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Grace Linwood, professional liar, has been hiding under the guise of a border schoolteacher for so long, she's almost fallen for her own con. The frontier was supposed to be her chance at a respectable life, but now the cowardly part of her wants to flee. When Archer catches her considering a run for safety, she knows it's only a matter of time before he sees through her charade.

They become reluctant allies in the quest to uncover the mysteries of Crystal Springs, but every unraveled knot ties them closer together. They both know their pasts are too shattered to hope for a future--until their investigation uncovers a secret. One that could make betraying the Guild their only path to redemption.

Warning: Contains a partly reformed con-artist heroine with a bruised heart and a mostly retired bank-robbing hero with a weary soul. Also included: vampire schemes, mad scientist plots, an alarming amount of dirty talk and some borderline-criminal bedroom antics in an alternate Wild West.

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A.M. says

The small town of Crystal Springs has been targeted by vampires for months, which is odd. With the town down to a few stoic defenders, the Guild finally gets around to send someone to help. It's Archer, and he's alone.

The first person he meets is packing her horse to run, but changes her mind. Grace Linwood is the local teacher, but she's really trying to re-invent herself. Archer gets that.

But the biggest surprise is Diana, adopted daughter of the local doctor, and person organising the town to fight, and she's a Hound. The Guild doesn't make female Hounds, so who made this one, and why? Is that what the vampires are after?

Grace has never enjoyed sex. It's been a weapon to entice men to do what she (or the gang she worked for) wanted. She brought in the marks, and the gang robbed them. But she finds herself knocking on Archer's door late one night and in Archer's bed she experiences something she's never had before.

With the new moon coming, someone needs to protect the Doc's house, and Archer needs a companion to bed. It can't be Diana, Hounds are territorial and she just wants to fight him, not fuck him. It makes sense that Grace spend the time with him, and they do it at the Doc's house where the magic wards should hold, if they happen to be very distracted.

But the first night she finds herself begging him to fuck her forever.

[be careful what you wish for, hun]

Archer has never wished for anything in his life, but Grace makes him want things.

(view spoiler)

The vampires are only expecting one Hound in town. But if they touch Grace, one might be enough.

4 stars

Sarah says

Archer was the Bloodhound who was forced to change Hunter and since their rescue from the vampires that held them prisoner he has been considered a traitor to the guild. He is working hard to try and regain the trust of his fellow Bloodhounds but it is a slow process - especially when he is keeping secrets from them. Sent to Crystal Springs to help rid them of a vampire problem, Archer faces his most dangerous job yet - there are hardly any survivors and the number of vampires and ghouls in the area is unknown.

Grace moved to Crystal Springs for a fresh start, wanting to leave her past behind her she took the job of school teacher and has tried to become a respectable lady. Archer brings out her wilder side, she wants him from the moment she sees him but is afraid to lose her good reputation. As they work together to uncover the threat to Crystal Springs the new moon draws ever closer - and with it Grace's wish to fulfil Archer's every need grows stronger.

I'm a massive fan of the Bloodhounds series so couldn't wait to read Archer's Lady. The story is everything I've come to expect from this series and I'd highly recommend reading it. If you're new to the series then you'll want to read the books in order though so make sure you start with Wilder's Mate. Like all of the other Bloodhounds we have met Archer is definitely an alpha male - he is strong, fierce and dominant but also

incredibly caring when it comes to Grace. He doesn't want her to be afraid of him and her needs are more important to him than his own. Grace has come to Crystal Springs seeking redemption for her past, she is far from innocent and has lied to and conned men for most of her life as a way to survive. More than anything she wanted to start a new and respectable life but she lives in fear of her past catching up with her.

Grace and Archer make a great couple. They both have shady pasts and recognise that it is something they have in common. What I loved most was how honest they both were, neither of them have shared their full history with anyone else but they refused to lie to themselves or each other. This couple scorch the pages and I loved the dirty talk and banter between them. Alongside the romance we have plenty of action, the town is under attack and it is up to Archer to find out why the vampires keep coming back even though there are hardly any people left. We find out some interesting things about the Guild and just how far they are prepared to go to cover their tracks. I also loved the addition of Diana - she adds an interesting dimension to the series and I can't wait to read her story (which is up next according to Moira Roger's website!).

If you have enjoyed the other stories in this series then Archer's Lady certainly won't disappoint so make sure you buy your copy today!

