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There is a greater threat than the virus.

Locked safely away in Shepherd's nest, Claire is unaware of what stirs above ground. Her time is occupied fighting a war of another kind. Due to her mate's relentless exploitation of their pair-bond, the nature of their link has grown consuming to the point that Claire has difficulty differentiating where her feelings begin and his end.

Under its influence, she's forced to sense the man behind the monster. She can feel the truth of his terrible history. Claire can see the source of madness that drives Shepherd to do such terrible things: Svana.

His mate is desperate to open his eyes, but no matter Claire's progress, Svana is not yet done with him.

Thólos is coming apart at the seams, and Shepherd's men can do nothing to stop it. Real war is coming, and unless the Alpha tyrant is willing to pay the ultimate price, everything he has sacrificed will have been for nothing.

Reborn, the final installment in Addison Cain's bestselling Alpha's Claim trilogy, is a dark Omegaverse tale with explicit sexual themes and complete power exchange. This is not your typical romance with an HEA. If such material offends you, please do not purchase.

Reborn Details

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Catherine says

I'm not a reader that always needs a HEA. I can handle 'cheating' if written well and it fits the story. Even cliffhangers, on occasion. But, to invest over a year in a series (I read what turned out to be book 1 on a free site before author pulled it in order to publish) and have such an ambiguous ending, so many characters not resolved, makes me feel more than a little manipulated and taken advantage of. Information about one of the leading characters was actually written to give false information, simply in order to manipulate the reader. This wasn't a case of making a 'character' believe something, it was directed at us, the reader. So, I'm glad I finished it. Addison Cain writes well. But, I'm not sure I'd read another of her works. I want to be 'part of the journey', but not taken advantage of, as a reader or paying customer.

Ani says

I was under the impression that this series was romance, so the lack of HEA is irritating, especially because there were no warnings at all in the first and second books. Done with this author.

Lola says

I'm a huge fan of Addison Cain. I don't know her background: how she came to publish her books, if she self-publishes, or what her editing process is like but it seems that she set out on her own and wove a really fascinating story. Shepherd and Claire are complicated and their relationship is emotional and sweet but disturbing.

Anyhoo, I adored the first two books in this series. I could find NO FAULTS in them. The characters were so well-developed. The sex scenes are some of the BEST I'VE EVER READ. That being said, what the hell happened??

I can't say that this review is entirely objective because I was upset with the ending but let's look at this logically first. The story became convoluted by the end. Some of my doubts (which may have been addressed but obviously not well enough for me to recall how they were resolved) were:

Svana comes from a different dome but then we find out she's also the senator's daughter and she's trying to have sex with someone... what?

Why introduce the virus? It served no purpose in the end. I still don't know what it does.

We think Svana is going to do one thing to destroy the city but she does another thing but we had no idea what she was going to do in the first place or what she ended up doing because a bunch of stuff just explodes and I can't understand why Shepherd isn't ready for that.

What happens to Maryanne? Why bother introducing her as a character?

Why bother introducing Conrad for that matter; he serves no purpose.

Why even bother building Claire up as a heroine of some sort? Cain creates this anticipation that Claire will somehow save the day and instead she's just drugged and contributes nothing to the battle for the soul of the city.

Why talk about the Omegas? What happens to them?

The first two books in the series seemed to center on the struggle between Claire and Shepherd's ideals (the nature of humanity: whether the people under the dome were redeemable) and how this affected their relationship. Claire couldn't love Shepherd because he couldn't see the good in people. Because Cain spends so much time on this topic I assumed that the culmination of the book would address this in some way. I assumed the ending might have them overcome their differences. Perhaps Claire would show Shepherd the good in some people or Claire would read the forbidden books (okay, she read one but that doesn't count) and agree to escape the dome with him.

However, their story was truncated. She possibly loves her baby but we don't really know. The pregnancy makes her depressed. She seems to accept it in the end but who knows? She doesn't want to abandon the dome but Shepherd drugs her to get her to leave. He doesn't change his opinion about the people in the dome. Where is the resolution of that conflict? It seems like Cain built all of that up for nothing.

Svana's whole takeover seems arbitrary, like the author was anxious to be finished and wanted to wrap things up quickly.

Emotional reactions:

It's possible that Cain is a tragedy writer and the arbitrary ending is exactly what she intended: that we as readers feel disgusted and hopeless by the senseless violence that ends the book.

Shepherd, the most powerful alpha in the dome and Claire's protector dies because a wall falls on him. That's lame as hell.

Claire's gang rape was absolutely un-fucking-necessary. It was gross and sick as fuck. Excuse my strong language but I found it offensive as hell. When she feels herself miscarrying. I mean for the love of God. And then she lives out the rest of her life in a catatonic state?

I mean at least Svana dies.

I thought Jules organ donation at the end was a nice touch.

I still love Cain's writing. I'm just sad as hell that the story ended this way. I don't think it was a strong finish.

Deborah says

Firstly let me say I'M NOT HAPPY in fact I'm seriously bloody unhappy right now.

Why?

