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Allison Carmichael wakes from a car wreck with no memory of the past three years. She doesn't recall her husband's death or how she alienated her friends, and she definitely doesn't remember anything about her new boyfriend Vincent Drake – a charismatic man with a penchant for rare and unique possessions. In fact, the only things familiar to Allison are her seemingly common ailments – insomnia, lack of appetite, erratic body temperature – which have gone undiagnosed and are worsening.

But Vincent knows exactly who, and what, Allison is – a mortal descendant of the first vampire. He is a vampire who has watched over Allison and her ancestors since the biblical times of Cain and Abel ensuring their secret is kept. Once he realizes Allison's symptoms are accelerating and transforming her, he'll stop at nothing to have her.

Allison discovers that she is a descendant and the first of her kind to exhibit signs of vampirism. She must decide between risking her mortal death if she cannot control her symptoms or fully transforming into a vampire and damning her soul for eternity. A decision made even more difficult when Allison discovers that Vincent has manipulated her life, and everyone in it, so that he can have the one thing no one else in the world has – the first descendant-turned-vampire.

THE DESCENDANT – A Vampire Tale of Biblical Proportions

## **The Descendant Details**

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## Wanda Hartzenberg says

The Descendants by Kelley Grealis

A unique view on the origins of the vampire race with true love and an infatuation and a battle scene next to none is only some of what you have to look forward to in this amazing book.

The characters are well developed and the historical explanation is sensible and plausible which adds to the story and the level in which the reader gets engrossed within.

I really enjoyed this book and I am sure that lovers of this genre will agree the author managed to bring her own unique stamp to genre as a whole.

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## J.D. Nelson says

This book is, for a lack of a better word, AMAZING! I love the spin on the biblical story. So original! It also brought out so many emotions! Sorrow, angst, anger, good, old-fashioned swooning, I experienced it all with Allison. I know I'll be adding this to my "To be read again" pile.

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## Nikki Archer says

This book was so good,,I could not put it down First it start with Allison, who have all kind of trouble.She hot then cold mood swing not hungry burying in the middle of her stomach.and the doctors can't find nothing wrong with her,all her test are fine,and top in all that she have dream about a garden, that make her feel better. Allison thinks she haveing a mid life crisis, So she go home to tell her husband Matt who is always supportive, They have a party to go to and have fun he want her to lighting up and be in a good mood.. Allison and matt are drinking talking at the party but Allison see this man who Seving at the party and she drawn, to him and can't stop thinking of him...Now it time to head home and Matt not driveing he a lil drunk and Allison hate driveing on the highway, but she has to, So they talking and then all of the sudden ..boooooom car go flying in a ditch, and Allison wake up in the hospital, to find her husband has been die for 3 year ,,and he was not in the car with her and she has this sexy fine boyfriend, that she can't remember. How matt die how and her she met this handsome man name. Vincent, who she feel she can trust, But is he telling the truth and what is he really and what is Allison, The truth come out People are not who thay say they are is matt die or not,, WOW this story had a grip on me and did'nt let me go from start to the end Kelley OMG it have to be a book 2 i need to no how Allison is doing and what to become of her,,

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## adam-p-reviews says

Allison had always been told that she is special and will do something great with her life. But, as life usually turns out, Allison is stuck in a job that she can't stand in a town she feels trapped in. And when she comes down with a mystery illness that gives her an extremely sore stomach and throat, uncontrollable body temperature and insomnia, she puts it down to the 'mid-life crisis' she feels she's in. What's even stranger about the sickness is that no doctor can diagnose her with any illness and continually sends Allison home with no aid to get rid of the awful pain. Even though the doctors can't diagnose anything wrong with Allison, her husband Matt knows she isn't imagining things as Allison's insomnia keeps him awake at night!

To try and cheer her up, Matt takes Allison to a friend's birthday party. After a few drinks, Allison doesn't feel any better and drives Matt and herself home. On the drive home, Allison and Matt's car is crashed into and she and Matt are knocked unconscious!

Allison wakes in a hospital several days later asking for her husband. She is shocked to find that her husband has been dead for three years and that the crash has caused her to lose some of her memory. When she is discharged from the hospital, Allison is driven home by a friend. When she arrives home, she discovers pictures of her in another handsome man's arms but has no idea who the man is! That evening, the mysterious man comes around to Allison's house and introduces himself as Vincent and explains that he and Allison have been dating for the last year. At first, Allison does not believe his story, but after spending more time with Vincent, she realises that she does in fact love him and accepts that her beloved husband Matt did really die three years ago.

However, Allison soon realises that Vincent holds a very dark secret and that there is a reason why she has always felt special in her life. As Vincent reveals, Allison is not just a normal human being but a descendant of the first ever vampire, Cain! Allison is thrown into a world she never realised existed. But because of her infamous ancestors, Allison is hunted in the vampire world by Luscious; an evil vampire obsessed with ending Cain's lineage! Vincent and his siblings must keep Allison safe but that is no easy task...

