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Unearthly Beauty There's something strange about the new girls in town. Briar Creek, Oregon, has never seen anything like the supernatural grace of Rowan, Kestrel, and Jade, three sisters who move into the dilapidated old house next to Mark and Mary-Lynnette Carter. Mark is obsessed with Jade-- but she and her sisters have a secret. And when Mark and Mary-Lynnette follow them into the woods one night, they are plunged into a nightmare beyond their imagination. Because the sisters are fugitives from the Night World, and their brother Ash is hot on the trail behind them. He's ruthless, gorgeous, and he has orders to bring the girls back at all costs. And when he sees Mary-Lynette, he decides to take her too...

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Lissa Smith Reads'~Bookaholics Bookshelf Reviews says

4 Stars:

The mystery element of the book is pretty interesting. The three sisters are intriguing, and Ash, who was introduced in the first book, does a turnabout and becomes a guy any girl would want to marry.

Among some of my favorites. Outstanding literary work. The characters are well developed, interesting. The liked characters are likable and the hated are unlikable. The writing is captivating enough to keep you interested until the end and leave you wanting more. It has a fairly original or uniquely well-developed plot. The pretense and romance were well balanced and done with properly distributed amounts of hints, behaviors, and chemistry. Not so much predictable if at all. ***Overall, loved it, I recommend reading!!***

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Kushnuma says

Ash totally reminds me of Damon from The Vampire Diaries and every time I read this book, I fall in love with Ash even more.

Evelina says

Jade said ungratefully, squirming. "I may have to fight." She wriggled out of his arms and faced the bushes again. "Stay behind me."

Okay, so she is crazy. I don't care. I think I love her.

Astoria says

What I like about this book, is the fact that Mary-Lynnette, actually has a choice, she could've made everything perfect and easy for Ash and stay with him, next to him, for eternity, but she decides she can not do with that kind of live.

Ash was such a jerk on "Secret Vampire", and I honestly hated him then, but He was just so different and he is the guy that will make sure he is worthy of the girl - because of himself, and who he was before. I honestly

loved him here. Mary is strong, and not so delicate. L. J. Smith has this thing going on (which is amazing), and all of her leading characters are females. SO this vampires do feed on humans. and Mary has a life out side of her soulmate. Mary loves the stars, and that is how Ash plans to convince her of becoming a Night World person.

Honistie says

As an adult reader I gave this a 2 star because some things were not very logical. The story was well written and as a teen I think I would have given it a 4 maybe even a 5. I would not mind letting my children read this book as the love relationships are based on emotions rather than physical appearance. The relationship between the characters are healthy, for example they do not have the male stalking the female or the female saying she is going to die without the male. Yes that is a comparison to the Twilight series, but this series was written long before Twilight was thought of.

The parts I did not find logical is the fact the vampire girls were not going to use any of the powers in the new town they moved too. Why not? I get that they did not want to kill their food (people) but why not talk to each other telepathically. What is the point of not doing that? No one would have known they were doing that. Vampires are stronger than people and one girl had a hard time doing a task a human could do without a problem. Another thing that bothered me about this book is Poppy and James are not in this book. There was a thought of them for a second but I would have liked something to let me know how they were doing. Is Poppy still an illegal vampire? Did her dad except them and her living dead situation? I mean so many unanswered questions.

Domika says

Hlavními hrdinkami jsou t?i sestry s podivnými jmény – Je?abina, Poštolka a Nefrit. Všechny jsou upírky, ale protože se jim nelíbí zákony ?íše temnoty, které ur?ují, jak se mají chovat, koho si vzít a protože navíc necht?í pít lidskou krev (další upí?i vegetariáni!), ute?ou na venkov za prateti?kou Opal. Za sestrami je poslán jejich bratr Ash, který má za úkol je p?ivést zp?t.

P?i návšt?v? pratety Opal sestry zjistí, že ji n?kdo zabil a rozhodnou se její t?lo v pytli ukryt. Pomocí dalekohledu si jich ale všimne Mary Lynnette a rozhodne se zjistit, co dívky ve stodole ukryly. Když je navštíví, její bratr Mark se zamiluje do Nefrit – jsou sp?ízn?né duše. Mary p?i prohledávání nic nezjistí, ale je ochotna se jen tak nevzdat. Jakmile uvidí, že sestry záhadný pytel p?emis?ují, vydá se s bratrem za nimi. Protože odhalí vraždu teti?ky Opal a d?v?ata je necht?í zabít, rozhodnou se je „zakrvit“ a ?íct jim vše o ?íši temnot. To už ale p?ichází Ash, který se zamiluje do Mary. Všichni te? ?elí velkému nebezpe?í. Kdo nebo co, zabil teti?ku Opal? Je to n?jaký upír? N?kdo, kdo se jim mstí?

