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## Awakening Details

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## Reads & Reels says

Awakening does not read like a debut novel. The writing is rich in history and culture and the plot is enthralling. As I mentioned before, I'm a purist when it comes to vampire mythology and having the story take place in Romania made the story that much more appealing to me. I love how well researched this book was. Adding elements of historical fact and culture adds a much desired sense of realism to the story and for me that is important. It may be fantasy, but it still has to make a certain degree of sense to hold my interest.

Having two concurrent storylines is no easy feat, even for a veteran writer, but Rice pulls it off with ease. Flipping from modern New York to ancient Romania makes for interesting comparisons and I really enjoyed that.

Awakening was a pleasure to read. It was thrilling, suspenseful and the characters were wonderful. It is beautifully written and highly entertaining. I'm really looking forward to reading book #2. I hesitate to compare Rice's writing style to another Rice, whose epic novels made me first fall in love with vampires, but it does have the same flavour. Give Tiera Rice a few more years to season her craft and you just never know.

Rating...A

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## Pegboard says

Anastasia has a vision that she is running away from attackers through the woods. It always ends with her being shot with a silver arrow. As a Vampyre, this causes excruciating pain as it burns through flesh and bone, preventing her from healing.

Many centuries later, Nadia starts having the same dream as she awakens into a Vampyre around her nineteenth birthday. Her mother can't find the words to tell Nadia she has the essence of one who is destined to overcome the Order of the Dragon. Nadia stumbles through the best she can through her dreams and hints given by Nicolae.

This book is both magical and mysterious as two sides of the Vampyre war against the livelihood of humans. The One is sent to protect and save humanity from destruction, but keeping her safe until her time to overthrow her brother proves to be a continual constant battle.

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## Nancy (The Avid Reader) says

Strange things are happening to Nadia who lives in New York, 2015. She is starting to have blackouts and not remembering what she did or how she ended up in the places where she wakes up. Nadia starts having some strange cravings ones that she wants no part of but eventually has no choice when her body takes over and she has one of her blackouts. Nadia tries to hide a lot of what is going from her friends but she does try to get her mother to explain to her what is happening to her but her mom is reluctant to tell her anything. Nadia starts to have vision/nightmares that are very frightening and ones that she doesn't understand.

In 1480 Wallachia Antanasia is a Vampyre Witch that was born into war and has to fight her own kind; her own blood. Antanasia has a vision that she hopes to keep from coming true. Antanasia loves her mother and her boyfriend both very much and will do whatever it takes to keep them both alive. Will she succeed or will she end up losing one of them? Can she save them both? Will one of them die? What will happen to Antanasia and her people? Will they survive the war? Or will Antanasia die trying to keep her vision from coming true?

While I saw the ending coming I didn't picture it quite the way it unfolded. Awakening: Bloodline is filled with lots of intriguing and suspenseful adventure. A story of two young women who take you on more than one journey and leave you wanting more. I highly recommend Awakening: Bloodline to anyone who loves a good vampire novel.

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### **Katherine Paschal says**

Told through alternating viewpoint is the story of Antanasia who was a vampire hybrid from hundreds of years ago and Nadia, a modern teen who has some strange things occur on her 19th birthday. How these two are connected is a mystery that Nadia desperately wants to uncover.

I will admit that I was originally lured in by the pretty cover- I absolutely love image used, with the two girl's faces blending into each other. Once I saw the cover, I knew I had to read the book. I found the story to be interesting, but really nothing like I had originally expected. I was expecting more a modern paranormal teen book, but instead this was more of a historical fantasy mixed with a modern story. The plot dealt with vampires, magic, war, secret societies, soulmates, death, murder, lies, and rebirth- a little bit of everything swirled together to create a new unique story.

The chapters alternated viewpoints and timelines, switching from Nadia in the present to Antanasia in the past. I was definitely more invested in Nadia as a character since she was more relatable and realistic to me. I thought the back story was important to the overall story and full of vivid images and history, but I was not really very interested in the characters, I just read the chapters to get back to Nadia and the mess that her life turned into. I did find it really interesting how the two eventually ended up being connected and the turns the story took. I am not sure how I feel about Nic and his role in both the past and present, but I guess I will have to wait and see

While Nadia was 19, this was not really at all a teen book but very much so an adult story due to content and the characters. I found this to be an interesting read, at times a little slow and slightly confusing, but overall a solid first book a new series as well as a great first book for the author.

I received this title in return for my honest review.

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## **Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says**

Awakening: Bloodline is a story of two parts - one is told by Nadia, who has just celebrated her 19th birthday in the present day. The other is told by Ananstasia in the past. They are one and the same, but it all becomes clear as the story progresses. Nadia has her friends and mother, but her life is changing and she doesn't know who she can speak to. New characters appear in her life, and she doesn't know what to do with them either.

This is a fast-paced story, full of promise. I would say that although this is very well written, this book is more of laying down the groundwork for future books. It shows the relationships that Nadia/Ananstasia have, their enemies, their friends. Nadia suddenly has these abilities, but has no idea what to do with them. She also doesn't know who is "good" and "bad". It does end on a cliffhanger, but the surprise given wasn't really a surprise, as the details given in the book sort of gave it away.

This is an intriguing book, and I loved reading it from both points of view. I can't wait to read more and find out what happened to the other characters in the time from Ananstasia to Nadia. Definitely recommended by me.

\* A copy of this book was provided to me with no requirements for a review. I voluntarily read this book, and my comments here are my honest opinion. \*

Merissa

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## **Ingrid Thomas says**

It has a very interesting story line, with an original plot. The story is told on two points of view of the same person in different ages.... Sounds confusing!?? Well just a little and only in the beginning. So let's start there.

