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In The Shadows (Metahuman Files Book 3)



Synopsis

Take a chance. Staff Sergeant Alexei Dvorkin doesn't trust easily, and he most certainly doesn't trust spies. He'll work with them if ordered to, but that doesn't mean he has to like it. Except Agent Sean Delaney is proving to be the exception to the rule. There's something about Sean that gets under Alexei's skin and won't let go. Alexei would be lying if he said he wasn't interested in what lay beneath the agent's mask. When they're assigned together for a mission, Alexei vows to keep Sean safe all while trying to coax the hot agent into his bed. Hold onto hope. Agent Sean Delaney has spent his entire adult life living a lie for his country. When the MDF tasks him with finding evidence of criminal wrong-doing against the owner of a private military company, Sean knows exactly how to play the game to get what he wants. He just doesn't know how to handle Alexei's advances, nor his own attraction to the younger soldier. Being a spy is lonely work, and Sean knows he should keep his distance, but saying no to Alexei is impossible from the moment they first kiss. In a world of lies, the truth can be deadly. When the mission takes a turn for the worse, the only thing left to do is run. In the wake of betrayal, and in the path of danger, can their fragile trust survive the battle? In the Shadows is a 104k word steamy gay sci-fi military romance with a HFN ending that skirts HEA. There is military violence within the story that may not be suitable for everyone, as well as explicit intimate scenes not suitable for readers under the age of 18. This is a direct sequel to In the Ruins and reading the previous books in the series would be helpful in enjoying this one.

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Customer Reviews

Ahhhh I loved this book so much! The Metahuman Files series is without a doubt one of the best series I have read this year. Hailey Turner has created a world a couple centuries in the future that is so complex and unique, and has historical roots so firmly planted in the reality we live today that it just comes to life off the pages in ways not many sci-to books do (in my experience). Hailey's writing is so wonderfully detailed and colorful that I can picture every scene, every setting, every character as easily as if I'm watching a movie. I fell in love with Jamie and Kyle and the rest of Alpha Team in the first two books, and could not wait to get my hands on Alexei and Sean's story in In The Shadows! This story is filled with everything I've come to love and expect in a Metahuman Files book. The story is fast-paced and captivating from start to finish. There is a complex plot that ties into the overall series story arc beautifully with lots of heart-stopping action and suspense throughout. We're talking villains, heroes, military, spies, secrets, missions, fascinating technology, devastating betrayals, kick-ass powers, seemingly endless danger, and consequences that will have real impact on just about everything to come in subsequent books. But fear not, romance lovers! Right alongside all of that action-packed awesomeness is a sweet and seriously sexy romance that balances it all out perfectly. Alexei and Sean are adorable and exactly what the other needs, and wow - they are so hot together! I loved seeing them fall for each other, which is not always easy with two people used to living in the shadows (see what we did there?). We get to see more of Sean's past and even his family in this book. It was everything I had hoped for going into this read. I just absolutely adore them together. As much as I love the action and suspense and romance in these books, however, what I have come to really enjoy is the relationship Alpha Team has as a unit. I love all of the members of the unit for different reasons, but all equally. They are truly a family and it shows in everything they do - every teasing moment, every decision, every mission.. in just every single interaction. That bond they all share is my favorite aspect of this series and I can't wait for more of it. I am already dying for book 4! I can't recommend these books enough, and I definitely recommend starting with book 1, In The Wreckage, to enjoy them fully. You won't regret it - I received an ARC and still went and bought a copy! I hope they become available in paperback

soon because I want these on my bookshelf (hint, hint). Thank you, Hailey, for another incredible installment!

What a slow sensual burn! Well, Sean is taking it slow. Alexei, as we all know and love about him, is ready to set the world on fire! In *The Shadows* by Hailey Turner is Sean and Alexei's story. And aptly named, as Sean has lived in the shadows for his entire career at the CIA. After living through a Splice attack, Sean is transferred to MDF, where he continues to ply his trade. We originally met Sean during *In the Ruins*, as he joined the Alpha Team on the London mission. Unknown to the rest of the team, Sean has continued with his cover persona from that mission as he continues his search for the major players working behind the scenes to fund and supply terrorists. Hailey Turner does it all with *In The Shadows* and, as we've come to expect, she does it very well. I loved getting inside the mind of the normally private Alexei. His tenderness is beautiful as we watch it unfold. Not that he doesn't burn, because this is Hailey Turner right? Scorching hot scenes are a given and we love the way she sets the pages on fire. But the softer, more gentle Alexei is amazing. And of course there is Sean. Living in the shadows, your life depending on weaving the right lies, sometimes it's hard to remember who you are. But Sean finds his truth in Alexei. Don't get me wrong. Again this is Hailey Turner. We're talking balls to the wall action and hold on to the oh shit bar cause Alexei likes to rumble and Sean is his perfect match. Together they are magic. The world of *The Metahuman Files* is so believable you fall right in, with the characters becoming your best friends and their exploits keeping you on the edge of your seat. I can't pick one favorite thing that I like best about Hailey's writing because she does it all so well. World building? Check. Well developed believable characters? Check. Flying by the seat of your pants action? Check. Scorching sexual heat? Check. Absolutely everything you want in a book is here. Go One Click. You won't be disappointed. Promise! Hailey gifted me an ARC in exchange for an honest review. I always kinda chuckle when I have to put that in. The only way this review wouldn't be honest is that I sometimes don't have the words to express how wonderful is the world of Hailey Turner.

I LOVE this series! Hailey writes her characters to life and puts them into a world you can feel is real. This time it is Alexei and Sean's turn to have their story told. Enemies(?) - well, maybe not quite enemies but there is a lot of distrust - to lovers, their story is well fleshed out. We learn more about both characters as they grow together and are forced to rely on each other more. You will not regret buying this series...but you will need to start at the beginning :) Luckily this series is well worth it!!

In the Shadows is another blockbuster great book by Hailey Turner. Her characters come to life with beautiful flaws and gripping emotions. The story does build on the last two books so it is best to read them in order. I liked the heat and the plot and well everything.

This book (and the first two in the series) are all well written and edited. I really appreciate an author who takes pride in their work. I also appreciate the different and imaginative plot line. Thanks, Hailey!

An excellent addition to the series. If you like hot alpha males and a lot of action I would definitely recommend this book.

I'm so into these guys! Can't wait for the next one.

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