„Nemáme na výb?r. Musíme je zabít.“

Po p?e?tení prvního dílu jsem se opravdu moc t?šila na druhý. Musím ?íct, že tento díl se mi líbil víc.

Mary mi jako hlavní postava p?išla velmi sympathetic, a?koliv jsem n?kdy p?emýšlela nad tím, jestli má v?bec n?jaký pud sebezáchovy, když upírkám dávala jasn? najevo, že ví o jejich "vražd?".

Líbil se mi vývoj jejího vztahu s Ashem. Ash, ten je naprosto dokonalý. V prvním díle se mi ale v?bec nelíbil, ovšem tady, byl naprosto skv?lý. Jeho hádání, narážky a poš?uchování s Mary se mi líbilo. Dokonce obdivuji Mary, že mu hned nepadla k nohám, ale držela si odstup, protože já bych to prost? nedokázala... K upírkám Je?abin?, Poštolce a Nefrit mám neutrální vztah. V knize vyskytovaly velmi ?asto, ale v?tšinou v pozadí a nijak m? neoslovily.

N?co takového nikdy k žádnému klukovi necítila.

D?j plynul velmi rychle a ?etla jsem ho jedním dechem. Dlouho jsem p?emýšlela, kdo zavraždil pratetu Opal a musím p?iznat, že m? autorka dokázala na konci knihy zmást, proto bylo pro m? rozuzlení celého p?íb?hu velkým p?ekvapením.

Autor?in styl psaní se mi líbí. Dokáže skv?le vystihnout a popsat prost?edí i pocity postav. Dokonce i popis upí?, kte?í se nesho?í na slunci, jí ?esnek a vadí jim pouze d?evo.

Druhý díl ?íše temnot se mi líbil víc než ten první. Knihu ur?it? doporu?uji, protože tato série vypadá opravdu slibn? a mnohem lépe než Upí?í deníky. Knize dávám zasloužených 5/5.

Amy says

(Im a spoiler(and 'spoiler' is just an understatement)!!..Beware)

-PERSPECTIVE OF Mary-Lynnette..Mark..Jade..and Ash- Three runaway vampire sisters of Ash.Finding a new life in a small town of humans.And love.

Ending: Mark and Jade are still dating.Everyone vampire are still vampires.humans are still humans.Ash has to go back to the island to talk to his dad but he'll come back the next year for Mary.

Characters:

Rowan: vampire..but part witch,Ash's sister,oldest of the three sisters(not including Ash),nineteen,tall,slim,stately,gentle,has cinnamon-brown eyes and warm brown hair that cascaded down her back in waves,blossomy skin,does a blood-tie ceremony with Mark and Mary(which will make them families forever with the three sisters)..so they wont betray the 3 vamp sisters,broke NightWorld law by telling Mark and Mary,went to find jeremy and find out more about him.

Kestrel: vampire..but part witch,Ash's sister,middle child out of the three sisters(not including Ash),seventeen and has hair the color of old gold sweeping back from her face,eyes were amber and hawklike,milky skin,never gentle,goes to Dewitt High School,does a blood-tie ceremony with Mark and Mary(which will make them families forever with the three sisters)..so they wont betray the 3 vamp sisters,broke NightWorld law by telling Mark and Mary,went to find jeremy and find out more about him.

Jade Redfern: vampire..but part witch,Ash's sister,youngest of the three sisters(not including Ash),sixteen,hiplength white-blond hair and green eyes,goes to Dewitt High School,likes MArk back,had to tell Mark and Mary the truth about what she and her sisters are when they followed her into the woods and found them feeding on a deer,does a blood-tie ceremony with Mark and Mary(which will make them families forever with the three sisters)..so they wont betray the 3 vamp sisters,breaks every NightWorld law

by telling Mark and Mary..and also falling in love with a human,went to find jeremy and find out more about him.

Tiggy: Jade's cat,golden eyes and black fur.

