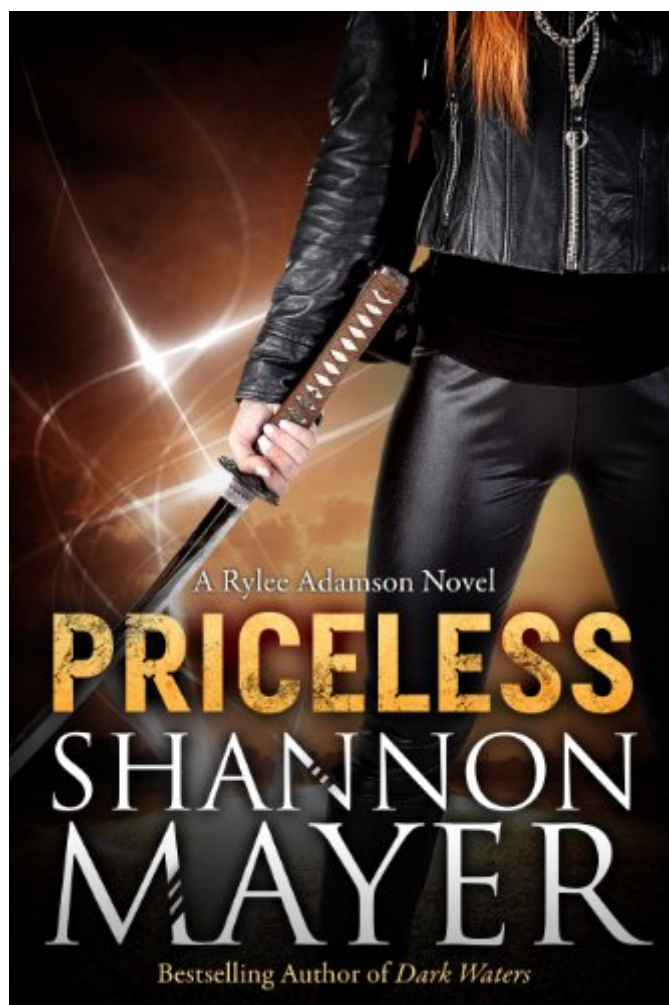


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Customer Reviews

So my hubby walked in last night to find me laying on the floor of the living room laughing over my Kindle. If that isn't the sign of a good book, I don't know what is. Priceless is the perfect blend of everything I like in a book--a kick-ass heroine, intriguing mystery, an assortment of paranormal creatures, well-timed comic relief and a red hot lust/hate relationship. Rylee is my kind of heroine. She has supernatural talent, yet is fallibly human. I like that things don't always go her way...well ever. But whether she is leading high speed car chases running from the law, fighting harpies with her trusty blades or going toe-to-toe with magic wielding kidnappers, she's somehow able to maintain her softness--or maybe a better word is compassion. After having been abandoned first by her biological parents and again by her adoptive parents, Rylee knows what it's like to be alone in the world. As a result, she has dedicated her whole life to helping those in need. It goes deeper than just rescuing missing children; she is like a beacon to those in need. This adds a surprising amount of emotional depth to the story. Regular readers of my reviews know I'm all about the love story. My favorites are those that are able to balance lust, affection and antagonism. The relationship between Rylee and Agent O'Shea has all of these elements. Our first introduction to O'Shea is as the FBI agent who has been trying for ten years to prove Rylee murdered her little sister. She didn't do it, but O'Shea is too haunted by the unsolved case to see past his prejudice against Rylee. When the tables turn and he is forced to place his trust in her, O'Shea finds everything he has even known about the world turned upside down. I loved the way the author handled this relationship. There is no insta-love here, more like a slow burn. This is a love story that is meant to roll out over the course of a series, not wrap up with a nice tight bow at the end of the book. I am so excited to see what happens with this couple. One of the other strengths of this book is the use of humor. The dark subject matter and gruesomeness of this story could have caused the book to be too heavy. Witty dialog and Rylee's sidekick, Alex the werewolf, keep the book from taking itself too seriously. Remember my husband walking in on me laughing at my Kindle? Yeah, that was Alex. About the only character that I didn't like was Rylee's best friend Milly. She's a witch--literally. Even though the two are as close as sisters, she dumps Rylee because her Coven doesn't want her to associate with people outside their group. (This isn't really a spoiler. It happens right at the beginning of the book.)

I found Milly to be weak and annoying. Her efforts to redeem herself at the end of the book fell flat with me. I assume as the series goes on Milly will either develop a spine or do something so stupid Rylee will sick Alex on her. All in all, Priceless is an amazing start to a fun new urban fantasy series. I can't wait to see where this is going! Plot - 5 bookmarks (lots of action!) Character development - 4 1/2 bookmarks (Lots of depth to Rylee. Now we need to see where O'Shea how O'Shea is going to grow.) Action - 5 bookmarks Love story - 4 1/2 bookmarks Dream cast (otherwise known as who I pictured while reading) - Gemma Arterton (Rylee), David Boreanaz (O'Shea), Blake Lively (Milly), Frances McDormand (Giselle)

Have you ever made a big Thanksgiving dinner (bear with me... I'm working towards a point, here)? You end up cooking for days- the pies, the turkey, the stuffing, the sides, appetizers, and it is exhausting to put on this beautiful spread that you have made and are proud of. What do you get for all of your work? The sounds of chomping and smacking and groaning for about 20 minutes as all of your hard work is devoured in FAR less time than it took to make, then wide eyes looking at you asking what you are making for Christmas dinner! Because I have been through that, I can appreciate how Ms. Mayer must feel when after all her hard work I devour this book in a single night (cause, really- who needs sleep?) and have the nerve to ask "So, when's the next one? It's almost ready, right?" Believe me... you will be, too. Rylee has a special gift, and she uses it to find lost children. Kids that the police and FBI can't. No matter where they are taken, no matter who or what has taken them. O'Shea is an FBI agent, and he is extremely suspicious of Rylee's success where the FBI often fails. That is, until he gets a good look at the things she deals with... Love love loved the main story, loved the supporting characters (a werewolf for a pet= awesome!). Cannot wait to revisit the cast in the next book. Really- consider this my wide eyed begging look asking "What's for Christmas dinner?" in hopes of a sequel that soon! Get the book, you'll see what I mean! One last thing- I really appreciate the time and effort put into the proofreading and editing of Shannon Mayer's books. Typos, punctuation, redundant turns of phrase all pull a reader out of the story- but I do understand that at times it is a price we readers pay when we get more reasonably priced indie authors. That is absolutely NOT the case here! Her books read smoothly- more like Kim Harrison or Darynda Jones or Lauren Hamilton. This makes them a fabulous first read, and on my short list of books I sit aside to reread again and savor.

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