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Savannah Dupree is halfway across the country from her Louisiana bayou hometown, a freshman studying at Boston University on a full scholarship. But academic excellence is only one of Savannah's gifts. She possesses something even more remarkable than her quick mind and insatiable curiosity for learning. With a simple touch, Savannah can see an object's past—a skill that puts her life in danger, when her studies bring her into contact with a centuries-old English sword and the secret hidden within the blade's history: the vicious murders of twin boys by a group of fanged creatures borne of the worst kind of nightmare.

In all his three hundred years of living as one of the Breed, vampire warrior Gideon never dreamed he'd see the blade again that spilled his young brothers' lives ages ago on that blood-soaked night in London. Ever since the boys' deaths, Gideon's been on a personal quest to rid the world of Rogue vampires, but now he can't help wondering if the brutal slayings of his only kin was something more sinister—an act perpetrated by an unknown enemy. An enemy who is apparently living in hiding somewhere in Boston. There's one certain way to prove Gideon's suspicion, but it will mean using innocent, gifted Savannah to help uncover the full truth—a truth that will shatter everything she knows about herself and the world around her. And with danger closing in from all sides, the passion that ignites between Gideon and Savannah will tempt them to risk their hearts and lives for a love that might just last an eternity...

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3.5 stars. This was a novella at 184 pages, but I actually liked it better being shorter because it's basically your typical paranormal romance formula (but Lara Adrian does PNR well). And this way all the extra stuff was left out and it was just about the relationship and the action was contained to one small storyline. I liked how Savannah was quick to accept Gideon. We didn't have to go through the typical half a book or so of her running from what he is and being afraid, etc. etc. I got this for free off Amazon for my Kindle, and it was a great, quick read. I've also read the first 3 novels in the Midnight Breed series. They are all pretty good. If you like PNR and vampires, you'll love them - lots of hot alphas and steamy scenes.

Stacie says

4+ "Gideon in action." Stars!

Loved it. It was great seeing how Gideon and Savanna met; and to see Gideon out in the field fighting. Plus there was a glimpse of Conlan. That made me happy and sad. Plus Lucien pre mating- hard nose jerk.

So that was a good tide me over until next month's BR. Hopefully I'll be able to wait. ? Happy reading!

Alp says

This novella is a prequel to the Midnight Breed series. Gideon and Savannah's story was truly enjoyable. I always wondered why Gideon never went out to fight and kill Rogues with other warriors. He was usually the one who remained at their base. Finally, I found the answer here, in this book.

????π?? says

No ha estado mal para empezar la serie! tiene buena pinta. A por el siguiente ;)

Ronda Tutt says

Gideon is such a sweetheart!

I am so glad this novella came out because I always wondered about Gideon and his mate Savannah Dupree's story and how they got their HEA. Anyone who reads the Breed Series knows that Gideon is the computer lab guru and usually is the one always left at base and for some reason I never really understood why he never went out on patrol with the other Breed brothers. Well thanks to this sweet novella we get our answers and with a little added history about Gideon and Savannah's past.

Of course like always, Lara Adrian kept me entranced through out the whole book with the action and drama of old. The words are always smooth and filled with visionary brilliance. The connection between Gideon and Savannah is passionate and respectfully descriptive though electrifying with their emotions between each other.

I loved Savannah's unique gift of being able to see the objects past with a simple touch of her hands and how Gideon has the gift of being able to see/detect the radiant heat of human or Breed on the other side of a wall. The ending was very sweet but dangerously sad for Gideon (Hint - has to do with what's in his head). Over all, this was a fantastic novella.

KBeautiful1 says

WOOOWWWWW!!!!!! This book was Fiyahhhhhhhhh!!!!!! See this is what happens when you have so many books on your Kindle and the really good books become lost and overlooked. So yesterday I removed about 200 books off of my Kindle, moved them to the cloud and can now see the excellent unread books that I have and can now read uninterrupted Woot! Woot!

