

**C. A. Milson**

**Author and Screen Writer**

**Book Reviews**

*The Chosen*

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• **Princess Neve Book Reviews - March 14, 2009**

From the first page of the book, it took my breath away and I am totally hooked. Starting from Alex's vision, the action is so straight to the point and hits the imagination. Not boring prolog that we never understands even if we read the whole book but a beginning to pull you inside the book.

*"The Chosen is a thrill ride from the first drop of ink".*

Now how to turn a nervous person dealing with his own issues into a Hero? This is what I am going to now after finishing the whole book.

Thanks to C. A. Milson for letting me review his novel.

*Neveen Hassan*

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• **Future Mystery Anthology Magazine (FMAM) Book Review - February 15, 2009**

**About the Book**

Alex's anxiety kept him from enjoying the seminar. But was it just anxiety or the three visions? By the third vision (which were all the same), Alex knew something was brewing, something terrible, something evil. The seminar, conducted by three gentlemen discussed entities and violence. When Alex looked at the one, he felt most looked Native American, he grew icy cold. It unnerved him. Alex began to feel a presence stronger and stronger, yet as he scanned the crowd, no one else seemed to feel or sense it.

Drake one of the lecturers had told the attendees of the evil doings of Jamiesonn and his brush with the entity. But Alex saw it in a vision. He also saw the entity in the bar after the seminar. Why did it let Drake live? Why was it haunting Alex? What did it want?

Drake gave Alex the report on Jamiesonn, which led to more questions. Who is the One, Jamiesonn refers to? Then in the city of Winmont, the ritualistic killings begin.

**Review**

*"The Chosen is a book about good and evil, and friendships and betrayals. It is a supernatural jaunt through trust, learning, and growth. But things are not as they seem...to find out why, read The Chosen. C.A. Milson has crafted a story that bridges both the mysterious and the horror in a supernatural thriller".*

*"On a scale of 1 to 5, I give it a 4.8".*

*Cynthia Lea Clark - Psychologist, Author, Actor and Review Contributor*

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- **Calliope's Coffee House Book Review - January 12, 2009**

### **About the Book**

Visions, illusions, supernatural visitations, demons, angels... if that is what you want to read about, then this debut novel by C. A. Milson is packed to the page edges with them.

Alex Manning is seeing things, particularly malevolent things; the human race is under threat from demons who will enslave us all. There is something special about Alex and unfortunately, the evil entities know it and decide to take steps. "*The Chosen*" is the story of his search for a way to fight for mankind's deliverance from evil, and to keep from getting killed in the process.

### **Review**

The book is classed as supernatural / horror and it lives up to its genre. Initially I thought "*I've been here before*", it was familiar and gave me that feeling of "*I know what's going to happen next*".

In my opinion, the plot has elements of "*The Second Coming*" and "*The Book of Revelations*". That and the author's style put me in mind of some early Graham Masterton and Guy N. Smith novels. There is blood, possession, demons, sex, and of course, there is also the one who must put his life and soul on the line.

A couple of chapters in though and the familiarity receded. The story took on a life of its own, and carried me right along with it. I was as unsure as Alex, whether the visions were visitations, illusions, or precognition. I was kept on the edge of my seat wondering what was going to happen next and if anyone was going to come out of this unscathed.

I really did enjoy this story. The only downside I have is that it was too short. Please, next one, make it a bit longer!

*Jacquie L Reaville*

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- **The New Author Book Review - January 10, 2009**

Before I begin let me just say that I found it difficult to put this book down until I saw the words "The End." Although marketed as a horror novel I feel that *The Chosen* hugs the line between horror and fantasy. Do not get me wrong, there are horrific scenes of pain and torture but the overall feel of the novel is that of a quest or journey rather than fear.

The main character, Alex Manning, is a character that can be related to as he suffers through the tragedies of life. Unlike the rest of mankind, Alex has a destiny to fulfill. With few allies and enemies at every turn it is left too Alex to save not only the world but also himself.

