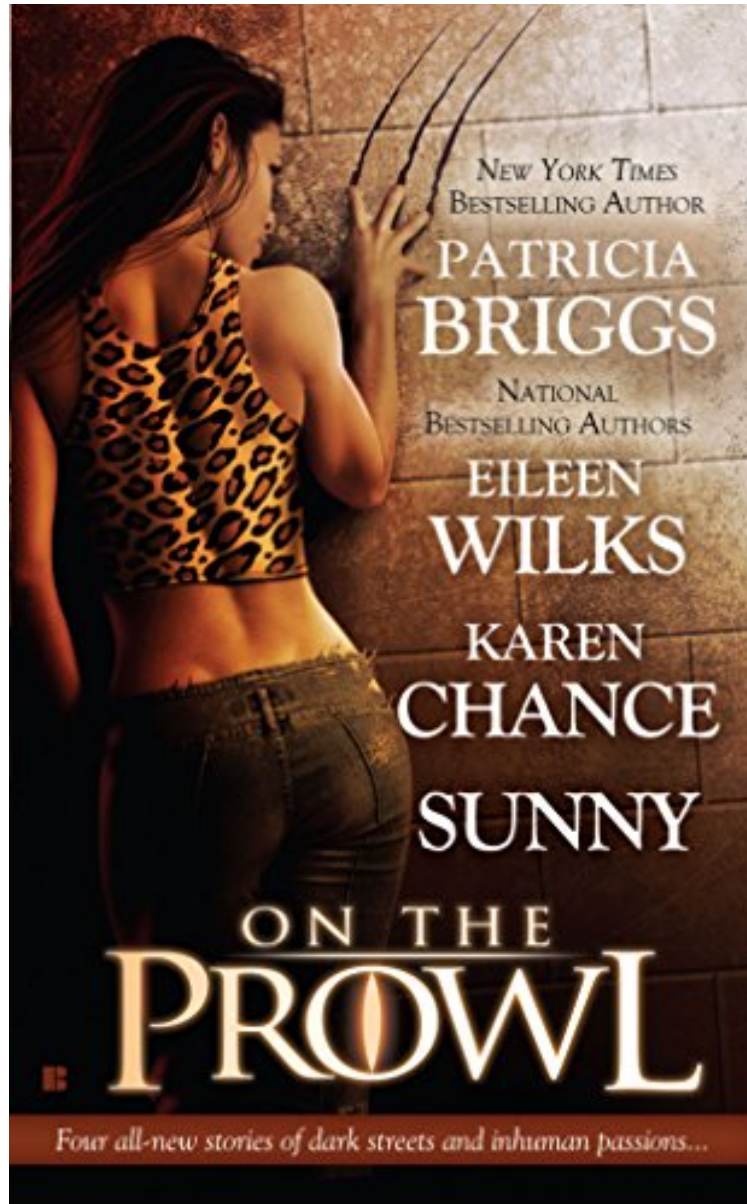


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Von Patricia Briggs, Eileen Wilks, Karen Chance, Sunny : On the Prowl (Alpha and Omega) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised On the Prowl (Alpha and Omega) (English Edition):

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fascinating and varied paranormal romances

Von Helen Hancox This book is a collection of four short stories by some of the most notable paranormal romance writers of the moment. "ALPHA AND OMEGA" by Patricia Briggs This story is part of the "Moon Called" series (with follow-up "Blood Bound") that I consider to be the best paranormal romance series currently being written. Patricia Briggs' skills in writing an interesting plot, varied characters and a fascinating supernatural element are all included in this short story although within the significant limitations imposed by a story of just 72 pages. Anna has been a werewolf for three years, she was Changed against her will and since then her life has been submission, beatings and even being passed round various male members of the pack. When she reaches the final straw after a visit from one of the more powerful werewolves she calls the Marrok, or head of the werewolves in America, to tell him about an attack on a young man, Alan Frazier (who we met in "Moon Called"). Bran, the Marrok, tells Anna he will send someone to investigate and sends Charles Cornick, his son. As soon as Charles meets Anna he realises she is something special, an Omega, which is a kind of werewolf that acts as a calming influence on other werewolves. However he finds that Anna has no idea about her status or about being a werewolf at all and he starts to teach her about the werewolf rules. It soon becomes apparent that there has to be a showdown with Anna's Chicago pack and yet someone seems to also be trying to attack Anna. Although I very much enjoyed this book I did sometimes find the pacing a little off. There was quite a lot of buildup to the showdown which itself happened surprisingly quickly and the aftermath was also quickly dealt with. The earlier parts of the story seemed to be told at more length with more detail. However overall it was still a very enjoyable read for those who love Briggs' full-length novels.