Savannah Dupree is a freshman at Boston University on a full scholarship. Hailing from Louisiana, she is a huge history buff and that is her major Art History. So she has volunteered to log artifacts for extra credit in her class. But Savannah has a secret, when she touches things she gets the history as if on a movie screen whether it was good or bad, it comes rushing to her and she can't stop it. As she was going into the closet, she discovers a box practically hidden behind a large curtain and inside the box once opened is a sword centuries old. Savannah studies it and decides to touch it without her curator gloves on and what is revealed to her is so frightening and violent that she wants to run but she wants to see who would do such a heinous act.

Her roommate Rachel is also doing the artifacts cataloging along with her for the extra credit. But her roommate is also messing with Professor Keaton which Savannah tried to warn Rachel about but young and dumb, thinking she knows everything waves off her. What was supposed to be a date though turned into a brutal murder, a murder that once Savannah gives her interview to the news, she catches the notice of A Vampire Breed Warrior by the name of Gideon who is centuries old. Gideon notices that what Savannah describes as the missing artifact from the University, is the same sword that Gideon wielded in the Killing of a Vampire that slaughtered his brothers. He seeks out Savannah but discovers there is more to her than meets the eye. Savannah is Gideon's Breedmate.

Gideon is a centuries old Vampire Warrior, he kills rogues hoping to exercise the guilt centuries later of losing his baby brothers to his enemies. So he has joined an Order that works to eradicate the world of Rogues. But once Gideon meets Savannah, he realizes that all bets are off and he is willing to go against his Order to be with her and will kill anyone who tries to get in between him and Savannah. The one thing Gideon didn't want was to love anyone else again because his heart was brutally broken when his brothers

were killed. But the heart wants what it wants and his heart wants Savannah.

This was a great start to a successful series that has been out for a while. Being that this was my first read I already have the next couple of books so that I can continue reading.

Well Until My Next Review Ciao Bellas!

Jonetta says

When the series was first introduced, Savannah and Gideon were already together and not much has ever been given about their histories. I was excited when I learned of this series prequel and the story doesn't disappoint.

It wouldn't be a Midnight Breed story without mystery, intrigue and excitement to accompany Savannah and Gideon's romance. The mystery didn't seem tough to solve but there was an interesting twist at the end. And, who knew there was more than a fashion statement to Gideon's shades? Lastly, Breed warriors had a bit of a different lifestyle and Lucan Thorne before Gabrielle...not so pleasant.

The narration was excellent! Huber gave distinctive voice to each character and I loved Gideon's.

It's a short story with quite a bit packed in. I'm glad to finally get the back stories for two of the originals in this series.

(I received an ARC from Tantor Audio in exchange for an honest review)

Glamdring says

I think the story would have been better if longer. The beginning is quite slow then the story is rushed. They meet, fall crazy madly in love, there is a misunderstanding, some life threatening situations, the HEA, but no place for real relationship development.

That's said, I love Gideon. <3

Snow White says

I love Gideon and his big heart. One of my favorite couple.

Location: Boston and Louisiana

Savannah Dupree (power: see a glimpse of past from objects she touched) :

Gideon: (power: see life energy through solid mass (talent lost due to injury))

Jennifer says

Nice to see how Gideon and Savannah got together.

~*~Princess Nhya~*~ says

Finally!!

I get the back story to **Gideon & Savannah**

I've been waiting to read their story since I started this series many years ago. This is a great story. Although very short, it's still packed with story. I love how you get the background of **Savannah & Gideon**

The plot, how their paths cross, everything is done superbly. And **Gideon?** Dude is on fire. I like how you get to see that side of him, who he was before he met **Savannah** & after he meets her. And the path that leads him to the Breed Male that we know him as today.

I only wish that we got a little more time with them. I would have been overjoyed with 50 more pages here, but I am satisfied with what we got.

I would recommend this read/this series :)

Melody says

Gideon and Savannah were just secondary characters throughout the *Midnight Breed* series but they were my favourite couple (together with Dante and Tess). I always wanted to know how they met so I was glad they finally got their story even though it was a novella.

Unfortunately this reading left me unsatisfied! The romance moved too quickly and I "felt" more for them when they were simply secondary characters than here where they were the main characters. Don't get me wrong, I still love them but I expected more!

