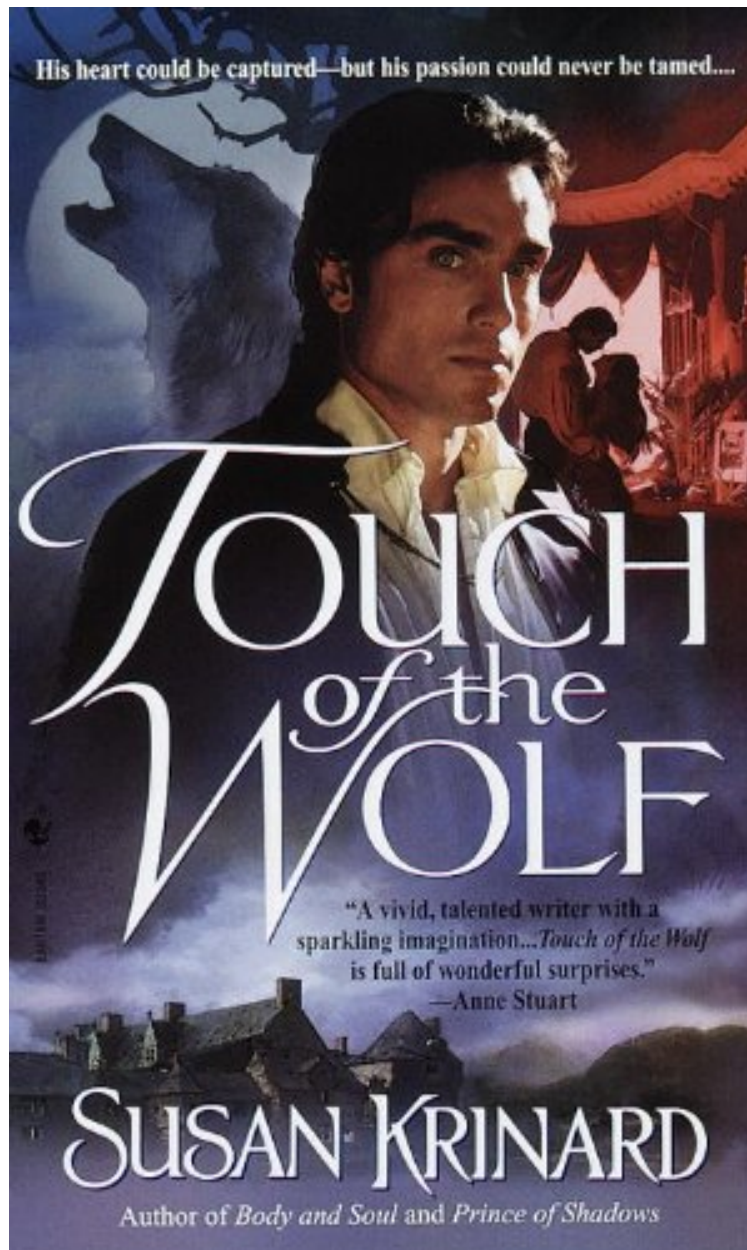


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**Von Susan Krinard : Touch of the Wolf** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Touch of the Wolf:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Coldblooded aristocratic werewolf learns to love again  
Book 1 of a trilogy about the Forster werewolf family. England, late 19th century: The unbending Earl of Greyburn is devoted to restoring the purity of his clan's werewolf blood - even at the expense of his siblings's happiness. The unexpected arrival of a young American female relative shows him new possibilities - but they do not fit his inflexible plan. The writing style, the story-line, the characters, the background: everything is of top quality. But somehow, the somber and coldblooded mood of the Earl permeates even the reader. And at the end, the self castigating monologues of the heroes are too much for my taste. Therefore, only 4 stars. The sequel is "Once a Wolf".  
