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If this book were a daytime TV drama, I missed several shows I've read all the books of this series, but whilst reading *Boundary Broken*, I kept thinking I missed a book or short story somewhere I plan to reread the entire series to figure out what I missed or forgotten. This time I didn't love Lex as much, because her character hasn't evolved. Lex of the earlier books had courage and gumption than current Lex. It's book 4 and she's not as experienced a witch as I'd expected her to be. She hasn't advanced in knowledge or use of boundary magic. Maven hasn't made huge demands on her, so it's curious that Lex hasn't experimented or tested herself without relying on Simon or Lily. If she doesn't practice or use her powers, how does she expect to protect Charlie, let alone herself. This book was a close call for me. While I enjoyed, I was nervous the author was going the route of *Scarlett Bernard*. Let me explain. I enjoyed that series until the start of the new one. She ended the first series with Scarlett choosing my broken surfer werewolf. That made me happy. Nothing against Jessie. He was a good guy and had he been presented as the first love interest, I would have rooted for him. And if Scarlett had chosen no one, I might have accepted the beginning of a new series. For me personally, if a book has romance, I as a reader have hard limits. No cheating, no killing off one to solve a love triangle. *Andrea Creamer* or no changing good guys into bad to solve love triangle. *Shatter Me* series. That will black list you from my reading list. Hey, though I expected believability in my story, I'm a hopeless romantic. One a love declarations made in fiction, it should be forever. Hell I stopped reading *Outlander* because I couldn't bear Jamie being with someone else even though he had every right to. I'm funny like that. So if I hadn't started this Lex series, what the author did in the opening scene of the next Scarlett series, she would have been dead to me. I never finished that book past the opening scene. I feel like she caved under fan pressure. So in the last Lex book and in this one, I sense a set up for Lex to be with Simon. After the slow burn of Lex and Quinn and the declarations of love, if that happens if she leaves to be with Simon, I will be done with this author for good. Outside of that, good installment. Engaging and entertaining. Awesome narrator though I wish the guys would sound different. But alas. *Boundary Broken* is an amazing urban fantasy read. The plot twists and turns were unexpected with a cast of characters that I've already come invested in. Olson binds the reader to her writing with realistic, but totally fictional, characters who have heartfelt emotions and true personal connections to each other. Lex is an intelligent, kick but character with heart. This was one of those reads that you just didn't want to end. I received this ARC copy of *BOUNDARY BROKEN* from 47North. This is my honest and voluntary review. *BOUNDARY BROKEN* is set for publication March 19, 2019. My Rating 5 stars. Written by Melissa F Olson. Series *Boundary Magic Sequence in Series Book 4*. Paperback 350 pages. Publisher 47North. Publication Date March 19, 2019. ISBN 10

