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WHAT IF FOLLOWING HER HEART MEANS ROSE COULD LOSE HER BEST FRIEND FOREVER?

Lissa Dragomir is a Moroi princess: a mortal vampire with a rare gift for harnessing the earth's magic. She must be protected at all times from Strigoi; the fiercest vampires - the ones who never die. The powerful blend of human and vampire blood that flows through Rose Hathaway, Lissa's best friend, makes her a Dhampir. Rose is dedicated to a dangerous life of protecting Lissa from the Strigoi, who are hell-bent on making Lissa one of them.

Rose knows it is forbidden to love another guardian. Her best friend, Lissa - the last Dragomir princess - must always come first. Unfortunately, when it comes to gorgeous Dimitri Belikov, some rules are meant to be broken...

Then a strange darkness begins to grow in Rose's mind, and ghostly shadows warn of a terrible evil drawing nearer to the Academy's iron gates. The immortal undead are closing in, and they want vengeance for the lives Rose has stolen. In a heart-stopping battle to rival her worst nightmares, Rose will have to choose between life, love, and the two people who matter most... but will her choice mean that only one can survive?

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## **From Reader Review Shadow Kiss for online ebook**

### **Heather 'Bookables' says**

I didn't really enjoy the first two books of the Vampire Academy Series but I adored this one! Shadow Kiss has a ton more action & I actually feel for the characters!

Rose is quickly becoming one of my all time favorite female characters. She is strong, smart and not taken lightly.

Lissa- I'm not really a huge fan of Lissa. I mean I like her don't get me wrong but I just feel like she could be more.

Dimitri- There's nothing more to be said.

This is very true.

Christian- I am beginning to like him more as well. In the beginnng of the series I was all 'ehhh' on him. He is growing on me.

Adrian- I love this character. Hilarious, dark, I love finding out more about him.

I loved this book & am excited to read the rest of the series!!!

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### **Nick says**

#### **DNF 10%**

Can't continue with this. It's so cheesy and I never liked the main character and I don't feel like reading about vampires anymore.

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### **Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says**

#### **5 OMG Dimitri Stars**

#### **all kinds of SPOILERS up in this piece!!! It's like one huge spoiler**

OMG OMG OMFG so much happened in this book I can't even wrap my mind around it. Rose is having all kinds of issues. Thanks to being Shadow kissed and bonded to Lissa she is taking all the dark emotions and crazy that Lissa gets from using her magic and it is flowing though the bond to Rose. This is making Rose act crazy, angry and at times totally out of control and dangerous. Also Rose is seeing Mason's ghost. Rose thinks she is going crazy, seeing ghosts and all but later finds out that she can see ghost thanks again to being

Shadow kissed. She can also sense Strigoi when they are close. On top of all that craziness she is doing her 6 week field test to become a guardian.

Lissa and Adrian are working on their spirit magic. Christian is very unhappy with Lissa and Adrian spending so much time together especially after he finds out that the Queen plans on setting Adrian and Lissa up to marry. Adrian still flirts with Rose and wants to be with her but she blows him off. Rose and Dimitri make love for the first time. They say I love you and decide they can have a relationship. They make plans on how to go about living their lives together. There is a huge Strigoi attack on the school right after Dimitri and Rose make love. Dimitri is turned Strigoi. Rose is heartbroken and goes to Adrian and asks for a lot of money. He tells her he will give it to her if she will give him a real chance at a relationship when she gets back. She tells Adrian she will give him a chance. The next day Rose drops out of school and goes after Dimitri with the plan to hunt down and kill the man she loved, the man that is now Strigoi!

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### **Maggie says**

I can't write a proper review for this. My little heart is too broken for it.

#### **THAT ENDING**

Okay okay I just hope the other books are good as well. I mean, I've heard this one is the best one so far and then it all just fades. Maybe the hype will fade maybe it'll grow I don't know. But I just hope Richelle Mead doesn't disappoint with them.

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### **Rachel E. Carter says**

I'll admit, the ending rocked because of what it means for R&D. There is nothing I love more than a lovers-turned-enemies storyline....

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### **Taneika says**

I HAVE SO MANY EMOTIONS RIGHT NOW AND I CAN'T STOP CRYING.

Why did I think reading this series would be a good idea, WHY?