For me, this was a book of two halves and even though I did enjoy both halves I thought the story behind the first part of the book was really great. I loved the mystery behind Allison's illness and why she was feeling depressed and unfulfilled. I also thought the mystery behind her car crash and the death/memory loss over Matt made the book really interesting to read. This is because you kept asking yourself 'was or wasn't' he really alive? Plus, Vincent's character was much more appealing in this half of the book. He was the cool, rich kid who wasn't afraid of a good time.

However, in the second half of the book (the part that introduced the vampires) I thought the mystery behind Matt was forgotten right until the end. I also found Vincent really annoying! I don't want to give too much away, but I think maybe Grealis made him more unlikeable on purpose (which does sort of make sense when you read the book) but I still preferred him in the first half. Nevertheless, I did like the idea of the Secret Coven and I think it would be great that if in the next book the different members back stories were broaden a little more.

All in all, I did enjoy this book but I preferred the first half to the second. I would suggest this book to anyone who enjoys Vampire novels such as *Legacy of the Vampire: The Pits* by Kristofer McLaren or novels such as *Destine* by Katherine Polillo.

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## **Julia Mills says**

I read A LOT of vampire/paranormal books and I can say with all honesty that Ms Grealis has taken a unique approach that drew me in and kept me reading to see what would happen next. Poor Allison has a great marriage to an awesome guy but she is experiencing completely unexplainable health issues. No matter what doctor she goes to, she can get no answers. Actually they all think she is crazy! The only time she truly feels peace is when she dreaming.

Allison wakes up in the hospital after a terrible car accident and no memories but of the distant past. Her best friend and the beautiful Vincent help her begin to rebuild what she has lost. The unfortunate side effect is that things are just not fitting together. You will have to read the book to see how it all plays out because there is no way to tell you more without spoilers and I HATE SPOILERS!!!

I will tell you that Ms Grealis is an amazing writer. She has written this book with ties to the Biblical stories we have all heard throughout our lives. She has included mystery, suspense, thrills and intrigue with a little spice of the sensual to keep you wanting more. This book is definitely not your girl meets vampire, turns into vampire and they ride off into the moonlight together story. Do not expect fluff! DO expect a story that grabs you and refuses to let you go. Expect a story that has you yelling at the characters and wanting more when you reach the last page.

I will be very interested to see where Ms Grealis takes Allison's journey in her next book!

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### **Jan Niblock says**

This book is excellent with a new view of vampires. Here I thought all of the different ways to introduce vampires and their habits have been covered, but I was wrong. Kelly did a fantastic spin on how vampires came into being. She ties in the whole biblical aspect that really makes you feel that it is true.

What a great story with a lot of suspense and mystery. You think you know what is going on but then you are just not too sure as Kelly does such a good job of keeping you guessing. The characters are wonderfully portrayed and you just find yourself really liking those you should and being very unsure of those other characters. The lead character, Alison, is great. She is a strong woman who loves deeply and comes out even stronger in the end. I am really hoping that there will be a sequel because there are a lot of things I would love to see happen.

If you are looking for a good vampire story, you definitely want to check this one out.

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### **Lily says**

The descendant is a book that can be enjoyed by absolutely anybody.

Just grab a cup of hot coco and enjoy this lovely adventure. I loved the pace, it was an easy read, a page turner and again ENJOYABLE!

The gorgeous MC, Allison Carmichael is a mortal descendant of the first vampire. (Before I elaborate, how cool is that?) This is something that she is not aware of. Her life is turned upside down when she wakes up from a car wreck. New realization surface to the ground and horrible consequence revamp.

Something interesting about this book is its biblical proportions. And the prospects in vampirism that surround it.

This novel is a page turner, with the edgy relationship between Vincent and Allison but there is something about Vincent that gets to me. His controlling tendencies are really annoying. But I managed to really hate him. So I hope to read more about this lovely pair in the coming sequel...I hope???

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### **Books&Dreams says**

I was gifted this book from the Author for an honest review.

I gave this book 5 stars.

This is book one in The Descendant Vampire Series.

Stars: 4.5

Book: The Descendant: The Descendant Vampire

I really enjoyed reading this book a lot and the story was really different from the usual vampire books I'm used to reading. Allison is having some health problems and the doctors can't figure out what's wrong, and they're constantly sending her home with no diagnosis. Matt her supportive husband is understanding and they go out to a party only to end up in a car crash on the way home. Allison wakes up with part of her memory gone and her husband supposedly being dead for three years and wasn't actually in the car with her. Now she is with this handsome man named Vincent and isn't sure whether she should trust him or not.

I didn't like Vincent in this book at all and I wasn't really happy with how Allison just accepted the way things were and kind of forgot about Matt throughout the book. I was pretty frustrated with this character. This story ended with a cliffhanger and I can't wait to read the next book so I can figure out what happens next, because even through the times I was frustrated with the characters I still couldn't put the book down.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a different view in a vampire book and looking for a little mystery in their read.

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### **Alicia Huxtable says**

I stopped reading vampire stories for the very fact that they were a dime a dozen and most of the time it seemed it was just a rehash of the previously read story, differing slightly. I can say that this is not so much the case with this book.

