. Ever since the horrific torture he suffered at the hands of people he trusted the most, he's lost his trust not only for the rest of his fellow Scars but everyone. He's withdrawn, angry, vengeful. But there's something about Rayne that soothes him and so his behavior towards her was so wonderful to read. He may be rough around the edges, but this man is uber protective of Rayne. Not to mention their chemistry was incredibly hot.

Our chests heaved, hearts pounded, and our skin was heated as we both stilled and stared at one another for a minute, taking in what we shared, knowing it was special. And, yeah, knowing this was more. We were more. And it was endless.

While the romance between Rayne and Kilter is the primary focus, there's a lot happening around that. So much so that at times they almost came in second. That's not necessarily a bad thing because everything that was happening was incredibly entertaining. Though having said that, they did get a little bit lost in the shadow of everything else that was going on at times.

I found my focus to truly be centered on the happenings between Waleron and Delara. I was practically rabid for any new details about their past, and there were some really juicy details that were revealed in this book.

Nashoda Rose is a masterful story teller and she weaves one hell of an addicting story within a unique world of The Scars. I'm sitting on pins and needles until the next book!

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