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Arianna Grace liked her boring, Midwestern, teenage life where she ignored the many unanswered questions of her childhood. Why were her parents dead? Why did she not have family? Where was she raised until she was five? When someone offers to explain it all, Arianna thinks she's just getting answers. Instead, she is thrown into a world of night humans who drink blood.

On Arianna's sixteenth birthday, her world is thrown upside down when she changes into a vampire. Night humans, or demons, as some call them, live in normal society. Learning all of the new rules of a world she didn't know existed might be hard enough, but it's further complicated by two former-friends that now want to help her take her role as the successor to her grandfather.

There is a war going on between the night humans. Sides have been taken and lines are not crossed. Four main clans of night humans are struggling for control of the night. Divided into two sides, clans Baku and Tengu have been at war for centuries with the clans Dearg-dul and Lycan. That is, until Arianna Grace finds out the truth; she's the bridge of peace between the two sides. But not everyone wants peace. With the night humans divided, Arianna is now a pawn in the war between them. She must choose a side—her mother's family or her father's—and for once in her life, decide her own fate.

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From Reader Review The Legend of the Blue Eyes for online ebook

Lanie (Lanies Book Thoughts) says

The Legend of the Blue Eyes was a terrific book, a bit shaky at the start, but it quickly became solid. Arianna is a 15 year old girl who has her life turned upside down in the matter of minutes. She has to come to grips with who and what she is quickly, and meet her real family all on her birthday. Basically, Ari is one of a kind and everyone wants a piece of her, whether to protect or destroy her. Devin is Ari's bodyguard and keeper, even though he's only 17. She has to rely on him to make it through her new world and to simply stay alive. Ari also has keepers, people whom protect and keep her alive, which you meet throughout the book. There's an interesting dynamic between Ari and her "keepers", and between the keepers themselves. The Legend of the Blues Eyes is now officially my favorite YA book. I loved Ari, Andrew, Turner, Thomas and Devin on occasion;).

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal).

Dawn says

I would characterize this book as “excellent concept, poor execution.” The concept of this book was/is extremely promising; on her 16th birthday Arianna Grace learns that she is vampire and baku (demon) half-breed caught in the middle of a centuries long war between the two for control of the night. Where the story falls apart (for me) is that there is no growth for Arianna – other than to suddenly have boys start declaring their undying love for her. The boys (Devin, Turner, Andrew) were flat and uninteresting; they had no other purpose/development other than being “gorgeous” and “having hair fall into their eyes” and declaring their love for Arianna, letting her drink their blood, and to yell at her that “SHE’S NOT SAFE” with anyone except [insert appropriate boy name her].

(view spoiler)

I did enjoy reading about Arianna’s relationship with her uncle, cousin, and grandfather wished the author spend more time with those people than BOYS!ANGST!BOYS!.

Brandy Musick says

I absolutely could not put this book down!! (Hence the 5:22 a.m. review!) FIVE STARS without a doubt to what will become one of my top favorite YA PNR series!

Being a teenager is never easy for anyone, but Arianna will soon realize that "she" is not your everyday anyone... The daughter of the paranormal version of Romeo and Juliet - a young girl who felt that she never truly belonged will begin to not only find her true self, but the strength and power that many covet, and some despise. She is a legend that has only been whispered about, and the hope (of her two remaining living relatives) that will finally unite the Night Human community.

Romance, danger and realizing that the future may hold more than you ever thought possible... I am anxiously awaiting June and the next chapter in Arianna's tale....

Coco.V says

FREE on Amazon today (11/17/2017)!

Emily Ross says

This was a really interesting book. I particularly liked the concept of the four night humans - dearg-dul, baku, lycan and tengu. Unfortunately, a lot of the novel is dedicated to Arianna, the main character, being doted on and kissed by various boys, rather than on the plot, which was the interesting aspect of this novel. I still don't know what the legend of the blue eyes is, but I don't know if I want to read the second book to find out.

Arianna has four boys surrounding her; Devin, Turner, Andrew and Thomas. I personally found Turner the most interesting and fleshed out with actual characterisation. Devin, while I liked him at the beginning, simply devolved into "I'm protecting you because of your grandfather" and became a relatively boring character. Andrew and Thomas only came in near the end so while Arianna has already kissed Andrew, we know barely anything about him. Thomas is motivated by a family debt so maybe kissing won't be occurring for him in the near future?