1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dark, brooding and a good beginning to the trilogy  
Von Barks Book Nonsense Susan Krinard has a beautiful writing style. Her books are meaty and always contain complicated characters who really draw you in. Touch of the Wolf, the beginning of her new historical werewolf trilogy, is no exception. For me, the love and laughter lover, this book weighed in a little too heavily on the angst side but still comes recommended to those of you who prefer a dark, brooding and outwardly cold hero (until the heroine breaks down his barriers). It's rich with description and is a book that you can easily lose yourself in. I'm anxiously awaiting the next one.  
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Von Sarah I have always been a fan of Susan Krinard, especially with her bent towards writing stories about the paranormal. TOTW did not disappoint me. Braden and Cassidy's story was well written and a delight to read. Ms. Krinard goes out of her way to strongly define her characters, giving the readers insights on why they behave the way they do. (And not just our hero and heroine, she sets up the stage for Braden's sister and brother's story too.) Although Cassidy might start out too trusting and innocent for my tastes, her character does grow and learn from life. Many times writers miss character development and that makes for a stale story. The time and thought that went into Braden's character development is obvious. The struggle Braden goes through for the length of the story is at once heart wrenching (we all know that deep down he wants to do what is right, it's just defining what "right" is) and frustrating (damn his grandfather anyway). It's hard to have such a strong character become vulnerable. I have but one criticism of the book. This is a story about werewolves, their relevance in society, their laws and mores, their ethics, their hierarchy, basically their very existence. Although we get some feeling of this through the choices Braden must make as leader, I did not feel like I really got to know the werewolves themselves. I got the feeling that seeing them as werewolves was almost periphery to the story (except maybe for the climatic end scene.) There was very little changing from human form to werewolf form. It was always there on the outside of the story but never really made it to the inside. Overall, keep up the great work and I look forward to the next story.

Kurzbeschreibung His heart could be captured--but his passion could never be tamed.... From the acclaimed author of Prince of Shadows and Body and Soul comes the first novel in a powerful new trilogy, the story of a noble clan whose elegance belies a savage secret--and a man who will stop at nothing to preserve his family's dynasty forevermore--  
Braden Forster, Earl of Greyburn, has devoted his life to restoring the purity of his clan's werewolf blood. He spent years searching in vain for a distant American cousin, a woman whose pure wolf bloodline is a vital link in his family's heritage. Braden had thought Cassidy Holt was lost forever--until she appeared one rainy night on the steps of his London mansion...her raven hair in disarray, her skin scented with sunlight and sagebrush. As Braden whisks young Cassidy to his family's secluded country estate, both can sense their undeniable attraction. But Cassidy soon learns that they can never satisfy their mutual passion; Braden has already betrothed her to another. Her only hope of claiming the one man she'll always love is to unravel the dark and lustful secrets of his past--  
From the Paperback edition.  
Daughter of a werewolf mother and human father, Cassidy Holt is orphaned by age seven and raised by her human aunt and uncle, who despise her wolf blood. At 22, determined to find her mother's family, Cassidy travels to London where she meets her distant cousin, Braden Forster, the powerful and charismatic Earl of Greyburn. Cassidy's wolf instincts are strong and she is drawn to the handsome earl, as he is to her. But Braden has devoted his life to preserving his clan's dynasty of werewolf blood, and due to a closely guarded secret, he believes that he cannot claim Cassidy as his mate. Instead, he betroths her to his younger brother, Quentin. As Cassidy struggles to come to grips with her werewolf heritage, she and Braden are drawn together by mutual passion. But Braden is a man of deep commitments and a tortured past that threatens any hope of a happy future for the two lovers. And falling in love couldn't have come at a more difficult time, for Braden's life and his leadership of the clan are endangered by the bitter hatred of an evil werewolf. Krinard's world of werewolves, with their blend of human emotion and animal instinct, is every bit as believable as the novel's descriptions of London and the English countryside. The rigidly structured human society in which Braden and Cassidy live provides a stark contrast to the wildness of their wolf heritage, while Braden's darkness of soul is balanced by Cassidy's innocence and faith. Add a strong plot to this story of shape-shifting werewolves and heroic characters and the result is a terrific paranormal romance. --Lois Faye  
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