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Editorial Review

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Amazon Exclusive: Kim Harrison Reviews *The Taken*

Kim Harrison is the author of *The Hollows* series.

Kit is her own woman, her confidence and belief in justice driving her to dig where she doesn't belong. Getting her best friend murdered while investigating Las Vegas's men of power swiftly unearths a city-wide conspiracy that preys on the vulnerable and innocent, one propagated by an ugly circle of zealous adherence to traditions and enforced by selective blindness and lethal corrections.



Drawn into bringing the horrific abuse to light, Kit puts her own life into the equation. But she's supposed to be dead already, according to Grif, a jaded angel whose job it was to get Kit's friend to the Everlast. Grif's own scars made by failing to protect his wife from a savage murder he was blamed for keep him tied to his Everlast job, unable to move on, unable to look back.

Shaken by Kit's dual strong and fragile nature, Grif begins breaking rules, setting up larger and larger waves through the Everlast as he finds every moment he spends with Kit brings him closer to the truth he has been avoiding the past seventy years--and he slowly realizes that even an angel can learn to love again.

Boldly exploring topics skirting today's headlines, Pettersson deftly brings together a cast of unique yet recognizable characters within her hometown of Las Vegas. Fast paced and having logical surprises, *The Taken* is an exceptional look into a vision of what happens when the hereafter merges with the here-and-now, the mechanics of the world building as unique and satisfying as the tale itself as the genres of mystery, crime scene drama, and more than enough romance to keep the heart pumping blend seamlessly into an enthralling read that kept me glued to the pages until the final, satisfying end. I can't wait for the sequel. --
Kim Harrison

Review

"Pettersson hits every note in the familiar duet of a 'reticent, complicated, darkly sexy man' and a luscious, plucky 'girl reporter'.... The resulting irresistibly good yarn proves that there's still plenty of room for brilliant innovation in urban fantasy." (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

"A sure bet for urban-fantasy readers of all types, but especially fans of Carrie Vaughn, Jim Butcher, and P. N. Elrod." (Booklist)

"Intriguing mix of paranormal, romance and mystery with just enough suspense!" (Suspense magazine)

“Pettersson’s amazing new series is off to a rocking start with this compelling read.” (RT Book Reviews (top pick))

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“A stylish, atmospheric mash-up of rockabilly and angelic affairs quickly reveals itself to be so much more: THE TAKEN proves that Pettersson is not afraid to explore the darkest corners of the human heart – and that her gift for redemption is unsurpassed.” (Sophie Littlefield)

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“The Scent of Shadows is a bold concept, skillfully developed. The ugly grit and intoxicating glitter of Vicki Pettersson’s world of Las Vegas is the perfect mirror for her character, Joanna Archer, whose hard past flows into her unimaginably chancy future.” (Kim Harrison on The Scent of Shadows)

“From the one-damn-thing-after-another school of unputdownable books, The Scent of Shadows rockets into the air and explodes like fireworks, with nonstop bursts of action and imagination.” (Diana Gabaldon on The Scent of Shadows)

From the Back Cover

Griffin Shaw used to be a PI, but that was back when gumshoes hoofed the streets . . . and he was still alive. Fifty years later, he's an angel, but that doesn't make him a saint. One small mistake has altered fate, and now he's been dumped back onto the mortal mudflat to collect another soul—Katherine "Kit" Craig, a journalist whose latest investigation is about to get her clipped.

Bucking heavenly orders, Grif refuses to let the sable-haired siren come to harm. Besides, protecting her offers a chance to solve the mystery of his own unsolved murder—and dole out some overdue payback for the death of his beloved wife, Evie.

Joining forces, Kit and Grif's search for answers leads beyond the blinding lights of the Strip into the dark heart of an evil conspiracy. But a ruthless killer determined to destroy them isn't Grif's biggest threat. His growing attraction to Kit could cost them both their lives, along with the answer to the haunting question of his long afterlife . . .

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