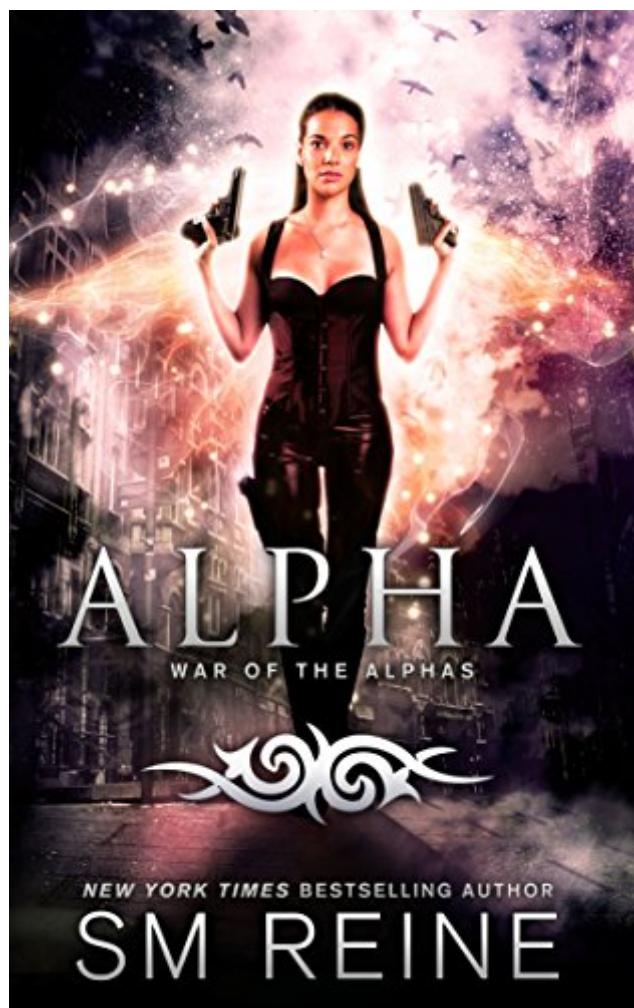


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# Alpha: An Urban Fantasy Novel (War Of The Alphas Book 3)



## Synopsis

No longer an Omega, Deirdre Tombs has found her animal. She only had to die and rise from her own ashes to discover it. And she's returned with a purpose. For the first time in history, the role of Alpha is up for election. If Everton Stark takes charge, he could disband the ruthless government organization that has made life miserable for shifters like Deirdre. One problem: Stark doesn't want to run. He only wants vengeance against his wife, Rhiannon, who killed many of his followers and stole the Ethereal Blade. While Stark is focused on revenge, Rhiannon is focused on winning the election for Alpha. Victory means tearing the Winter Court apart with civil war. It means riots. It means unleashing a deadly unseelie assassin that devours souls. Anything to get her dragon shifter mate in power with Rhiannon at his side.

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## Customer Reviews

I almost never bother to review books whether good or bad, but I felt compelled to review this book/story. I am only able to give the book 3 stars because while I really enjoy the overall plot and storyline, I really hate the main characters. I think I started reading this storyline because it seem to

pick up where the last SM Reine Ascension series with Elise and the Werewolf Ryle from the Cain Chronicles left off. However, while I do like the world and plot of this storyline/new series, I really hate the main characters in this story. In the first couple of books Deidre seems like a weak person and a little naive. But in this story she is really, showing herself to be truly stupid and falls for a man who continues to abuse her, mentally and physically, yet she will not leave him and will do anything that he says, including killing for him, while he has shown that he has no principles, and no morals as he is willing to trade werewolf children in order to get what he wants (which seems to all revolved around his wife), compel people to kill for him and will kill even when there is no threat present. He physically hits her, forces her to take drugs, forces her to beat her friend up for his amusement, and he even forced her to kill her own boyfriend. Despite all this she is infatuated with Stark and will not leave him and possibly loves him. He declare his love for her after compelling her to die if she ever disobeys his orders. (Nothing says true love like do what I say or die). While a very small part of her knows its wrong, she find it exciting. She hate Ryle because she blames her for her father death, without knowing the full story. At one point in the story Ryle even tell her that the only thing that Deidre seems to respect are those who physically threaten and abuse her. If it was not for the fact that I want to read more about Ryle and her world and waiting to see if Elise make an appearance, I would not be reading this story.

I really liked Deidre in the first book, but after that she has become a shell of herself and committed herself to a man who physically and emotionally batters her. It is like being in a domestic violent situation and never getting out of the situation. In addition, she is so worried about letting stark know about her ability to not listen to his compulsion that she will do ANYTHING he says no matter the cost. Where does it end. All I know is that it leaves a sick taste in my mouth because the main character is so weak.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. This author has the magical ability to convince me that some of the most horrible people are just somehow misunderstood. I don't know how she does it, but it seems to happen every time. This book picks up where the previous one left off (you don't want to read these out of order). Deirdre is still trying to figure out exactly what type of shifter she is (it is 100% cleared up in this book, so don't worry). She is also still trying to navigate her life and its minefield of broken alliances and lies. She's with Stark, but she's still sort of lying to him about some things. She talks to Rylie, but she actively goes against her. Deirdre is a riddle wrapped in teenage angst and election fever. Stark and Deirdre's relationship bothers me. It

should bother everyone! Part of me hates that this book pushes me into such uncomfortable situations but without the tension, turmoil, and horrible situations, the book wouldn't really sell me on this future world. This place is \*horrible\* and something needs to change. I'm still not sold on any of the solutions that the characters put forth so I'm still hoping for an as yet unnamed option. Oh, and, bonus, there's a lot of arrogant Fritz (who happens to be one of my favorite cameos in here). It's very hard to sum up this book because it was jam-packed with action, changing alliances, and lots of new faces. I have no idea who to trust at this point (and I especially don't trust Deirdre... or Stark... or ... well... anyone). I do, however, trust in a satisfying conclusion to this series.

I hate giving any of SM Reine's books less than 5 stars but something about Alpha just felt like it was a filler book. It was good, don't get me wrong and it was a needed book to fill in some gaps and things in the story line but it just did not sing to my soul like the rest of them have. You need to read this one though before you move on to PAS. I have loved all of the books by Sara and would suggest that if you are looking for a series to start then go back to the very beginning, before the war of the alpha's. Then go ahead and read this one. It shows you sides of Diedra that we would not know if this book had not been written.

I don't even know where to start. Maybe that this book was much more than I thought it would be. It was just.... excellent. SM Reine has done it again! The way she described the book so well made me feel like I was watching it on a big screen as I read it. The only thing that bothered me, was that because of a few short intimate parts my young teens went be able to read it. Unless I find a way to skip past that part for them lol. Maybe 16+ for this one. Other than that... I kinda feel bad for a lot of the characters in the story. Love, loss, betrayal and secrets made known. I loved this one and can't wait for the next book to come out!!! Pick it up if you want a good read! Really!!

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