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Death isn't always the end... sometimes it's only the beginning.

Claire's trapped in a dead-end marriage, strapped for cash and getting desperate. Her chance at freedom comes in the form of a music con in Florida. Her mission? Win over a few big clients and collect a fat bonus check. It should have been easy, but Claire didn't count on a bewitched violin, its sultry Italian owner, Bette, or her dark and dangerous companions.

Unfortunately, life isn't all song lyrics and seduction. Tied to darkness by blood and power, Claire must harness her abilities if she has any hope of surviving this business trip from hell.

If you like Laurell K. Hamilton or the True Blood / Sookie Stackhouse series, you'll love this quirky paranormal fantasy complete with music, magic, fangs and freaks. One-click your copy today, and read the entire series exclusively on Amazon.

This book was previously published as Kill Me (Blood Chord #1) in 2012. After another round of edits, it now includes new content-- though the essential plot has not changed. Readers of the original trilogy can pick back up with the fourth book, due Spring 2018.

Something Chosen Details

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Cyrene Olson says

The start of a series,(that was released previously as a different title), then re-edited and new content added – I hadn't read the previous release. The book has a unique twist to it, and a bit of humor. I'm not sure which characters I liked the best, or if I was really drawn to any of them except Claire. I don't know that I've met the character that I see Claire with the best yet. We will see.

As a new vampire, Claire also has extra powers that have been sparked to life with her new undead status. Her maker, Bette – is trying to unravel them, in the meantime, Claire tries to negotiate her new life as a vampire, with a daughter at home and a soon-to-be ex-husband.

The premise kept me interested, but I think it had a slow start for me. It wasn't until I was well over half-way through when the book really took off for me. It will be interesting in the next books to see where Claire will go from here. Reviewed by Cyrene

Alma Conchas says

Wow, when I started reading this book I wasn't sure what to expect because Alex Owens is new to me as an author, but this was a great story. And once I started reading it I couldn't put it down till I found out what was going to happen to Claire, her marriage and Bette. I loved this story!

Tracy Murray says

One of the best paranormal Romance books I've read thus far. I felt an immediate association with Claire, our leading lady, with a broken marriage and a child to raise and protect pulls you into her world and holds you there.

In the beginning we see Claire as a somewhat timid woman who is a working mom trying to make ends meet. With a deadbeat for a husband who decided to up and leave.

Then when Claire goes to a conference for her work things start to change. We meet Bette, Gregor and Clive. Claire's life would never be the same, and to say things start to heat up is an understatement.

This is the first book I've read from this author and it was phenomenal. I felt intrigue, anger, sorrow, happiness, fear. It left me wanting more, I had to get started on the second book in this series.

I recommend this 5 star masterpiece to everyone. It will not disappoint!!

Seraphia says

Welcome to the Florida Music Con! Please be careful as there are vampires about. Claire, of course, has no clue that there are vampires when she arrives at the music con with the intent to wrangle in some new clients for her boss and earn some extra money for her family. She's left her eight-year-old daughter at home with her less than desirable estranged husband. Claire is unhappy in her marriage, but she's doing the best that she can. Little does she know that when she crosses paths with a sexy sultry Italian woman named Bette, that her

life would be forever changed. But it all starts with Bette and then continues with a beautiful violin that seems to call to her. Claire is told that it is enchanted and only speaks to some, but Claire soon learns that there is more going on than she thinks.

Something Chosen by Alex Owens is book one in the Shadow Vampire series. This book doesn't start off like typical vampire novels, of where you're told that all humans know about vampires, and that they are common knowledge. The vampires are in the shadows, but they aren't the only creatures around. Claire is told that she is chosen, but that doesn't mean that her regular life is not done and over. As you'll see for yourself her own life continues to deteriorate around her piece by piece. Claire is the focus of the story, and while she is changed, the vampire theme doesn't take over and run off with the story.

The story is well written overall. It's enjoyable, but for me, it was a bit dull in the beginning. For a bit, I was waiting for something truly exciting to happen to engage me fully into the story. Claire initially isn't the most exciting character. I honestly kept waiting for some spark of emotion from her regarding her situation. But she's very controlled and remains that for most of the story. I wanted more from her in certain moments as a character.

All in all, I am rating this book 4 out of 5 stars. The story is unique and different from other vampire novels, but then familiar just the same. I feel that Claire's character could be more expressive, but I enjoyed this book. I look forward to reading more by this author in the future. I hope that the characters continue to develop and grow as the series progresses.

Amber says

If you are looking for a new adult paranormal romance/urban fantasy novel that has just the right amount of steaminess, action, magic, vampires and story building involved then I highly encourage you read this novel. Fans of the Riley Jenson guardian novels, and the Anita Blake series will likely gobble this book up in one sitting. I know I gobbled this book down until nothing was left except to wait for the next book.

This book does contain mature sexual content that is not completely over the top, but involves some F/F as well as M/F situations that is not be intended for young readers. This book was also previously published as another title as well; known for the name of Kill Me (Blood Chord #1).

This is my first time getting to read this series and I am baffled by just how utterly happy with the book that I am. I felt such a deep connection to Claire because I felt like I had so much in common with her. It's not everyday you pick up a book and find that you could easily be the main characters best friend just because you have so much in common and seem to have a lot of the same daily thoughts. I connected with this book on a massive level because it felt so real. Every part of the book had a purpose in my mind. This book didn't feel rushed, but it didn't feel like it was dragging either which made me become involved in the book. One minute I started reading the book at Noon and the next time I look up and realize it is already four in the evening. Crazy how time flies when you're enjoying a good book.

