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Count Vladimir Dracul never suspected that the human he found hiding in his stables will change his life and the way he sees the world. But once he finds Béla, Vlad can't give him up. Fighting prejudices against humans, a vampire Count wanting his blood donor back, and a threat from an old enemy seem like small battles compared to the one he has to fight to win Béla's heart.

Béla was terrified of the vampire that found him and decided to keep him. His experience with vampires has never been good so he has no reason to trust Vlad, even if he wanted to. But when his former owner comes looking for him, Béla has to find the courage to save the one man that has come to mean more to him than his freedom.

With the help of a few crazy friends, a werewolf mob boss, and two insane brothers, Vlad and Béla just might have a chance at happiness...if the Ministry of Paranormal Affairs doesn't get to them first.

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Jenni Lea says

3.5 stars

What an adorable story. Lynn Hagen and Stormy Glenn make a good writing team. Still haven't figured out how you descend upward though. Eh, I'll let it slide since I was so entertained by the story.

LaShonta says

Omg, this was too funny. I love when these two ladies come together to do a series. You know you are going to laugh your ass off. I loved this!!

Asteropē says

Not bad. Though unlike the reviews here, I had a *slight* problem with the whole Bela thing.

He was held captive for years (his whole life?), raped (repeatedly), tortured, scarred, couldn't even speak really (one/two word sentences - like a 2/3-year old!), had *severe* PTSD, etc. Vlad treated him well (was kind, patient and gentle), but I couldn't help feeling the sex scenes (esp the first), though Bela said, "want," were more dub-con than totally consensual. I don't have an issue with dub-con in general, but some other things came into play that made me go hmmmm. In the beginning Vlad kept calling him "little thing" (even picking him up like he was a child) and coupled with Bela's sort of innocent, simple way of communicating (reminded me of Lynn Hagen's Johnny character in Brac Pack, only worse in some ways as Bela was far more traumatized and unable to express himself verbally like Johnny could), it made Bela seem less of a man and more *childlike* at times...which sort of became an issue with the sex stuff. It's hard at times to gauge Bela's maturity - mentally and emotionally at times and this is where I had an issue. I have to wonder if this was mostly Lynn Hagen's idea, because it fits with many of her characters. It didn't squick me out, per say, but I did wonder why they authors chose to make Bela the way they did, the baby-talk, the severe, harsh life. All that coupled with jumping into a sexual relationship just didn't feel 100% right to me.

I sort of wondered, can someone that *never* had a normal life and treated the way Bela (previously, "Boy") be in the right frame of mind to make those sorts of decisions about sex *so* soon? We can see as the story goes on that Bela can understand what's being said to him, but I still have to wonder if someone in his situation doesn't fully have the capacity to truly *understand*, especially with the life Bela was forced to endure previously. At that time, it was only about 2 days after knowing Vlad and really, in the beginning, all Bela wanted was for Vlad to keep him, ("Keep, Boy" and "Boy be good." he said) and even presented himself for sex, thinking since Vlad didn't want his blood, that was the only way he could stay with the vampire. Vlad tells him he doesn't need to give him anything, that no one would force him and he was safe with Vlad and after that, Bela and Vlad have sex (I think the next day). I would have liked Vlad to hold off on sex until a bit later. Give Bela time to get to know him and acclimate to him not being in the torturous situation anymore. I don't know. I seem to be the odd one out with my thoughts. It's not that I didn't like Bela, I just thought

things might have been better served portraying things either a bit differently or a bit more slowly as far as sex went.

V says

This was the most adorable, sweet, funny and fluffy story I've ever read from these two authors. I hope the next sequels are as good as this one.

I understand this may not appeal to everyone's taste, but for sure it's mine.

