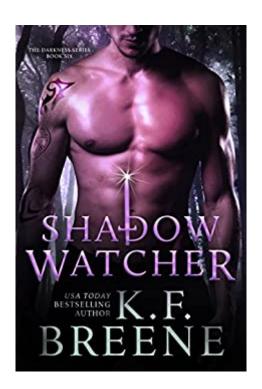


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# **Shadow Watcher (Darkness #6)**





### **Synopsis**

In the wake of ridding their territory of a menace, Sasha has only one pressing duty left: find more human magic workers. And while it is undoubtedly important on some grand scale, the task is, in itself, surprisingly uneventful. That is, until a strange predator takes an interest in her and Charles on their trek home one evening. In the space of twenty-four hours Sasha's life goes from mundane to being stalked and threatened. A new shifter has moved into town, and if the whispered rumors are to be believed, something even more sinister is lurking behind, watching and waiting for the right moment to spring. But that isn't the only element that turns Sasha's life upside down. She has one hell of a secret that will change her and Stefan's life forever.

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#### Customer Reviews

This review will be slightly spoilery. I didn $\hat{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ <sup>TM</sup>t enjoy Shadow Watcher as much as I did the previous installments. It seemed a lot like filler to get from book 5 to book 7. There were 2 main storylines going on. The first served the purpose of setting up Jonas $\hat{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ <sup>TM</sup>s book $\hat{A}$ ¢ $\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$ land 122 pages is a lot of set up; because not much happened until the very end of the book. As Shadow

Watcher opens things have been rather quiet now that the Council meeting is over. Sasha has been mated to Stefan and proclaimed Clan Mage and Andris and the Caped Crusader have been taken down. Sasha is spending her time patrolling â Â" looking for human magic workers to bring into the fold â Â" and fulfilling her role (according to Cato) as â ÂœFateâ Â™s plan to blend the two sides of magic together and to save the magical raceâ Â•. After a successful night of patrolling and finding Paulie -halvling of the much untapped potential â Â" Sasha and Charles become aware that they are being stalked and investigated by an unknown Mata â Â" another alpha and not of  $Tim\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A} \hat{A}^{TM}$ s clan. And that  $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A} \hat{A}^{TM}$ s storyline one  $\tilde{A}\phi\hat{A} \hat{A}^{TM}$ s the ongoing clandestine surveillance by the unidentified shifters. Then there \$\tilde{A}\varphi \tilde{A}^{TM}\$ storyline 2: the baby debacle. Most of this installment reads like some weird pregnancy fantasy. Sasha is preggers, and yes Stefanâ Â™s race is one that struggles with procreation and reveres children â Â" but come ON! The secondary plot revolves entirely around Stefan tearing up and proclaiming his love and devotion for Sasha and his unborn young, Sasha developing a hormonal dependence on Stefanâ Â<sup>TM</sup>s presence, Charles and Jonas constantly tearing up and treating her like spun glass and every single person in the Clan invading her space and rubbing her belly like a good luck Buddha. A lot of this is played for laughs  $\tilde{A}c\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$  but given that my maternal instinct only extends to cute animals â Â" I was neither amused nor entertained. The very end of the installment saw Sasha popping out the babe(s) and being able to re-enter the battlefield just as the unknown shifters were giving up their  $\tilde{A} \not c \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{c}$  were giving up their  $\tilde{A} \not c \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{c}$  were giving up their  $\tilde{A} \not c \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{c}$  were giving up their  $\tilde{A} \not c \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{c}$ 

Okay, I knew going in this would be a short book based upon other reviews and the very obvious page count right up there where everyone looking to buy it can see should they bother to take the time to look. We can deal with the brevity issue later. It was nice to see the author acknowledge people who assisted and contributed to her book. However one of the worst examples of both editorial and beta reader negligence I've ever encountered occurs so early in the manuscript it cannot even be excused by reader fatigue. In what should have been a romantic, sexually charged bout of love making between Sasha and Stephen I found myself cringing and searching for my own red pen because in the space a few short paragraphs I was treated to the following: "He stood as I came into sight, his muscular body . . . his delicious body" (this in the same sentence); shortly after in the same paragraph, "I met him in a rush, climbing up his body

Sorry to say this, but I'm greatly disappointed with this book. Well, actually, half a book. At least it felt like it. And it has nothing to do with number of pages. A lot can be said in 138 pages. It is a

setup of a kind for what is to come in next books but I still felt cheated. Mostly because all of it could have been part of Jonas's story. Another thing (spoiler alert). All they have on intruder is his scent and that it's a shifter. So, how on earth could humans know this guy is driving a Mercedes???? Humans that have no idea of the supernatural world???? No, just no! Everything was rushed, not well explained and did not make much sense. The romance was OK though, and pregnancy and delivery part was funny and true. That much at least I can compliment. I will finish this series cause hey, it's Jonas and Charles we are talking about. Also, there is always hope something like this will not happen again. If it does however, nope, no more of this author for me. Sorry honey, it is a cruel world and a lot of good authors to give mt tiy and money to.

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