Krissy says

I'm going to assume this series gets better with each book so I plan on continuing.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

It was great to read the story of how Gideon and Savannah met. I must say that they are one of my favorite

Breed couples, and I always wondered how they got together. Overall, I enjoyed this book. I didn't like it quite as much as I wanted to though. I think that was because Gideon is so sex-bombalicious nerd-tastic in the other books, I wanted to see more of his oh-so alluring geekiness. Instead, he was much like the other Breed males in his demeanor although there was a cool part about him creating a precursor to the laptop we know and love today (cause guess what I'm typing this review on right now?). Thus, this book didn't really stand out that much from the other books. That was probably my biggest issue and why this wasn't higher rated. Also, I didn't like (view spoiler). Even though Gideon wasn't as geeky, I still liked him a lot. I love his typical British colloquialisms, which we see in this novella as well.

What I loved was getting to know Savannah. I really, really like her. She's very young, but she has a maturity that I respected about her. She's a very intellectual person with a keen mind, and I could see part of why they were drawn to each other. Also her strong sense of right and wrong, and that traditional heroic urge, which is addressed in the novella. When she gets a vision of Gideon by touching his sword, you could instantly feel that bond begin between them, and when they meet, the rest is inevitable.

One thing that stood out to me was that Adrian stays grounded in the 70s setting throughout this book. The scene when Gideon tells her to call the Order, she has to grab coins out of her purse and run outside to a pay phone. That was really well done. At first, I expected her to pull out her cell phone, and I would imagine that would be Adrian's gut instinct to write that, but she remembers that they don't have cell phones at that time. I was instantly reminded that this is set about thirty-odd years in the past. She didn't have to keep hitting me over the head with descriptions of bell-bottoms and stuff like that either.

Ultimately, if you're a fan of the Breed series, I don't see why you wouldn't like this. It has the same feel and intensity of the other books. I think the biggest draw was getting to see Gideon and Savannah's backstory on paper, and although it was a short novella, it was well done and I believe in their love, past, present and future. Of course, it was awesome to see more of Tegan, 'cause I just love him!

And I'm really happy to see a popular paranormal romance novelist who is upfront and comfortable with depicting a loving, committed interracial relationship in her books. Kudos for that, Ms. Adrian.

A respectable four star read for me.

Sophia Triad says

Breed warrior Gideon

Special ability: Extremely high IQ, technology expert

Age: Over 300 years old

Breed mate Savannah

Special ability: Reading the history of objects when touching them (phychiometry)

Occupation: Art History student

Mark place: Left shoulder blade

Settings: Boston, Luisiana

Gideon and Savannah is one of my favourite couples. Perfect for each other and deeply in love. Gideon gave up his life as a warrior to keep safe for his mate. Savannah trusted him and offered him everything. Gideon is an interesting character. He is the mastermind of the order, i.e. the nerd of the order. He lived through the computer's revolution and he became an expert on computers. It was actually interesting the flashback of the book in the seventies technology.

Savannah is one of the oldest breed mates of the order. She joined them when she was just a 19 years old kid in 1974. Since then at the following books she grows up to be the calming figure of the order, the one that brings everyone together.

The book although it is a bit shorter than I would like, it is still well developed, enjoyable and to the point.

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 Sexy, Nerdy, Gideon Stars

A Touch of Midnight was a super cute Novella. 182 pages, it's on the longer novella side, but I was glad because Gideon and Savannah deserved a full length novel. I'm doing a reread. It was nice to jump back into the Midnight Breed world with Gideon and Savannah. This book was action package. Gideon was such a bad ass and sexy nerd. He would go through hell to protect the woman he loved. Savannah was amazing too. She accepted Gideon and didn't freak out like a lot of heroines do when finding out about vampires. She was strong, smart and calm. I loved the instant connection I felt between them. It didn't feel forced or rushed. Gideon and Savannah together were HOT! I can't wait to get more of them in the next book! I love a good Reread! On top of that this time around I am listening on Audible and Hillary Huber did some of the cutest voices. It made the read that much more enjoyable.

Dorsey aka ♥? Wrath Lover Reviews ♥? says

4 Breed Loving Stars!!

We finally get Gideon and Savannah's story in this too short (for Breed fans) novella. The storyline flowed nicely, and things wrapped up very quickly at the end....too quickly for my taste, but that's only because I wanted more!!!

