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Toni Davis's Christmas wish list

1. Springing my best friend from the psych ward.
2. Living somewhere that doesn't have coffins in the basement. Occupied coffins.
3. Finding Mr. Right. Please make him tall, dark, handsome, and alive.

This Christmas isn't so merry for Toni. Her best friend's been locked up in a mental hospital ever since she told the police she was attacked by vampires, and the only way for Toni to get her out is to prove that bloodsuckers really do exist. So she's taken a job as a bodyguard for the Undead, but she gets more than she bargained for, especially when she meets Ian MacPhie, a Scottish rascal looking for Ms. Right.

Although Ian's nearly five centuries old, he looks and acts like a twenty-seven-year-old hunk.

How can a dead man be so damn sexy? Could Mr. Wrong be Mr. Right? One forbidden kiss could lead to an eternity of passion--and all it takes is one moment under the mistletoe . . .

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Muse Here says

This is the one I read first. After zipping through this one (I couldn't put it down!) I quickly found the rest in the series. You don't have to read them in order. She is very good at recapping major events without spoilers. She doesn't summarize past books, like so many other authors and honestly, having read several of the other books now, I don't feel like I was missing anything by reading this one first. The other main characters were briefly introduced, their stories mentioned and that's it. I really enjoyed the way she refers to past books, without really giving you information. It really made me want to go read the other books. And then, when I did read one of those mentioned things, I recognized it as I'm reading it and it makes it even more enjoyable. Very clever and witty throughout. This is my favorite book so far, I'm planning on reading it again as soon as I finish book 4.

Mary Abshire says

This was the first book I read from K. Sparks and I loved it. Love the style of writing. The Scottish words/language made the story more lifelike. Good romance. Good humor. It had a HEA ending. I'd love to read others in the series.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

I freaking love Ian!!!!

Linda says

A racy, entertaining, vampire-fluff escape from your holiday chores!

She couldn't run away from him. She'd be running from her own heart.

All I Want for Christmas is a Vampire by Kerrelyn Sparks is a fun paranormal romp perfect for anytime you crave a light festive read. It's the first book I've ever read by this author. Even though it's the fifth installment in her Love at Stake series, I had no trouble at all enjoying it as a stand alone. This is the story of Scottish vampire Ian MacPhie and Toni Davis.

As the story opens, Toni's best friend is missing. Toni is determined to find her and to clear her name by proving that vampires exist. While searching for evidence, Toni is brutally attacked... by bad vampires.... and then saved by a good vampire presenting her with a quandary. If she exposes the bad vampires, does she also sign a death sentence for the good vampires who have become her friends... including one sweet and sexy kilted warrior who makes her heart race?

Ian is nearly five-hundred-years- old, but, until recently, he appeared to be a fifteen-year-old boy as he was young when turned. He desperately desires to love and be loved, but, until now, women wouldn't take him seriously as he appeared to be a kid. So... he underwent a painful treatment to age him. The results were beyond his expectations, but now he has another problem. How can he find his present-day mate with his fifteenth century values? His friend's solution was to set him up with an online dating service. Ian's efforts at wooing will leave you in stitches as the comical drama that results was better than any soap opera. Through it all, Ian only knows that his true love needs to be his own kind, a vampire. So... why is his new human day-time guard the only one that makes his kilt lift?

These two are a hoot! Toni despises vampires and Ian believes that there's no way that a mortal could be his mate. They are each sweet, caring and loyal. At first, I wanted to knock Toni a few times for her prejudices, but, in the end, they were only hurdles that made Ian jump higher. Besides, Toni wasn't actually prejudiced, she was just innocent and uninformed. I liked both of these characters and, even though I knew from the beginning that love would find a way for them to be together, I thoroughly enjoyed their off-the-wall adventure to reach that inevitable point. I'm still dreaming of a roomful of hunky vampires in Santa suits days after finishing this book.

Following please find a few of my favorite quotes from All I Want for Christmas is a Vampire:

"Yer skirt invites a man's attention. I've seen handkerchiefs that were bigger."

She swung her handbag over her shoulder. "At least I wear underwear under my skirt."

"I hope they're nice since everyone is sure to see them."

"I doona want to be loved because I'm Undead. No more than ye would want to be rejected for being mortal."

Good grief, he'd fallen into his death sleep with a hard-on. Was it possible for a stiff to be that stiff?"

All I Want for Christmas is a perfect quick escape read melding humor, heat and romance with holiday celebrations and Scottish vampires. The heat generated by these two will unquestionably warm up readers on a cold day. If you are seeking a racy, entertaining, vampire-fluff escape from your holiday chores, this tale is for you!

My full review is published at Reading Between the Wines Book Club. Please check it out there:
<http://www.readingbetweenthewinesbook...>

Natasha says

Another winner from Sparks! All I want for Christmas is a Vampire is the fifth novel in the Love At Stake series, and honestly I am really enjoying the series. Sparks really knows how to write a paranormal romance story.

