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Hunter's Trail (Scarlett Bernard Book 3)



Synopsis

Book 3 of the Scarlett Bernard series Actions have consequences – a lesson Scarlett Bernard is learning the hard way. As a “null,” Scarlett has always been able to negate the powers of the supernatural beings that surround her. But now her reckless decision to permanently change Eli from a werewolf to a human has left the Los Angeles werewolf pack in shambles, and upset the balance of power among the city’s supernatural factions. To make matters worse, Scarlett’s employers discover that a newly changed werewolf is running amok in the city. To catch the rogue werewolf, Scarlett will need help from both Eli and Detective Jesse Cruz of the LAPD – a situation that will force her to finally choose between them. However, Scarlett and her friends aren’t the only ones on the hunt – someone else is chasing the wolf. Someone with no reservations about collateral damage. Now Scarlett and her allies must stop both the rogue wolf and the deadly hunter before the full moon rises and all hell breaks loose. Filled with the same suspense and wit readers loved in *Dead Spots* and *Trail of Dead*, this may be Scarlett Bernard’s most harrowing adventure yet.

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Customer Reviews

A good series, and one that's starting to develop in unexpected ways. I almost gave up in the middle of this novel when people just kept expecting the injured Scarlett to keep taking care of their messes. Since her teens Scarlett has been cleaning up after supernaturals in Los Angeles and now they seem to expect her to solve bigger problems as well. In this book she is nursing a badly damaged knee while trying to track down a wolf who is killing women. Some of the wolves also begin hounding and threatening her because there are rumors of a cure for their condition and they think she has it. I became increasingly irate as people who Scarlett was working hard to protect treat her poorly. When the handsome detective who has been recruited to assist the supernaturals unloads on Scarlett and leaves her at a crime scene I had had enough. I actually had to read ahead to find out just how much of a doormat this woman was going to allow herself to be. I don't wish to put out spoilers but suffice it to say this allowed me to finish the book. One reason I read fantasy novels is because I enjoy strong smart female characters. Let's hear it for the doctor who reminds Scarlett of her value.

While I still really enjoy the sarcastic, punchy, love-triangle-prone character of Scarlett, I'm eager to take a little break before coming back to her after this adventure. Where the last book focused an awful lot on driving, this one was all about her knee. I'm kidding, of course, but it still should get listed as a co-star of the book. This book, the end of the trilogy, definitely wraps things up in a nice way. We join Scarlett in the aftermath of the impulsive decision made at the end of the last book. If you're just joining here, don't. This is not the place to start. With all the baggage leading up to this installment, you're better off diving into the next trilogy, or starting at book 1. That being said, so Scarlett did that thing. It apparently messed up the thing I would least expect her to do to her knee. Who knew? After these few books with her ramping up from normal damage to Dresden-like damage levels, I guess everything is fair game. So the big bad in this story has to do with the werewolves. There's some murdered women showing up on the alpha's doorstep (literally) and somehow Scarlett has gotten tasked with solving it. Together with dark cloud/constantly conflicted man, Jesse, they have to put themselves into pack drama while avoiding talking about Eli and his mysterious disappearance. Can you tell I'm kind of sick of Jesse, too? At some point he has to make a choice, and I'm getting really tired of him painting himself as the good guy and the bad guy at the same time. So obviously they end up solving the mystery and avoiding certain doom. That

wasn't really my main focus, of course. I was more interested in some sort of resolution for Scarlett. Her decisions, while always infuriating, were slightly less so in this book. I'm especially fond of her new pet, who I saw in later books and was slightly spoiled about. As a person who must complete a series, this was a nice way to end the trilogy, even if I was reluctant to read this one. I'm happy where everyone ended up but would expect better from Jesse in the future.

I've read a lot of Melissa Olson's books, and I started the Scarlett Bernard series with the attitude of, "just another quick read in this genre, and then off to something better." WRONG. These books are as good as anything I've ever read. Love the hero, Scarlett, wasn't sure about the cop, Jesse, and my heart hurt for Eli, over and over. Will makes his appearance again, the big bad Vampires are here, as are the Witches, good and bad. And all the crazies, too. I try very hard in these reviews, not to do spoilers, but Book 3 was the best one so far, and I'm really hoping that Scarlett Bernard's world goes smoothly for a while, but I'd really like it there could be just enough trouble for maybe three more books in this series.....

I liked the series of three novels a lot. Maybe not "great literature", but just the thing to curl up with on a quiet weekend. Scarlett, the main character, grows and matures through the books, and while the threads all come together at the end, they aren't tied in a bow. Some things are unresolved, some still developing, and the ending not quite what I expected - just like real life. You have to suspend belief and accept a world of werewolves, vampires and witches. Some plot holes, the most obvious being if nulls are such a rare and valuable commodity, why would the local supernatural community be sending Scarlett out into dangerous situations alone? You'd think they'd be sending her with bodyguards. And they're paying her a pittance for a nasty job. Why isn't someone trying to hire her away? While you could read any of the books alone, the story is easier to follow if you start with Dead Spots and read them in order.

I love everything about this book and book series! Scar is just a well written well developed female lead - almost heroine. Superb read! And Jesse and Eli are such good developed characters to lead our plot and plot twists - I just wish our author could write me a few more in this book series! I will definately keep an eye this author and will be ready more and more from her!

This is Book 3, and the books should be read in order. Surprisingly enough, I read Book Two about

3 years ago, and yet it wasn't hard for me to get back into the story. Perhaps that's due to the World being so interesting and the characters (for the most part) being memorable. I wasn't fond of the love triangle. I'm not pleased with the Supernatural World in this series taking constant advantage of Scarlett. The poor girl has to do a tough job cleaning up Supernatural messes and murders, even though she is injured and can hardly walk during this book. But at least she does show some independence and gumption at the end. Overall, I enjoyed these books and would not be adverse to reading more if the Author decides to continue the series.

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