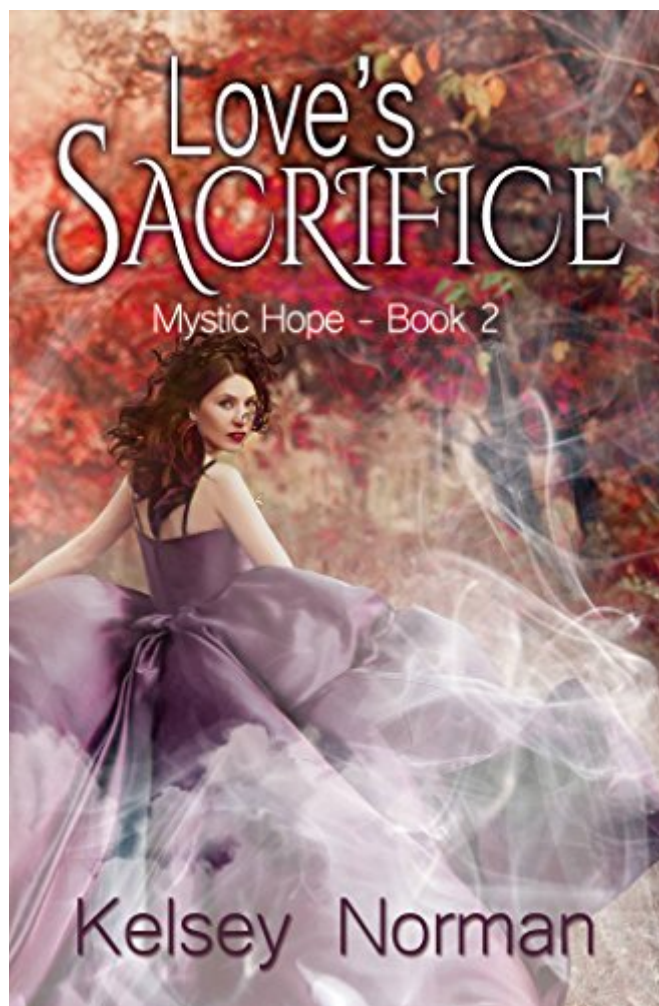


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Synopsis

Nina and Liam are finally together, but at what cost to their future? Nina Anderson is free of the man who hurt her for so many years. Now she can throw her whole heart into a relationship with her unearthly protector, Liam. She's thankful for the time she's been given with him but hates the restrictions. Nina is determined to find a way to make Liam human, even if it means putting her own life in jeopardy. Liam would give anything to be with Nina permanently, so when he's offered an assignment to investigate strange occurrences around Despair, he jumps at the chance. It appears to be an outbreak of crime, until he discovers that evil forces, called Rogues, are taking over human souls and forcing them to commit unspeakable crimes. Liam must race against time to save the woman he loves as well as the town heâ€™s come to call his own. Will Liam and Ninaâ€™s relationship withstand the incoming turmoil? Or will they be forced to make choices that will keep them apart forever?

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Customer Reviews

This is so not my normal type of reading material but just like book one this book drew me in from the very beginning. Kelsey Norman is a very gifted author.

This kept me wanting to read more to see what happen to Nina. I was at first a little confused on then ending of how evil can over take our mind and souls and that God is the true God that is always there for us. I can't wait for book 3!!!

A few months ago I read the first book in this series, UNBROKEN SPIRIT. I absolutely loved it and I loved this author's style of writing. I couldn't wait to read the sequel! And I must say that I was not disappointed in the least! This book was fascinating and I could not put it down! It had everything in it that I love in a book. There was action, tingly romance, deep love and family devotion and the big question of whether or not good will win over evil. There were just a few editing problems, but I was able to overlook that because the story was so very good. Hopefully those editing problems can be fixed easily. Although Kelsey Norman gives little hints of reminders to bring the reader up to date, I heartily recommend that you read the first book in this Mystic Hope series before you read this one. Otherwise the relationship between Liam and Nina could be quite confusing. Their relationship is rather unique. He is a Martyr and she is human. He is her "protector", but he and Nina have fallen deeply in love. Their love is hindered by the fact that he can only be with her for two hours each day. Life becomes even more complicated when Rogues (the evil ones) arrive and begin to inhabit the bodies of those humans willing to allow them in. That "willingness" is often the result of lies and illusions created by the Rogues. And the illusions are so real that Nina and Liam have a difficult time telling what is true and what is not. Even though this was a fantasy/paranormal type book, the Christian aspects were neatly woven into the mix. I wouldn't think that was possible but Kelsey Norman managed to combine these ideas into a well crafted world. I loved it!

Have you ever struggled with what is real and what is unreal? Do you sometimes have conflicting voices in your head "one telling you to do something and the other telling you don't?" Maybe you have seen cartoons where the person in the picture has a little angel on one shoulder telling the person to do this and a little imp on the other shoulder telling the person to do that. In this paranormal fantasy, it seems not only Nina is being attacked by contradictory voices and misleading

images. Liam who was originally sent to help her also comes under attack. Rather than angels and demons, the good immortal characters are known as Martyrs and the evil ones are Rogues. Liam is a Martyr. As the evil wrought by the Rogues escalates, Liam recognizes that Nina is in worse danger than he first thought and he must have help to thwart the Rogues. The tension between good and evil is prevalent throughout the story. Although we don't deal with Martyrs and Rogues in real life, this fantasy portrays an imaginative view of what could be going on around us that we never see or even think about. We all have choices to make daily between right and wrong. Are there forces at work that are warring to lead in one way or the other? I recommend you read the story with a thought toward how daily decisions affect you and those around you. I received an advance copy of this book from the publisher. This is my honest review.

I sometimes feel uncomfortable with the liberties taken when an author creates a Christian paranormal romance story. I was unsure how I felt about this series after reading the first book. I had to read this second one to get a better grasp of the story, the paranormal touches, and I wondered how the story could get more interesting. I actually really like this second book a lot. I feel like I have gotten past the "acquaintance" stage in my relationship with the characters, and new characters who are introduced in this second book round out the story more. The story feels like what spiritual warfare is, and it is hard, challenging, stretching, and amazing. This book feels allegorical. I find nuggets of Truth along the reading way, and they encourage me. The author has a talent for writing clear, effective dialogue, and has a very unique way of expressing her stories. Certainly a different idea behind this one. Well done.

I love this sequel. Kelsey picks the story right up and grabs you from the first page. Her description of the clearing where Nina and Liam meet is still very clearly registered in my mind's eye, even as I write this review! The new characters in this story are very well written. I love how Kelsey is so descriptive and how easily I can envision the characters looking in real life. The epilogue takes you into new territory with current situations woven into dark places. It really makes you wonder how things we take for granted on a daily basis can be so easily manipulated by evil. I cried a lot while reading this book. When you love deeply, having to make sacrifices for that love can have devastating endings. I promise you will be highly satisfied that you read this epilogue. I wanted it to go on and on and on . . . The main thing I gleaned from this story is, in a love vs. evil situation, we will always pray for love to win, but having faith in God will always bring you through it. In the spirit of full disclosure, I received an advance copy of this book from the publisher for my honest review.

Love's Sacrifice continues the story of Nina and Liam with new developments in the plot. I liked the way the author handled the end of the story. It leaves readers satisfied with a sense of completion to the story. The story has good tension and pacing, with nothing to hinder readers' ability to believe in the story world. I was given this book by the publisher as an advance copy, with no expectation of a review, positive or otherwise.

This is the second book in this series and is a good story about fighting against the works of the devil

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