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Maria says

I've never been a big fan of vampire literature, but I found LENGTHS FOR LOVE interesting and even moving. Ian is a dedicated boyfriend who will do anything for his girlfriend. When Alexis learns she has cancer and asks to visit a Vamporium, Ian agrees to take off a semester of college to accompany her. At the Vamporium, Alexis learns more about herself and her love for Ian and makes her ultimate decision. Unlike other vampire novels I've read, this has a plot that goes far deeper than just biting or lust. This is an enjoyable novel that will keep you turning the pages.

Brian O'Hare says

Where are the real Vampires?

The Kindle library is chock full of vampire stories. I never would have chosen to read one; they couldn't be further from my normal fare of mysteries and thrillers. But I was given a copy of 'Lengths for Love' by CS Patra and thought I'd give it a try.

The problem for me (and this is not the fault of CS Patra) is that the modern take on vampires, seen in films like the Twilight movies and television series like The Vampire Diaries, have so seriously corrupted the original vampire myth that Bram Stoker must be resting very uneasily in his grave. Vampires who walk in the sun, who drink coffee and eat normal food, who feel human emotions, who fall in love with humans, who experience all sorts of decent impulses...it is hard to accept that they are vampires at all. Vampires are essentially evil demons, devoid of conscience or any good impulse, who take over a dead human body to inhabit our world, who have an uncontrollable need to kill humans and drink their blood. Who or what is this new breed of creature we meet in today's literature?

CS Patra does a decent job with the genre as she understands it. The writing is fast paced from the outset. Short punchy sentences, simple language and an ever-present sense of urgency keep the reader breathlessly turning pages as if afraid of being left behind the writer. Patra offers an original story and follows its logic with flair and imagination. The characters are believable (as people, not so much as vampires) and although the two principals, Vince and Ian behave like silly schoolboys much of the time instead of rational adults, the story bowls along at a steady pace. Given these decent story elements, I think the book deserves the four stars I have given it.

But for me, a vampire story should possess a steady growth of tension, a bringing of the reader to a state where the hair begins to crawl on the back of his neck, to where he is primed to jump at the slightest new shock. This book did not do that. Maybe it wasn't meant to. But any possible rise in tension was too often interrupted by the petty squabbles and gormless fisticuffs between Vince and Ian. Credibility was hampered by the kinds of inferior and demeaning roles played by the real vampires in the Vamporium. And belief was stretched to its limits when a shard of glass "slipped" from a character's hand during a climactic scene and suddenly acquired enough force to penetrate deeply and fatally into the abdomen of another character.

For the modern readers of vampire stories, however, I have to assume that there is much here to hold their interest. There are a couple of love strands, the usual triangles, and a constant concern for a young girl dying of cancer who believes her only hope is to be "turned". What is going to happen to her? And I have to admit that the shock ending did cause me a sudden intake of breath. For that alone, it is worth the reader's time to read through until the end.

Ryshia Kennie says

What is a guy do when the girl he loves is dying of cancer? Accompany her to a vampire colony of course so that he can support her as she makes her dying wish come true. She will avoid death by becoming one of the undead. In a story that has as many unique twists as a reader could ask for, the author takes us through the world of the undead as viewed by the very alive boyfriend. While I would have liked to have delved deeper into the central characters, seen more of the girlfriend and more of the couple together, Lengths for Love was an enjoyable read. I especially loved the idea of a commune of vampires with a host of problems you never expect. Look forward to more from this author.

Scott Spotson says

"Some people would do anything for love." Well, to a certain extent.

The story seems incredulous. I loved the beginning, where a quirky girlfriends devours books, movies, and articles on vampires, and her boyfriend isn't a fan, but eagerly adopts her interests because he loves her.

The problem is that the girlfriend then adopts her love of vampires as a solution to an incurable medical condition that she develops. And there are plenty of creepy warning signs for the boyfriend as they end up in a "vampire house" in Austria. It was quite hard to believe that the boyfriend continued to stay there, and witness and hear of more brutal occurrences, yet not try to leave with her during the beginning days.

This book is certainly different. But I had a hard time connecting. If it was presented as a spoof or a comedy, or the boyfriend was secretly a vampire, or if it was presented as an alternate universe, I could understand it. But the boyfriend is presented as a rational human being in today's world. I'm not sure anyone can be like that.

Back to the issue, "Some people would do anything for love." What if the suggested remedy was worse than the medical condition? Would one want to lose her own soul to attain immortality? Or, what if the boyfriend heard evidence that the proposed transformation would effectively ruin the girlfriend's connection to her usual life? Sometimes loving someone means taking a strong stand against what they want, if you know it to be fundamentally wrong for that loved one.

Carol Fleisher says

About the Book:

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My Thoughts about the Book:

I am a fan of vampire books, however I had a hard time reading this book. I could not make an emotional connection with the story. It simply did not hold my interest.

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Author Bio:

CS Patra has been writing for a long time and has been doing it since she was young. This is her latest book but certainly not going to be her last. Her next book is currently in the works. In addition to writing, she is also fond of painting and making jewelry. She currently lives in North Carolina with her family. You can check her out on Twitter (@CyberPeacock) and her Facebook page:

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Jennifer Pittman says

I haven't really been reading much books about vampires in the past year. I really enjoyed Lengths for Love. It is a slow paced story that follows Ian on his trip to Vienna to support his dying girlfriend. It's not a very long book, but you do get the sense of knowing Ian. Lengths for Love is not a book that is going to make you cry or let you feel the emotions of the character.

I think the book would have been better with maybe more action in it. For a bit it was a slow going process to read. Parts would pick up. I would have liked to have a bit more of a background on the other characters.

If you like vampire books, and looking for a short read, definitely check out Lengths for Love.
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Susan says

CS Patra pens "Lengths for Love" in an original plot that had plenty of twists and turns that kept me guessing through the end. Her characters had great chemistry between them and kept it interesting but I found the ending to be a bit abrupt and I wish it had gone on just a bit more...but that's my opinion and you will need to read the book to decide for yourself. A must read for all vampire lovers.

This review is based on a complimentary copy from the author which was provided for an honest review.

Dasc says

Lengths for Love

Cithara Patra is an author with a vivid imagination. In Patra's action-packed story, *Lengths for Love*, a vampire story is told with a new twist.

Alexis Cloud has been long been consumed by vampire stories, movies, and books. Her very patient, and incredibly dedicated boyfriend, Ian Choi, has long tolerated her obsession. When the pair is ultimately presented with a life or death challenge, Ian decides that he will indulge his girlfriend's fixation and travel to a country where vampires live.

During their overseas struggle for survival, the pair meets up with many interesting characters. One of them, Vince, is cruel, and yet kind, and others, like Kristine and Jenny, are dangerous, yet also sweet. The challenge for physical survival is paralleled by the couple's struggle for the survival of their relationship. However, everything is not as it seems in Patra's world where vampires are alive.

I enjoyed Cithara Patra's *Lengths for Love*. It exposes both the strength as well as the frailty of the human spirit, as the characters fight for life, itself. The book is action-packed and although it deals with the concept of death, it is not overly dark or depressing in mood. The focus is on the struggle for life, for understanding of oneself as well as others, and how one fits into the world, as well as a search for what is true and what is real.

If you want to have a totally different encounter with vampires, this book is a must-read.