Candice says

I laughed so hard. Iggy + Bela = Ridiculousness. I loved Bela calling Igorian "Iggy". I loved Iggy calling Bela "Hissy". Then the other names: Dracul (vamp), Lou Capone (mob boss), Van Helpsing (vamp), Frik and Frak ;)

I loved Bela's internal thoughts, talking about how color blind Iggy was and how crazy Vlad was. Yet, he was so protective of Vlad, even if he were to be killed since he's human. I do still wonder how he could have complex thoughts but could barely form 2 or 3 words together. If he's so close to the Count wouldn't he want to teach him how to speak? He obviously understands, but it didn't seem like Vlad minded (or Iggy).

Overall, I am glad Jenni Lea talked me into reading this series! I'm reading on.

Tracy says

4 Stars!!!!

OMG this book had some hilarious moments. This book could have been a very serious read considering it dealt with abuse, malnourishment and lack of hygiene, but these two authors really did a great job keeping it on the lighter side.

The names alone in this book were great. Count Vladimir Dracul, I mean when you think of this name you think cruel blood sucker but that is way off the mark here. When he finds Boy hiding in his stables it is so sweet. He takes him in and cares for him, nurses him back to health and protects him from the ex crazy vampire Count. The only thing that really disappointed me was why Boy was being hunted down. I mean we have this really big plot being built up and bam curve ball, not at all what I was expecting.

I am really hoping the next story in this series is Iggy's story (and he is wearing his colorful polka-dot socks) or the werewolf mob boss.

Maya says

I absolutely adored Béla, he was so cute and Vlad was sweet, they worked together.

Rosebud says

Count Vladimir Dracul, head of the most feared coven of vampires, is known for administering swift justice without mercy to those who cross him. When a filthy starving human male is found hiding on his property, instead of having him imprisoned or killing him, Vlad brings him into his private chambers where he personally nurses him back to health.

Boy has finally escaped from his sadistic master and won't ever go back. When he's caught by another vampire whose reputation is even worse than his previous master *Boy* fears the worst. Confusion sets in when the man treats him with kindness, feeds him, and gives the one thing he's never had. A name.

When Bela's former master comes looking for his escaped property, Vlad is put in a difficult position. Luckily possession is nine-tenths of the law and finder's keeper's losers weepers. That is until someone decides to cheat to win the prize.

Though this had a dark feel with the potential to pit two alpha males in monumental battle of skills and strength to win the prize, the tone was more lighthearted, romantic, and at times comical. For the right target reader I'm sure that would make for an excellent read that with warm fuzzy thoughts about man on man love with a happy HEA ending. For me things were just too over the top and 'nice' in a way that didn't fit the perception I got after reading the book summary blurb.

Told from alternating POV from Vlad and Bela, I had a hard time appreciating the two. First in Bela who had complex mental thoughts yet talked like a caveman with limited vocabulary. Second in Vlad who was suppose to be all big and bad yet backed down in situations I thought he should have had more backbone. So wanted more alpha to have shown through.

Adult content. This is a book I'd recommend for the novice m-m romance reader who wants a taste of man on man loving that isn't too indepth. The scenes have that romantic slant that can be enjoyed yet aren't too graphic.

Secondary characters. This is the part of the book that saved things for me. I don't want to spoil the experience for any future readers by mentioning the pro characters AND the negative ones so all I'll say is that shapeshifters rock.....

Overall this was a pleasant read that should be enjoyed for it's superficial storyline because if you're looking for depth or consistency you'll probably find this one lacking.

Lizzie says

There's not much to say, other than it was really sweet, a little funny and more than a little corny. I like it's fluffiness. It was a great pick-me-up read.