I did really like the friendship between Lord Randolph and Gabriel. I did prefer Gabriel of the two, but I thought they were both interesting and I wish that more of the book had delved into their friendship, the war between the dearg-dul and the Baku and why that made Arianna so special.

Siobhan says

Amazon freebies are so often a case of hit or miss. I have found quite a few that have really shocked me, often for different reasons. Some shock me because I cannot contemplate why the book is free, as it deserves to be something everyone is reading; some shock me because I cannot contemplate why they have such high ratings and followings.

The Legend of Blue Eyes was supposed to be the first. It had such promise. I'd read a number of decent reviews. Unfortunately, it turned out the book was not to be one of those surprising gems.

Personally, I had expected so much more. The concept is wonderful, and had it been done correctly it would have been a wonderful book. There was such promise, I had such high hopes, only to be let down exceptionally quickly.

From the start, I found it difficult to get into this book. I kept telling myself it would get better, but by the time I'd reached the halfway point I found myself unable to carry on. I hate it when I'm unable to finish books, I try so hard to finish them, but every so often it happens. Such is what happened here: I kept pushing myself, but in the end my interest had dissipated completely and my ability to force myself to continue caved in.

Part of it was the writing. Things seemed far too chunky. Things were repetitive. This repetitiveness is in terms of both interactions and information. Every other chapter things seemed to be highlighted again, pointlessly. I found myself sighing when things were repeated, and yet I wasn't finding out what I wanted to know. In fact, part of the reason why I carried on for so long was because I was hoping to receive the information I was waiting for, but even that didn't hold out for long – I was no longer interested because I'd given up with the characters.

That's the second part of the issue: the characters. I just couldn't bring myself to like anyone. Everyone seemed overly flat. The main character annoyed me. All the males seemed far too happy to do everything and anything for her, bending over backwards for the littlest of things. She was a special snowflake and everyone wanted to do something for her, meaning she did nothing of interest at all.

I just couldn't deal with it and because of this I couldn't bring myself to finish it. I kept telling myself I'd read more in the hope it would get better, but it didn't...

Katelyn Powers says

DNF, because I started dreading reading this and it was putting me into a reading slump.

Bethany says

Put away all your preconceived notions about Vampires. This novel will blow you away, and just may invite you back into your previous love of the supernatural. [If you've left it, of course] I'm the type that puts certain genre books on the 'back burner' at times, because I get sick of the same repetition with different characters and different authors. Then there is that ONE novel that comes along and just sucks you right back into it all again. THIS is that novel. So, I'd like to give a huge thank you to B. Kristin, for reminding me why I love the paranormal world.

B. Kristin McMichael. I have four words just for you. I stinkin' love you. You blew me away with your first novel, To Stand Beside Her. I couldn't imagine that your next novel, of which is a completely different genre could be so amazing. [Ok, Yes I did] The Legend of the Blue Eyes was phenomenal. I'm always nervous when I go into a "vampire" novel, but I loved your last book so much I HAD to give this one a try. Once again, you've broken the writing mold, this time in the supernatural realm.

I was completely in a trance, from the beginning to the end. . Everything about this book is so VIVID. The imagery was simply brilliant and the characters were just perfect. Arianna, makes you fall in love with her right away. She's just adorable, while feeling everything that is happening to her as if you are the one writing the story. As most books go, there's usually a love interest. In this novel.. there is 2. However, it's not the everyday run of the mill love triangle. Oh no, no, no. Devin [He's mine, BACK OFF!] is astonishing. Devin is thoughtful, deep, stern and a damn sexy protector! Yes... I may go crazy with my book boyfriends sometimes, but this boy just pulls on all the right strings to your heart. Then there's Turner, I want to call dibs on him too, but I'll be fair.

Ok I'll admit, I went into this knowing it was a trilogy and knowing that there is going to be more to this story makes me ecstatic. Everything about this novel is pure genius, from the different types of Night

Humans [Vampires, Werewolves, etc.], to the feuds between them, and the general flow of events.

The Legend of the Blue Eyes is overall a fantastic read with a new spin on the world of the Night Humans. The story feels natural, not forced, and I think that this series will really develop into something great. I can't wait to see what happens in the future for Arianna, and especially my Devin<3. So much so, I just want to delve more into the story and completely immerse myself in B. Kristin's writing. I'm serious, I want to bask in her words.