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### **Kimi says**

[► So Dimitri can't be strigoi. It can't be true! We need to find a cure for strigoicism... strigoism ... whatever. We need to get Dimitri back! I'm not finishing this series if my

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~Poppy~ says

*"It won't happen to you. You're too strong. You'll fight it, just like you did this time."*

*"I only did because you were here." He wrapped his arms around me, and I buried my face in his chest. "I can't do it by myself," I whispered.*

*"You can," he said. There was a tremulous note in his voice. "You're strong—you're so, so strong. It's why I love you."*

*"Don't worry, little dhampir. You might be surrounded by clouds, but you'll always be like sunshine to me."*

Oh my god!!! I can't!!! That ending broke my heart!!

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1)

*"I set off, off to kill the man I loved."*

Why????Why???????????????? I hate that Strigoi (Nathan?) that turn Dimitri into Strigoi!! Oh my god, at first I felt so happy that finally Rose and Dimitri found a way to be together (and made love of course :P) and then that happen!!!! On one hand, I am glad he is not dead but on the other hand he is Strigoi! They don't feel anything! I'm so sad!! When Dimitri was attacked I cried and cried!!

*"I love you, Roza." He kissed me again. "I'll always be here for you. I'm not going to let anything happen to you."*

2)Finally, Lissa finds out about Dimitri and Rose! Okay, she is your best friend and it took you 3 books to

figure it out! Congrats!

3)

*“It’s like I said. You’ve never wanted me, never even considered me. The flowers, the flirting . . . it rolled right off you. You were so gone for him, and nobody noticed. If you go do your thing, will you take me seriously? Will you give me a chance when you return?”*

Rose promised Adrian to give him a chance when she comes back! It's a terrible mistake! He is in love with her!! And she is in love with Dimitri even though he is Strigoi!

*“I’m always crazy around you, Rose. Here, I’m going to write an impromptu poem for you.”  
He tipped his head back and shouted to the sky:  
“Rose is in red  
But never in blue  
Sharp as a thorn  
Fights like one too.”*

Ohh, Adrian!!

4)When Rose sees Mason's ghost I was like "Wtf it's going on here?"

5)

*“You will lose what you value most, so treasure it while you can.” She pointed to the Wheel of Fortune card. “The wheel is turning, always turning.”*

Guys, that witch Rhonda, she scares the hell out of me!!!

6)A lot of things happened in this book,such as Victor's trial or that Rose was paired with Christian (I laughed so hard in that scene, she was so sure that she was paired with Lissa) or the Mana and so much more but all I can think is that ending!!

7)

*“It's not about you, okay? This time, it's about me. Not you. All my life, Lissa... all my life, it's been the same. They come first. I've lived my life for you. I've trained to be your shadow, but you know what? I want to come first. I need to take care of myself for once. I'm tired of looking out for everyone else and having to put aside what I want. Dimitri and I did that, and look what happened. He's gone. I will never hold him again. Now I owe it to him to do this.*

*I'm sorry if it hurts you, but it's my choice!"*

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### **Courtney says**

Dimitri a Strigoi? I hate it. It's kind of a Buffy and Angel situation. Rose now has to kill her true love. I knew that Dimitri was either going to be killed or turned. Once things started working out with him and Rose and all that, I knew something was going to happen. It sucks though. Maybe in the next book Lissa will be able to track Rose down and somehow heal Dimitri with her magic. I don't know if it is possible, but I hate Dimitri being evil. It will be interesting to see what he does with all of his inside information-going from one of the top Guardians to the enemy. He could cause a lot of harm and problems for the others. I really liked Christian in this book and am interested to see how things develop for his character. I also really started to like Adrian. I want Rose and Dimitri to be together, but since that's no longer possible, I don't think I would mind if Rose gets together with Adrian in the future. We'll see what happens.

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### **Emily May says**

[Is there really no more hope for Rose and Dimitri? (hide spoiler)]

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### **Kat Kennedy says**

So far, Shadow Kiss is my favorite book in the series. Richelle Mead steps up her game on a number of fronts, in my opinion.

Plot, characterization, style, pacing and romance. All of these receive a marked improvement.

The VA world becomes more real, relatable and defined. The relationship becomes more involved, less childish and the main character, Rose, receives a healthy dose of adulthood.

I am coming to really enjoy these books. I wouldn't have continued past the first one without the encouragement of Tatiana and her niggling carrot-on-a-stick comment about Adrian. I still feel that I would choose the Fever Series any day over these.