I must admit I was really looking forward to this book after reading The Undead Next Door(book 4). Ian was a reoccurring character throughout the series, and he's been one of my favorites, so I couldn't wait to see him "all grown up" and finding love.

Ian is nearly 5 centuries old, and looked like a 15 year old for all his life. Until recently, when he took a drug

that makes a vampire stay awake during sunlight, but also ages them a year for each day they take it. The process was painful, but it was worth it for Ian to be a man and to find a woman that loved him for himself. Ian is a very likable and now sexy male, I enjoyed his POV and his story.

Toni is a very beautiful woman but life just isn't easy for her. At first I didn't know what to think of Toni, but I easily started to like her. She's strong, tough, and is loyal to those she loves. Anyone would be grateful to have a friend like Toni. If only Toni believed that. She has doubts about herself, when she shouldn't. She's had a sad past, so now she hopes for a better future. Which I don't blame her. Honestly, I really liked her character. She was easy to read along with, not a ditsy girl, or a girl too rough, that is obviously not a read woman with feelings.

Toni and Ian make a great couple. Their chemistry was exciting and their personalities really shone throughout the book. If you are a fan of Lynsay Sands and other Vampire Romance authors, then this is the series for you. Your guaranteed a great, light read, with likable characters and excellent romance. I highly recommend you read this series!

Lisa Sanchez says

Effing hysterical! I laughed throughout the entire book. Kerrelyn Sparks is my hero! Not only does she create wicked shmexi characters, she makes them funny as all get out. Love, love LOVE Ian. There's nothing sexier than a man with an accent. And a Scottish accent? SWOON! Off to buy the rest of the series. Woot!

Sara Kate says

I really enjoyed this one! Very unexpected. This is usually my silly go to series to get some good vampire fluff in my life to have a good laugh. Even though I did laugh....this one felt a bit more serious and I enjoyed the story a lot. Loved Ian (sigh) that Scottish, kilt wearing man just looking for his eternal love. Just melts your heart. The chemistry between him and Toni was present and the ending was super sweet. This totally hit the spot for me today.

Yodamom says

Toni is a human on a mission, she must prove vampires are real to save her friend. Her friend was attacked and left to spew crazies out for all to hear. So Toni the dumb dumb goes back to the same spot to catch some ? Guess what happens... She is attacked ! Shocking isn't it. Duh ! So there she is getting her body chewed and sucked when a kilted god saves her. Oh sure I might have pulled and big idiot move for that savior too so she's forgiven. They give her a choice work for them or have your memory removed. She chooses to keep her memory so she can get her proof. She goes through her days conniving how to catch them on tape, slowly they start to look less evil. One of them young Ian who doesn't look 15 anymore is looking like a prime piece of vampire man wrapped in a soft sexy kilt. He knows she's hiding something so he hunts, she wants proof so she digs, and somehow they end up getting closer. She is snarky and prickly he is patient and busy with his own deal.

Ian, all grown up and hot as can be. Women are drooling, screaming and nearly rioting to grab a date with him when he signs up with a dating website. He thinks a vamp woman would fit best for a life long love, no

humans. Never say never dude. So little Toni the thorn in his side is looking pretty good and smells better. He fights his attraction, she is not for him. But she's the one who gives him kilt lift. Fun, snark, love, fighting, lust and biting. Let the games begin as this vampire series gets underway for another Christmas time ball. Enjoyable, good narration and great pacing with a HEA

Teri says

I think I'm going to stick with 3 stars on this, but I realize that the fact that I did not read any of the previous novels may have affected my enjoyment. I think had I read the others, I would have been more invested in some of the characters than I was.

It took me a bit to get into this, about 20-some odd percent. Toni was the main reason. I didn't like her, not just didn't trust her, but I did not like her. To me bitch does not equal strong. That was irksome. Now, I can understand loathing, I can get distrust, but just plain ol' bitchiness pisses me off. Having said that, she only irritated me for a bit, then I got on with her okay.

Some of the dialogue and situation was bizarre and I wasn't sure if I was supposed to be taking it seriously or if it was some kind of commentary about the state of reality TV or something.

(view spoiler)

Also, I wanted to kill Sabrina...seriously, I wanted someone to take a bite out of her. Bitch.

Now, I did like Carlos, he was tripping me out and I (view spoiler) I hope he gets his own book

Teddy! I hope he gets his own book--I would totally read it!

The other characters, like I said if I had read their books I probably would have been a little more excited to see them...that's my bad

Ian was super adorable! I mean...good lord the accent! And the kilt!

K, so he was probably more like this

But I couldn't pass up the first guy *shrugs*

Anyhoo, he was sweet...now I like my guys (in my novels) a bit rough, the alpha thing works for me, but lately...with historicals especially there is something about the sense of honor...*dreamy sigh*

Parts of this moved kinda slow for me. Some of it was rather predictable. Parts of it were really sweet. There was steam, not much, but some. Not all of the dialogue worked for me, but ya know I'm not really a hearts and flowers kind of girl, so there's that.

