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Fangs And Fennel (The Venom Trilogy Book 2)



Synopsis

The delicious sequel to *Venom and Vanilla*, from USA Today bestselling author Shannon Mayer. Alena Budrene is not just a gifted Seattle baker—she’s also a supernatural. Having survived the virus that made her transformation necessary and outwitted an attack by a Greek hero, she’s ready to settle down and deal with the challenges of living as a “Super Duper.” But nothing is easy for a woman who can turn into a giant snake. Threatened by her unprecedented strength, Alena’s enemies team up against her. What’s next on the menu? The duplicitous demigod Theseus—backed by a ruthless vampire gang and the power-hungry goddess Hera—is determined to lure her into a glorious, and rather public, battle to the death. Now humans, even the ones Alena risks her life to protect, are afraid to acknowledge her existence. And when the friends who once rallied around her begin to fall prey to Theseus’s manipulative schemes, Alena realizes she must act before she loses everything. But will the price of success be too high to pay?

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Customer Reviews

While Alena thinks she has a short reprieve till the next hero shows up, she's working on getting a legitimate divorce. It would be a huge victory for the supernatural world, as it would be if the courts actually recognize super naturals as citizens. Fangs & Fennel starts out with Alena's court date with the judge. As you can imagine, things don't go quite as Alena hoped. The next hero, Theseus, introduces himself to Alena and it quickly becomes clear, he is nothing like Achilles. Where Achilles is the typical meat-head jock, Theseus is a master chess player who is 5 steps ahead of Alena. On top of dealing with Theseus's games, Alena has to deal with everyone's doubt in her abilities. No one thinks she can take care of herself. That she's not a true fighter. I really enjoyed Fangs & Fennel. The story moved along at a quick pace with plenty of action. The ending was fantastic! I'm excited to read the next installment.

What a fun read! I really enjoyed this second book. I can see bits and pieces of the heroine Alena is becoming. She has started to let loose and kick some bad guy butt and I really look forward to what she does in the next book. Remo has definitely turned into quite the hottie, but I am having a tough time on deciding who to trust as far as the rest of the characters except for Yaya. She is funny and I think with her past just may need her own book!! I read this book in one sitting. It is a great mix of comedy, Greek gods and I LOVE the cameos!!!! This particular one had me smiling all day! Thank you Shannon for another awesome book!

I've enjoyed a few of this author's earlier works (Rylee Adamson) so one of the things I can immediately say is that I truly enjoyed how different Alena was from Rylee. She was raised by a religious community, and taught - well, really, everything that women today are fighting so hard to make a 'norm'. As the second installment to the Venom trilogy, we see that she still struggles with the fact that she's now a monster and no longer a human, or existing, for that matter. Because according to the law, she died in that joke of a hospital, and doesn't have any rights to her inheritance or her bakery, the one thing in the world she practically cares about. This book took more to Super Duper *snorts* Rights and Alena learning to step up and stand up for it, whether or not she really means to do it for the supernaturals in general. I liked this better than the first one because she's got a better hold on her life, even if there's more chaos. Still couldn't take her seriously whenever she brought up the fact that she was still technically married, but that's a personal thing since I have my own views on marriage, and if anything, it forced me to see from her perspective, which was an experience in itself. Otherwise, I liked how much she struggled with herself. A lot of character growth there, with the constant battle of Old Her and New Boss Baddie. A few twists were

in here that totally blew me away, and oh my God, but I think I saw something from the author's other series. And it really makes me want to continue them and demand the third book for this series. Like... take my money.

So this book continues Alena's story. She is still trying to find her way in her new life as a monster, a Super Duper, get recognized by the government so she can divorce her husband and oh yeah, there's a new Hero trying to kill her. Now this isn't going to be your typical review. See most reviews tell you about the story and how great it is, I'm going to tell you about something else I see. Shannon Mayer uses Greek gods and goddesses, monsters and supernaturals to discuss real life issues! In this fictional story she brings to life prejudice and shows from the supernatural community's viewpoint what it's like to not be considered a real person. To not have the same rights as the person standing next to you just because you may look different. There was even a reference to mixed relationships with the whole talk about how supernaturals don't date cross race. She also brings up how hard it can be for a beautiful woman to be taken seriously and how everything a beautiful woman such as Alena does is viewed by other women as man stealing even when nothing at all is happening. She shows how the media can make things change when legal papers sometimes don't. But most of all she shows that all families have issues no matter if human, gods/goddesses, Super Duper or otherwise, lol. I think Shannon Mayer is bringing so really big issues to light and some old ones forward in a way that makes it hard to put the book down. I know I thought about slavery and biracial couples. I thought about women's rights, gay rights and all the freedoms we have in America. What a great way to make people think. I commend Ms. Mayer on a beautifully written book with a great story line. The ending line gave me goosebumps!! I can't wait for the next one and I don't want it to be the last we hear of Alena!!!

Book two of this series takes the reader on several wild rides literally, while good girl Alena Budrene, deceased from designer virus sweeping the world, reborn due to supernatural DNA is just trying to catch a break in divorce court, proving she does indeed exist. And to keep slimy cheating poophead husband Roger from selling both her family home, and her bakery Vanilla and Honey (that to her worst rival!) All to a human court who does not allow for existence of Greek Drakaina's. Then there's the fact that one of the Greek Hero's has decided to eliminate her, again. He has enlisted the rival vampire gang of handsome local vamp "boss" Remo, whose very glance make Alena wish she wasn't a married woman still. VERY MUCH. What's a good girl Greek monster got to do for a divorce anyway? And where has Zeus gone to? Can't someone keep these "hero's"

under control?

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