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The incandescent romance between history professor Alexander Vlad and freshly graduated high school student Adelina Marin tangles with a gypsy tribe affairs. Cursed by Vlad the Impaler – Dracula, the tribe is heading for destruction, as the tribe's witch strives to save it through black magic. Will Alex and Adelina's passionate love survive the power of the curse-bearing bouquet, or will they live forever apart, tortured by desire and longing for each other - as the bouquet was destined to keep them? Breathing suspense, intrigue, and mystery, "The Girl of Dracula" love story is infused with remarkable historical research and detail. This is a romantic suspense with only a touch of occult. No vampires, though...

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NList says

I thought this book was just ok. I wasn't thrilled with Alex being a teacher at Adelina's school. I know he technically wasn't her teacher but they way that they found each other made me queasy. I also felt Adelina was way too immature to be involved with a 30+ year old man. In my opinion, Adelina was the only character that was fleshed out very well.

I have read books that have been translated from a foreign language before. I haven't ever been taken outside the story due to the translation. I found this to be a big issue in this book. I was frequently taken outside the story due to a weirdly used word or turn of a phrase. I can also live with an occasional misspelling...there were quite a few in this Kindle edition.

Darlene says

Recommended by Jessica Chambers. Probably won't read, vampires not my cup of tea, but yvensong might like to read it.

The author sent an message to me indicating that this isn't another vampire story. Dorina Stanciu said, "The title sends the wrong message. The hero is a history professor who writes a book about Dracula(Vlad the Impaler)and, for that, his students call him "Dracula". It's a May-December love story with the man older than the girl. It is, in fact, a light fresco of Romania after the fall of the communism. It contains only a bit of occult."

SO, I went ahead and started reading. It is an interesting story. I think the witch is great! But I must read on.

Now finished.

I am not into vampires, but, also, I don't love romances. I have no problem with the romance being the secondary plot nor do I have a problem with adult May/December love story. I don't like reading about females who are weak. This book seems to be from the male's point of view.

I don't mind books of fantasy, use of magick. But this didn't seem to be that kind of story.

This story didn't grab me. I wanted it to. I worked very hard at it, re-reading full chapters to understand what was happening. I think it was the poor word choices, uses of quotations for thought processes, poor word order. In other words, it could have used a much better editing. Even as I finished the book I see plot bunnies I didn't know existed.

I liked the characters enough. I hoped for their best outcome. But somehow, not enough to have read the

book twice.

I would love to see conversation regarding Vlad and the Dracula history. My husband has researched this subject much more than I have. I know there is a great controversy about whether or not the Count was hero or subhuman. I don't know enough to say. A person who has done a bit of research might like this much better.

Elena Stan says

Now, after I finished it, I can say that I have the same feeling of sadness, like after I read "Broken Serenade". I wanted to find out all, but in the same time I didn't want to finish it. I felt all the action, and I lived inside the book, in every single moment. I could feel Vadoma's curse and imagine here ugly old evil face, I smelt the linden flowers from Adelina's hair, I felt the love and passion between her and Alex, I felt the panic and the bullets from the hotel, the Alex's and Adelina's sadness when they broke up and, at the end, I started crying when the destiny got them back together. I was happy for them, but sad for me, because the book was finished so quickly and I realised that only when I was at the end.

I don't know how I can describe it, but I can say that I will read it again and again with the same interest, emotions and passion. Like "Broken Serenade", it's a book that can not miss in your library and it's a perfect gift to anyone.

Congratulations and can't wait to read your next books!

Francesca says

A beautiful read that kept me turning page after page until the very end. The novel is a mysterious May-December romance enhanced with accents of occult that give the story even more appeal. I fell in love with both Alex and Adelina and there wasn't a moment in the book when I did not like them. I highly recommend it as very entertaining. It is also a charming way to find out about the real Dracula's country, the way it is now, in our present days.

Jess Chambers says

I picked this up expecting yet another girl-falls-in-love-with-vampire paranormal romance, but in fact was thrilled to get something far more exciting and original. In this novel, Dorina Stanciu cleverly combines realism with fantasy, running the story of the intensely powerful developing romance between irascible history professor Alex Vlad and one of his students, the sweet Adelina Marin, alongside that of an ancient gypsy curse. Not only is it beautifully written and brilliantly researched, it is also full of wonderfully evocative descriptions of both period and place, so that I felt I was right there experiencing everything along with the vivid and memorable characters. Packed with emotion and suspense, The Girl of Dracula kept me riveted from intriguing opening to immensely satisfying ending. This is a truly superb debut and I can't wait to read more from this author.

Jackson Burnett says

I would have loved to have been able to read *The Girl of Dracula* in Romanian.

The Girl of Dracula is a finely assembled romantic suspense novel that features everyday life in modern Romania, the legends of Vald the Impaler, and gypsy lore. Author Dorina Stanciu intertwines these elements for an enjoyable read and a journey to a satisfying ending.

Here's the basic story. Near the end of Adelina Marin's high school days, Alexander Vlad substitute teaches one of Adelina's classes. Adelina is immediately smitten with this scholar and expert on the life of Vlad the Impaler, the ruthless ruler who provided Bram Stoker's inspiration for *Dracula*.

Despite their age difference (Alex is almost twice as old as eighteen-year-old Adelina), a passionate love affair ensues. Adelina is mature and intelligent. While I found some of Alex's behavior oafish, this student-teacher affair troubled me a lot less than stories that feature naive young women and young anal-retentive billionaires who like to tie up and abuse said young women.