Go. Read this. Right MEOW.

Ren says

It's been a few months since I've read a YA paranormal. I MISSED YOU!!! The Legend of the Blue Eyes is an intriguing tale about night humans. It's nice to read a books that doesn't refer to them as vampires and werewolves and all the classes of night humans have different names. It was exciting to read about each of them; what their powers were, what they need to survive and some of their weaknesses. The main character Arianna can't remember her life before she was taken in by her aunt and uncle. She has many unanswered questions about her life before and can't seem to get any answers. Soon enough she finds out she's not quite human and her whole life has not been what she believed. I'm glad she isn't one of those characters that whines about her newfound heritage and powers. Yes, she's a little hesitant at first, but who wouldn't be. Character growth is absolutely essential for me when reading and Arianna proves to be worthy.

As far as the romance goes, I thought it would be another teeny bopper love triangle. Oddly enough it works for me. For her kind it's completely acceptable to have multiple "keepers." I'm trying so hard to keep this spoiler free so I'll leave it at that. I will tell you that she's better behaved than I would be. Turner can call me anytime LOL.

The world building is phenomenal! It kept me glued to the pages, wondering what would happen next. I couldn't help but love all of these characters. The book does end with a few unanswered questions, which is totally fine by me. What good would a series be if it's left with a satisfactory ending anyway? You've got to leave em hanging!!

Sapir says

For this review and more visit [Diary of a Wimpy Teen Girl](#)

WHOA. This book was so good and intriguing, but yet so different and bizarre that my mouth is still hanging open.. XD

Arianna, a typical teenager, finds out that she is a vampire, and not a typical vampire either. She is a both a purebred Baku and a purebred Dearg-dul - two different vampire species that don't get along with each other. Apparently, Arianna is the most powerful night human alive and many people want her hurt. That's why she was surrounded her whole life by her PPU - a group of people that were assigned to protect her. Arianna finds out that everyone in her life, including her friends, knew about her being a vampire and never told her a word about it.

While Arianna is trying to get used to her life as a vampire and to discover her special abilities, she finds herself in the middle of an ancient war between the Dearg-dul and the Baku. Which side will she choose, if any? And how can she stay alive when so many people want her dead?

First of all, I have to say that the author had some really original ideas about vampires. In this book, vampires rarely need to kill for blood. Each vampire has a least one Keeper - a human or a night human who is fully controlled by the vampire and provides him with blood. The weird thing is that so many people wanted to be Arianna's Keepers!! That was more than a little twisted. Who wants to be a walking blood fridge?!?

Arianna was surrounded all the time by guys who were more than happy to let her drink their blood as much as she wanted, so she never had to hunt or anything.

Talking about guys - the romance in this book was my favorite part of the book! I know that many people dislike love triangles and I have to agree that recently there are way too much of them in YA books. But in this book, there wasn't a love triangle. There was something else, something I've never seen before - a love PENTAGON. Yeah, I know it sounds weird, but think about it - 4 swoony guys in one book!! And they didn't even hate each other. They worked together to protect and help Arianna. I was so jealous :X It's hard for me to decide which guy I liked best... I think it would be Turner. Turner understood exactly what bothered Arianna and always found a way to cheer her up and help her. He encouraged her to think for herself and to stop following orders all the time. It was really heartwarming to see how he loved her and how he would give up anything for her. ♥

Arianna herself wasn't a very good character. She was quite passive and always let the guys around her fight for her. Well, I can't blame her... If I had 4 guys around my who were willing to do anything for me, I would have done the same! Arianna was the type of girl that follows orders. She didn't think enough for herself. There were parts when the guys put her to SLEEP while they were fighting. I was expecting Arianna to be much more kick-ass, but she wasn't... I hope she'll find more courage in the next books. XP

This book was very good and hooked me from the beginning. I will probably pick up the next book because I really want to know how the plot continues!!

Recommended to: people who like unique and different paranormal romance books.

A review copy was provided by the other in exchange for an honest review

Sherry says

This review and others can be found on my blog She Has A Knack For It.

The Legend of the Blue Eyes by B. Kristin McMichael. It is the first book in The Blue Eyes Trilogy. I received a copy of this book for free in return for my honest review, through the Never Too Old For Y.A. Books Group on Goodreads. However, I received a copy of the through through Smashwords using a special coupon code from the author. This in no way effects my final review of this book.