"INHUMAN" by Eileen Wilks This is the longest story in the collection and features Kai, a woman with a secret gift for sensing thoughts and desires. Since a big event called 'The Turning' some years before people's magical skills have become more apparent and out into the open and Kai consequently finds herself, and other magical people, occasionally feared. She knows that there's something unusual about her neighbour Nathan Hunter but it's not until some people are killed in a strange way that she and Nathan really begin to communicate. Nathan isn't just unusual he's actually not human and as the story continues he slowly reveals what he is and why he is on Earth. However the more that Kai finds out about him, the more she discovers about herself and eventually she has to flee her home to avoid arrest. When in hiding with Nathan she finally discovers who has been doing the killings and yet has to face her biggest danger from two different hugely powerful beings. "Inhuman" was a really interesting read and part of the enjoyment was in the way that Nathan and Kai's true natures are gradually revealed to the reader. The world of magical beings became more and more complicated but fortunately it all seemed to work well in the story. Both Nathan and Kai were appealing characters, especially the way in which Nathan explained some of his past actions and didn't seek to conceal his true nature. It was an enjoyable story that felt quite meaty despite its short story length.

"BUYING TROUBLE" by Karen Chance This was an excellent story with touches of humour and real variety - it was never clear where the plot was going but it was fantastically enjoyable the whole way through. Claire works for an auction house which deals with magical items - her job is to protect the items and the people around them as she is a 'null,' a person who is able to damp down magical ability in others. However she knows that 'nulls' are highly prized by the Fey because they can be converted into weapons - with the unfortunate side-effect of the null's death. When she spots a Fey in the auction house she tries to escape but finds herself handcuffed to the auction platform and discovers she is one of the lots for sale and that in the audience is her brother, who wishes her dead. When trying to avoid the Fey and her brother she finds herself suddenly whisked to a different world with the Fey and being chased by another clan of Fey. The Fey, Heidar, and she, have to escape and Claire finds her null abilities seem to be rather more powerful than she had thought - except on Heidar. Eventually they hide themselves in a barn but it is there, when Claire finds herself up close and personal with Heidar, that she receives her biggest shock of all. She always knew she had a different father to her brothers but it becomes clear exactly what the father is. There's a surprising amount of humour in this story. Heidar is a great character, amazingly phlegmatic as Claire proves to be rather more than he had initially thought, Claire is also a well-written character who finds herself having to come to terms with her parentage and what it means. The action is based both in America and the land of the Fey and although it's a short story it doesn't feel rushed or incomplete in any way. It's an excellent introduction to the work of Karen Chance and a very enjoyable story which works perfectly on its own.

"MONA LISA BETWINING" by Sunny This is the shortest story in this series and its enjoyment rather depends on the reader having read the other Mona Lisa books. Although we are given the backstory in rather big chunks there is a lot to take on board in such a short tale and it felt rather rushed to me. Equally the actual story in this story was lacking - rather than an actual plot with a beginning, middle and end, "Mona Lisa Betwinning" read more like a few linking chapters between books. Mona Lisa is discovering that some of her actions in previous books have had more long-lasting effects on her, plus she's still trying to impart some of her human morals on those around her. In a short story we have detailed sex scenes between Mona Lisa and two different men, Mona Lisa meets the brother of one of her ex-lovers who brings to light a significant problem that Mona Lisa has, she finds herself exhibiting a scary new bloodlust, but that's about it. The story isn't really wrapped up, it just requires the reader to carry on to the next book and, in that, is different from the other three stories in this anthology which all worked entirely on their own. In summary, this is an excellent collection with "Mona Lisa Betwinning" as the weakest story but still well written. It's a great read for fans of paranormal romances and has a higher standard of writing than is often

seen in this genre. Originally published for *Curled Up With A Good Book*, [...] Helen Hancox 200715 von 15 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 3 sehr gute und eine richtig schlechte Geschichte Von Karl Miller Von den insgesamt 4 Kurzgeschichten im Buch sind 3 davon wirklich sehr gut zu lesen - originell, spannend, romantisch, erotisch und humorvoll. Der Inhalt wurde bereits in der anderen Rezension sehr gut zusammengefasst, deshalb mu ich dazu nichts mehr schreiben. Die 4. Geschichte ist so schlecht, da ich nicht nachvollziehen kann, wieso sie dazugenommen wurde. Sie senkt das Niveau des Buches. Autor "Sunny" bietet einen Softporno unter dem Deckmantel einer Dark Fantasy Story. Der schwelstige Schreibstil und die schlechten Anleihen aus anderen Fantasy Romanen wie z.B. der *Black Jewels Trilogy* von Anne Bishop tragen auch nicht zum Lesevergnügen bei. Nach den ersten paar Seiten habe ich die Geschichte nur noch berfliegen. Es geht eigentlich nur darum, da die Heldin möglichst schnell ihre Kleider abstreifen und sich mit verschiedenen Lovern vergnügen kann. Das ist leider überhaupt nicht erotisch sondern nur de. 8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Toll - bis auf die letzte Story Von B. Kaserdeswegen auch ein Punkt Abzug. Die ersten drei Kurzgeschichten machen Lust auf mehr und es wird zB bei Patricia Briggs' *Alpha und Omega* ein Buch "Cry Wolf" die Geschichte fortführen. Die Kurzgeschichten sind kurzweilig, interessant zu lesen und gewohnte Qualität der Autoren, wenn man sie bereits kennt. (Was von Vorteil ist, da man dann schon "die Welt", "die Figuren" usw. kennt.) Einzig die letzte Geschichte von Sunny finde ich - sorry - grottenschlecht. Aber die anderen drei machen es wett und man muss die Anthology trotzdem nicht als Fehlkauf abstempeln.

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