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With her murderous maker still on the run, Cherry has enough on her mind even before her newly turned boyfriend, Alex, demands they meet each other's parents. Constantine, her ex and now member of the vampire council, is suspiciously quick to allow this breach of vampire law. It soon becomes clear there's a lot Cherry doesn't know about her family's past.

And it's threatening her present and her future.

Alex is changing, Ádís is dead but not as gone as she should be, and feelings forced aside are reconsidered. Back in her hometown, and faced with an overabundance of new information, Cherry is determined to fight for herself, her family, and her man.

That's when her world is turned upside down.

Again.

## Cherry Blossom Details

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## From Reader Review Cherry Blossom for online ebook

### Deborah says

This book was a continuation of the troubled un-life of Cherry Stem. Her present boyfriend is now a new fledgling vampire with all the problems that come with that and her maker is still on the loose. The mystery as to why she was turned begins to become clear but at the same time her relationship with Alex becomes foggy. The story contains explicit sex scenes that become violent and scary. The narration was excellent as always. I look forward to the next book.

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### (Tori-Smexybooks) smexys\_sidekick says

Originally posted at Smexybooks  
<http://smexybooks.com/2015/03/review-...>

Favorite Quote:

"How you got not one but two gorgeous vampires to fall for you is beyond me."

"They're old fashioned. I just smiled and nodded a lot."

Cherry thought being a vampire was frightening enough until her newly turned vampire boyfriend, Alex, utters the scariest sentence ever...I want to meet your parents.

EEK!!

When Cherry's ex is quick to agree to the meeting, Cherry knows he is once again keeping things from her. She quickly learns that her family history plays a far larger role in and it's not only affecting her present but also her future.

If that wasn't enough to deal with, Alex is beginning to act strange. A former enemy is back and determined to end Cherry once and for all, using the people who mean the most to Cherry. As she gears up to fight for her family, friends, and lover...she learns once again that the road to happiness is littered with sharpened stakes.

Cherry, a former almost porn star and unwillingly turned vampire, is back and still rocking her bad hair choices in Sotia Lazu's second installment-Cherry Blossom. Fun, snarky, and intelligent as ever, Cherry and her newly turned lover, Alex, now live with her ex boyfriend, Constantine, a menage of nubile female vampires, a butler, and Cherry's former agent. Cherry's maker is still out there gunning for her and Alex and Cherry feels hiding with Constance is their best bet. Though she and Constantine have been over since she

found him in bed with his maker and he used the old, "vampires live too long to be faithful," excuse, there is still a small part of her that remembers the good times, making their living situation a tad uncomfortable at times. Constantine, for all intents and purposes, is being a good boy and respecting the fact Cherry is in love with Alex. He is trying to help them but there is some lingering feelings on his end, also.

"Why couldn't Alex and Constantine settle in their respective roles as doting boyfriend and calculating former lover, and stop messing with my head."

Lazu takes a different approach in this installment, giving readers a darker suspense filled mystery along with some romance troubles. Well written with engaging dialogue and smooth pacing continues to make this series a fast read. Lazu cleverly interjects bits and pieces of the last book into the current storyline line, allowing new readers to catch on quickly while giving fans a small refresher.

Alex and Cherry have overcome some serious odds in order to be together but not all is well in romancelandia. Smoking hot chemistry and strong sexual desire still reigns supreme between them though Cherry's stranger danger radar is pinging all over the place. Alex is resisting his vampire nature and when his already erratic behavior becomes dark and menacing, Cherry finds herself wondering if she really knows Alex.

Vampires aren't people-people. Our dietary means aren't the only thing telling us apart from humans. Alex still didn't understand that. He thought we could place house indefinitely.

Because of this, the romance is does a 180 and the relationship suffers. Certain situations may some uncomfortable.

