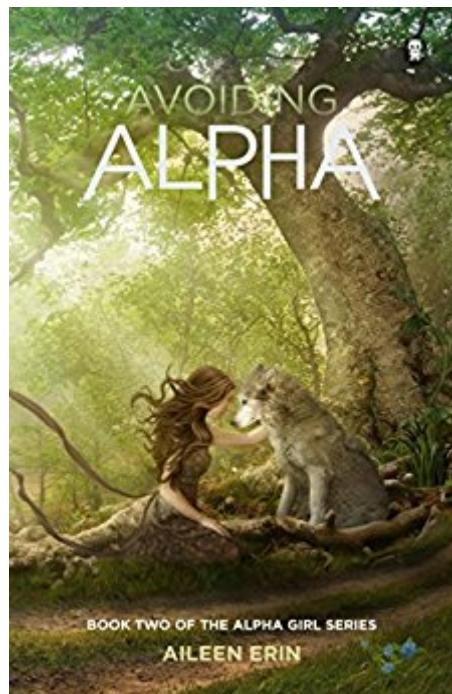


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Synopsis

Seventeen-year-old Tessa McCaide has come a long way since her abrupt entrance into the world of werewolves, but she still has just as far to go before she's comfortable with turning full wolf. In the meantime, she's avoiding the topic of shifting to four legs any way she can. Thankfully her mate, Dastien Laurent, is quite the distraction. When she finds her best friend, Meredith, getting sick in the bathroom, Tessa knows something's majorly wrong. Meredith was cursed years ago, and the dark magic kept her wolf dormant "only now the wolf is awake, and that same spell is killing her. Tessa has no intention of sitting around while Meredith wastes away. Even if it means playing with magic she doesn't understand, she'll do anything to save Meredith's life. Including bargaining with the local coven of witches and its crazed leader, whose only goal is getting Tessa to join the witchy ranks. Can Tessa save her friend without losing herself? ***A 52K Word Novella***THE ALPHA GIRLS SERIES1. BECOMING ALPHA2. AVOIDING ALPHA3. ALPHA DIVIDED4. BRUJA5. ALPHA UNLEASHED6. SHATTERED

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Customer Reviews

I absolutely love this series, and the author writes very well. So please don't take this review the wrong way. I would still definitely recommend buying books from this author and reading this series. :) As for this book, however, it was soooo drawn out and lacking the excitement that the prior book had. The entire book is, in a nut shell, Tess trying to find a way to cure Meredith's sickness. The. Entire. Book. She and Dastien get very limited romance in this book, as it is constantly overshadowed by Meredith's situation. Don't get me wrong, there were exciting and attention grabbing scenes, but I really, really wanted some big romance with Tess & Dastien! How much longer is she going to be 17/too young to fully "mate" with Dastien? And while we're on the subject of Tess... She's STILL not "one" with her wolf, and fights when she needs to shift. That wasn't ever really resolved in this book, unfortunately. So many things that Tess needed to resolve and address, but they all took a backseat to Meredith. I was glad to see some resolution to other things, such as Tess balancing out her "bruja" side, and I was happy that things for Meredith didn't take a dire turn forever. But I still can't say that I loved this book. Too drawn out, and not enough Tess+Dastien!! Lastly, what's up with the book being significantly shorter than the previous book? Did I miss something? The first book is pretty long, then this one is less than half of that?! I wanted more!!

After I finished "Becoming Alpha", I just had to read Avoiding Alpha.... kinda wished I had avoided it. There were some positive things to this book: 1) You get to know Tessa & Dastian better. You can see their dynamic, their relationship, the power exchange between two wolves and how it works in a human/furry werewolf world. I also really liked Meredith & Donovan together. Their relationship is just "too cute". It's like candy sweet. I'd love a spinoff with just them two. Most of this book has Meredith in basically a drug induced werewolf coma. Meredith is there because of the curse from Tessa's family at the nearby coven. The book is basically "Tessa is going to save Meredith" if it's the last thing she ever does. The dynamic between them two is great (especially at the end). I really expected this book to explore more of her family. I really wish Tessa's Great Aunt helped me and you saw the dynamic with Tessa and her mom. I also really wished there was more Axel. I know he is in college and away and stuff but I just wish there was more. I love the sibling connection between Tessa & Axel. Also, the book ends with the "tribunal" looming. I know it's coming, but this book didn't want me to make buy the third installment in this series. It was just "ok". Nothing really amazing about it. Even the cover this time was lackluster for me. Maybe with more editing, this book could've been better. The "skeletal outline" was there but it just wasn't enough to really thrill me. I will say this, Aileen is a good author. This book is just not her best work.

Tessa is finally getting a handle on the mate thing, on her vision thing, and is working on the wolf thing. With the tribunal coming up, she needs to become one with her wolf. Since the full moon ceremony is like a wolfy wedding, she's understandably nervous. However, her best friend, Meredith, who has been cursed by a witch into not being able to shift into her wolf, suddenly takes ill because her wolf is now awake and wants out. Seconds matter as Tessa now has to get a handle on her witch thing, as if everything else wasn't enough.

Have you ever read a story where you know you could easily edit out a hundred or more pages and make a better story. This book is about Tessa's adjustment to being a werewolf and the curse her friend Meredith had placed on her by the coven Tessa was supposed to take over. After the vampire attacks caused by the father of her mate's ex-girlfriend, things are just starting to settle down if you forget the tribunal that cannot be stopped. Donnelly, one of the seven oldest, most powerful weres, has fallen for Meredith and Tessa thinks they are true mates too. One morning Meredith wakes up sick and weres are never sick. Donnelly has awoken her wolf and it is fighting the curse. The doctor says she only has a day or two and that is not enough time for Donnelly or the head of the Pack to get back. She grabs a friend who has Brujas in his family as well and they try to find the coven. It is a creepy place and the cousins can only give her the books her grandmother wanted handed down to her including her family's Book of Shadows. She gets the gang together and tries to save Meredith. She meets her great aunt and learns that magic is about intent. She needs to stay to the light and make her intent strong through her faith. Meredith risks going back with Dastien to the coven to try to work something out with the dark magic leader, but figures out how what to do without trading herself. Meredith has to overcome her fears holding her back from accepting her new life in order to be able to help Meredith. It is not a long book, but the story is complete without being rushed. I like the characters in this series and I watch them grow and that is how I measure success in relationships and series. This is a series I plan to follow.

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