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The grave threat to the tortured race of vampires is greater than ever in Kate Baxter's THE DARK VAMPIRE. An unforgettable, intensely emotional, and hot series for fans of J.R. Ward, Nalini Singh, Lara Adrian and Larissa Ione.

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Maria Itliong says

I enjoyed reading Jenner and Bria's story, hopefully the next book would be Siohban and Christian...

Claire Robinson says

5 - "A mated male is... Temperamental." Stars!

I absolutely love this series, Kate Baxter brings another couple together through each book, whilst still running the bigger story concurrently.

I must admit the space between books means it takes me a few chapters to refresh myself on the whole Sortiari situation, but it never takes long for me to get right back into the story.

The Dark Vampire is Eric Jenner's story, we have seen glimpses of him through the previous books although the author hasn't given a huge amount about what makes this guy tick away, you are given the impression he is a vampire with only a few specific requirements.

He fucked. Fed. Survived.

Bria Fairchild, has pretty much spent her life locked away behind the closed doors of her uncles compound, he believes it is for her protection, but little does he know that she spends her evenings sneaking around town in her own special way...

Jenner is your typical gruff, growly alpha Vampire, so when Bria's uncle brings her to Mikhail's mansion with life ending injuries one evening, the last thing he expects is for their souls to tether to each other after she has been turned, as she is in essence the opposite of everything he is, and he believes himself completely unworthy of a woman so beguiling and pure.

Her presence was the calming warmth to his cold cruelty. Her touch a gentle balm to his abrasive violence.

Except she isn't as innocent as he initially assumed, and what ensues is a battle of wills, hormones and pretty much everything in-between for them.

"You blood is like a drug... Just a sip and I'm wired."

Bria wants him, but he is not sure he can hold onto his control well enough to be the gentle and caring lover he thinks she needs.

"I know you want me... Why don't you do something about it."

I absolutely devoured this book, the push and pull between this pair that plays out around the bigger story going on made it totally unputdownable. Both vulnerable in their own ways, Jenner believes he is doing the best for his mate when he tries to keep her away from the action and out of his bed, when in essence he is doing the same to her, as her uncle has done for the previous ten years.

"Today is the first day of my existence."

Reading her fighting her way through and out of that over-protective shell that both men try to keep around her was really enjoyable.

The *Last True Vampire* series has got plenty of life left in it yet, lots of questions still remain unanswered in the main theme of the story, and with a plethora of secondary characters including Chelle, Siobhan and Lucas that I want to see find their own Happy endings... Well as happy as they can be when you have half the Supernatural world wanting to kill, capture or drink your blood! I cannot wait for more from this series and hopefully soon!

This is a turning point.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was my pleasure to provide the above honest review.

Gigi staub says

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Review:

I really am bad about researching about books before I read them. This is book three in the series and though I was not too confused, I sure wish I would have found this series sooner! Now I need to go back and read the others.

I love supernatural stories and this story sure fulfilled that love. It is a story about vampires, but I like that the author mixes in other supernatural beings. I was drawn in on page 1. Jenner is although, mysterious, broody and of course alpha male. He is also insecure and worried that he might hurt others then fate gives him a

mate and things get really interesting. Bria, for her protection has been hidden away all of her life and then she is almost killed, made into a vampire and gets a mate. She is sheltered and innocent, but by no means a doormat and gives as good as she gets. Jenner and Bria with their opposites attract, were quite enjoyable to read. They both had their hands full and at times it made the story exciting, dramatic and sexy. I particularly liked the idea the author had about the tethering of the souls for mating vampires, I thought it was unique and gave the story an interesting twist on other vampire stories. I thought she did an excellent job creating a new vampire world/story. Now I have to find the time to go and read the other books in the series.

4Stars

Received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

This is the third book in there series and the background with each story is so interwoven and gets even more complex as each book comes a long.

This is Eric Jenner's story and we have seen him in previous books and loyal muscle and is now third in command to the Vampire King.

Jenner's transformation however has not gone as easy as Ronan's and he struggles with his desires for blood and his lust for sex. His past also causes him problems but it is only in tethering with Bria that he finds that the past is no longer the true him.