In the Acknowledgements the author thanks her husband for pushing her to go further with this novel. It would seem she originally wrote it two months before *Twilight* came out. We all know how that went down with crazed girls, sparkly vampires, and a slew of similar books. So, before we go into what I thought of the

book, I just want to thank the author for listening to her husband and taking a chance in publishing this book.

Aah, the world/creature building in this book is wonderful! I love the four different types of night humans the author came up with. We all know about vampires, lycans, and the such, but Mrs. McMichael manages to put her own unique spin on them. I will admit the whole warring races in this book, did remind me a little of Underworld, but I was okay with that.

Basically, you have this "hidden" world filled with four different races of night humans, that live among us regular folks. You have the Dearg-duls, who are basically vampires. They need to feed on blood and are sensitive to sunlight, mostly between the hours of 10am-2pm. The Lycans or werewolves who are sided with the Dearg-duls. They look a little different than other versions of werewolves that we know. They can travel during the day time. Then there are the Baku, who can only fully manifest at night. They turn into these big pale creatures with long hair. In my head I picture a cross between the Castithan and Biomen on the Syfy show Defiance. Aligned with them are the Tengu. They are a night human with bat like wings. Both the Dearg-duls and the Baku need blood to survive and the Lycans and the Tengu are more of raw meat eaters. The disagreement between races originally started over their food sources.

Now poor Arianna, on her sixteenth birthday gets thrown into this whole mess. She never really knew a whole lot about her parents, but it appears they had a whole Romeo and Juliet type of relationship going on. At the age of sixteen she manifests as a vampire or Dearg-dul, but that's not all she is...What side will she ultimately chose?

I really liked this book. I'm actually quite sad that the author didn't manage to get this published BEFORE *Twilight*. Mrs. McMichael's world is so much richer and intriguing than the one Stephenie Meyer's created. I would rather see young adults read this book over that one. While Arianna does tend to get rescued in this book I can see her coming into her own in future books and being more than able to take care of herself and even do some of her own rescuing (of herself and others).

I look forward to reading the rest of this trilogy and recommend that you check it out too!

4.5 STARS!!!

Brenda Ayala says

The Legend of the Blue Eyes was good. I liked it. But if I'm being honest it's not something I would pick up again.

Basically the entire book is about Arianna being doted upon by almost every young male she comes into contact with. Very little focus is on the actual plot, which is the legend. While I do recognize that this is the first in a series and therefore more of an introduction rather than a continuation of a plot, I felt more time needed to be spent on progressing.

Instead, the only progression we get is her kissing Devin, then Turner, then Andrew. Then Thomas comes into the picture, who she hasn't kissed yet, but I'm willing to bet that it's coming soon. I know virtually nothing about Jackson and Micah and yet I liked them because they weren't fawning all over this girl that really hasn't done anything to deserve all the praise. Yes, she's pure blood, but that's genetic. Her best character trait is that she's not snooty about sharing her blood. And the fact that this is such a small part of

the book just doesn't make me think she's anything special, especially not to have all these guys falling at her feet at the slightest whim.

Also, why is no one embarrassed about her unbuttoning all of their shirts in random public places? I get it, she needs to hear a heartbeat, but you don't need to get topless to do that.

I don't know. I didn't dislike it, but I wasn't really impressed either. I wanted to skim through a lot of the whole "Devin is so calm all the time but I like Turner because he's carefree" paragraphs.

What I did like was the relationship between her grandfather and her great uncle, and I wish the prejudices of the two different races would have been played up more. I also really loved the transformations! They weren't grotesque (which I didn't expect anyway) but the changes were radical enough that a change was actually noticeable. I think this is a great way to distance the book from other vampire books out there, where they still look human and don't change at all. With the exception of being ridiculously gorgeous of course.

Edit: it's not clear who Thomas is. I can assume he's the tengu, but that's never actually told to us.

Edit 2: The baby talk while she was drunk on blood was downright annoying. She doesn't want to be treated like a child and then proceeds to act like one.

One more thing: I counted at least 5 instances where the sentence went like this:
"But," Arianna complained. (It got to the point where it was a bit distracting for me. I'm probably the only one that noticed, but hey. Just thought I'd mention it)

Cheryl Duval says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review from the "Lovers of Paranormal" Group on Goodreads.com and the Author.