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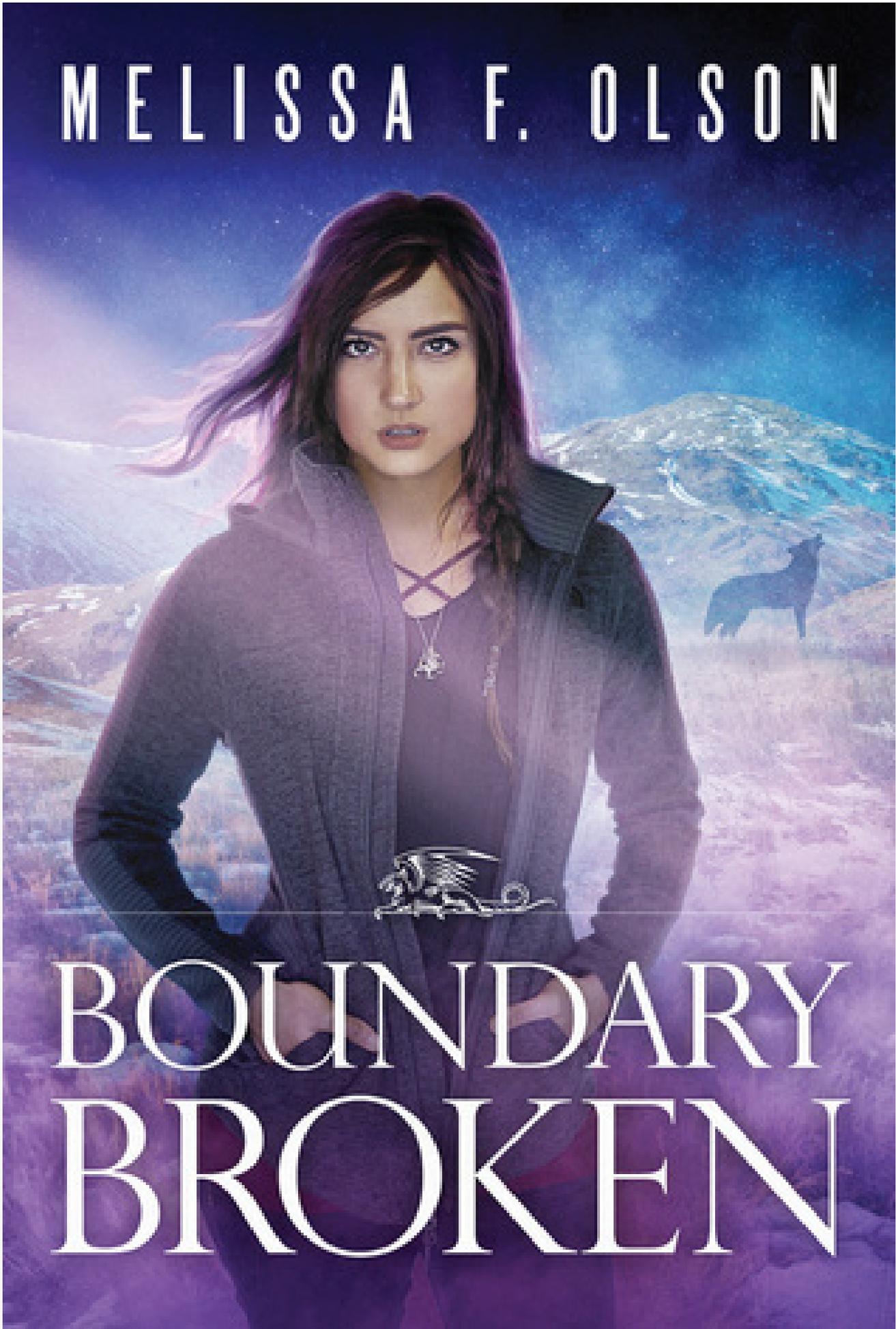
After she finished with the second arc of Scarlett Bernard series, Melissa F Olson returns to Boulder, Colorado, to give us, readers, the next arc of boundary witch extraordinaire, Allison Lex Luther The new trouble brewing in Colorado starts when two werewolves come into Lex's house, asking for her help to track down their missing pack members Lex finds the wolves killed and soon old enemies seem to be making a new move to stir up trouble with the supernatural community of Colorado. Melissa F Olson has become one of my favorite authors in this genre, ever since I first read Scarlett in Dead Spots six years ago This is another solid addition to Olson's book portfolio I admit that I love Lex and the Colorado gang, slightly better than Scarlett's books Probably because Lex, being an ex soldier, feels level-headed, a genuine protector, compared to Scarlett, who in the beginning, is of a reluctant passive heroine I love Lex's relationship with her deceased sister, with her niece, as well as her witch friend Boundary Broken is clearly the beginning of something new on the horizon, with old players settling in, a couple of previous faces being killed, and a new plan hatched by Maven, the vampire ruler of Colorado I cannot say much without spoiling anything, because I believe this experience is better read than told I, for one, cannot wait for the next book, and see how Lex adapts to the situation. PS Everything behind the spoiler tag is for me to remember the plot view spoiler So Morgan Pellar, the older sister of Lily is back, and apparently she still plans to take control of witch power from her mother But this time, an unknown person or organization is behind her, supporting her with money and army In this book, there's a power change, since Wyoming Alpha is killed, and a woman is taking over his place, as they plan to team up with Maven Hazel Pellar Lily's mother is also killed, so Lily is now the leader of Colorado witch Maven plans to create a triumvirate, like Dashiell's one in Los Angeles, which he shares with werewolf used to be Will as the Alpha and the witch Lex is tasked to be the knight Sashi and Will is now settling in Colorado, to be closer to her daughter, Grace Katia, Lex's aunt as well It seems that Lex petitions to have a new witch clan, with Sashi and Katia. And I really hope there's romance in the future for Katia and Lily hide spoiler I had a lot of fun with this book, mainly because I like Lex and the way Kate Rudd's narration brings her to life She's brave and loyal She knows that she's good at tactics but not a strategy She doesn't see herself as heroic, just as someone doing what needs to be done to protect her niece and support her friends. This episode of the Boundary Magic series has Lex at the centre all the way through She doesn't always know what's going on and she loses as many rounds as she wins What makes the book work is that I cared what happened to her than I cared about the deviousness of the plot The plot has a few good surprises in it to keep me interested but wasn't particularly complex In terms of story arc development, this felt like a transitional episode, setting up some new possibilities and making changes to the available characters and their relationships On the basis, it promises well for the future I enjoyed the way in which Lex's knowledge and use of her power develops in this book Her boundary magic has gone from vague to something with a