Ash: vampire..but part witch,the brother of Rowan..Kestrel..and Jade,bad,eighteen, knows his sisters ran away and came to find them with Quinn,ash blond-hair,tilted color-changing eyes,was talking to Claudine,lanky and elegant,deancut features,Mrs. Burdock's great-nephew,trying to control Mary's mind(failed),walked into Mary and got a astronomy lesson(he saw stars no human could see cause they're far away and that gave Mary the idea he's not the same as humans),belongs to one of the dubs(Black Flower),helps his three sisters..and Mary&Mark find out who killed Aunt Opal,cares about Mary b/c he knows Mary is his soul-mate,went to find jeremy and find out more about him,goes stargazing with Mary(but they went walking instead),during the walk he sugested she kiss him(she did b/c she saw how he changed so much the last few days),was going to turn Mary into a vampire(but she wasnt ready),whenever touching Mary..he feels a shock(that tells them they're soul-mates),got hit with a club while with Mary in a isolated place and was knocked unconscious,when Quinn came..Ash lied to him about ash killing aunt opal and jeremy..and that the girls wanted to stay at that area for hunting,leaves at the end to go back to the island..but is coming back to mary the next year.

Quinn: helps Ash find the sisters,eighteen,made-vampire,extremely powerful telepath,had a heart like a glacier and he despised humans.

Mrs. Burdock/Aunt Opal: vampire,lives in an old Victorian farmhouse,great-aunt of Rowan..Kestrel..Jade.. and Ash,letting her nieces live with her,forgot to pick up her three nieces(causing them to get a ride with 2 strangers..Todd and Vic), skin was like leather: yellow-brown..hard..smooth..and almost shinny,bald,was found by Jade in the cellar dead with a stake through her chest,got buried in the backyard with Jade's two dead kittens.

Unde Hodge: told a human about the NightWorld and got staked while alive.

Mary-Lynnette Carter: human,Mark's sister,dark black shinny hair,tan,a year and a half older than Mark,interested in astronomy,when saw a jupiter(thought it was a star)..wished for romance for both her and Mark,seventeen-year-old,spied on the three vampires burying mrs.burdock,gets suspicious and makes Mark go with her over to Mrs.Burdock's house to check out whats going on,senior,goes to Dewitt High School,kicked Ash in the shin when he touched her and she felt a electricity buzz,trys to find Todd and Vic(she thinks they're part of the events the vampire girls were in),went to the garden to dig up the hole to find the body(but she was interupted by a noise and ran into the farmhouse..only to find her brother),follows the three vamp sisters when she and mark saw them carrying a black bag into the woods,saw the three vamps girl feed on a dear in the woods(found out they were vampires),became a tinnie bit vamp(b/c of the blood-tie ceremony) for a few days(since it wears off..but if she gets bitten again in the meanwhile by a vamp she'll turn into one forever),likes Ash(but doesnt know it),barely found out what the black-symbols means and remembers Jeremy wearing one,went to find jeremy and find out more about him,goes stargazing with Ash,Ash's soul-mate(but they went walking instead),kissed Ash for the first time during that walk,wanted Ash to turn her into a vampire(but she wasnt ready so he didnt),got tied up by jeremy while ash was unconscious,dreamed of white sharp teeth a few days back(and found out it was Jeremy she was dreaming about),saved Ash from jeremy by getting silver from her car(the knife) and killing Jeremy.

Mark: human,Mary-Lynnette's brother,clear blue snapping eyes,dark black shinny hair,tan,junior,interested in astronomy,when saw a jupiter(thought it was a star)..wished for excitment in his small town,shy,not shy in

front of Jade(likes her),goes to Dewitt High School,follows the three vamp sisters into the woods with mary,saw the three vamps girl feed on a deer in the woods(found out they were vampires),became a tinnie bit vamp(b/c of the blood-tie ceremony) for a few days(since it wears off..but if she gets bitten again in the meanwhile by a vamp she'll turn into one forever),went to find jeremy and find out more about him,doesn't become a vampire but is still dating Jade.

Ben: Mark's friend.

Mr.Carter: Mary and Ben's dad,married.

Claudine: Mark's and Mary's stepmother,Belgian and very pretty..with curly dark hair and sparkling-dark eyes,ten years older than MaryLynnette.

Vic Kimble: seemed to be about Rowan's age,deeply tan,blond hair and dirty,was with Todd when seeing the three vampire sisters needing a ride..and offered them one,wanted to rape the three sisters(which resulted with him being fed on but not dying..just getting brainwashed).