Bria has been kept a prisoner in her home for centuries by her uncle, but has been on the parkour scene and like to do geocaching. She has been escaping at night for years unbeknownst to her uncle, however with a request for her protection to the Vampire King her entire world changes.

Bria is another strong female in which her male counterpart thinks that he knows better and that she could not possibly be the woman for him and she is so breakable. Jenner soon learns however that Bria is much stronger than she looks and is every bit the woman who completes him.

Another breathtaking book that captivates and pulls you along.

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

4.5 stars

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PepperP0t says

It's been a few months but Jenner has moderation issues with risk, bloodlust and sex. His new assignment will be to watch over a dhampir stalked by a witch. Or so says her uncle. Bria's been a virtual prisoner in her uncle's coven but when they're attacked by the Sortiari, Bria's uncle pledges fealty to Mikhail in exchange for turning Bria into a vampire.

For innocent Bria the change means freedom, power and strength, she'll no longer be under a man's thumb and constantly protected. As soon as he walks into the house, Jenner's assaulted by Bria's scent and voice. Racing to her side he realizes they've been tethered and after one look at the dangerous vampire in her doorway, Bria realizes it as well.

Jenner's overwhelmed. He's still learning to cope with his vampirism, controlling his excessive appetites now he has a mate that needs him to teach her not only vampirism but the dangers of the world in general. Together and apart, Jenner and Bria struggle with their new reality and Jenner does the right thing for the right reasons but does it all the wrong way for Bria's needs and comes off more as an ass.

The overall arc made progress on many fronts. Claire has the baby, Vanessa exhibits more power than anyone new she possessed. Chelle' pushes past Mikhail's constraints, much to his chagrin. Siobhan's flirtation with the wolf may not be as innocent as it seems and the Sortiarti tries to arrange a visit at Mikhail's.

Rating: 4.25stars

Sarah says

This series is going from strength to strength and I now have a new favourite hero in Jenner. If you like your heroes dark and brooding with a side of protective alpha and incredible skills in the bedroom you're going to fall for him just as hard as I did. We've all seen in the previous book that Jenner is a vampire with large appetites, he is fighting for control and coming close to losing it so he is absolutely terrified of getting close to Bria in case he hurts her. From the moment he sees her she tempts him more than any other and even the return of his soul, thanks to their tether, isn't enough to make him trust himself to keep her safe. Jenner sees Bria as everything that he isn't, she's from a privileged background and led a very sheltered upbringing so he is sure he'll never be able to give her what she needs.

What he doesn't realise is that Bria is sick of being treated like a prized possession by her family and she has no intention of letting her mate do exactly the same thing. She may have been sheltered but she knows exactly what she wants and needs and that's the freedom to be herself and to explore the world around her, she spent her whole life trapped in a gilded cage by her uncle and she never wants to feel that way again. What she wants from her mate is a man she can share love and passion with but also someone who will treat her like an equal in every way. She is sick of being seen as weak and she's determined to stand on her own two feet for once. I really liked how strong Bria was, she stands up to Jenner when she needs to and she won't let him intimidate her with his caveman routine.

These two make a great couple, Jenner has very good reasons for being worried about hurting Bria but she knows him better than he knows himself. She can see exactly what he needs and she's not afraid to let him have it. Jenner was the right amount of protective alpha mixed with attentive and adoring lover, it took Bria a long time to break through his walls but once she did there was no stopping him! This was definitely the hottest book of the series so far but I love that **Kate Baxter** really takes time to develop the emotional connection between the couple alongside the physical one.

I'm really enjoying seeing where this series is going, it has similarities with several other popular paranormal romance series but enough differences to stand out from the crowd in it's own right. I'm a little nervous that the next book might end up being about Siobhan and Christian but I'm hoping I'll be proved wrong on that since I'm not much of a fan of either of their characters. I really want to see more of Chelle, Lucas and Saeed though so I'm hoping we'll get on of their stories next and Siobhan can continue to have her story told in the background of each book. Either way I'll definitely be continuing this series, I'm enjoying the world and I want to see what happens to the characters I already love as well as the ones we're only just being introduced to.