Shari says

Despite what other bloodhounds and Guild think, Archer did not betray them. He is working to redeem himself one job at a time when he is sent to Crystal Springs on the edge of civilization. Crystal Springs was once a thriving city of farmers and their family when vampires started attacking. In desperate need of help, the town is on the verge of extinction. Archer is sent in to clean up the vampires and bring order back to the town.

Grace is working on redeeming herself by staying on the edge of civilization. When vampires start attacking, she battles daily not to run. Posing as a school teacher she tries to believe she is worth redemption. Archer comes into town as Grace is battling her conscious again on why she should stay or why she should leave.

Upon getting to Crystal Springs, Archer realizes there is a female bloodhound the Guild knows nothing about. Not one to run to the Guild at every turn, he keeps it to himself. But Archer needs to find out why the town is being attacked by the vampires, one farm at a time while battling a growing lust for the lying, but sweet school teacher.

After having read the first book, I finally understood what a bloodhound was and how the moon phases affect them. This is very much a steampunk genre as they are using weapons made by inventors, like a bomb that shoots out sunlight that was developed in the first book. While it is steampunk, this book doesn't delve as deep into it as the first one.

The romance grew gradually through the book cumulating into one of the moon phases that makes a bloodhound a horny guy with a huge protective streak.

Together they venture out on the range trying to determine what the vampires are looking for and find a lot of secrets one doctor tried to hide.

Action packed with suspense and lots of hot love scenes, this book will keep your heart racing from beginning to end.

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Michele bookloverforever says

really good alternate earth, steampunk series. vampires, human bloodhounds, mating fever...good story about a man doubly betrayed by bureaucrats playing politics. sent on a suicide mission as a coup de gras...finding love and hope instead of death.

Sandy M says

I've not read the first two books in this series, so only the fact that I've read other books by Moira Rogers is what gave me my first clue I'd be reading about shifters. But bloodhounds? That made me think of that large and lazy hound from old episodes of The Beverly Hillbillies. But when such impressions are first and foremost in a reader's mind, it's the talented author(s) who smashes all preconceived ideas to smithereens. Ms. Rogers does that quickly and very efficiently when introducing Archer, a bloodhound atoning for something that perhaps he shouldn't be.

Archer is that tortured soul we love to read about. He's rough around the edges, has seen way too much in his day, and is being worn down even more by the accusations of betrayal against the Bloodhound Guild. Crystal Springs is becoming a ghost town with folks either being taken by a nest of vampires in the area or just leaving on their own to save their skins. So it's Archer's job to rid the town of the problem. Just another mission to decrease the lost trust of those he supposedly betrayed. Of course, being our hero and after getting to know him, we know those accusations are false. Archer may be on the backside of darkness at the moment, but he's still honorable.

Trying so hard not run from her criminal past anymore, Grace Linwood has found friends in Crystal Springs who take her as is, no questions asked. The day she meets Archer, though, is the day doubts creep in and she's close to running. Having a change of heart will alter her life dramatically. She's drawn to Archer, but never hopes something permanent can come of anything between them. As soon as the vampires are vanquished, he's on to the next assignment. Doesn't mean she can't get a bit of loving from the man in the meantime.

But the full moon is coming. Once they acknowledge the desire arcing to and fro, and though Archer wants Grace like no other, he's afraid he'll hurt her one way or another. Either being too rough during love making or striking out at her in the throes of fighting. Grace has no such illusions, and she wants to be with Archer just as much. And I have to say, being a bloodhound is a huge plus when it comes great sex. This man has it all when under the spell of the moon. A ferocity that can't be sated, along with a tenderness that confirms Grace's belief he'd never hurt her. At the other end of the spectrum is his fierceness when blinded by the moon call. The carnage he leaves behind is proof of that.

After such emotion they share, it's apparent to both Archer and Grace that though they want to be together, to try to build a life, the Guild won't allow Archer to stay. But he's determined to find a way. The man has a

few more surprises in him. I enjoyed these two together quite a bit. They both have pasts they want to forget, but that past is what has shaped them into who they are today and they accept each other just like they are.