Todd Akers: seemed to be about Rowan's age,deeply tan,brown hair,was with Vic when seeing the three vampire sisters needing a ride..and offered them one,wanted to rape the three sisters(which resulted with him being fed on but not dying..just getting brainwashed).

Sheriff Akers: Todd's father,cop.

Bunny Marten: pretty, with soft short blond hair,round..dimpled face,blue eyes,works at Briar Creek general store,senior,was hitting on Ash when he was with Mary..Mark..and the 3 sisters trying to find jeremy,uses the same kind of wood that the goat was killed with(so shes one of Mary's suspects).

Jeremy Lovett: Mary's crush,human,brown hair,tall,brown eyes with heavy lashes,a loner(he doesn't go out with girls),parents had died in Medford when he was just a baby,nice,works at the gas station,lives alone(parents died and his uncle dissapeared) in the woods,always wears a black ring(it has one of the NightWorld symbols on it..a black Foxglove),a werewolf,likes Mary,knocked Ash unconscious and tied Mary up after their walk(so he can kill Ash and so Mary won't get in the way..reason: he wanted the area all to himself..as in deer,etc),was the one who killed Aunt Opal(he lost his temper when she said her three vamp nieces were coming into his territory),died.

Ethyl: one of Aunt Opal's goats,pure white,with a sweet face and a broad forehead,got staked by a person(the same one that staked Opal),had a black-eye symbol in her mouth.

Crane Linden: vampire,very kind,has mental problems(he can't read),usually sends mail from the island to aunt opal,helped the 3 vamp girls run away off the island.

James Rasmussen: born-vampire(lamia),Poppy's soulmate.

Poppy: made-vampire,jame's soulmate.

Facts:

- After the blood-tie ceremony,if you're a human,you turn a tiny bit vamp..but it wears off in a few days.BUT if you get bitten in the meantime..you stay vamp forever.
- Danger to different kinds of species: Silver for werewolves,iron for witches ... And wood for vampires.

- Soulmates can read each other's minds without even trying. You can't pick your soul-mate..it can be someone you hate.
- Symbol of flowers: Witches use black dahlias, werewolves use black foxglove, made vampires use black roses.
- There's a chain of dubs called the Black Iris.

Natalia says

Navah I agreed with you WHOLEHEARTEDLY about this book!!

Twilight is a good book I think, and I DID enjoy that saga...but Ash Redfern and Mary-Lynnette Carter are the ULTIMATE couple, like Romeo and Juliet and Angel and Buffy.

5 Stars.

Because...

This happens to be the ULTIMATE book ever!!

Best book in the whole world.

;)

Natalia

x

Kimberley doruyter says

a 180 turn around of a character not as interesting as you would think.

Heather says

This was probably my favorite of the Night World series. I just really liked that Ash HATED humans, but then much to his horror, he found his soul mate in... A HUMAN, and I just loved how he couldn't fight that no matter how much he may have wanted to. And for a refreshing change, I liked that they didn't just "walk away into the sunset" at the end. These aren't the most spectacular, "blow you away" stories, and it's been a few years since I've read this one. I just know the way it made me feel when reading it, and I've never found other books to compare with it! They have a unique "soul mate" factor that I've not found in any other book (not the way this is done).

Sakura Koneko says

After reading the first book in the Night World series I didn't really know what to expect from the second one, but I was happy when it turned out to be about vampires as well.

Reading this book, I was surprised to see a character from the first book in it now acting as a main character. This is something that I find to be very creative of the author. Especially taking into consideration what an impact the events in this book have on that character's attitude and life. A character who is troublesome for someone in the first book suddenly gets placed in the same shoes as that person, a 'taste of their own

medicine' so to speak, it's very fitting.

Amanda says

I think had I read this book in my teens I would have really liked it but I felt it was a little too YA for me.

Lucy says

I just reread this book, and I remember now why I liked these so much in high school. These books have everything right about them that is wrong with Twilight. For one, it's over three quarters shorter. But that's just for starters.

Briar Creek is just about the quietest town imaginable, so when Mrs. Burdock's nieces, Rowan, Kestrel and Jade Redfern, move in next door, Mary-Lynnette and her brother Mark are obviously intrigued. They have good reason to be. The Redfern sisters aren't just beautiful, they're strange. Different. The Redfern sisters also happen to be vampires on the run, being stalked by their older brother, Ash.