But I can't say that they aren't appealing to me. Off to read Blood Promises to see if I can discover for once and all, what all the fuss is about.

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### **Kristi says**

Incredible! This series continues to get better. This is one of the best vampire themed series' out there. After

my disappointment with other series' losing their touch, I have to say that it is not the case with these books. Everything that initially drew me in is still there and then some. I've been in anticipation for this book for a long time, and when I finally got a copy it trumped everything else!

There were parts of the story that I figured out, and even though I wanted the novel to end one way, I applaud Mead's unpredictability. Does that sentence totally contradict itself?? Let me see if I can explain. In my quest to keep this spoiler free it may be more difficult, but here it goes. I knew that something big was going to happen to one of the characters in this novel. The clues where there the foreshadowing was set up wonderfully. And even though I had an idea of what was going to happen, Mead was still able to surprise me in the end. Why? Because, I never really thought she would do it. The ending wasn't what I wanted I'll admit that, but I don't think I would have been happy with it being any other way.

One of the reasons I'm such a fan of this novel, besides the extraordinary writing ability of Richelle Mead, is Rose Hathaway. Let me just tell you how much I love Rose. She's beautiful, smart, confident, she's a smart ass and she kicks ass. I want to be her. She is one of my all time favorite literary characters.

I absolutely cannot wait to read the rest of this series.

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### Shannon says

**I think I have to assume that something devastating will happen in every series that Mead writes.** With this one I was pretty much crying from the last 40 pages until the end. Talk about heartbreaking! I sort of saw what was going to happen coming but it didn't make it any less horrible. I'm actually still feeling the effects of this novel and I had to quickly order the next two books to find out what happens.

*On the heels of the death of her friend, Rose finds out that she's going to start six weeks of field exercise along with the other senior novices. The problem is though, Rose is seeing ghosts and feeling a terrible rage whenever angered or cornered. Rose had her temper before but something is different about these feelings. And being visited by the dead isn't helping her in going back to living any sort of normal life. Rose has grown up since the incident from the previous book and the people around her take notice. Rose isn't the only one changing though and she has to deal with these circumstances as a new threat from the Strigoi looms.*

I FLEW through this book. I think I could read about Rose and her friends all day every day and not get bored. Honestly though, I think I feel this way about all of Mead's heroines so I could be biased. I love the characters, the story, the way the world is crafted, and Mead's simple yet effective writing style. **This series is miles above any teen series I've come across and it rivals some adult series I've read as well and it's quickly become one of my top favorite series ever.** Great addition to the series and I can't wait until my order from Amazon ships!

My reviews of books two and four: Frostbite and Blood Promise.

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### Maria Vrisanaki says



Μα π?ς ε?ναι δυνατ?ν να νι?θω τ?σο απελπισμ?νη και να κλα?ω, εν? ?ξερα και ξ?ρω τι θα γ?νει??

Π?ς ε?ναι δυνατ?ν, εν? ξ?ρω τη συν?χεια, να ανυπομον? να διαβ?σω τη συν?χεια?? Π?ς ε?ναι δυνατ?ν απ? τη στιγμή? που δι?βασα τη λ?ξη buria να βουρκ?νω?? Π?ς ε?ναι δυνατ?ν να νι?θω ?τσι??? Γιατ?, γιατ?, γιατ???? :(((

Το τ?λος αυτ? θα με σκοτ?νει ?σεξ φορ?ς κι αν το διαβ?σω!

Ε?ναι τ?σο ?δικο! Τ?σο τ?σο ?δικο!!!! Λ?γο ?θελε! Τ?σο τ?σο λ?γο!!!

Δεν υπ?ρχε κ?τι που να μη λατρε?ω σε αυτ? το βιβλ?ο! Για μ?να ε?ναι το καλ?τερο της σειρ?ς. Γιατ? να μην υπ?ρχουν ειδικ?ς βαθμολογ?ες για κ?τι τ?τοιες περιπτ?σεις?? Τι να πρωτοπ???? Η αρχ?!! Η πρακτικ? ?σκηση! Η Ρ?ουζ και ο Κρ?στιαν! (?παιχτο ζευγ?ρι!) Η δ?κη! Η πρ?βλεψη! Ο Ντιμ?τρι και η Ρ?ουζ! I will go down with this ship

Σ-O-K-A-P-I-Σ-T-I-K-O

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## **Lola says**

Christina Yang: I'm calling it. Time of death: 17:35

Meredith Grey: Hold it... She deserves another chance. Don't give up on her yet. It's not her fault Richelle Mead is so cruel to her readers. Clearly, Lola is not the one to blame here.

