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From Reader Review Blood and Light for online ebook

Jerrilynn Atherton says

A good story but could not get past the spelling and grammatical errors.

Von Stultz says

Every now and then a book comes along and after reading you tell yourself that you are so glad that you picked it up and gave it a chance to tell you a story. Rue Volley's "Blood & Light" just so happens to be one of those books. From the first few paragraphs you feel you are there living the book along with each compelling character. This book is perfect for those who love to have a novel take them through all types of emotions, and those who love to actually feel what they are reading.

A wonderfully fresh spin on the vampire novel. It has a brilliant mix of humor, magic, swordplay and moments of action that not even today's films can match. I felt a great anime influence while reading this that kept me glued throughout. It is a story that anyone can pick up and enjoy. Rue Volley really has given this story a heartbeat and a sense of humanity that will make everyone want to grow along with its characters and envelop themselves in its incredible imagery.

This is a story that you will want everyone close to you to read, so that they may have the same sense of joy that you have had reading it.

Meigan says

Gave up around 30%. The dialogue was juvenile at best, story-telling left much to be desired. The editing was atrocious. If you are comfortable wading through hordes of run-on sentences (which were paragraphs long!), many misspelled words, and unedited books in general, feel free to give this a go. I found it distracting from the story enough that I just plain didn't care and was too aggravated to continue. I purchased the entire series at once, sadly I will not be continuing.

Natalie says

My Thoughts:

One of my favorite genres to read has always been vampires, but after awhile and you have read SOOO many vampire novels, you have to give the vamps a rest and try a new "outside your comfort zone" genre, so I have been visiting with some other friends like werewolves, fairies, witches and even some shapeshifters and a whole lot of romance. Sometimes when you read too much of one genre they all seem to blend together and become not boring but just the same.

When I agreed to read this series the blurb of both books, something grabbed my attention and I thought I would re-visit my favorite vampire friends, hoping it would be different, I was not disappointed one little bit,

and you will not be either. Most books I read have the ability to take me right into the story, to me that is a great book, some take me half way, but I love it when I read a book that takes me completely into a book from the first chapter and hold me there right until the very last page, and leave me totally shocked and surprised and wanting more RIGHT NOW lol. This was one of those books.

It was almost like I was right there living and feeling right along with all the characters, it was filled with laughter, magic, it was packed with action and I loved the love triangle that went along with it.

Now this is a two-part review as I have read the second book in this series as well so I will just keep going with my thoughts on book 2 Smoke and Mirrors.

Lori says

Where to start? I loved the story. Or maybe it was just Josh, but mostly it was the story, and Rue (the character).

The story starts with Rue acting like a normal book worm anti-social teenager. (Hello, Lori Parker 11 12yrs ago). <--- Don't do the math. I beg you, do not do the math!!!

Of course, she can like "flick" static electricity off of herself. Oh and her parents are never around, for various reasons, and her brother is a shitty cook. Ok, so her mom is in the mental hospital. That's a pretty legit reason for not being around. Her dad is working in the first few pages? I don't know. He's not home. Then he kinda gets sucked into...well I am getting ahead of myself. You don't need or want me to retell the story, do you? Do you see where I am going here? This book was full of so many laugh out loud moments, filled to the brim with sarcasm and wit, and dark humor. I can't keep the sarcasm out of my review. It was like feeding into my sarcastic, dark humored soul. It was tasty.

The characters were all great and had their own, very 3D personalities. I was very much in love with a lot of them. But just Josh. Mainly.

The author built a funky and trippy new vampire world. It got confusing in parts but by the end I think I understood "the rules" for these vamps.

Some people don't like love triangles. I don't mind them. But I ALWAYS pick the guy the heroine doesn't choose. I hope for once I get it right. (TEAM JOSH not Johnathan).

I just can't express how amazing this book was!!!

However, in light of this being an honest review I will point out the things that tended to pull me out of the story. There were some major editing issues with the copy I had. Typos and awkward sentences abound. Sometimes the POV or tense would shift without warning. It got confusing at times. Obviously, the story was amazing enough for me to overlook these things (and I NEVER take off stars for editing issues).

The book was long. Like really long. Like this could be two books long. There is a certain point, right around the halfway mark that would have made a perfect ending to book 1.

Johnathan. I don't know why, but I cannot stand him. I'm sure he's great in an "evil, rapey" way but he does nothing for me. I spent a good portion of the book wishing he would just go away already. LOL. No this really isn't a sign of a bad book. It's the sign of an amazing story that was good enough to evoke this strong of a reaction from me!!!

Will I be reading book 2 and reviewing it here for all of you. Hell yes!

*Note this book is not a YA book. It falls into the New Adult category. There is strong language and lots of sexual situations.

Speaking of typos, can we count all the ones I made in this post. *facepalm* now you see why I don't take off anything for typos.

Jacquie Talento says

I really wish we were allowed to give 10 star reviews on books because this one would be on the top of the list. I would love to pick thru Ms. Volley's brain one day and see where she gets her stories to entertain us as she writes so many different genres for all to enjoy. This one I have to say out of all the books I've read of hers is definitely my favorite and I found myself up till 3 am reading it because I had to know what was going to happen. So move over all big named authors because Rue Volley is definitely going to take over the writing world for us since she has the knack to keep us entertained in all aspects of the writing world. She is a star that will shine over all of us. If her writing has you hooked, you should check out her artwork and her jewelry as well.