The reason these books are so much better than Twilight is partially because of the women. Mary-Lynnette has personality. She has character, and not just because the author wants us to know that she's interesting. Mary-Lynnette has *interests*.

Much like Edward and Bella, Mary-Lynnette has an instant connection that she doesn't understand with a vampire--Ash--and also like Edward and Bella, Mary-Lynnette and Ash both at first try to keep apart from each other. But unlike Edward and Bella, we know their reasons, and they actually make sense. We see them change their minds about each other, and we understand why. We see them grow together over the course of this short book, and it makes sense.

Ash is hot, of course, but Mary-Lynnette sees right through that. She's too prickly for that.

She wasn't impressed by good looks unless they were the thin, brown, and interesting kind...Gorgeous guys--guys who looked like big ash-blond cats--didn't have any reason to develop their minds. They were self-absorbed and vain. With IQs barely high enough to keep a seat warm.

Mary-Lynnette never falls for Ash because he's a hottie. She is eventually won over by him because of his character, because of parts of who he is--who he *really* is--that show themselves to her.

And, not to mention, this short little book has a lovely bit of female friendship, between Mary-Lynnette and Rowan. Not to mention the sisterly bond between the three different, but strong and interesting each in their own way sisters.

This book isn't deep by any stretch of the imagination, but it is a fun fast read. It's what Twilight wishes it could be. I suppose a hundred thousand teenage girls can't be wrong, but I wish I could put the books in this series in their hands instead. They're just so much better on every level.

Javier Galíndez says

Tenía cierto miedo de volver a leer algo de vampiros y que no me gustara. Sí, así es, luego de Twilight no volví a tocar un libro de vampiros. Sí había tocado uno que otro de The Vampire Diaries pero por encima; para mantenerme al tanto. Hijas de la noche llega a mi y la verdad que me ha dejado con ganas de más.

Tres hermanas vampiras huyen de una sociedad secreta donde todas las criaturas que una vez creímos ficticias (Vampiros, Hombres Lobo, Brujas y Cambiantes) viven en sana armonía bajo ciertas leyes algo jocosas, el Night World. Ningún ser puede relacionarse con los humanos, a excepción de los Vampiros porque necesitan alimentarse de ellos. Incluso, los humanos se consideran como *chusmas*.

Rowan, Krestel y Jade, las tres hermanas, deciden irse con su tía Opal (también vampira) a vivir en un pueblo donde relacionarse con humanos es el pan de cada día. Ahora, los Antiguos consideran esto romper las reglas porque ponen en peligro el secreto del Night World.

Ash, hermano de Rowan, Krestel y Jade; se pone en marcha para perseguir a sus hermanas y hacerlas volver ante que los Antiguos tomen el caso en sus manos.

Aquí es donde nuestros queridos humanos entran en juego, Mary-Linette concentrada en una noche de observar las estrellas, observa que tres seres están en el rancho de la señora Opal enterrando algo envuelto en bolsas para basura.

Todo el misterio se desata y Mary-Linette empieza una investigación junto con su hermano Mark, para saber que esconden estas tres chicas.

"—¿No os parece odioso todo esto? —decía en aquellos momentos Mark—. Uno conoce a una chica y ésta parece muy agradable y uno se lo cuenta a todos sus amigos y luego antes de que te des cuenta ella resulta ser una vampira. ¿No odiáis cuando sucede eso?"

Lo que ninguno sabe es que entre ellos encontrarán a su alma gemela, y eso coloca en tela de juicio si seguir cumpliendo las reglas o romperlas.

El peligro los asecha, (view spoiler).

*"—Suéltame —replicó Jade con ingratitud, retorciéndose—. Puede que tenga que pelear. —Se escabulló de sus brazos y entonces volvió a girarse de cara a los matorrales—. Quédate detrás de mí.
Muy bien: está loca. Pero no me importa. Creo que la amo."*

Del libro lo que más me ha encantado es la decisión y valentía de Mary, no se dejó llevar a la primera por el chico que le prometía vivir a su lado por toda la eternidad. Me gustado un mundo el hecho que le gustara las estrellas y todo el misterio del basto universo.

Necesito el segundo pero ¡de inmediato!

Connie says

Source: I own a bind up of books 1, 2 and 3 in this series.

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Author: LJ Smith

Overall Rating: 4 stars

This one is my favourite for sure, I loved the family element of it. I really love how the sisters stuck together throughout this one, and I want to know more about Ash! I really did like how this was an almost separate story from the previous one but set within the same world.