Christina Yang: Meredith, this is hopeless. Richelle Mead did what she thought was best. Lola knew what she was getting into. Go watch one of Derek's surgeries and leave me alone to deal with this corpse.

Meredith Grey: Christina, I'm telling you, this is not the end for her. I've been in her situation and look at me now alive and well. Or have you forgotten about the time I practically crossed over? \*lowers head\* *Plus Derek is sort of mad at me right now...*

Christina Yang: \*stares\* Yeah, but you're one in a million and you had everyone fussing over you for days so don't try to compare her situation with yours. Actually, no one knows why you're still breathing. Don't question it. Now go! Go! Go! \*shoves Mer out the door\*

Me: Someone please revive me already.

Christina Yang: Oh, shut up.

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**? ???????? ? ????? says**

**5/5**

OH MY GOSH! I am so upset right now after reading that ending! I seriously have tears in my eyes. I have to collect my thoughts before I write a full review.

So that 30 minutes did about nothing to help me get over that ending. I was basically depressed and now desperate to read the next one.

This book has to be my favorite book **ever**. There subplots and subplots. The whole Strigoi problems, relationships, mystery ghosts, and again relationships there were no pauses and that was very good.

Dimitri. I have declared that he is my book boyfriend. He was so serious and focused on his job but you couldn't help but see his true feelings for Rose and that is what made him so much better.

Rose Hathway. She is the best female protagonist. Even though she was questioning whether she was crazy or not, she was so strong and was willing and did put so many others before her.

The minor characters were pretty cool. I did like Adrian, despite his bad drinking and smoking habits, and I hope that we are able to hear more of him in the rest of the series. I am also glad about Eddie and how he changed over time even though it was a little sad.

Speaking of sadness, this book had so many sad parts, especially nearing the end. There was death and don't get me started to who turned Strigoi. *Rose has to figure out a way to get him changed back!*

There was a slight cliff hanger at the end but I still liked it.

On a parting note, this gif pretty much sums up how I saw Rose at the end of the book:

Only if Teresa Palmer had dark hair, tanner skin, and Rose had some fire powers that Christian had.

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**Rose says**

Well holy shiiiiiiiiit @ the end of this.

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## Claudia Ramírez says

OH MY GOD with this book. I can't believe it. I'm crying right now :( I wasn't expecting that. THAT. Oh, this book was amazing and I loved it, but the ending broke my heart.

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## Norah Una Sumner says

I feel like it doesn't get better than this. Rose is finally becoming more mature, the whole story was really interesting and captivating, there are a lot of serious issues and topics included in this book and the characters are finally starting to feel...*real*. If that makes any sense. That ending was so intense-I would have never ever thought that a Vampire Academy novel was going to make me cry but it really happened. I don't think that the rest of the series can take this book off the throne when it comes to making you feel *all the feels*.

Also, this monologue is probably the best thing Rose has ever said:

*"It's not about you, okay? This time, it's about me. Not you. All my life, Lissa... all my life, it's been the same. They come first. I've lived my life for you. I've trained to be your shadow, but you know what? I want to come first. I need to take care of myself for once. I'm tired of looking out for everyone else and having to put aside what I want. Dimitri and I did that, and look what happened. He's gone. I will never hold him again. Now I owe it to him to do this. I'm sorry if it hurts you, but it's my choice!"*

The next one better be good.

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## Pearl Angeli says

(I realized that I wasn't able to make a review of this book. Lol. I'm sorry) :D

Anyways, Shadow Kiss is the third installment of the Vampire Academy series. I loved this sequel because everything that happened here was remarkable. I saw the strength of character Rose was able to develop. I also loved the romance between her and Dimitri. The whole book was also filled with adrenaline-pulling action scenes which were a lot better than the first two books.

The great aspect of this book was the climax which was super awesome. And that **MAJOR TWIST!** I did not expect that something like that will happen! Richelle Mead took a great risk in pursuing that plot twist but hey, she was able to pull it off!

I also loved the development of some supporting characters here, including Adrian, Christian, and Lissa. Not to mention Eddie!

As a whole, this book is kick-ass! I loved everything in it!

Rating: 5 Stars

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