Once I started reading I could not put this book down. The night human world the author created was different than any book I have read. The characters of Arianna, Devin and Turner are great. On her 16th birthday Arianna is thrown into a world that she could never possibly imagine and she discovers that her entire life has been a lie. She finds herself in the middle of a war that has been going on for centuries. The story is well written and captivating. I can't wait to read the next book. I highly recommend this book.

Aliyeh says

Four stars

Other worldly creatures and a reverse harem is my new "count me in" quota. I liked this book, I've seen a lot of complaints in the reviews which for the most part I disagree with. For one, There are so many different characters, paranormal types and events that it's really impressive that the author was able to build the story in such a way. I will say that yes, the relationships with each guy were a bit underdeveloped but I hope that

in the second and third book it gets better from here.

Brian says

Ok, so I'm a little biased, but I'd say that if B.K.'s book "To Stand Beside Her" is a little like "Beauty and the Beast" with a twist, this one's more of a twist on the Cinderella story... except in this version Cinderella turns into a vampire.

Anastasia ? says

Okay! WOW! This novel is amazing!! I'm surprised at just how much I enjoyed reading this novel!

The Legend of the Blue Eyes is the first novel in the trilogy and let me tell you, it's worth a read! B. Kristin McMichael has a new and original take on Vampires and the Vampire World. Divided into clans the Vampires or rather "night humans" are at war and Arianna(main character) is the only hope of uniting them. Arianna is an captivating character, she's sweet, kind, and strong. Of all the characters in this book, I really liked Devin! He was tough, deep and complicated. He's a fierce warrior who has his own secrets and duties to Arianna and the world of the night humans.

The Legend of the Blue Eyes has a great story-line and the characters are so lovable, fun and in a sense made the book come alive. Overall, it's a captivating story with romance and danger, and I really think this novel will develop into something great, I cannot wait to see what happens in the next novel! I highly recommend it!

also posted on [So Many Books, So Little Time](#)

Tatiana says

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♥A?i says

gahhh, i went gaga on this one!

recommend if you like vampire genre type books with a bit of spicy romance in this love POLYGON. no joke. when you think Devin is going to be her leading, Turner comes in too - then you think, OMG not another love triangle thing again! BUT ERRRRKK!! no, another boy comes in too. it just keeps getting interesting and interesting as you keep reading! <3 seriously cannot wait until the next one! ~
NOW I'M OFF PLAYING THE WAITING GAME. this definitely sucks. PLEASE SECOND BOOK HURRY AND COME!!!~

Anna says

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review

Wowwwwowwww, I mean wow. This book blew me away. From the minute I skimmed the first couple of pages, I was hooked and racing through it.

The Legend of the Blue Eyes has my favorite kind of character, a strong amazing and legend-worthy heroine. Arianna is definitely one of my all-time favorite characters!

I thought it would really bother me, having her love all of her boys, but I actually don't mind because they are all equally awesome...although I do feel partial to Devin <3

I loved Gabriel, Lilly and Dean and even Lord Randolph *tear* and loved that they still kept her two best friends in play even after she turned.

I can't wait to see what the second book will hold, I want to read it NOWWWWWWW!

Definitely a fantastic read, very very recommended!

Hnybrown18 says

Let me first start by saying there are a lot of Y.A. Supernatural books on the market. McMichael sets her world apart from the others by creating a main character that you believe. Arianna is an average young woman, raised as an average teenager until her 16th Birthday reveals that she isn't quite like all the others around her. If I had to compare it to something, I would call it Princess Diaries meets Supernatural.

The story touches on themes present in some other Supernatural YA: loyalty, trust, romance, teenage love, feuding clans, and ancient power struggles. McMichael uses these as tools to tell her story and surround the main character with many of the same choices as a YA audience. Although one of the readers may not be caught in a power struggle between two houses, the average sixteen year old feels every decision is a major life decision. Readers will relate to the fast paced world and see the world set before them through Arianna's eyes.

I was half way through the book when I secretly wished for a second book. I wanted more words and more characters to help me immerse myself in the world McMichael created. I enjoy character driving story telling. McMichael creates a world where all act according to their natures. The story feels natural, not forced, and is the first of a trilogy that I look forward to reading.