We also meet Diana, a female bloodhound who needs a guiding hand to learn more about her animal side. I'm hoping she gets her own book. She's an interesting character and I'd like to see who shows up as her hero. This is my first Bloodhound book. I do think not reading at least the first book in series put me at a bit of a disadvantage, mostly in meeting all the characters initially and seeing their involvement in each other's lives as the story arc progresses. But I find that I now have a hankering for bloodhounds. Who knew!

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Nicole says

Joint review with E and Has originally posted here: <http://thebookpushers.com/2012/07/05/...>

1. Thoughts on the Hero

Has: I adore this series so much and the Bloodhound heroes are definitely smouldering hot. Archer definitely hit that category for me although I have to say I loved how gentle and empathic with the heroine, Grace. But underneath that quiet and mysterious demeanor he was really protective and passionate and the scenes where he lost control *fans self*. I also loved how patient and understanding with Grace and when they commenced with their affair I liked how he let take the choice and it was clear to me how she would fall for him so quickly.

E: Archer, wow! He had so many depths that I never expected. I knew that he had to have some reason for his bitterness and why he was left to Wilder to deal with/keep an eye on but I was not expecting all of that. Archer continued to stay full of mystery to the remaining inhabitants of Crystal Springs only revealing bits and pieces of himself to Grace. One of the several things I loved about him is that despite his bitterness and disillusionment he continued to do everything he could to save the town and continue acting as a bloodhound. I don't think many people could or would do that. I also really liked that he didn't judge Grace for her past nor did he make it harder on her to maintain her position of respectability and trust within the town. I will also say that his smexy times *fans self* and how patient he was with Grace so very wonderful to read.

MinnChica: I've loved Archer from the first moment he stepped onto the Bloodhound pages. He was snarky and at times rude, he didn't apologize for being blunt and I absolutely adored him. I was really excited to see where his story would go, and was so glad to see him not only kick a little ass, but also soften up a bit. I really enjoyed the way he processed his feelings for Grace, starting with almost a contempt like put for her, and then moving to respect and admiration and love. It was great to watch him process all those emotions, while still kicking butt and taking names.

2. Thoughts on the Heroine

Has: I really liked Grace, I found her to be really realistic and relatable especially in the beginning when she's close to escaping the town and Archer catches her. And I didn't blame her for wanting to run especially in the claustrophobic and dead atmosphere town of Crystal Springs. Grace is a not a perfect character and she has a past which she regrets which I loved – and she definitely felt more real especially with the danger of

the remaining survivors of Crystal Springs.

Her chemistry with Archer was hot and I loved how their romance evolved over the book, especially towards the end.

E: Grace was the perfect heroine for Archer. She had a past that she was trying to regain her inner respectability from and a sense of responsibility towards Crystal Springs. The opening scene as she was mentally struggling with her fears and what she had already decided to do once more was such a snapshot of her mentality. I also really liked how she interacted with Archer and shielded him from the other 'ladies' in the town. Not that she was possessive or anything *grin*. I enjoyed how she was strong and willful but not TSTL. Her vulnerability the first night they spent together provided a great contrast to her outer image and just built her into such a complex character.

MinnChica: Poor Grace... trying so hard to start over fresh with a new life. I love heroines who realize there were on the wrong path, and are so willing to fight for the life they want. Grace was no exception. She knew she had screwed things up royally before, and yet she desperately wanted a respectable life, a husband, a family, someone to love. I adored her inner strength, and her ability to deal with Archer, especially when he would get prickly. I thought that they were so wonderful together, and perfectly complimented each other throughout the story. I hope we get to see more of these two in future books!

3. Favorite Scene

Has: I think my favourite scene of the book is the just after the vampire attack at the basement, where they were investigating the doc's laboratory and his experiments. The romance really progressed between Archer and Grace and there was definitely a few hot scenes, but it also illustrated a change in their relationship. And I loved how Archer really opened up to Grace with his emotions – I think its hard to convey emotional development with a lot of love scenes. But for me in Archer's Lady it so worked for me!

E: So many good scenes in this book. Between their first smexytime, to the New Moon, to their final fight with the vampires it is hard to pick one. I think I am going to go with one towards the end when Wilder, Hunter and crew arrive at Crystal Springs and barge in on Archer and Grace. That plus the ensuing discussion (some of which was at the top of people's lungs) was a lot of fun. To me it just crystallized how far the two of them had come along with what made Archer the way he was. It also added some interesting hints into the development of the upcoming dispute with the Guild.