Overall, it was okay, I think this is one of those times where the book is fine, it's just not really my kind of book. *shrugs*

Having said that, if Teddy or Carlos get a book (ooh, maybe together?!) I would read it.

TJ says

Before considering the rating of any book, one must consider the book itself and what it sets out to do. This book, and the series "Love At Stake" as a whole, isn't going for deep philosophical meanings in writing. It is just light, enjoyable fun! The plots are entertaining and the characters both humorous and endearing. Ian, the hero/vamp in this book is especially so. He is sweet and lovable, the kind you just want to hug, but also a perfectly capable, potentially lethal warrior. What's not to enjoy? His counterpart, Toni, is just as endearing,

a woman who is loyal but somewhat broken, who is trying to do the right thing by springing her best friend out of an institution for believing in vampires. Nothing heavy, just great, slightly skewed romance!

Louisa says

Fantastic book, fun to read, and I really enjoyed Toni and Ian together, they were a great couple, and I enjoyed how they took on the obstacles in their way!

Fanny says

All I Want For Christmas Is A Vampire es el quinto libro de la serie Love At Stake de Kerrelyn Sparks y tiene como protagonistas a Ian y Toni.

Aun sigo sin saber realmente lo que tiene esta saga para enganchar tanto pero desde que la empecé no he podido parar de leer un libro tras otro.

Reconozco que no son nada del otro mundo pero tienen algo que te hace adicta, además la forma de escribir de la autora es muy ligera, hace que un libro de más de 300 páginas se te pase en un suspiro.

Totalmente recomendado, es perfecto para leer entre lecturas más "serias".

3.5 Estrellas!

Julie (jjmachshev) says

Reviewed for queuemyreview.com; book release Nov08

Humor and romance with just the right amount of heat, that would be my short description of "All I Want for Christmas is a Vampire" by Kerrelyn Sparks. This book is part of her 'Love at Stake' series about vampires in the modern world and I think the series has improved with each book she's written. They're certainly not 'serious reads', but if you're looking for a book that will leave you with a grin, this is a good series to try.

Toni is a woman on a mission. Her best friend and soul sister is currently incarcerated in a psych ward. She was attacked by vampires but nobody (including Toni at first) believed her. Well, being the great friend she is, Toni sets out to prove the existence of vampires. When she herself is attacked by 'bad' vampires and then saved by a 'good' vampire (although she really can't believe there is such a thing as a good vampire), she becomes a believer. She even goes so far as to become a daytime bodyguard for the sleeping vamps! Now if she can just find some proof, she can spring her friend and go back to her normal life.

Ian is nearly 500 years old, but until recently he has resembled the 15-year-old lad he was when he became a vampire. When his boss invented a 'stay-awake' drug for vamps, an unintended side effect was aging one year for every day a vamp spent on the drug. While most vamps would shudder in horror, this was a dream come true for Ian who is truly tired of all the consequences of looking like a youngster. He's ready to find his true love and settle down for an eternity of wedded bliss, with a vampire that is. Because there's no way his

true love could be a human...right?

What a pair! Toni is having a hard time getting over her vicious attack. How could she ever be attracted to a vampire? And poor Ian with his 15th century values can't believe he's having such a hard time finding THE vamp for him. He's so drawn to Toni who has all the qualities he's looking for in a woman...except she's alive. 'Watching' these two come together is better than any soap opera. Ian's efforts at wooing will have you in stitches. Especially once his friend helps him out by putting his information in an online dating service! Hilarity ensues. But these two are actually perfect for each other. They just need to get over their prejudices and realize that there are good and bad in every race and every situation...finding the good just takes more work. Too true.

There are really only two things that relate to the Christmas referenced in the title, other than the time of year the book is set. A party full of male vamps in Santa suits is one, and I don't want to give away the other although it will have you saying, "Awww, that's so sweet." Probably one of the most creative uses of Santa and Christmas I've read in a humorous romance.

"All I Want for Christmas is a Vampire" is a book to read on a cold day, beside a warm fire, with a glass of your favorite beverage by your side. The heat generated by this pair of lovers will warm you up a bit, and the interplay between them will keep you laughing. Kerrelyn Sparks will give you a few hours of escape from your holiday chores with this sparkling tale.

Barb says

This book was very good. I was the first book I've read by Kerrelyn Sparks but it won't be the last. The characters of Toni and Ian seemed destined to be together from the start of the book. But it was not predictable by any means. The true natures of Carlos and Howard were totally unexpected to me as I read the book. I liked the fact that it wasn't just a love story. It also had humor adventure and action in the story. I would highly recommend it.

Samantha (Book Lover's Cozy Cafe) says

this is by far my favorite of the series, I just Love Ian, i'm so glad he got his HEA! Toni's friend Sabrina, gosh I wanted to smack her quite a few times, I hope she grows out of her animosity. Carlos I knew, just knew something was different about him.

This series is turning out to be really good, I think I've enjoyed all but the second book of this series. I cannot wait to read more of it. It's becoming highly addictive to me.