Source: Received from Headline Eternal in exchange for an honest review

Becky says

DNF @ 33%

I really tried to stick with this because i remember liking book 1, but the so-called hero in this one put me off. Too many sex scenes with OW. No infidelity, at least in the first third, but he does think about having sex with/feeding from OW when he's getting hot and heavy with the heroine. Gross! AND he's just returned from a three day bender of sex when he meets his supposed soulmate. Bonus: he's a total asshole to the heroine, even though she's supposedly his destined soulmate or whatever bullshit. No thanks.

Sunny says

Enjoyable, but I did not find hero likeable. He seems one-dimensional and always on the edge. There is a perfectly acceptable reason for this, but, for me, it is a little one-note and over the top. His inner dialogue becomes tedious and it's drags the pace of the story. I did like Bria to a certain extent. I understand her need to exert her independence after being sequestered for so long. Her story highlight of the book.

Jo-The Hopeless Romantics Book Blog says

."Jenner was dangerous. Dark and violent. Since the day they'd met he seemed to balance on the razor's edge of his control. And Bria wanted him more than she'd ever wanted anything in her entire life."

This is the third book in the paranormal series and having loved the first two books, I was excited about reading this one. "The Dark Vampire" is all about the dark and moody vampire Jenner who I had briefly met in the previous book. I wasn't sure how I truly felt about Jenner, he was so temperamental with an hard edge to him that appeared impossible to crack, but there was something about him that made me curious and I was keen to get to know him better. I hoped that, as the story continued Jenner would lose some of his harshness and he could win me over. I really did want to love him but he wasn't my favourite of the vampires that I have met so far.

Now Bria, I did like. She seemed so sweet and innocent, however once I got to know her I realised how strong and determined she was. Bria was the perfect match for Jenner because she wouldn't put up with any of his crap. I was eagerly waiting for Bria and Jenner to get together, longing for the story to hot up and for me to change my feelings for Jenner, however Kate Baxter kept me waiting quite some time before any of those things happened. Bria and Jenner's relationship was not as straightforward as I would have liked.

."He'd known from the first moment he stared into Bria's beautiful amethyst eyes that she would be the cause of his destruction."

Once Bria and Jenner did finally become a couple, the sparks flew and I wasn't surprised. This author is brilliant at writing passionate sex scenes between her star couples, so I was fully prepared for some hot reading! Lol. I loved seeing Bria and Jenner together, it was a relief to finally see them so in love. The only problem was that there was so much going on around them that I felt there wasn't enough time to enjoy Bria and Jenner's relationship. Out of the three books so far, I thought that this one focussed more on the other characters of the paranormal world rather than just the main couple, so I was left feeling like I didn't get enough Bria and Jenner.

."With every passing day Bria lost another piece of her heart to Jenner."

I am yet to discover if this is the last book in the series or if others will follow. I am sure that there is room for other books with the characters that I am still to explore and because I have enjoyed this series so far, I will be keeping my eyes peeled for another instalment.

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Reviewed by Annie

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Sissy's Romance Book Review says

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'The Dark Vampire' by Kate Baxter is book three in the "Last True Vampire" series.

I have not read the other books yet so for me this was a standalone book.

This book is about Jenner a Vampire and Bria. Jenner has issue from his past that make him what he is today...which seems to use women for sex and blood. Never getting enough of both it would seem.

Bria is a sheltered girl whose father was a Vampire but her mother was human. They were both killed and her Uncle has been keeping her sheltered as much as he can from the world. There is a witch that is after Bria and her Uncle has been protecting her by hiding Bria.

Bria has been slipping out from her Uncle's place and on one of these trips she is attracted. Her Uncle takes her to some Vampires that he has just hired to help protect his niece. The Uncle ask them to turn her so she won't 'die'.

Once Bria is turned she stays with the Vampires group for a few days before meeting Jenner. Once she and Jenner meet they find that they are 'mates'. Jenner can't fight this but is upset that Bria is such a nice girl and that he is afraid of hurting or killing her. So Jenner tries to keep his distance..but it is impossible.

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4 Dark Sexy Vampire Stars

SYNOPSIS:

PASSION RULES IN DARKNESS.