I purposely delayed reading this series until all 3 books were out. I checked on Goodreads (since they show all books in any series together at the side) and there it was Alpha's Claim 3 books. So I started reading and even though Claire was annoying at times I was hooked and reading faster. I was up half the night and when I woke far too early this morning instead of going back to sleep like I should I started reading again.

And then it ended and I was in shock and then I was pissed I mean seriously pissed that it would end like that. So then I had to check all her other books for any that might continue the story and I find 1 book Stolen that is apparently too short and a cliffhanger.

(view spoiler)

Did I mention I'm bloody pissed?

Okay rant over this is supposed to be a review of Reborn.

It continues on from Broken and it's a riveting read especially towards the end. Claire was annoying at times Shepherd was fabulous and the ending was disappointing.

wittynprofane says

Sigh.... I'm so disappointed right now. It's one thing to have a romance with a dark gritty take on a post apocalyptic society but I'm a firm believer that there still needs to be a message of hope of some kind in the end or at the very least a smart and educational critique and/or commentary on society.

Through two wonderful books, the author creates these complex characters, allowing us to witness this dark work and these characters struggling to just survive. Despite this darkness, the author still promised (like a dangling carrot) it's readers the existence of a never ending hope for a better future and the potential for a new better world. Would it be Claire's or Shepherd's that would succeed in the end? That question really drove this plot and this romance forward and kept me coming back for more. The answer we get in this book is essentially no one wins and everyone dies.

Basically ALL the pain and suffering we saw these characters go through was for not. On top of that, we get a REALLY unnecessary rape scene of our heroine that just felt unnecessarily graphic; the only purpose it served was to physically, spiritually, and mentally break her and lead her toward suicide. Shepherd's death was anticlimactic with us still not all the way understanding his or his army's rationale for killing the city or this plot with Svana (a woman our hero is dying day never stood up to).

Also in retrospect, outside the romance and world building, the plot of the war was always a little confusing to me but I chose to ignore it because I loved these characters so much. With the author killing everyone off, I had to ask myself who outsmarted who, how did they outsmart them, and for what purpose. There was some s*** about a royal bloodline I think and a possible kingdom plus some s*** about a virus (I know Shepherd wanted to kill everyone but honestly why was it such a MUST). I'm still confused about what Svana was needed for or what she was apparently an heir too; like why was she ALLOWED to roam around and successfully plot against Shepherd and Claire.

I do have to give it to Cain, she is an amazing writer that can create some compelling characters and interactions that make a not so cohesive plot seem like pleasant white noise. In the end, the entire war plot line felt rushed, important characters killed off with questions and motivations still unanswered and the only resolution I can ascertain being the corrupt state wins again. The same corrupt elite class STILL controlling things and Claire's message of hope is perverted in the end to once again control the complacent masses. Cain leaves a slight opening that some characters may be alive but with this being the final book, it was a cold comfort honestly.

I want to emphasize that Cain is a great writer but this ending was not the business, y'all.

Hana ? says

[rape & miscarriage. (hide spoiler)]

Candace says

Review to come.

Bex (Beckie Bookworm) says

Epically heartbreaking.

How to summarize Reborn to adequately express in my opinion how amazingly well written and addictive this story was, expressing myself without giving away any spoilers, that would ruin it for others is not an easy feat, but here goes.

This third instalment in the alpha's claim series was beautifully heartbreaking but was also the most romantic in terms of emotions and feelings.

The love between our two main characters Claire the omega and Shepherd the Alpha actually shone from the pages: you didn't need the words from Claire to know she loved shepherd even if she had a hard time admitting it to herself.

Shepherd well I felt from reborn the main thing that came across to me was his immense need to experience real love, something he has never really had defiantly not from his psychotic ex-lover, he just wants Claire to love him: he has realised and regrets past actions but genially believes, if wrongly, he did them out of love to keep his mate safe.

Questions are answered and actions are explained everything is running so smoothly then, and this is the part I struggled with absolute tragic MAYHEM!!!!

What I hated most about this story is actually what made it so epic and makes Addison Cain such a good writer.

you can never imagine what is coming round the corner, a total train wreck of a storyline.

I hoped, I prayed and I bawled my eyes out, and believe me getting me to cry is a feat in itself, I have the emotional range of a teaspoon usually and very few books make me cry well this did I was absolutely gutted.

My heart was in my throat till the final words luckily I was left with a profound sense of hope that I am clinging to. A brilliant piece of fiction that I really enjoyed.

All opinions expressed here are entirely my own.

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Audrey says

So disappointed

I'm over disappointment.

I was waiting for the author to offer us a great ending. For me it was horrible. The ends like "everybody died" or left us hanging are no ends for me to a book.

It was dark, but it never said anywhere that it will be a drama!

What happened to Claire and Shepherd is just horrible and frankly destroyed all the good work of the author from the two first books.

I hated it!

Gosh! This is the first time I get this horrified feeling from a book.

And I totally regret to have ever started the serie, because I am left with an emptiness.... No ending, because it was the last and it was horrible. I'm so so so sorry.