MinnChica: Eeek... trying to pick just one scene always kills me, especially when there are so many to choose from. And with a novella, each scene tends to mean something special to me, so having few scenes to choose from that are all great is so hard! I think the first scene, where Archer and Grace meet in the barn is one of my favorites. Grace is trying so hard to be honorable, and yet at the same time she wants to run as far and as quickly as she can. When Archer comes in and questions her, she stands up to him while trying to preserve her dignity. The play-by-play banter was wonderful, and I loved that little moment.

4. Dislike about book

Has: I don't think I have any dislikes other than the ending which leaves a few things open with the main mystery and plotline. But overall this was a fast-paced and sexy read!

E: I also didn't have any dislikes. I was immersed in the story from start to finish and it stayed that way even when I re-read it.

MinnChica: Although I love reading novellas, there are just some authors who should only write books that take hours to read. Rogers is one of those authors that I could read all day, every day. I adored the story, it was wonderful from start to finish!

5. Any other misc. thoughts along with grade

Has: Archer's Lady for me is another solid installment which is fast becoming one of my favourite post apocalyptic PNR series. This was a hot and engaging romance and memorable characters packed full of mayhem and action I definitely can't wait for the next book!

I give Archer's Lady a B+

E: Moira Rogers has provided yet another stellar installment in their Bloodhounds series. Each story seems to get better and better as more things unfold about the world and its characters. I can always go back and re-read the entire series and feel like I am enjoying it for the first time again. It is rare to have books that give me that sense during multiple re-readings. The smexytimes were hawt, the suspense danger was intense, the emotional growth between Archer and Grace was great to see. I am so looking forward to the next one.

I give Archer's Lady an A.

MinnChica: I adore the Bloodhound series and how unique it really is. The paranormal and steampunk elements are blended together perfectly and the world is so fun to jump back into. I've long adored Archer, and was glad to see him get his happily ever after. I also really liked being able to see the story progress, find out a bit more about the Bloodhounds, and meet the (hopefully!) heroine of the next novella. I still love Rogers and everything they write. These books are sexy and fun and wonderful short reads!

I give Archer's Lady a B+

Crystal ♥ RBtWBC says

Archer's Lady is a fast-paced, sexy romp in the west where vampires, ghouls, steam powered gadgets and mad scientists collide for a thrilling adventure and sizzling romance.

Crystal Springs has been decimated by vampires; many have died, few have fled and even fewer are left. Living in constant fear herself, Grace Linwood is ready to high-tail it out of town but as she packs her horse and debates her actions, the one hope that the whole town has been waiting for finally shows.

Archer, a Bloodhound sent by the Guild, arrives in Crystal Springs and meets the town's school teacher in the stable. He isn't buying her lies but as someone with experience running from his own past Archer doesn't push Grace.

Seeking answers as to why vampires are attacking the town, Grace and Archer team up to piece together clues and deciphering puzzles. And along the way they find kindred souls in one another and an untamed passion between them. But Hounds aren't known to be the settling down kind and once the vampire problem in Crystal Springs is taken care of Archer will have to move on to the next border town. The question is, will he take Grace's heart with him when he goes?

I love Moira Roger's Bloodhounds series. They combine all the best parts of steampunk, western romance and paranormal romance into one fantastic story; I never want this series to end!

Archer and Grace were great together, throughout their story I had the song lyrics “we’re just two lost souls swimming in a fish bowl” running through my head because that is exactly what Archer and Grace were – lost souls. They each had a past they wanted to run from; Grace was hoping that in Crystal Springs she could find redemption for it while Archer was seeking a kind of forgiveness for his. Little did they know that they were the only ones that saw the darkness staining their souls and it took the other to help them see past that. From past books, I wasn’t expecting Archer to tug on my heart strings the way he did in Archer’s Lady but it didn’t take long for me to fall in love with his character. The sex scenes between Grace and Archer were hot and intense, written with the same flair I’ve come to expect from Moira Rogers, but it was the connection between the two main characters that really made them sizzle.

I was glued to the pages by the mystery and intrigue that was expertly woven into the plot. Why were the vampires attacking the town? What were they looking for? And what did the town, or someone in the town, have to hide?

