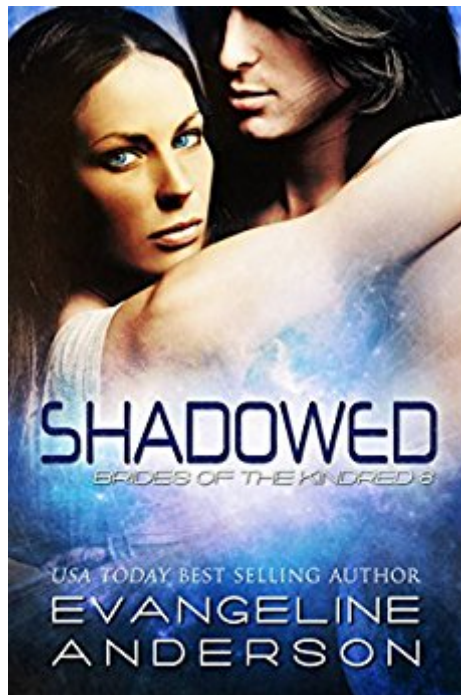




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Synopsis

Nina is normal Florida girl with a job and a life and a grandmother she adores. But lately she's been having disturbing dreams. Dreams of a man with a shadowed face—a man filled with pain and need and desire only she can slake. She fears him but at the same time, the dreams leave her breathless with need. Who is this dark stranger and what does he want of her? Reddix is a Touch Kindred with an inverted Touch Sense—he can't touch with his mind like others of his kind. Instead, he is doomed to endure their emotions like a physical invasion every time he's around anyone. Desperation drives him to kidnap Nina—the girl he has been dreaming of. But he doesn't take her out of love but as a sacrifice to one who claims she can cure his affliction. Snatching Nina from her job, Reddix takes her on a journey to the stars that ends in disaster. Now, marooned on a strange planet they will have to learn to work together in order to survive. Can Nina forgive Reddix's attack and gain his trust enough to heal him—or will his fate remain forever Shadowed?

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Customer Reviews

>Book Review *Shadowed* by Nina Alden Sotherton
I am an independent reviewer. This book is the 8th in the Brides of the Kindred series and ends in an HEA for the couple. The story also introduces the next story line. Reddix is a Touch Kindred that can't stand to be touched. He has extreme empathic abilities that cause him to feel sick. He is very handsome and tries to cover himself to avoid feeling lust directed towards him. The descriptions of how he physically feels the feeling of others is very vivid and really makes one feel sorry for Reddix. Reddix makes a deal with a witch to try and cure his disability.> Nina is the human Reddix must kidnap and bring to the witch to be cured. Reddix quickly finds out the when Nina touches him, he is immediately buffered from the onslaught of other's feelings. There is quite a bit of humor in this story as Nina turns the table on Reddix and attempts to keep him under control with a weird shock collar. Of course, they fall for each other, but one is never sure what Reddix will choose Nina or a cure?>This book is appropriate for an adult audience. I am giving this book 5 stars. There were some unanswered questions regarding the cure and why the witch needed Nina's blood in particular, but the story still worked and was sexy and entertaining.

Since I started this series, once I finished one book I've already jumped into the next one, even before I've written the review on the previous book. Not this time. I think I'm getting disillusioned. Now that the AllFather and the Hoard have been either defeated or went away, what do the Kindred Warriors do all day? They're supposed to be fighting in battles, but all they do is sit around working on their spaceships. I think I'm missing the tension of having a villain in the storyline. It's getting boring and repetitious having almost the exact same dialogue from new Kindred / Human couple to the next. I've downloaded the 9th book, *Chained*, and I'm not sure I'll be starting it right away. Maybe I need some time away from the series.
Shadowed is about Reddix who's a Touch Kindred but his abilities are inverted. Nina is a Native American who is the only person that can cure him. Reddix kidnaps her and their adventure begins. I did enjoy Nina's character. She was strong and brave in the situations she found herself in. But, once again, when it comes to oral sex, they all have this virgin stupidity about them. Really? I wasn't much of a fan of Reddix. I felt he was too selfish, even knowing how painful his life was living with everyone's emotions bombarding his physical body. I think what really got me questioning the whole concept of this series, is what the witch told Reddix. That without the bonding ability they shared with their Human wives, they would never be able to co-exist. So, basically, the Human women are being enslaved just for the purpose of reproduction. Sure, they share some form of love, but it's also enhanced by the mating scent that

the Kindred Warriors emit. So, I'm in a real quandary about the whole Kindred Bonding sex thing. The world-building and character development are just as good, but I'm still running across proofreading errors that make me flinch every time I see one. As much as I hate to, I have to give this book a 3 feather review. It just didn't cut it for me, and it was disappointing. Hopefully, when I get ready for book 9, it will be better. Not holding my breath on that one.

After finishing this series, I have to say it was one of the best I have ever read. I am so going that the author will write more and continue this amazing adventure. Shadowed is another very sexy and romantic book about a woman from Earth who is kidnapped by a Touch Kindred whose Touch abilities aren't working properly and instead of giving him pleasure, it has caused him great emotional and physical pain for 10 years. Reddix has never been able to even touch anyone for so long that when he finds Nina, it is for the express purpose of taking her to a witch promising him a cure. What he finds, however, is that she can touch him and not feel all the painful emotions. Neither of them know what is happening or why, and they take a circuitous journey to their final destination and find the most beautiful feelings for each other. I liked Nina because she was strong and determined to help this person loose his pain even though their beginning was really rocky, to say the least. She has a kind heart and stand up for herself. There is a lot going on in this book and all of it kept me reading for hours on end. There is pain and sadness, but I think this shows how truly giving and loving people and aliens, in this case, can be when it is needed. I really loved this series so much and feel like something will be missing until the next installment comes out as I hope it will. A must read for sure!!

I have loved this series from the start. All of the characters are great and lots of fun! The writing is good with lots of character development. Of course, the sex is great and I wish I could find some bonding fruit. Well worth buying. I am a little worried that the last two books didn't have as much story. By that I mean they are shorter and not as much goes on in them. The story starts has a brief middle and then ends. The first several in the series were way more involved and that is what kept me coming back for more. I hope the author remembers that quality is better than quantity. That said I will be looking for the next one in the series.

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