For me the serie is yet to be finished! But I will never have a good ending. It's an horrible feeling.

It didn't do it for me.

I will not read anymore work from this author.

Am4u ❀ ~ AprilMarie4u ~ ❀ says

Book type:

A dark romantic tragedy.

Main genres:

Science fiction, dystopia, paranormal, tragedy, dark romance, and dark erotica.

Chapters 1 to 11:

This portion of Reborn was everything I love and come to expect from this series. The interactions between Shepherd & Claire were witty, funny, bittersweet, sad, and hopeful. And we (the readers) got to see them connect on an emotional level that we had yet to see in the past books. I got the impression that both these characters desperately wanted to make their relationship work, but too much had already been set in motion.

Chapters 12, 13, & Epilogue:

I was not happy with this portion of the book. I never expected a HEA, but I did expect something a little bit better. This is MY interpretation: (view spoiler)

Overall:

Despite the controversial ending, this is still undoubtedly a great book and series (imo).

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My reviews for this series:

Book 1, Born to be Bound

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Book 2, Born to be Broken

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Book 3, Reborn

You're reading it.

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However, I also purchased this entire series when the books were on sale. I wanted to own the official copies, for when I do eventually reread this series...yes it is that good.

Saunders says

meltdown! LOL

When I got to 91% of this story I was shocked - I didn't think this series could bring about any more emotions but I cried at this point but that crying soon turned to (If I had a gif I would show my exact reaction) to WTF? NO you cannot do that Addison Cain.....when my eyes connected to those words "the story of Shepherd and Claire will continue in Alpha's Control, summer 2017" I ranted, and threw my dummy (Kindle) out of the bed!

Cruel...it really was cruel!

So people beware although this is listed as a three parter, for some bizarre reason Addison Cain has extended it but as a book 1 in another series.....NOT good considering first book was released in April 2016 and now has been re-released in June 2017. Pointless - totally pointless.....and removes the impact of the whole story. So due to this review is amended from 5 stars to 3 stars.

Ana c says

Why Addison????

Spoilers!!!!

I loved and hated this book. It was perfect until the end. I knew the ending wouldn't be your typical happily ever after but I still expected Claire and Shepard to be together. I'm sorely disappointed by the way it ended.... ending are supposed to give resolutions and conclude the story. Instead I'm left in doubt on what actually happened to Claire and Shepard. I still have questions that Addison failed to answer. Did she kill herself? What happened to Shepherd? Hell, what happened to Jules? The vague memories and possibilities given to us (the reader) are just so lacking to conclude this beautiful story. I expected more from this moving story but what I got was a huge let down. So to wrap this up, here is my final opinion, Addison Cain writes engaging stories that have surpassed some of my favorite books by some best-selling authors. I love her writing and though I wished I could do a Stephen King Misery kind of thing and force her to rewrite me a different ending, I still loved this book and so I can't say I completely hated the story and never will buy another book by this author. She will still be on auto-buy, but Addison if you read this, next time you can still make a story memorable without breaking your readers heart.

Lyn says

Audio: 5 stars!!! Shepherds voice was everything I could imagined for an arrogant anti-hero (sexy, forbidden, hate-yourself-for-loving-it kind of voice). And Claire...wow!! A male narrator that manages to capture her sarcastic and at times defeated voice. I was beyond impressed with the narrator!

The book 3.5 stars because of the ending.

I didn't some bitching about the length vs the price when I reviewed Books 1 & 2, but in all honesty my biggest gripe were with the cliffhanger endings.

This series is rife with triggers. It's not for everyone. It truly is a mind fuckery of a read, but it's addictive. That's why I found myself almost two years later reading/listening to book 3. I knew the ending would piss me off and it did. I've never heard of a trilogy that ends in a cliffhanger??? Claire and Shepperd's story continues in the spin off that is about another couple. Color me annoyed! Will that stop me from reading the spin off? Nope. I grudgingly admit that there is a brilliance behind Addison Cain's dark stories that has me coming back for more.

Alpha Possessive Heroes says

Well this is one the reasons why I don't really read part series book.

1. You have to wait for the next part to be released.
2. You tend to forget the story/characters so you have to re-read them again to remind you of it.
3. Author can fuck you up and take different route ending. LOL

Still a good story.. but I was- I don't know.. expecting a HEA? I mean.. after all they've been through.. I feel like we owe them one. (If that makes any sense..)

Anyways as I said.. still a good book for people who likes PR/futuristic story.

100sweet says

DNF @ 76%.

I am absolutely furious with this author. The h suffered so much throughout this series and then she is brutally gang-raped towards the end of this book. I can't believe that after everything that has happened I had to read something so despicable. The world depicted in this book has no hope. It begins with all the people suffering and continues to be that way. The OW is killed off so abruptly. You would think given how they hyped up this character that she would have a more glorious end. If it was that easy to kill her then why didn't anybody just do that to begin with? I don't have much to say about the H. He never redeems himself from the abuse he inflicted on the h and the rest of the city.