I received an advanced reader's copy of this book and voluntarily chose to leave a review. I was under not obligation to leave a review.

Amber says

WOW! An amazing start to a new series from Alex Owens. I could not put this down! I read it straight

through the night.

Full of vampires, magic, steaminess, and action. I really liked Claire. I got sucked into this world with her and had to know more.

I have to read book 2 now!

Kelly says

I picked this book to read because I love vampire books. I wasn't even prepared to absolutely fall in love with it. It's an incredible story of a woman in a miserable home situation. Her husband lost his job and hasn't even looked for another one in over a year. They have an eight year old daughter so Claire is the one who has to work. She has to leave town for the weekend for a convention, and that's when she meets Bette, Clive and Gregor among a bunch of others. Her life changes forever! This was not the kind of vampire book I was used too, but that's what made it so good. I cannot wait to read the rest of these!

Caroline Doig says

This is the 1st book I've read and reviewed for Alex Owens and I absolutely loved it, this is book 1 of the Shadow Vampire series and I can't wait for book 2. Sorry guys I'm not giving any spoilers today because I won't be able to help myself but read Alex's blurb that will tell you what you need to know about this book. The characters flowed seamlessly and I loved Claire she is very relatable like a best friend or a close sister. This was a really great read everything was so descriptive the characters and storyline and I love a good paranormal / urban fantasy romance and this is one of the really good ones. I highly recommend this book it's well worth the read.

Trianda Lewis says

Good read

Never read the first novels of this series, and these new ones are re-edited from the first, I must say after reading this and seeing that the second book won't be out until feb-21, I was itching to buy the first version only the promise of extra content for the new one kept me from doing so, I'm liking this series and looking forward to reading more.

Amiana says

As a mother myself, I felt a connection with the main character. Her love for her child and the sorrow she felt for her daughter, as she knew her crumbling marriage would soon be over. As a parent, it would be one of my biggest fears to explain to my own children that their parents would be separating and explaining the process. Her pain and heartbreak and rage are all tangible. Her husband let her down and treated her as if she was his own mother. In hindsight, she was raising two children!

As a woman, I think any time an author can put emotions that resonate with other women is an amazing attribute. It was heart wrenching to read parts of this book. Maybe because it brought up my own personal

feelings and memories of when my husband of 12 years and I separated seven years ago. This book is a great piece and I know I won't be the only person who is affected by the emotions that main character faces with her own personal relationships. At times in the book, it was hard to remember that this is a work of fiction, that is, until someone started vamping out. I finished this book in one night and it was great. All of the characters have such amazing, intriguing and witty personalities and the story flowed very well. I do not think the author could've written a better book with such detail that I recently dived into. I highly recommend!

Gina Jenkins says

Great book

I picked up this book by chance, just looking for something to read, and I was pleasantly surprised. The main character was funny, likable and relatable. The storyline was well thought out, and it flowed so seamlessly that before I knew it, I'd reached the end of the book. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Sandy says

First let me state, I received an Advance Reader Copy, (ARC), but this in no way influences my review. I always leave an honest review. Also, this author is new to me.

Holy shiznet, this story is gr8. At first I worried for Claire, here she was a strong, yet timid in a way, working mother/homemaker dealing with normal life stuff. A marriage that was going downhill because hubby is a deadbeat, bringing home the "bacon & cooking it up", & caring for an 8 yr old girl. Then she goes to a conference for work & meets a hot, sexy woman, Bette. Then add in sexy, dangerous Gregor, & dark, psycho Clive and her life goes wacko. I look forward to the next story. I recommend this read. 5 Thumbs up

Beverly Laude says

First of all, let me say that I am a long time lover of all things vampire. I have reads hundreds of vampire-related books.

This book was a surprising book for me. The idea of a woman having empathic type abilities, yet never knowing it, then being unknowingly turned into a vampire could have led to a great story. Instead, it fell short for me.

I found it unrealistic that a woman of Claire's age could have the type of "magical" abilities she is supposed to have and be totally unaware of them a little too much to swallow. For me, the book turned into more of an orgy of vampire sex and strip clubs, with Claire as an unwilling party. She changes from an ordinary housewife and mother into a sex-crazed vampire with encounters with both sexes equally fun for her in one day.

Parts of the book were intriguing. I enjoyed the fact that Claire was able to become a musical phenomenon

just by being in close proximity with a person (or vamp) with musical talent. She does eventually take charge of her own destiny, but it took way too long for her to come to that point.

Also, I really didn't like any of the characters. I have a hard time really enjoying a book when I don't like any of the characters. The vampires were inconsistent in their actions, sometimes being the take-charge beings that I have come to expect, then becoming wimps in another scene.

I had looked forward to reading this series, but I don't think that I will be continuing with the next books.

Coco.V says

?FREE on Amazon today (6/22/2018)!?

Jenika Ioffreda says

What started as a potential 4 stars book became sadly a 1 star book. The beginning was very intriguing, I didn't know who the mysterious characters were and what the story of the enchanted violin was... but the story became banal and the main character behaviour not credible at all... An example: she is been told Bette tried making her a vampire and instead of screaming "get away from me!" and run as fast as she could away from her, she instead talks as if everything is ok... I mean, seriously?

Also it would have been nice if the author would have done some research on Italian language before writing the book... the spelling mistakes took me out of the story: "perfecto" instead of "perfetto", "grazi" instead of "grazie", "Vicenza" instead of "Venezia", "mi dolce" instead of "mia cara" (or something that sounded less as broken Italian). I stopped reading halfway and if there are sequels I am not going to read them. It's a pity because the first part of the book was great... The writing style was good and I may try more books by this author hoping they would be better developed