The conflict and storyline are far more solid in this installment. Lazu uses Alex's behavior to further expand the ongoing arc and provides some much needed explanations from book one. Cherry's lingering feeling for Constantine only adds to the tension filled story. If I had any qualms, it's this particular installment is so heavily entrenched in Cherry's point of view, I didn't get the same feelings of equality from Alex and Constantine in their presentations. Character development is a minimum, the focus remaining almost solely on the storyline.

An action packed ending gives us the resolution we need but keeps the door open for book three. Cherry finds herself in a new position with some decisions to make and I don't envy her. Even with the darker tone and subject matter, Lazu keeps us hooked as she takes our favorite vampire into a world of intrigue, suspense, and sexy hi-jinks.

RATING: B

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### **Erin says**

The continuing adventures of Cherry, Alex, Constantine and company!! Alex is dealing with ch-ch-ch-ch-changes and advancing his relationship with Cherry to the "meet the parents" phase. Cherry's family history is rather intriguing, and Alex' behavior appears to be more than just your average alpha male possessiveness. Scary drama, trust issues and family secrets. Roomies and road trips and surprises abound. No cliffhanger,

but there was pertinent information delivered in the final paragraph that makes me wish Book 3 was already in my library!! Wendy Tremont King again does a great job with the Audible version.

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### **Toni says**

#### Mystery, Suspense, and Sexy Vampires

Cherry Blossom is the follow up book to Cherry Stem. You could read it as a stand alone as the author does give some back story explanation, but it is better read after Cherry Stem.

I was expecting another steamy paranormal romance similar to the first book, but instead was delighted with so much more! I am not normally a sci-fi reader but Sotia Lazu does a brilliant job of making her characters so believable that sometimes you forget that they you are reading about vampires!

The story line is engaging and page turning with mystery, suspense, and of course some steamy scenes too. As the overview promises, this book will not disappoint and only leave you wanting more of Cherry, Alex, and Constantine...especially Constantine...

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### **Annie says**

\*\* I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review \*\*

This is an awesome series, and I hope there is more to come in the future! In this one Alex is a new made vampire and experiencing some really strange feelings and odd outbursts...its like he is under the influence of something really wrong! Alex wants to meet each others parents...and Cherry is not ok with this, but agrees...and finds out her parents have been waiting for her all along, come to find out the females in her family have been turned for centuries...and her moms sister is really her grandma! Well they are looking for Cherries maker so they can kill him, he is a really bad man...and is dangerous to them all....all things are getting dangerous..and Cherry may just end up dead..or alone....

LOVE IT!! PLEASE LET THERE BE MORE!!!!!!!!!

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### **Eva Millien says**

There's a lot about Cherry's past that she doesn't know and now it's threatening her future with Alex in this captivating urban fantasy vampire romance. The author keeps readers on their toes with some surprising twists, turns and intrigue and the strong captivating characters grab reader's attention from the very beginning. I was completely enthralled in the book even though the ending was kind of sad...don't get me wrong it is the way it's should be at the moment, it's just not the perfect happily ever after which makes sense since Cherry's adventures aren't over yet, I'll just have to wait to see what happens next.

4 1/2 STARS

See my full review at:

<http://www.thejeepdiva.com/review-che...>

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### **LilyElement says**

Cherry Blossom is book two in the Vampire Cherry series. This time around Cherry, our leading lady, is on the hunt for her maker. He went MIA and the team is going to have to track him down. She's also faced with the ramifications of turning her boyfriend Alex into a vampire. Everything is not peachy keen at casa Constantine (Cherry's ex). I will say, true to real life, the couple seems to gloss over potential issues. They let little things go, or don't want to talk about something since it would push the other's buttons. It all adds up and that's not good. You know it will cause drama later down the line.

I felt like Cherry Blossom has a stronger family element when compared to book one. Alex, still having his human mentality wants to meet Cherry's parents. She hasn't seen or talked to them since she was turned years ago. All the little things I noticed in book one were brought to the forefront and expanded upon, which I really enjoyed while reading. I'm wondering where book three will lead. I'd recommend this series if you're looking for a vampire Paranormal Romance.