As with every book in the series, Archer’s Lady was a fast and entertaining read with captivating main characters, intriguing secondary characters that I hope to see more of and an overall series arc that left me with a craving for more! I can’t wait to see what wild ride Moira Rogers and the Bloodhounds have in store for us next. I definitely recommend this book, better read in series order, to paranormal romance fans who might like a bit of the ‘Wild Wild West’ with their fangs and fur.

Beth says

I always was interested to see what would happen to Archer. :) Loved the main female character & how Archer developed in this story.

The ending gave us an intriguing intro for what the next book could be about == cannot wait to see if my suspicions are correct. Looking forward to more!

I love the Bloodhound universe. Steampunk with a western/urban fantasy twist. :)

Terisa says

Archer’s Lady 4.5 stars

Archer was sent to Crystal Springs by the Guild to help the small dying town that has been fighting vampires for a while. They’ve slowly been picked off one by one until most of the inhabitants have either been killed, made into vampire slaves or the few lucky ones that were able to get away safely. There aren’t many left now but a few scattered farmers and orphaned children as well as an old man with a heart of gold named Cecil, the town’s schoolteacher, Grace and an anomaly named Diana that is more likely than not the only reason that anyone in town is alive in the first place. Does she hold the key as to why the vampires are so hell bent on taking over the town or is something else?

Archer’s first encounter in the town is Grace who claims that she is the town school teacher but Archer has been around and he knows a liar when he sees one. Who is she really and what is she hiding? As intriguing as Grace is it seems she isn’t the only person in town that has something to hide. The town itself has been hiding a big secret which is probably why he was sent in the first place. Seems the town already had a

bloodhound helping them but it wasn't a man, nope this bloodhound was a woman and her name is Diana and the town will do anything to make sure that she stays hidden from the Guild because if stories are true, she is the only female bloodhound in existence and no one wants to find out what they would do to her if they found out.

Grace has been hiding out in Crystal Creek for a couple of years now. She's hiding from a family that doesn't want her and a gang that she once ran with that does. After changing her name and pretending to be a school teacher she's now posing as a proper lady that her parents had always wished she would be. But Grace is anything but a lady and while there may be a couple in town that suspects her story is a ruse, no one has called her out on it. After getting caught trying to leave with a bag full of items that obviously not hers, she may have some explaining to do or maybe not because Archer doesn't seem to care that she isn't who she claims to be.

Archer is looking for redemption after having been duped as a rogue and going to work for the vampires but only he knows the truth but no one goes up against the Guild and wins. He found that out the hard way but he's hoping that this will be his way out. Going in, he didn't plan on liking the town's people, he didn't plan on having someone to fight alongside of him but most of all, he didn't plan on finding his mate in one little impostor.

This was another great addition to a great series. I really liked the addition of Diana, the only female bloodhound in existence. At first I thought that maybe she and Archer would hit it off but apparently they do not go for their own kind because they are too territorial around the new moon so all they wanted to do was rip each other's throats out which was quite humorous. We do however find out what she does like in book 4 called Diana's Hound. I would like to mention that at the time of this review, all four of these books in the series were free to borrow if you have Amazon Prime. I highly recommend all of Moira Rogers' books as they are all really hot with intriguing characters.

Susi says

Through all the previous installments in the Bloodhounds series Archer was the character who intrigued me most. We never learned much about him and his mysterious character with all its edges made me crave this book. And yes I do admit I'm a cover whore and I just HAD to read this one. Look how pretty it is. But back to the book behind this great cover.

In Archer's Lady we finally get to know the man behind the cool and unattached Bloodhound. Archer is everything I wanted him to be: alpha without being too overbearing, a strong and powerful fighter with a big heart. On the surface he sometimes seems a bit cold and uncaring but with Grace he's a different person. The way he treats her with care and without judgement warmed my heart. He always does the right thing even when his view of the "job" isn't what it should be. He puts the needs of the community above his own and gives everything he has to make them feel home and safe again. And let's not forgive he's hot and totally rocked my world.

Grace isn't my favorite heroine in this series though. It's not like I didn't like her but well in comparison to the previous books I missed something. Grace has a secret past she's still running from. She's ashamed of her deeds and in weak moments the only solution she sees is flight. She struggles with it and in the end she

never actually does it. Chrystal Springs was meant to be her new start and now faced with such a desolate and threatening situation she is overwhelmed. When Archer joins the picture her character got more substance in my eyes. Through their conversations we get more insight into her thoughts and reasons for acting the way she does.