solid internal logic This was very much a woman centric story There are male players in it, but mostly they are there either to get rescued, get threatened or killed or to strut around being muscular, menacing and dumb The story is moved forward by women who are strong, bright, sometimes ruthless but very much in charge of what is happening to them This isn't done in an in your face look how strong my women are way It's subtle enough simply to be the natural outcome of the situation and the players Still, I can't think of another series that has done this to this extent and made it work so well I'm taking that as a good sign for the future as well. As always, the pace is brisk, the stakes are high and the action is vivid The end slowed down a little, partly to accommodate some of those new possibilities, but it didn't drag. I still prefer this series to its sister crossover series with Scarlett Bernard in LA It feels grounded to me I've always preferred Colorado to California, so maybe it's just my prejudice but I find myself engaged with Lex than with Scarlett.

Source Publisher Genre Urban Fantasy Rating 3.5 4 Thoughts Boulder boundary witch Allison Lex Luther returns in the fourth installment in author Melissa F Olson's Boundary Magic series Apparently, the book jumps 2 years from the last book titled Boundary Born, but she did appear in Scarlett Bernard's Shadow Hunt Lex is a former Army veteran who was left to die, but managed to survive thanks to her previously unknown boundary magic

Full Review Gizmos Reviews 4 Stars Perhaps the best entry in the series to date I actually like this series better than the one from which it was spun off, Scarlett Bernard I like the way she set up the next long arc at the end of this one It wasn't a cliff hanger and didn't feel like it either, nor was it an insipid sneak peek sort of ending But it did a good job of keeping me curious about the future of the series. This is a good urban fantasy series. Book 4 I do recommend the series be read in order So, if you're looking at this, you enjoyed the first three books If that's the case, you'll enjoy this one as well Olson is one of the better authors I've found available on Kindle Unlimited Unfortunately, I've bought books that aren't half as well written as these.

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This author is one of my favorite urban fantasy writers and her Boundary Magic series is my

favorite of her series. There are vampires, werewolves, ghosts and witches in this world. Most of the human population does not know they exist. While each book can be read independently and is a complete story in itself, it is probably best to begin with the first book in the series. The heroine, Lex, is a boundary witch, which means she has special abilities at the intersection of life and death. She can see and speak with ghosts and help them move on, can press humans and vampires' minds, and raise the dead. One of the most endearing qualities that Lex has is that she never really seems to appreciate how powerful she is. She works for Maven, the top witch of Colorado, whom she both fears and respects, in a security role and other duties as required. Lex is ex-military and has many useful talents for someone who can't go out in the daytime. When this book starts, Lex is helping two ghosts to cross over. She has drawn a circle on the highway, it's after midnight, and there's a witch friend of hers at each end of the road to stop any traffic. This is normal, everyday life for Lex. She has a steady love interest, a vampire who works for Maven also, but the romance is rarely a focus of the books. So after laying the ghosts to rest, she is sitting in her small house with her boyfriend, the two witches who were helping with the ghosts, and her rescue dogs when the werewolves arrive. And there the action begins and it doesn't let up until the end. There is a lot of violence and some genuinely creepy scenes in this book. I highly recommend the whole series. All are well-written with complex plots, characters who could walk off the page, a little romance, friendship, and a whole lot of suspense. The Old World that exists side-by-side with the modern-day world is a fascinating place to visit.

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