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Vampire Enforcer Christopher Bell is in Chicago to investigate rumors of a revolution, but when he comes across vampire hunter Ivy Bailey being followed through dark streets, what he finds is a ghost from his past. Over a century ago, Christopher fought the vicious London serial killer Jack the Ripper—and won. But now, the Ripper's tainted soul is back—on the hunt once more.

## **Personal Demon Details**

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## From Reader Review Personal Demon for online ebook

### Lucy says

Interesting vampire world. This story takes place in Chicago where vampires have a different relationship with the rest of humanity than they do in other places.

One thing I find difficult is how fast vampire Christopher Bell turns around from his previous philosophy to a new way of thinking. The fast romance is less of a problem, since that's apparently how the author has structured her world.

One interesting quirk is that the vampire suffers from synesthesia, where a person hears colors or tastes sounds or otherwise mixes up how the senses work. He had this before he became a vampire.

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### Michelle Leah Olson says

Our Review, by LITERAL ADDICTION's Guest Reviewer - Kathy M:

I wasn't familiar with author Susan Sizemore's work and so I was wonderfully surprised by how much I enjoyed Personal Demon.

Someone or something is committing horrifying murders with dark magic involved and Ivy Bailey, one of Chicago's vampire hunters, is given the task of stopping the killings. Unfortunately, Vampire Enforcer Christopher Bell has his own investigation going on which keeps derailing Ivy's mission.

One of my favorite aspects of this book is the bantering and bickering that goes one between these two.

Personal Demon has the perfect balance of darkness and snarkiness.

When I first started reading this book, I wasn't aware that it was part of a series, The Laws Of The Blood Novels. Just a short way into Personal Demon, I knew that I would be getting the first 5 books of this series. It was just that good.

I happily give Personal Demon 5 skulls.

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### Phyllis says

I love this series and it has been a long dry spell in between books. I love the vampire world created by Sizemore. But to make it better, the story takes place in Chicago, one of my favorite locales. The heroine is a Bailey, a psychic family of witches. (The Baileys were featured in the third book of this series, Companions. Companions is my favorite book and the series.) The bad guys are famous serial killers possessing the bodies of Chicagoans. The hero is a British vampire. The story is sexy and funny. Hopefully, the next book will be published soon.

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**Michael Halpern says**

I agree with many of the other reviewers - not a bad book, but not especially memorable. For the genre, pretty average (and hence 3 stars). I will add that it was a good book to read on an airplane - kept my interest and didn't require too much concentration.

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**Justine says**

This book was okay, but nothing really memorable about it either. The characters and plot were alright but once again not really great. I felt like some of the scenes just happened, for no real reason and without a clear buildup to them. The relationship between the two main characters also started off all of a sudden without any real reason. Overall an easy quick read but nothing to rave about.

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**Teresa says**

3.5 stars.

This book seemed to have a little bit of everything but it wasn't overwhelming or a jumbled mess. I haven't read the other books in this series but based on this one now I think I will. This is the sixth book in the Laws of Blood series.

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**Nilotica says**

Enjoyed it, just another vampire twist. Seems to be my thing now.

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**Kathy says**

Great to see this series return.

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**M says**

It's an enjoyable book, and I like that she writes her heroines quirky and her heroes have to be masculine and interesting but not drop dead gorgeous. For people that are really into world-building/detail in paranormal, this would probably rate closer to a 5, but I find I'm not that deep of a person so she tended to lose me a bit. I tend to need the romance to be the main part of the story with any paranormal or intricate back-story stuff coming in second. And I've discovered that I'm not a huge fan of dream-walking type scenarios....but she did a fine job writing those parts.

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## Leigh says

### Review can also be found at [Under the Covers Book Blog](#)

Ivy Bailey, vampire hunter, works to keep the streets of Chicago safe from unruly vampires. Unbeknownst to her, though, she is being hunted as well. Christopher Bell, a vampire himself, shows up at the right place at the right time, and saves Ivy from an awful fate. This then begins a relationship that is great fun to watch unfold.

Gruesome murders are taking place in the city, and due to various reasons that are discovered much later in the book, Ivy is hand picked to hunt the person, or demon, responsible. Christopher, a vampire made in England a century prior, is in the city to do some investigating himself. After saving Ivy, the two are naturally drawn to each other and begin to dream of the other, something that should not be possible. Ivy tries to fight the attraction, but finds it hard to do. Christopher is not even what most would consider to be an attractive man, as most vampires are known to be. His strength and wit, though, draw in both Ivy and the reader. Christopher and Ivy soon also discover that their dream walking ability also extends to telepathy; again, something that should not be possible. Some of my favorite dialogue actually takes place during their mind reading. Ivy usually thinks of something that she shouldn't be, and then Christopher is right there to remind her that he can "hear" her. Its often quite comedic.

As Christopher and Ivy start dreaming of and following each other, they finally give into their attraction to each other and get hot and steamy. I felt like their first time together came kind of out of nowhere, but hey, what can you do when the hormones take over? The sex scenes are not overly detailed, drawn out, or too frequent, but Sizemore has a style that works and writes them in such a way that can still get the reader hot under the collar.