The sexual chemistry between Archer and Grace build up a the exact right pace for me. I loved to see them undo each other in with their affection. It's always nice to see a strong warrior-type man unravel for the woman he's meant for. Makes me all sappy and gooey inside. *happy sigh*

One thing I completely adored about Archer's Lady is the community Rogers created in Chrystal Springs. All those people who stayed even though their lives were threatened really warmed my heart. We meet a variety of fascinating characters and thankfully the author took the time to make them more than just an ornament. It's one of Rogers' gifts to bring characters to life even in such a short format and I treasure their stories for that.

The story-building was wonderful. From page one I was drawn back into the world. I loved how easily all the needed back-story is woven in without being annoying by useless repetitions. I love the fight scenes and caught myself grabbing the eraser like a madwoman and cheering the good guys on.

I would have loved to see more of the previous characters in this series but by not including this Archer's Lady is a great story to start reading about this world. I'm pretty sure even a Bloodhound "virgin" would enjoy reading about Grace's and Archer's journey.

Archer's Lady is a splendid addition to the Bloodhound series. A wonderful strong and broody hero and a heroine who awakens his softer side. You will find a great plot, engaging steampunk action and a mystery you will crave to figure out. Archer's Lady isn't only for the fans of this series- if you haven't tried these books yet this one is a perfect choice to start- you won't regret it.

Stephanie G says

The border town of Crystal Springs has fallen prey to vampires. For those who are unable to leave, they live in fear each day that they'll become the next victim. Archer has been sent by the Bloodhound Guild to help when he crosses paths with a woman who, like himself, has a past she'd like to forget. Grace has worked hard to make people in town think she's a proper lady and schoolteacher but Archer can see past the fake surface. Putting aside her fear the best she can, Grace joins Archer in the search to find out why the vampires have yet to destroy the town and everyone in it.

Grace and Archer were great together because they were able to see the good in each other. Archer is brave for what he does as a Bloodhound, men who are turned into weapons to fight vampires, and Grace is caring in the work she does for those vulnerable still in town. Of course, they each only see the bad they've done but when they're together, they help each other heal and that's what I liked most about them. The intense sex I've come to expect from the series was there are very hot but I think the real connection between them was outside of the bedroom.

It becomes obvious to Archer after arriving in Crystal Springs that the vampires are not just there to feed. They are there because they are looking for something and the race to find out what is on. I found this story to be really interesting and I liked that it wasn't as simple as the vampires wanting to attack just for the sake

of killing. That would have been boring and that's something this book is not.

Archer's Lady fits perfectly into a series that has thoroughly entertained me with each release. Archer and Grace really complement each other and I hope this isn't the last we see of them. For the supporting cast, I thought Grace's friend Diana was an instantly fascinating character with a secret that sets her apart from any other woman in the world. I can't wait to see how that affects things in the next book. There was a lot to like in this book and like all the other Moira Rogers' books I've read, I recommend it. This book contains paranormal romance, Wild West and some steampunk elements.

- Stephanie

E_bookpushers says

This is really like 4.5 stars!

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he lost control *fans self*. I also loved how patient and understanding with Grace and when they commenced with their affair I liked how he let take the choice and it was clear to me how she would fall for him so quickly.

E: Archer, wow! He had so many depths that I never expected. I knew that he had to have some reason for his bitterness and why he was left to Wilder to deal with/keep an eye on but I was not expecting all of that. Archer continued to stay full of mystery to the remaining inhabitants of Crystal Springs only revealing bits and pieces of himself to Grace. One of the several things I loved about him is that despite his bitterness and disillusionment he continued to do everything he could to save the town and continue acting as a bloodhound. I don't think many people could or would do that. I also really liked that he didn't judge Grace for her past nor did he make it harder on her to maintain her position of respectability and trust within the town. I will also say that his smexy times *fans self* and how patient he was with Grace so very wonderful to read.

MinnChica: I've loved Archer from the first moment he stepped onto the Bloodhound pages. He was snarky and at times rude, he didn't apologize for being blunt and I absolutely adored him. I was really excited to see where his story would go, and was so glad to see him not only kick a little ass, but also soften up a bit. I really enjoyed the way he processed his feelings for Grace, starting with almost a contempt like put for her, and then moving to respect and admiration and love. It was great to watch him process all those emotions, while still kicking butt and taking names.