We have two heroines, different dates, 1480 and today. The story is told alternating dates and heroines.

In 1480 we have a princess vampyre aware of who she is and of her powers, as her place in the world, on the other hand we have a present day we have a just turned 19 year old girl just awakening into who she really is.

The story really is interesting, but the dynamics on the present day did nothing for me. While in 1480 the princess Anastasia is a strong willed fun woman with a purpose, her story is clear and interesting, with Nadia on the present day it's just the narrative of her day and what she did.

While Anastasia is constantly educated to fully become who she is supposed to be, she lives a full life. And Nadia, sadly only knows she comes from a line of witches. So while she is going through her awakening, she knows nothing, and is reluctant to ask her mother. So we have a blundering naive girl thinking she is going crazy, and suddenly finding out she can fight, and has superhuman strength oh and by the way she also drinks blood.

Anastasia knows perfectly well who her enemies are, well... ok, not perfectly because we do get a little

surprise almost at the end, but Nadia suddenly is hounded by who knows who, and finds herself having visions, that look a lot like memories instead of visions.

So as you can see, the story is really interesting, I will definitely read the second book, because it part of a series, This first book is where all the bases are set, and the pieces start to move. So I'm very interested in reading the next book ant to see where all is going to end.

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## **Elizabeth Mathis says**

Antanasia knows better than anyone that being royal comes with lots of expectations. Born into war as a Vampyre Witch, she has to battle the ultimate enemy: her own blood. When she has a terrifying Vision, Antanasia fights harder than ever to prevent it from coming to pass. Will she succeed? Or does she die trying? Nadia is an average teenager celebrating her nineteenth birthday. But her day turns upside down when she starts developing unusual abilities that make her question everything she knew. Searching for answers to her predicament, she finds herself trusting Nicolae, a stranger with a familiar presence. Why does she feel so drawn to him? Will Nadia find answers to the questions about her past and take on her new role willingly? Or will she choose to remain in the dark and deny her destiny?

### **Rating: 3.5/5 Penguins**

**Quick Reasons: exciting, unique adventure; love the dual-perspectives/time shifts; Nadia had some unfortunate immature reactions that made it hard to connect with her for me; realistic, mostly-believable characters and relationships; just a few weird plot-holes**

Huge thanks to Tiera Rice, Eula Rae Printing & Publishing, and Xpresso Book Tours for providing me with a free digital copy of this title in exchange for an honest review! This in no way altered my read of or opinions on this book.

Those in the Brotherhood, myself included, wondered how she was even alive, with the jump and being married to the mad king. Mother used to tell me it was her humanity he fell in love with. I didn't think he was capable of such compassion.

This was a fun, entertaining read--and that cover is GORGEOUS! I love how the cover reflects the dual perspectives/time jumps we have happening within these pages--even the color differences, while maintaining the same tone, lend a sense of personality to the book. Covers like this one are the reason I breathe, penguins--there's so much detail to digest and ponder over!

I was just a tiny bit disappointed in the world-building of this book. I feel like a LOT of things happen in quite a short period of time, and that left me feeling a little dizzy in the end. There were a lot of questions I found myself asking that were never really answered for me. I feel like we spent so much time focused on

our main duo and their personal feelings, and not enough learning about the worlds surrounding them both. I felt, at times, that the author mentioned certain aspects of the world...but never really gave them time to develop or be explored. For instance...why is it only AFTER the ceremony that Antanasia can feed upon animals? What about the world or their biology makes this happen? The ending of this read was also a bit vague and confusing--I found myself unsure of what had just happened, and confused about what to think.

Rats' affinity for blood made me wonder if they were real Vampyres in tiny, furry bodies.

The characters, for the most part, were believable and intriguing...though Nadia had several unfortunate "immature" moments that made it hard for me, personally, to connect with her as a character. By this, I mean she had a tendency to overreact and overdramatize. In another character, this might have worked...but for Nadia, who seems overall pretty clear-headed and well-grounded, it was a bit of a shock. It also felt as if these moments might have been part of a ploy to keep the plot moving forward, though I might be wrong about that.

Still, this was an entertaining read with plenty of snark and sass to go around! I'm curious about the world and these characters, and will be waiting for book two to see if any of my answers/curiosities are cleared up. The characters are fairly believable, the read was quick and full of action, and I can't wait to see what the next installment promises for us readers! I'd recommend this to lovers of: all things vampire, dual-perspectives/time jumps, and snarky characters. Pull your hood down and take a sip, penguins; let the battle begin!

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### **Dana says**

This is an interesting taking on Vampires in Romania. It think is was well done although there is a vivid sex scene in the beginning and it is very violent. The ending leaves you waiting for more.

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### **Cheryl Whitty says**

Review on behalf of the Book Addict Blog

This is a book about two girls going through changes that is going effect their way of life. Antanasia and Nadia. We see two lives one in New York 2015 and Wallachia 1480. The chapters are clearly marked so it was easy to follow the story. This is a first of hopefully a series because after all the world building and folklore mixed in kept me glued to the pages.

There is something very enjoyable with an original take on vampire lore. I was so disappointed when it ended and I felt lost wanting to know what else was going to happen. I love Nic, I want more. I hope we see more books in the future, they would be a must buy for me. I do enjoy a good Paranormal series.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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## **Kati says**

This book alternates between Wallachia 1480 and New York 2015 and between Antanasia and Nadia. The world building and the vampire folklore really appealed to me and I loved reading about these two women. As the book unfolds the connections between these two women become evident and the story picks up. The pace is consistent through the book and had me hooked. Both women were intriguing to read about and I need to know what happens in future books.

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