In addition to seeing Ivy and Christopher's point of views, we also get the same of the villain and his accomplices. Without giving too much away about who is the primary bad guy, I will say this: the main baddie does not work alone. He has minions to do his bidding, and what I really liked about this is that Sizemore creatively incorporated the use of well known real life sociopaths from the past century – Jack the Ripper, John Wayne Gacy, and Ted Bundy – to portray these minions. While Ivy is hunting the big baddie and his minions, she in turn, is being hunted by them. It makes for a great game of cat and mouse, and vice versa.

I think my primary drawback of this book relates to the lack of information we are provided about some issues. I felt like I finished the book and still had a lot of questions: Why didn't we learn more about Christopher's role as an Enforcer? Can we get more information about Enforcers in general and vampiric law? How will Christopher and Ivy work as a couple when certain "rules" say they shouldn't? Admittedly, I have not read any other books in this series – yet – so it's possible that this information is provided in previous books, and maybe we'll learn more about Ivy and Christopher as a couple in future books. I'm definitely interested in finding out.

Overall, Sizemore writes a great tale about vampire and vampire hunter, and draws the reader quickly into the story. Little is told about either Ivy or Christopher or their lives, and the reader watches their secrets unfold, even until the very end of the book. Well done, Sizemore!!

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### **Rory O'Connor says**

Ivy Bailey is not quite a vampire hunter; she is more of a vampire watcher. She observes vampires to make sure they are keeping themselves in line. If not, she'll report them to Chicago's head vampire. As she is following one particular vampire stalker, she realizes she herself is being stalked – by Vampire Enforcer Christopher Bell. After he captures her and takes her for questioning, they realize more is going on than they thought. There are ritualistic murders, disappearances, and a frightened city. However, both Ivy and Christopher are keeping secrets. Secrets that can affect the outcome of their investigation – and their lives.

Personal Demon by Susan Sizemore is the sixth entry into the Laws of the Blood series. The good news is that they don't have to be read in order. I had no idea it was a series when I jumped into number six and it didn't affect my reading enjoyment. Overall, Personal Demon is an average, but fun read. The plot was entertaining, but nothing remarkable. I guessed the villain about halfway through. The highlight was probably the relationship between Ivy and Christopher. They are two very unique individuals within their respective worlds and watching them get to figure each other out was quite the adventure. If there is a weakness in the story, it is the chapters told from Jack the Ripper's point of view. They just didn't hook me into the story.

Personal Demon is, although average, an urban fantasy novel that will likely entertain you. Did I enjoy this book? Yes. Would I recommend it? Yes. Do I think you'll remember it in six months or rush to pick up the rest of the series? Probably not. The author did leave Ivy and Christopher's story open ended and I would be curious where that goes, so if I saw a sequel to their story I might read it. If you read the blurb and it sounds like something you know you might like, this book is for you. Overall, I still had fun reading it (and that's the point, right?), so it earns a rating of 3 out of 5 stars.

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### **Laura says**

Susan Sizemore has written several books which I have enjoyed so I was thrilled to see a new book by her on the shelves of Barnes and Noble. Out of the stack of books I bought, this was the first one I chose.

I was disappointed. It's been a couple of years since I last read any of the Blood series so I think I've lost a lot of the more subtle nuances of the story. I found the protagonist to be a bit too perfect and Christopher was just too... bossy for my taste.

I don't like it when there is no reason for the two to fall in love. I don't believe in fate so maybe that's the issue. But, really, there was no reason for the two to begin lustng after each other.

I'm going to re-read the series. Maybe I'll like this one more after a review of the seriss.

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## **Trina says**

4.5\*\*

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## **All Things Urban Fantasy says**

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

PERSONAL DEMON is difficult book to review. Not because it's bad, but because it's so average on just about every level. The characters are fine though not really memorable, the plot is descent though nothing that really captivates, and the romance was pretty standard without any real excitement. There was never a scene that compelled me to keep reading, but there wasn't anything that put me off either. It's the kind of book you read because there isn't anything else around. There were a couple revelations about Ivy that were moderately interesting as they had implications on the longevity of the romance, but I wish there had been more.

The villain has several chapters written from his point of view, which may disturb some readers as he briefly discusses what he does to his victims including sexual mutilation. It's not graphic, but it is there. As a demonic Jack the Ripper, you can imagine.

Even though PERSONAL DEMON is the sixth book in the Laws of Blood series, it reads like a complete standalone. I haven't read the previous installments, so there may have been references to past books, but new readers won't ever feel like they missed anything. All in all, it reminded me of a weaker Victoria Nelson novel, but if you enjoy sexier urban fantasy, you might like PERSONAL DEMON.

Sexual Content: Sex scenes. References to rape. References to postmortem sexual mutilation.

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## **Pet says**

DNF at 50%. I don't like abusive men, there is no justification for him terrorizing her and then hurting her for nothing more than asking questions, he felt not one wit of guilt over bruising her, and she rewarded him for that with sex... yeah I was done with that.

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