2. Thoughts on the Heroine

Has: I really liked Grace, I found her to be really realistic and relatable especially in the beginning when she's close to escaping the town and Archer catches her. And I didn't blame her for wanting to run especially in the claustrophobic and dead atmosphere town of Crystal Springs. Grace is a not a perfect character and she has a past which she regrets which I loved – and she definitely felt more real especially with the danger of the remaining survivors of Crystal Springs.

Her chemistry with Archer was hot and I loved how their romance evolved over the book, especially towards the end.

E: Grace was the perfect heroine for Archer. She had a past that she was trying to regain her inner respectability from and a sense of responsibility towards Crystal Springs. The opening scene as she was mentally struggling with her fears and what she had already decided to do once more was such a snapshot of her mentality. I also really liked how she interacted with Archer and shielded him from the other 'ladies' in the town. Not that she was possessive or anything *grin*. I enjoyed how she was strong and willful but not TSTL. Her vulnerability the first night they spent together provided a great contrast to her outer image and just built her into such a complex character.

MinnChica: Poor Grace... trying so hard to start over fresh with a new life. I love heroines who realize there were on the wrong path, and are so willing to fight for the life they want. Grace was no exception. She knew she had screwed things up royally before, and yet she desperately wanted a respectable life, a husband, a family, someone to love. I adored her inner strength, and her ability to deal with Archer, especially when he would get prickly. I thought that they were so wonderful together, and perfectly complimented each other throughout the story. I hope we get to see more of these two in future books!

3. Favorite Scene

Has: I think my favourite scene of the book is the just after the vampire attack at the basement, where they were investigating the doc's laboratory and his experiments. The romance really progressed between Archer and Grace and there was definitely a few hot scenes, but it also illustrated a change in their relationship. And I loved how Archer really opened up to Grace with his emotions – I think its hard to convey emotional development with a lot of love scenes. But for me in Archer's Lady it so worked for me!

E: So many good scenes in this book. Between their first smexytime, to the New Moon, to their final fight with the vampires it is hard to pick one. I think I am going to go with one towards the end when Wilder, Hunter and crew arrive at Crystal Springs and barge in on Archer and Grace. That plus the ensuing discussion (some of which was at the top of people's lungs) was a lot of fun. To me it just crystallized how far the two of them had come along with what made Archer the way he was. It also added some interesting hints into the development of the upcoming dispute with the Guild.

MinnChica: Eeek... trying to pick just one scene always kills me, especially when there are so many to choose from. And with a novella, each scene tends to mean something special to me, so having few scenes to choose from that are all great is so hard! I think the first scene, where Archer and Grace meet in the barn is one of my favorites. Grace is trying so hard to be honorable, and yet at the same time she wants to run as far and as quickly as she can. When Archer comes in and questions her, she stands up to him while trying to preserve her dignity. The play-by-play banter was wonderful, and I loved that little moment.

4. Dislike about book

Has: I don't think I have any dislikes other than the ending which leaves a few things open with the main mystery and plotline. But overall this was a fast-paced and sexy read!

E: I also didn't have any dislikes. I was immersed in the story from start to finish and it stayed that way even when I re-read it.

MinnChica: Although I love reading novellas, there are just some authors who should only write books that take hours to read. Rogers is one of those authors that I could read all day, every day. I adored the story, it was wonderful from start to finish!

5. Any other misc. thoughts along with grade

Has: Archer's Lady for me is another solid installment which is fast becoming one of my favourite post apocalyptic PNR series. This was a hot and engaging romance and memorable characters packed full of mayhem and action I definitely can't wait for the next book!

I give Archer's Lady a B+

E: Moira Rogers has provided yet another stellar installment in their Bloodhounds series. Each story seems to get better and better as more things unfold about the world and its characters. I can always go back and re-read the entire series and feel like I am enjoying it for the first time again. It is rare to have books that give me that sense during multiple re-readings. The smexytimes were hawt, the suspense danger was intense, the emotional growth between Archer and Grace was great to see. I am so looking forward to the next one.

I give Archer's Lady an A.