While it does feel somewhat familiar, it has differences that I hadn't read a million times before. I enjoyed it and the characters. The 3 star rating is because I would like to see the characters grow throughout the series, especially Allison.

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### **Aneesa Price says**

A Review of The Descendant by Kelley Grealis

This book had all the ingredients that makes me a devoted reader of the paranormal genre - it has plenty of unexpected twists, interesting relationships with much conflict between the heart, head and old-fashioned vampire laws and the hint of possibilities.

Kelley Grealis has taken a well-known plot about a human on the verge of becoming a vampire and the early mid-life crisis and has transformed it into a refreshing novel with interesting surprises. Her style of writing is descriptive enough to draw you into the novel and experience the Cleveland area. One particularly fascinating location within the book was the private island and secret island in the middle of Lake Erie. I have no idea if it is real or a figment of the author's imagination but, she made me both want to visit and avoid it. (Anything secretive makes me scared. If it is good, it wouldn't be a secret, right?) The character insights leave you alternatively loving and hating them. Whilst I empathized with what the main character went through, in the beginning, she irritated me because I saw her as a 'moaner' but as the story progressed, and Grealis revealed the reasons for her internal discord, I found myself cheering her on.

A review by Aneesa Price (author of The Coffin Girls Series, [[ASIN:B008N0GWVA Coffin Girls (Elegantly Undead: Book 1 of the Coffin Girls Series)])  
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## **A.J. Lape says**

I'm a massive vampire fan...okay, on a creepy obsessive level...but we've all got our vices, right? That being said, everything can tend to be overdone. You get torched by the sun, you sparkle, you can't eat real food....you get the picture. Anyway, the story that Kelley Grealis weaved in The Descendant was so freaking creative that my mouth dropped a few times. I was happy, I was scared, I even cried before the first half of the book was over, and she delivered an emotional roller coaster that in my book deserves 5 Stars in high-def! I can't wait for more from this author to see what is next. I loved it!!!!!!

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## **Bex 'n' Books says**

Reviewed by Bex 'n' Books' amazing Justine.

The Descendant' by Kelley Grealis is not your every day vamp book. But what it is, is easily one of the best written books, I have read in a while.



Kelley Grealis' flow and weaving of the back-story into the current time was very effectively created and developed. 'The Descendant' is most definitely a serious read. Be prepared and get yourselves ready for that. There's absolutely no YA vampire fluff here.

Kelley Grealis successfully had me crying before I made it to chapter four, and pissed by chapter nine as I started to figure things out. This really was a rollercoaster of a book that struck a nerve on so many amazing levels. As for the ending - you know I am a stickler for an ending - Kelley Grealis did me proud! She successfully gave me an ending that left me feeling fulfilled with a clear conclusion, while leaving a crack of an opening for more. Bravo! 4.5 fairies!

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## **Clara says**

The Descendant was not what I expected it to be, and I'm not sure how much I like it. There are many things that I love about the novel. For example, the whole back story of Cain and how everything started with Adam and Eve. Now, I'm not Catholic or religious at all, and I don't mind anyone's religion. So I felt that Kelley Grealis did a great job on that part because some authors can write too much religion for my taste because I don't believe in some of the things that I keep reading from a religious book, it can be hard to like the novel. Then there are somethings that I'm not sure if I like or dislike. For instance, the Drake family. The siblings are very fishy, except Marlo. I liked her from the beginning, but not all of them. I smell a traitor in the room.

Kelley Grealis did an amazing job, to me, at pacing the story along. I never felt like there was a time that something was lacking. Of course, I didn't like having to know that Vincent took away Ali's memories from the car accident. It made me hate him for most of the book, and when Ali found out about it, I felt like it could have been a bigger ordeal, with higher stakes. I think Kelley Grealis wrote the story very well, mostly by describing the scenery and the vampiric elements.

Ali is a very likable character, in my opinion and her humor at times was great to break the ice. I loved how the main character, Ali, resisted and thought logically about the whole situation. I think having an older female protagonist helped with that. As for Caz I thought he was the more important antagonist. I liked Casper for how sneaky he is, and deceptive. I hope that in the future he plays a bigger role. Like I said in the beginning, the Drake family is still fishy to me. Vincent, as much pity I feel for him, I can't help but think that he did what he did for the better.

At the beginning of the story I felt like I knew everything. I'm not sure how much was supposed to be noticed to the reader, but a couple of chapters in it was like I new what everything was going to happen. Then again I didn't because of a whole back story which I was incredibly intrigued in.

During an action sequence, I wasn't on the edge of my seat. Nothing really made me worry about Ali. I feel like Kelley Grealis could have kick Ali in the gut, when she was already down, or even worse, because I wasn't empathetic to Ali as much as I wish.

In the end, the novel didn't leave me blown away or make me have a very strong emotion about anything, but the story itself intrigued me and the back story is what kept me reading and how Ali's symptoms were going to progress. I give Kelley Grealis' debut novel, a head nods, and thumbs up. (4 out of 5)

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