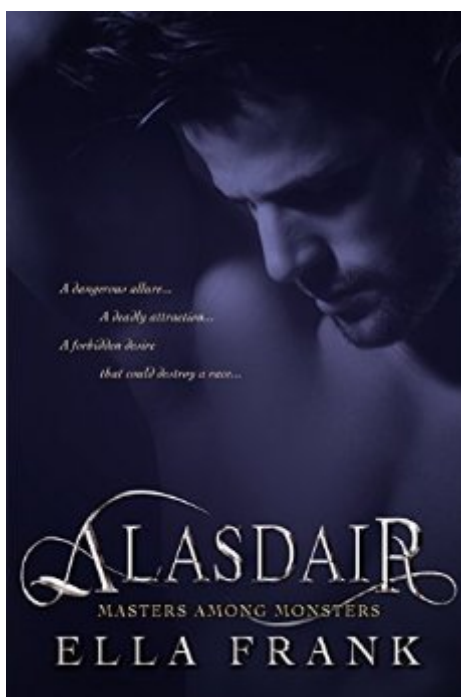


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Alasdair (Masters Among Monsters Book 1)



Synopsis

A DANGEROUS ALLURE Bestowed with eternal life by the Ancient Vasilios, Alasdair Kyriakous is one of the most feared and ruthless vampires in existence. His name carries weight across all of the seven continents. But he is a mystery to his kind, an anomaly among the self-indulgent. While he enjoys the pleasures of the flesh, he is exceptionally particular in his choice of partners and prides himself on his ironclad self-control. Yet with one look his control will become a thing of the past, and Alasdair will discover that eternal life doesn't always last forever.

A DEADLY ATTRACTION Thrust into a world he could never have imagined, Leo Chapel awakens in his worst nightmare. Taken hostage by the dangerously mesmerizing vampire, Alasdair, Leo must rely on his intelligence to escape before he reveals a secret he isn't even aware he's hiding.

A FORBIDDEN DESIRE Unaware that they've been brought together by an outside force and are little more than pawns to a higher power, Alasdair and Leo spend time trying to uncover the other's secrets, the attraction between them growing stronger all the while. But enemies are watching and preparing to act against them. When decisions that will alter lives and destinies have to be made—can a dead, grey heart learn to beat again?

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Customer Reviews

This is a hard one for me because I love Ella's writing so much. This was just ok. Had I known that it wasn't really a romance, because in my eyes it's not at all, I don't know if I would have read it. I was so excited to know she was writing another m/m. Let's face it, I didn't expect it to live up to Logan and Tate because it's pretty much impossible to follow those two up with anything better. That being said, I was expecting another great story. That this was a paranormal was not an issue for me because I love a good paranormal but what I don't like is the main characters sharing the goods with another character. To me that's not romance. I want my guys to be emotionally and physically connected to each other and only to each other. For Alasdair to have such an intimate relationship with Vasilios, pretty much ruined the story for me. I don't like three ways and this book had one too many characters in the equation and it didn't seem to bother Leo at all. Which is probably why I felt no connection between Alasdair and Leo. I really missed what I know Ella excels at. PASSION, EMOTION, LOVE AND CARING. I also thought, even though I knew this was a series, that this story would wrap up before the next story in the series began. Not so. Nothing was really answered yet the next story is titled Isadora. Not sure if I want to read on but probably will just to see what happens after that cliffhanger. Which obviously serves its purpose.

I really enjoyed this book. I love the dynamic between Alasdair and Leo. I wouldn't even mind that this is part of a series with a cliffhanger, if all of the books in the series would feature Alasdair and Leo. I pretty much only read M/M books and am not happy that the next book in the series will be M/F. I would skip it altogether if I wouldn't miss so much. I definitely would have given this 5 stars if not for the fact that the next book will feature Isadora. I did not like her character at all.

Vampires...Ella Frank....MM???? This was amazing and this is coming from someone who honestly is just beginning to enjoy the realms of paranormal MM. The characters are Sizzling and the world Ms. Frank has managed to create is going to leave her readers begging for more!!! I was totally engrossed from the very beginning. I absolutely loved the Vampire/Greek Gods mixture in this story. Usually when starting a new paranormal series I have had problems following the actual story because the world being created is so complicated. This was not the case in Alasdair at all. The fantasy world that is being laid down in this story is wonderfully creative and written perfectly. In this

story you get fragments of ancient history and Ms. Frank teases you just enough to leave you waiting on the next installment with great anticipation. The cast of characters manage to weave their way into your soul. I can't wait to see what is entailed for this magnificent new series. Alasdair will captivate your heart and leave you yearning for more. He is a strong Vampire with a lot of alpha characteristics but not so cocky that he is arrogant. Leonidas Chapel, is your everyday average guy who manages to attract the powerful vampire. I will admit though I actually thought Vasilios, the head vamp in charge basically and Alasdair's sire, sort of stole the show for me. He was super domineering and ruthless. He did not waiver on anything especially in dealing with Alasdair. I was 100% in love with him for sure. There are some intense steamy scenes and while I would not say this is a love story, just you won't be disappointed at all. If you've never been a paranormal person but are willing to give one a try I would suggest starting with this story. You will be hooked in the first chapter.

Let me start by saying this is not your typical romance or even a romance at all and if you start this book expecting one you will be sadly disappointed. I noticed a friend had marked this to read so I thought I'd check it out but after seeing all the reviews I decided not to bother, however my friend absolutely loved it and gave it 5 stars so I looked again. I wasn't sure exactly what to expect and it's a difficult book to categorise, Alasdair Kyriakous is an old, feared and powerful vampire and he finds himself inexplicably drawn to Leo Chapel, a human, he can't stay away he tries and fails and then he feeds from Leo....Strange things happen between Leo and Alasdair and neither one of them has any idea what's going on. This is a highly erotic read the tension builds and we're teased and tormented but surprisingly there's little actual sex but this works and works well. The story drives the book and it's an intriguing read but I missed the romance even though and I can't believe I'm saying this but the book worked better without it, doesn't mean I didn't want it or missed it but it's a stronger read without it, if that makes any sense at all. I liked the history of the vampires, even the brutality, which surprised me, and all the characters, I loved Alasdair and Leo plus the story which slowly reveals itself. So what didn't I like? The cliffhanger and this is a big one so now I'm left waiting for the next book.

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