This is a fast-paced novel with few sections to catch your breath. C.A. has crafted the foundation of a really good story here. This story grabs hold of you and takes you for a ride. The enemies are evil through and through while the good guys are at times questionable. What is not questionable is the battle between good and evil.

The story is solid and I look forward to reading the second novel in this trilogy. I will say that there were grammatical errors and a few missing words throughout the novel; however, in my opinion, this does not

take away from the story itself. Being a new author C.A. demonstrates that he has what it takes to craft even better stories in the future.

In closing, if you wish to read a book from a new author that will take you on an enjoyable ride I recommend - *The Chosen*.

**Brian**

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- **Amberkatze's Book Review - January 5, 2009**

### **About the Book**

From the time that the Darkness ruled the ages, The Ancient Ones prophesied of a time when the last descendant of The Gods would arise. Now, in the town of Winmont, the Ancient Legion has awoken to finish what was started many millennia ago. Now, the fate of humanity is in the hands of One, but can he overcome the forces that dare to challenge the bloodline of the Gods?

Alex Manning is on the way to a Society meeting but all he can think about is the weird visions and nightmares he has been having. When he arrives at the meeting he cannot shake the feeling that he should leave, that something weird is about to happen. When he hears about the Jamiesonn investigation, he realizes that he needs to know more about it and that it may be the answer to his visions.

Before he knows that he is 'The One', Alex is already in too deep. In battle with demons, betrayed by fellow society members and maybe even falling in love again makes for a mass of feelings and exhaustion. Will Alex come through it all in one piece? Or will evil win this time?

### **Review**

*"Seventy percent horror and thirty percent paranormal, The Chosen will appeal to Stephan King fans who love a little bit more supernatural. Well written, this novel is very dark, deep and even disgusting at times but full of details to keep the storyline on track and worth reading.*

*If you like, your books full of evil, heavy with horror and a powerful plot then this is definitely worth your time. A little too hard for my personal tastes but I still enjoyed the book for what it is."*

**Amber Katze**

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- **The Book Stacks Mini Book Review – December 22, 2009**

I usually do not do reviews of partials - for obvious reasons - and I do not usually do reviews of eBooks, because my eyes already get enough damage from all the work I do at the computer. However, I decided to put aside my rules as a favor for a fellow Australian and do a mini-review of *The Chosen*.

### **About the Book**

There was a time when Alex had everything in life. He had a wonderful fiancé and a fantastic job. That was until seven days ago when his completely normal life was turned upside down and he lost everything. It started with the sudden death of his father, Paul, then the disappearance of his mother, Samantha.

The third event occurred on the seventh day when the life of his fiancée, Alison, was taken in a horrific car accident. Now, years later, just when he started to get his life back on track, he is once again thrown into a world where nothing is what it seems, and he alone must come to terms with whom he is and his calling to fulfill a destiny that he wants no part of.

## **Review**

For a beginning, that involves abuse, prostitution, sex, and satanism, *The Chosen* excerpt was not a bad read. Milson starts off by lulling the reader a bit into a former memory, thus - in my mind - rendering the horrors that occur more 'digestible' for the reader. This was a good move on his part, as it helped me be able to keep reading and to not be put off by the events that occur.

However, it does look like *The Chosen* needs a picky editor. Various typos, admittedly few and far between, pop up and could be taken care of with some good story polishing. Even so, having read this first bit, I am interested enough to read on further.

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- **Bitten By Books Review**

### **About the Book**

Alex Manning is "The One"; well actually, Alex Manning is a nice guy, with anxiety attacks who has visions. He does not know he is "The One" until he gets wrapped up in the investigation of the Jamiesonn house. Then he is drawn neck deep into betrayal, battling demons, freaky scary ghosts, and falling in love again tossed in for good measure.

### **Review**

The Chosen is a well-written, extremely enjoyable horror novel by C.A. Milson. The character development and story flow are well thought out and full of great details. As you read, you can easily visualize the events that are taking place. This is one of those books that you can read over and over again and still get something new out of it each time. In fact, I have read it twice already and caught some great parts I had forgotten about the first time.

*"Rating - 5 out of 5 Tombstone's"*

*Cassie*

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