Rue sleepwalks and wakes with bruises. Her brother Kai is the comedian of a life time and can't cook for the life of anyone in his way. Something is wrong, her mom goes missing and her dad disappears right before that. Sam and Josh have come to take over caring for Rue and Kai. Rue is discovering that she is more than just human. Johnathan is in love with Rue and he wants to be by her side no matter what. But there is more to him that he doesn't know. The pull between the two of them is enchanting but can they control their feelings for each other? With Josh around though, Rue wants to dislike him but can she? Who will you fight for and protect no matter what? Welcome to a world of magic where looking into a mirror might be your biggest mistake.

Elizabeth Lance says

I fell in love with the characters of this book! Ms. Volley has a great way of expressing her characters feelings and she takes you on a wonderful roller coaster ride of emotion through out this book. Don't read any more if you don't want spoilers! When the story begins Rue is almost child like but soon grows in her powers and knowledge and matures throughout the story. She falls in love with the handsome and charismatic Jonathon, but then there is Josh, who is snarky and fun and always in her face. She loves them both and thus a triangle ensues but it's hard to sort out your love life when the men you love keep getting captured and they are all constantly fighting for their lives. Blood and Light leaves you with little doubt that both men love Rue, and would sacrifice themselves to save her, the question is will they be able to before Rue saves herself? I look forward to reading book 2 in Ms. Volley's series to see exactly what happens next! I loved this book!

Janel says

i loved this book i can not wait for the next one!

Wanda Hartzenberg says

First off. I do believe I have an old copy.

Some editing etc in my copy is needed. This has since been rectified and I am happy to report that editing etc is not a problem in this new copy.

That being said....

The start of Rue's story gripped me.

The author did an amazing job in describing the loss a girl feels as she loses a parent.

I loved this part.

This is not a typical book and for that I am glad, a bit too sexy for me though. I know, I know, I am the only one in the world that would say this but it is true.

My post title.... I am glad I got past my reluctance to read this book. After having read hundreds of books reading another vampire book simply did not have the appeal I wished.

Once I started though, met Rue and her love for life, her complex situation etc I felt my reluctance being replaced with a page turner attitude.

WaAr

Runningrabbit says

This is quite well written, despite the editing errors. It's good value for a YA read, but I had issues with the repetitive nature of the novel which made it a slow read and boring. The precept of the story is good, but I don't think it's for me, and I suspect I will never finish it.

Beth says

This book desperately needs an editor/proofreader.

Devin says

Was the Authors key broken because I found it hard to read this book with the sentences randomly broken by a string of ...'s. And really why did she type with caps lock on when the characters were yelling, this made me want to stop reading and delete the book from my kindle.

Annette M Guerriero Nishimoto says

Today's review is on Blood and Light by Rue Volley

Blood and Light is the first installment in Volley's Blood and Light series. I agreed to review this book based on it's summary and was looking forward to a new and exciting story. However, this 400+ page book was

like an albatross tied around my neck.

Though the central premiss of the story is enticing, the story seemed to go on and on and on. The characters kept being captured over and over by the same group and ending up in the same places. Boring.

Also, I know there is suppose to be a love triangle between Rue, Josh, and Johnathan, but I'm not really feel it so to speak. It's obvious that both of them are in love with Rue, but nothing really happens.

For a 400+ page book I either want to be so enraptured that I just CAN NOT put it down, or I want to be on the edge of my seat waiting to see what comes next. Blood and Light did neither of these things for me. The events in the story are to repetitive. Perhaps Volley should have broken this tome into smaller books instead of trying to write a "Twilight" sized book.

2 of 5 stars

Julie says

Ebook: Blood and Light (The Blood and Light Vampire Series)

Author: Rue Volley

Fiction, Paranormal,

This review may contain spoilers

Summary: Enter into the world of 16 year-old Rue Volley...who, up until one fateful night, thought she was "normal" or as "normal" as she could be.

But "normal" does not include being a vampire...a truth about herself that she will soon discover.

Rue Volley lives in the quiet little town of Calvary, Minnesota...nestled in the thick woods lining the Great Lakes. Rue, along with her brother Kai, have lived an otherwise calm life up until their Mother was committed into Rolling River Asylum, after she mysteriously stopped speaking to anyone. Rue is convinced by her brother to attend a party on her birthday, and after she experiences something that she cannot explain, she and everyone in her world is thrown into madness. Join Rue on this epic journey, 6 books in all, as she struggles with grief, love, humor, old crushes, newfound infatuations, hot boys, AND vampires, lots and lots of them.

This first book in the series starts you on a journey that you will find hard to ignore and once you start reading you will be hooked...or perhaps bitten.

The Review

Wow what a fantastic start to a great series, I really cannot wait to read book 2, I loved every minute of it, Rue had me hooked, these Vampires are not normal everyday vampires, these are a different breed all together, I loved all the characters, they were so well written, I could not put it down, The fight scenes were stunning to read, I really felt like I was in the middle of them all, Ooooh Joshua Barrington, what can I say, LOVE him big time, but that's just my opinion, although he may sway a few of you, I loved Kai he was so funny, This book kept you on your toes, with the constant twists and turns, I would highly recommend this book to anyone who love Vampires but also for those who fancy a little something different to read, I wish I could go higher than 5/5, it is so worth it

Kim says

It started out slow, and I had to get used to the writing (it sort of annoyed me in the beginning how much the names are said!) I nearly gave up and moved on to something else, but then it was like flipping the page turned the light on and it got quite interesting... the further I read the more I didn't want to put it down. and then it hits you with a cliff hanger from out of nowhere! I immediately downloaded #2, Smoke and Mirrors. Can't wait to see what happens with Rue and Josh :) You can just toss out Johnathan if you want ;)
