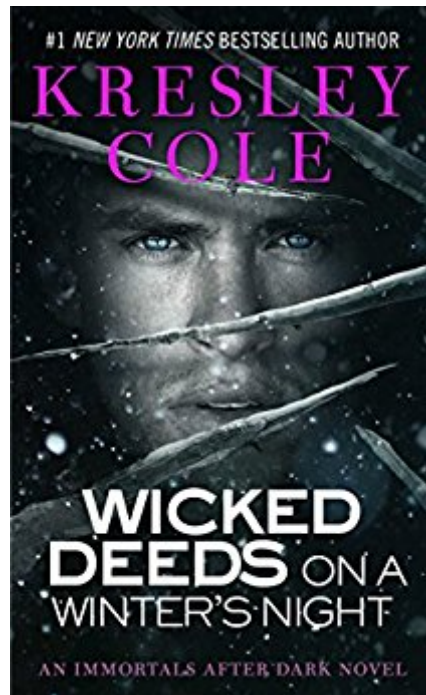




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Synopsis

New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling author Kresley Cole's scorching tale about a jaded werewolf and a captivating young witch in the third novel in the Immortals After Dark series is "one for the keeper shelf" (RT Book Reviews)! Bowen MacRieve of the Lykae clan was nearly destroyed when he lost the one woman meant for him. The ruthless warrior grew even colder, never taking another to his bed until a smoldering encounter with his enemy, Mariketa the Awaited, reawakens his darkest desires. When sinister forces unite against her, the Highlander finds himself using all his strength and skill to keep her alive. Temporarily stripped of her powers, Mari is forced to take refuge with her sworn adversary. It's rumored that no one can tempt Bowen's hardened heart, but soon passion burns between them. Though a future together is impossible, she fears he has no intention of letting her go. If they defeat the evil that surrounds them, can Mari deny Bowen when he demands her body and soul or will she risk everything for her fierce protector?

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Customer Reviews

FINAL DECISION: This series is amazing. Funny and sexy and filled with adventure, this book is the story of enemies who end up falling in love with one another and overcome many obstacles of their own making.**THE STORY:** Bowen Macrieve is a werewolf who has lost his mate over two hundred years ago and has lived only to try and find a way to bring her back. When he enters the legendary race to win the ability to turn back time, he is determined to win and save his mate. He encounters the mortal witch Mariketa the Awakened and is convinced that his attraction to her is caused by her magic. Mari is unable to control her magic well and doesn't know if she has influenced Bowen's feelings. The two are competitors and then enemies and their attraction complicates all these.**OPINION:** I loved the tone and scope of this book. Bowen and Mari have some serious issues between them. This is not a sweet and gentle romance. There is serious conflict and they hurt one another -- literally. Their inability to separate themselves from one another makes this story very interesting. I especially liked the idea that Bowen may have destroyed his own happiness with his lack of contemplation. The relationship between Bowen and Mari is sexy and funny and sometimes painful. Mari is barely coming into her immortality and as such is going through personal changes discovering who she is. Bowen is having centuries of belief challenged by the young witch. This book is all about growth and change.**WORTH MENTIONING:** This book overlaps the events in the previous book **NO REST FOR THE WICKED**.**CONNECTED BOOKS:** **WICKED DEEDS ON A WINTER'S NIGHT** is the fourth book in the Immortals After Dark series. It can be read as a standalone although the books are interconnected and are better read in order.**STAR RATING:** I give this book 4.25 stars.

Cole has created an amazing world on modern Earth. Inside her world, lore creatures, such as vampire and werewolves, exist without alerting humans to their presence. Her characters consist of strong women who are anything but damsels in distress and sexy tortured men who often must overcome their past before they can accept their fated mate. Even though some of her characters are thousand-year-old immortals, they frequently make hilarious pop culture references. The romance (sex) between characters is hot and steamy and leaves you wanting more. But the best part is how each character overcomes trials to win their mates. No two characters are the same and no two trials the couples endure are either. The detail she uses in the way she describes everything makes it easy to picture her sexy characters and fantastic world! Nothing in Cole's books is without purpose. Something she mentions in one book usually comes into play in the following book, or later. Each story blends perfectly with one another, leading up to a huge battle between two warring

factions.

I enjoyed not only the romance between the two characters, but their interactions as well. I felt like there is always enough tension between her characters to keep the story moving forward. This isn't my favorite in the series, but it's up there! Kresley Cole knows how to keep the reader turning the pages. Bowen is a twisted man after losing the woman for him. And then he meets Mari. Somehow he has been granted another chance at a mate. But how can that be? These two are fantastic to watch as he battles his demons and she tries to understand him.

I really love this series. Cole intertwines each book so you meet certain characters that you will get to know better in other books. The characters are funny and sweet. What I really love is that she does not do the love triangle thing. The characters are pretty much supposed to be together the whole time - even if it takes most of the book for them to figure it out. Book 3 and 5 of this series are my favorite ones so far. Also, Cole can really write a hot love scene!

I choose this rating because it kept me engaged throughout the entire book! Although it's part of a series each book can stand alone. Mariketa the witch and Bowen the werewolf are great characters and their story contains a good plot and a bit of mystery also. Mariketa has the title of the Awaited but she's not sure what that means she will find out soon enough on this journey in her life. Bowen rugged handsome and twelve hundred years old mourns the loss of his mate Mariah. These two meet up and each one has to overcome heartache, failures and find their true purpose in life and maybe with each other.

With the first novel, the confusing jumping around (from a vague description, you imagine characters in certain positions to accomplish whatever task being described just to find out as you read you imagined it wrong. Other times it was like you were just to be all knowing and know exactly where the characters were, what they were looking at, etc) was easily for me to dismiss, bcs I was still gripped enough to turn page after page. Cole's other writing skills were strong enough that I could overlook this critical and glaring weakness enough to still enjoy the book. However, while I adored the characters, I felt Cole held them back. Mariketa wanted intensity and animalistic sex and Bowen kept suspecting she could take it like that from him. But when push came to shove, she couldn't and had to magically tie him down. I feel their first time coming together would have been purely animalistic for both of them and animalistic from the start. I feel if true to her characters, it

would have played out this way but Cole was not true to them. I felt the scene where they would have stroked their own selves while watching each other do it would have been true to them if played out but it wasn't. Very sad because it was strongly stated Mari was the kind of woman to do it unashamedly. Regardless, a good story like the fact that the heroines aren't innocent virgins. And in fact, they know what they like and explored much about themselves sexually. Makes so the heroes can be more..... well.....more ;) So far I feel this book doesn't beat the first one

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