MinnChica: I adore the Bloodhound series and how unique it really is. The paranormal and steampunk

elements are blended together perfectly and the world is so fun to jump back into. I've long adored Archer, and was glad to see him get his happily ever after. I also really liked being able to see the story progress, find out a bit more about the Bloodhounds, and meet the (hopefully!) heroine of the next novella. I still love Rogers and everything they write. These books are sexy and fun and wonderful short reads! I give Archer's Lady a B+

(Tori-Smexybooks) smexys_sidekick says

Originally posted at <http://smexybooks.com/2012/07/review-...>

Favorite Quote: "All he had to do was flash that wicked smile and nuns would break sacred vows for a chance to grasp at the pleasure it promised."

I love Moira Rogers's steampunk/ pnr series-The Bloodhounds. An incredibly sexy, action packed story that will keep you glued to your e-reader. An enchanting mix of old and new sets the stage as we engage with our two fascinating protagonists, Archer and Grace.

We first met Archer in Wilder's Mate. The most unpredictable of the bloodhounds, he is dealing with guilt over making the bloodhound, Hunter, and now has to deal with the Guild thinking he betrayed them. He accepts a mission to Crystal Springs, a dying frontier town, to investigate rumors of vampire attacks. What he finds is a town barely surviving. Most of the residents are gone and/or dead, and who's left are not fighters.

Grace Linwood came to Crystal Springs to begin her life anew. A former con woman, she is now the town's schoolteacher but the pressure is getting to be too much and she knows the town hasn't long to survive so she makes plans to leave. Archer arrives as she is about to flee and makes a deal with her. Introduce him to the town and then she is free to go. No judgment. But Grace is fascinated by this bloodhound and feels a connection to him.

Archer and Grace are cut from the same cloth. Loyal and intelligent; both have reinvented themselves in hopes of finding redemption from their past. They hide behind walls they have erected, never allowing anyone to know the real person behind the mask. When they meet, their souls recognize each other. The dialogue between them is both humorous and seductive as they fit each other well and the flow between them is quite erotic to read. Archer is a dirty bird. The chemistry is apparent from the beginning and a steady undercurrent flows between them, priming you for when they will go to the next level. Archer and Grace both know what they want and aren't afraid to voice it. Their sexual relationship begins quite suddenly with the full moon but it's when their emotions become involved that the true romance begins. Archer is deliciously and verbally dominant in bed and hasn't an ounce of shame about it. Grace, though quieter, is just as demanding and more than holds her own with Archer in and out of bed.

The secondary characters add dynamite to an already explosive storyline. Rogers ups the stakes in here with the introduction of new characters and new revelations concerning the Guild that take will take this series down new and exciting paths. What I really love about all of Moira Roger books is no character is used just as filling. Each one is imbued with enough vitality that you want then to have their own story.

The plot is solid with plenty of suspense and action to keep you satisfied. I do like the villain(s) was more

prominently featured in this one and the storyline is built upon layers that I await impatiently for answers to. All and all another great read by the ladies of Moira Rogers that left me wanting to read more about these sexy, sexy Bloodhounds and the women who are their destiny.

Overall Rating: B

Julie Read Our Lips! Book Review Blog says

A second chance is something hard to come by, but that's exactly what Archer and Grace are looking for in the third installment of the Bloodhound series, Archer's Lady.

Archer, a Bloodhound with a checkered past finds himself in Crystal Springs, a frontier town which is slowly dying due to rampant vampire attacks. The Guild has sent him to aid the town and its last few inhabitants from the vampire menace, or is there another reason he is sent there?

Grace, a woman who is running from her criminal past, sets up shop in Crystal Springs under the guise of a schoolteacher. She feels all hope is lost and is about to leave when Archer comes to town. She's immediately intrigued and fascinated by the handsome Bloodhound, but is the attraction she feels for Archer enough to make her stay in Crystal Springs and fight for the new life she's made for herself?

And what of the new discoveries Archer uncovers at Crystal Springs? First there's Diana, the first female Bloodhound we encounter in the series. Will Archer keep the secret of her creation safe from The Guild, or will he tell them of her existence? And what of the secluded scientist who created Diana, Doc Beale? What was he really working on in Crystal Springs before his untimely death, and why are all the vampires so desperate to get their hands on his research?

Find out this and more in the scorching hottt read, Archer's Lady. Just like all books in the series, Fellow Readers, it is a: Hotttt read!

<http://readourlipsblog.blogspot.com/2...>

Mar says

So much for Wilder being my main hound...OH MY F GOD ARCHER! #LOVEloveLOVEloveLOVE