Jenner is a newly turned vampire who stalks the night like a wild beast of prey, hunting and feeding his appetites with a string of willing women...and always wanting more. Nothing can satisfy the aching hunger that burns inside him—until he crosses paths with a beautiful, innocent vampire who sets his soul on fire.

Bria has never been able to escape the confines of her uncle's home. But when the smolderingly sexy Jenner saves her—and promises to be her bodyguard—Bria is brought to a dark world of dangerous, insatiable desire. But once they feed upon each other, they expose themselves to an evil that they never saw coming...and now there's no turning back. Will they divide and conquer—or stay together and lose it all to lust?

MY THOUGHTS:

What's not to love about a dark, handsome, broody vampire? Whew he was something! This is the first time I have read this author and this is book three in the Last True Vampire series. You could read this as a standalone, as I was able to read it with very little question as to what was going on. I think I would have liked to have read the other two books prior, but it is not necessary, as each book deals with one particular couple. There is a good supporting cast of characters and good character development. There are good witches, dark magic performed by bad witches, shifters, faes, and forces trying to get rid of the paranormal beings. If you are a fan of J.R. Ward Black Dagger Brotherhood, which I am, then you will enjoy this book and I am sure the series.

Bria was brought up being extremely sheltered for her own safety, but she craved the outside world and would sneak out to escape the confines of her coven, not knowing the dangers lurking. There is an uprising to eradicate the dhampir covens and Bria is near death and is brought to the Vampire King to be saved. Bria is turned from a dhampir to a vampire. This is where it really gets interesting!!

Eric Jenner (goes by Jenner) is passionate in all things and the ultimate consumer of sex, blood, and danger. He does not trust himself because of unfortunate circumstances as a young dhampir dealing with bloodlust. He is made out to be out of control and he lives that role to the fullest. He is an enforcer for the King and upon his entrance to the Kings home, he is hit with bloodlust and the possessive “mine” feeling in his guts.

He is immediately tethered to Bria as she is to him. They have a bond that is immediate and absolute. Jenner wants to consume Bria sexually and take blood from her vein, but he doesn't trust himself with her, for he fears he will destroy her.

Bria and Jenner have power struggles and growing pains as a couple. Their chemistry is off the charts! At times I was so angry at Jenner for not trusting his mate, but I could see it from his viewpoint as she was the love of his life and he needed to protect her at all costs. There are family dynamics involved, there is a bit of betrayal and lots of intrigue and secrets. Jenner grows to find his mate is just as much his equal and is stronger than he ever could have imagined.

If you love a good love story, broody vampires and strong heroines then this is the book for you. I highly recommend you give it try!

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Tanya Davis says

Bria lives in her uncle's compound, being protected from a witch. Now that she's grown, the protection she's been under is stifling and her uncle is forced to go to the vampires in search of help. He is an ass. Aristocratic dhampir who is very against dhampirs becoming vampires. Bria can't stand being caged and held back by her uncle any longer and escapes as often as she can.

Jenner seems to be hanging onto sanity by a thread. He's getting his job done, but his urges are threatening to take over and he wonders if this was the life he really anticipated. Meeting Bria really throws him and his protectiveness causes some issues.

I really liked Bria's character. She's spunky and independent. A great challenge for Jenner and he really needed that in his life. He needed a focus, although his feelings for Bria overwhelm him and make his job difficult.

The Dark Vampire gives us some great adventure in dealing with Bria's witch. However, I also really enjoyed seeing all of the other characters and how their lives are continuing on. Mikhail, Ronan and Jenner have a lot of politics to deal with, as well as side issues that need to be controlled to portray vampirism as a positively as possible. I'm really curious about Vanessa and her abilities. Wondering just how she is going to fit in.

So many ups and downs in The Dark Vampire, and such an enjoyable ride it was. I was left smiling and satisfied with all the goodness wrapped up in this book. I look forward to The Untamed Vampire, with it's couple and the continuation of Mikhail rebuilding the race of vampires.

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Christie«SHBBblogger» says

I think I'm fighting a book hangover. Nothing particularly wrong with this, I'll have to try again at a later point.