The Narrator:

As in book one, I really enjoyed Wendy Tremont King's performance. Her voice was expressive and kept my attention. I will be listening to some of the other audiobooks she's narrated in the future.

PS: I finally figured out where I had heard her voice before, I had listened to a sample of Carrots by Colleen Helme!

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### **Ashley Schoen says**

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## **texxie-PRUFreads.blogspot.com says**

My rating: 3.5 out of 5 stars

"When Cherry comes back to me, it will not be because I won by default--because I was the one to stay behind. She will come because she burns for me."

\*\*\*Please note, this book was gifted via the author in exchange for an honest review\*\*\*

\*\*WARNING-SPOILER-ISH IF YOU HAVEN'T YET READ BOOK 1\*\*

So who will it be? Bachelor #1 or bachelor #2? I've made my pick and I'm firmly planted on TEAM CONSTANTINE!!! Wait, let me start from the beginning...

I loved book one of this series. Ms. Lazu is a great talent, so very needed in this genre. I'm so 'meh' when it comes to love triangles. I can take 'em or leave 'em, love 'em or hate 'em. In book 1, Cherry Stem, I leaned towards Alex but swooned over Constantine as well. It was a rare love triangle that I really enjoyed and that was mainly because while Alex held the edge, it was minimal. In the latest installment, the tables have turned...

My nails keep clicking against the keys as I ponder how to word this without giving anything away. As you may have guessed, the triangle continues...kind of. It's more a tension than anything else but hell if there isn't a ton of it! Alex lost points with me due his level of douche-baggery throughout. I know, I know, there's a 'but...' but even so, ugh. There were times I wanted to throat punch him and by association, I wasn't too thrilled with Cherry either.

I repeat, TEAM CONSTANTINE. I need her to grovel though. Like, a lot. He showcased a trait that in many

ways can be the most alluring when dealing with a character like Constantine, vulnerability. I can't decide if this character 'grew' in this installment or if Ms. Lazu is simply peeling away at the big powerful vamp. What ever the case, gimme more!

Why not a higher rating? As mentioned above, of the 3 main characters, I only really enjoyed Cee. Alex just rubbed me the wrong way and Cherry carried a sense of snooty arrogance that I didn't care for. Ex or not, I felt Constantine was taken for granted and blatantly disrespected at many turns. For some readers that may have added to the story but for me, it took away. I'm all about the 'umph overload'. Don't get me wrong, there's tension, there's 'ah-ha!' moments, everything I look for but I wanted it taken up a notch or two. If that makes sense...

At the end of the day, this is absolutely a series (and author for that matter) that I will continue to follow!

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### **SN the Viking says**

After a loong wait the second book in this series is finally here. I absolutely loved Cherry Stem and have been dying to get ahold of book 2. I was in ecstasy when I got my ARC copy on my kindle and I was not let down when I started reading it.

It was an absolute pleasure to read about Cherry, Alex and Constantine again. Cherry Blossom picked up pretty much right where first book left us. The dynamics between Cherry, Alex and Constantine is absolutely brilliantly written. Cherry is smart, flawed, witty and a hoot to read about. The snarky and quick comments during the book made me giggle and laughed throughout. Not that this is a "funny" book, it is really not. The story is rather dark and disturbing and I loved every second of it. Poor Alex have some difficulties with being a newbie vamp.

I completely fell in love with Constantine in this book, I think the author has been in my brain seen my ideal man and put him on paper. Blond Viking, what can I say I am so in heaven. I want him naked in my bed, I hope we see some bedroom action with him as the no shirt Constantine made me lose my breath and drool all over the place. I may die in ecstasy if we get him in the bedroom, shower or wherever really. He is my new favorite Vamp since my huge crush on Eric was ruined. Constantine just moved into my all-time favorite hot vamps list and is a book boyfriend for life.