Gideon is a 300+ year old Breed Warrior and Savannah is a college freshman, it seemed like an unlikely and odd pairing in the beginning because of Savannah's young age but, there is just no denying the connection between the two of them.

I loved getting to see Gideon as a warrior and, I especially loved the brief glances of Lucan, Dante, Rio and Eva, and Conlan and Danika, and bonus we get a little bit more insight into my favorite Breed Warrior Tegan!!.

Aly says

When the readers were introduced to the *Midnight Breed* series, Gideon and Savannah were already a couple so I always was curious to know how their story began. Therefore my pleasant surprise to learn about this novella.

It all began at Boston University in 1974, when Savannah was a freshman in the Art History program and before Gideon became the tech-genious of the Order. I'm not totally sure you can read it as a standalone because while there's a couple of information about the Order and the Breeds and how they came to exist, you won't have the whole history and only a very brief picture of the others characters. After her roommate is murdered and because of her extrasensory gift, Savannah will discover that her ability to see an object's history with just a touch is not the only paranormal thing that exist and that danger is a very real thing for her now. Can she count on the stranger she met at the library to protect her ? Gideon think that the beautiful lady could help him find information about a sword that killed his young brothers centuries ago but he's reluctant to use an innocent woman even if it could mean finding answers. But that's if he can ignore the very attraction he feels for her.

I'll admit I expected more from the romance of beloved characters but it was still great to read. It's just that it felt kind of strange how they quickly became intimated and especially knowing about the heroine's past experience with a guy. I know it's to be expected from a novella but still I wished for more depth and a little something different.

Ginger says

I liked it. A great introduction into Laura Adrian's world. Another twist on the vampire lore, I am an Anne Rice fan though so I don't like seeing them played with much.

I have to say that it is very much like a series I am currently reading.....Lets just say it could get confusing if you tried to read them at the same time.

All that aside I like the characters and I will certainly read more of the series just to get to know them a little more. Tatoos that change with his moods, a fairly strong h and some fair steam mixed with some action. Lets do this!

Side note: I hate the 'suckhead' references. What a horrible name for the 'villans'. It makes me think my 8 year old named them....

AJ says

A little extra from the *Midnight Breed*, as Gideon and Savannah finally get their story told!

In the books that span the *Midnight Breed* series, Gideon is the smartass tech-geek of The Order, an elite group of Breed (vampire) Warriors. He is the tireless control centre of their operations, and unlike the rest of the warriors, he remains at the compound, never going out to fight with his brothers. He is also happily mated to his one true love, Savannah.

This is the story of how Gideon and Savannah met, fell in love, and how Gideon found his unique place within The order.

Set in the 1970s, Savannah is a College freshman, while Gideon is a 300+ year old Warrior. While this may sound like an unlikely pairing, when these two meet, the feels are there from the very beginning. Sparks fly and the relationship between them unfolds very quickly – including some smoking sexy time (up against the wall, no less!). But the emotion between them is really strong and, getting the story from both POVs, we get to see exactly what they are feeling as they fall for each other.

I loved getting to see Gideon as a warrior, in full-on protector mode.

“You make me feel safe, Gideon. In a way I never knew before. You make me feel as though nothing bad can touch me so long as I’m with you.

“It can’t. I won’t allow that. Not so long as I am breathing.” His voice was thunder, deep and rumbling.

“You’ll always be safe, Savannah. I’ll stake my life on that”

And he even managed to bring the romance and make me swoon...

“Let me love you ... Say you love me, and let me start being the man you want me to be.”

There is a secondary storyline featuring nastiness from Gideon’s past, and Savannah’s Breedmate gift of seeing the history of an object with one touch, and that leads to some excitement, and a few surprising developments!

Fans of the series will love the brief glances (and I do mean BRIEF) of Lucan, Dante, Rio and Eva, and Conlan and Danika, and we even get a little bit more insight into one of my faves – Tegan.

But it’s Gideon’s story, and although it’s shorter than I would have liked, and things are wrapped up very quickly at the end, it shows us the beginning of this fantastic couple, and answers the questions that I wanted answered.

I really enjoyed it – 4 stars.