Alex witnesses a secret gypsy ritual at the Snagov Monastery, the reputed burial place of Vlad the Impaler. Alex has his own secret that Adelina accidentally discovers. Alex goes to a convention at the Hotel Dracula at Borgo Pass. All hell breaks loose. You'll need to read the novel to get the rest of the story. The novel, incidentally, is not a knock-off of *The Historian*

I like the way Author Stanciu teaches her readers about her native country, its traditions, and its places as a part of her narrative. The plot is expertly developed. The characters seem like real people. I like her references to real places.

The Girl of Dracula was originally written in Romanian and then translated to English. I do not believe that any fiction writer is invisible. You can almost hear a Romanian accent as you read this book. I love the author's voice. Some readers will find the novel's atypical prose constructions a distraction and some of the spelling of English words as they logically should be spelled a problem. This book in Romanian, I'm sure, deserves five stars. Its English version merits four.

Louise White says

‘The Girl of Dracula’ has no vampires! – Though we get some historical data – What I found with this unique offering from Dorina Stanciu was a page turning story set in modern day Romania. This beautifully written and well researched debut novel centres on Alex Vlad and Adelina Marin. Their love develops relentlessly through their trials, and I honestly felt the emotions of the characters that Stanciu had brought to life. It is a love story with an exciting and supernatural edge, and I followed the suspense filled plot to what transpired to be a very satisfying conclusion. I would recommend to all who like a paranormal twist – Gypsy curse style, and an infusion of interesting facts within the pages of their books.

Ellie says

by Dorina Staci: A very fun read-gypsies, a beautiful girl, and vampires. Romance and gothic suspense: what more could you want! I read from beginning to end with hardly a break & enjoyed every minute of it.

Ani says

Lovely book! Beautiful love story and interesting settings. Romanian readers should definitely read this book - the author practically advertises for Romania!

Kerra says

This book was amazing! It started off great and caught my attention from the very beginning. I couldn't wait to see what it unfolded. I really liked the characters in this book also, they were characters that you came to know and love, and you could really feel the emotions that they were going through. I also have to say that the romantic relationship that developed in this book was one of the weirdest romances I have ever read about, but it was one of the most exciting and heart-felt romances I have ever read about. I really loved Alex and Adele's relationship and how pure it was. I also loved the underlying mystery that was happening while this realtionship was evolving and the action it brought to the table. My most favorite thing about this book was the ending. How it grabbed a hold of your heart and made you so happy and content with it at the same time. I am not positive, but it also seems that there could be a second book to this one, because of the way that it ended, and I have to say that if there is, I am definately going to read it. The only problem I had with this book was that there were grammar errors here and there, but not horrible. And most of them were because it was things said in a different way than what I am used to.

So, all in all this was an amazing book, and if this is another one to come out after this I am definately going to buy it. If you like a book that has an amazing romance and a mystery to add a twist, you will love this book. However, if you are one that can not stand even a few grammar errors then I would not pick this book up, but I would say that you are missing out on an amazing story and that you shouldn't judge how great a book is based on grammar mistakes, but where the story takes you and makes you feel instead.

Great Read!

Jen says

So far this book is amazing!!! Bonus points for adding Beauty and the Beast to the dance as well!!!!

I really enjoyed this book. I liked all of the characters except Daniel but that was his own fault. Adelina and Alex were really good together and I really wasn't bothered by the age difference. I just wish I could have read about their wedding and a little about their lives together.

I felt horrible for Adelina when she found the box of letters and I have to say that I wanted to punch Alex for keeping them after she started dating Adelina!

I liked that they showed us Magda now and that she has a happy ending and I felt like it was something that the readings needed to see to be truly happy for Adelina and feel that Alex deserves her.

I have to say that I didn't think the stalker was going to end up being who it was.

Simona (Adventures after tea) says

I want to say a huge thank you to Dorina Stanciu for this book, I love it.

It's easy to read, and it's a beautiful love story, combined with mystery and black magic.

I liked all the characters, just Daniel annoyed me a little. It was an interesting reading, I was captivated by every page, and I was very curious who is the mysterious men, who wants Adelina.

I like the love story between her and Alex, the was so sweet together even if he is older than her.

I can only recommend for everyone who wants to discover a magical love, the story of Dracula and all Gypsys spells.

Jeanine says

Another beautifully written book by Dorina Stanciu. The story was wonderful, the writing style superb. Ms. Stanciu has a way with words that is lyrical and lush - I can't get enough of it and hope for more books from her in the future.

Isac Niuton says

The Girl of Dracula really grabbed me and I read it captivated from the beginning to the very last page. I couldn't put it down; it was like watching a movie. This skillful crafted novel is a masterful blend of suspense, mystery, and historical data bound together by a stirring romance - a book of all tastes. Brimming with historical accurate details about the real Vlad-the-Impaler (wide-known as Dracula), the book has vibrant characters, spontaneous dialog, and vivid scenery. The happy ending and the educational value place the book into the select group of classic literature. It is not only entertaining but challenges your mind and imagination. All of it narrated in an accurate style with intellectual qualities of simplicity and clarity - an easy read.

Congratulation to the author and looking forward to the second book!

Chloe (Girl In The Woods Reviews) says

This book is exhilarating, comprising and deeply interesting as the *author* turns in to spin her tale like no other.