The plot in this book was really good and had be thoroughly entertained from first to last page, I could hardly put it down and the pages flew by. This author writes in a way I absolutely love, I think she is also the author that does the best bedroom action I have read in any UF, smoking hot stuff and totally different than other authors. It make this author be on my all time favorite list!!

Now I am just going to wait for next book, I so want it right now. I am dreaming of a threesome here, if we get it I bet it will be the hottest thing I ever read.

Now I just need to give the author a plentiful supply of redbull, coffee, chocolate or whatever makes her write faster.

4,5-5 stars.

Go grab yourself a copy, it is on pre-order sale on Amazon: Kindle Price: \$1.24 for Norway. I think \$0.99 for US.

ARC for review provided by the Author.

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### **Petra says**

Cherry Blossom is the second book in the Vampire Cherry series. They really need to be listened to in order, as Cherry Blossom picks up straight after the dramatic ending of Cherry Stem.

In this one, Cherry, Constantine and Alex are trying to track down Cherry's maker while also struggling to cope with Alex's new status as a fledgling vampire. As a consequence, Cherry and Alex's relationship is starting to suffer. The bedroom scenes are taking a much darker turn in this book. While I wasn't all that convinced about the cheating ex Constantine in the last book, he is really starting to redeem himself in this one. The dynamics between the three are just brilliant.

In Cherry Blossom, Cherry finally gets to see her parents again and makes some remarkable discoveries along the way.

While this book is a lot more disturbing and intense than the first, there were still plenty of hilarious one liners that made me smile. I really enjoy Sotia Lazu's style of writing.

The author has created quite a fresh and original story that is different from other books in this genre. While I thought I had pretty much figured out where this series was going while listening to the first book, there were some great twists in this second installment that left me wanting to continue with this series immediately. I really hope Sotia Lazu will publish the third Cherry book in the near future (PLEASE) and that the audio will once again be narrated by Wendy Trent King.

Wendy Trent King has quickly become one of my favorite female narrators. I can really only reiterate what I have already said about her performance for Cherry Stem. She is simply spot-on. There was nothing that I didn't like about her narration.

I am a fan! Highly recommended for all fans of paranormal romances.

Thank you to the author and to [audiobookreviewer.com](http://audiobookreviewer.com) for providing me with a free copy of the audiobook in exchange for an unbiased review.

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### **Ruby McDemon says**

I loved getting to see more of Cherry and Alex and seeing where their relationship is headed. Some of the secrets that are shared are really awesome. Others are a bit shocking. I loved the way that this story twisted and turned and all the possible directions it can go with the way that it ended.

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### **Kathryn Theulen dailey says**

"Cherry goes home"

Would you listen to Cherry Blossom again? Why?

Yes I would. I love this talented author Sotia Lazu. I believe she is a great up and coming author. I hope she keeps going with this story line and keep the talented narrator Wendy Kind.

What did you like best about this story?

Cherry always, she is an amazingly well developed character brought to life by the author. In book 2 she gets to go home to see her mom again. This is something she never dreamed she would be able to do again. The only bad thing about that was I was the one freaking out. Thinking OMG no body kill this girls mom. Thankful that never happened. Cherry kinda brings out the emotions in you. You like her, she is funny, she is loyal to a great guy and she is a fighter. I just felt god this girl just needs a break in her new vampire life for once.

Which character – as performed by Wendy Tremont King – was your favorite?

Cherry again. The talented Wendy King is amazing for bringing to life a smart mouth ex porn star vampire. I hope she stays with the author throughout the series.

Was this a book you wanted to listen to all in one sitting?

Yes but it is too long for one sitting.

Any additional comments?

I received this audio book in exchange for a review.

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### **Iza says**

I've upgraded this book to my "favorite series" shelf : good characters, good plot, things that make you cringe at first that you understand later, a fluidity in the story that makes you long for more. Just - love - it !!!!

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