Nessa says

enjoyed the unique concept of paranormals controlling the world and humans being the minorities and no longer free. Bela is human and is found in Vlad's (powerful vampire) barn with whip marks on him. Vlad decides to keep him and doesn't want to give him up. I loved Bela and Iggy (Vlad's assistant) and thought that both of them were totally adorable. The writing was well done and the characters were significantly detailed. The ending was great, and overall a very sweet and entertaining read. :)

Riayl says

I refuse to admit how much I liked this one. Mostly because I can't pinpoint why I liked it, or the few things I can pinpoint, I don't want to own up to. Like the way Bela talks. I know I should hate it and that there really isn't a reason for it as he isn't learning a second language, so he should have been exposed to the correct way of speaking his entire life. But I might just have liked it a teensy bit. Not that I will say so out loud. And Iggy. Just...Iggy. *snort*

I liked it and I didn't come across anything that was bad enough to nag at me, so...yeah.

multitaskingmomma says

Original Blog Post: <http://headouttheoven.blogspot.com/20...>

**This book was recommended to me by Fadia

These days, I love to make reviews about books as a series rather than go over them one at a time. Not because it can be tedious, no, simply because I am such a curious individual and get frustrated when I cannot get the fix immediately once I find I like the first installment. One of the series recommendations to me by my friend Fadia is Phanta City, written by two lovable ladies Stormy Glenn and Lynn Hagen whom I have been reading since day one of my addiction to the MM genre.

In Phanta City, we have a dystopic world where Earth is now predominantly populated and rules by the paranormals rather than the humans. This happens after the veil was lifted and a war of supremacy resulted to decades war, millions of deaths, and the paranormals winning. This is just one of the cities on this dystopic Earth world and we see lots of familiar things as well as unfamiliar things.

In Beautiful Bela we have coven leader, the powerful Count Vladimir Dracul, falling for human Bela. Now mind you, this is the usual vampire-loves-human-mate plot we are all familiar with. Thing is, what made me look twice at this recommendation was actually the names of the two main characters involved! Vladimir Dracul a.k.a. Dracula falls in love with Bela (think: Bela Lugosi playing Dracula and you'll know why I am giggling). Now, this Bela, he is such an innocent but so fierce. Talk about wrapping an all powerful 700 year

old vampire between his cute little pinky and we see this vamp just skipping through the tulips to please his Bela. Of course, there has to be some bit of drama and angst but thankfully, THANK YOU!!!! dear authors, none of these were overdone! Instead of the crying and whining frustrations, I ended up giggling my way through.

As for Purr For Me, well, this is the immediate chapter that opens during Vlad and Bela's mating. So we have Igorian falling for Pan Thyr, a panther shifter. Pan Thyr as a name is not so ridiculous, but when I read the description of Igorian, I just about snorted. Think Igor the hunchbacked assistant or butler of the original count and you'll know why I laughed so hard. Add on the fact when his full name was revealed and I just lost it. Well, this guy is as flighty as can be, really a ridiculous individual but oh, so lovable. I actually loved him more than I did Bela, but that is a different story. Thing is, this guy, he just surprised the heck out of me when he went out and did his vampy thingy to rescue his lover-mate and defend him to the fullest of all of his abilities!

So here I am, (im)patiently waiting for that next chapter, erm installment, where Cass A. Nova is involved. Okay, so his name is also another play on names but he is probably the most adorable character I ever encountered in a long while! Especially when it came to his Skittles. Yes, they have Skittles in Phanta City and Cass is just a rainbow character I know I will love.

Looking forward to this series. And as Fadia mentioned, yes, this is a real keeper. Something that is light, humorous and just plain entertaining!

Sabi says

Iggy is the best!

Phaney says

I was in the mood for something light and silly, so I picked this up. It was precisely what I needed. (Sick and in desperate need of distraction.)

This is a sweet story, and one that clearly does not take itself too seriously. The drama is still dramatic, but the fun is also very funny. The silly names are of course the dead giveaway that this is not to be taken too seriously.

I'm wondering if this applies to a lot more of the books I read and complain about. Because if I approach it in this completely not serious way I feel a lot more comfortable with oddities or inconsistencies. Not that this book was a great offender in those regards.

I love the beginning. It has just the right mix of fun and caring.

The switch to Bela's perspective threw me slightly. He's very... dramatic in his expressions and musings. His reference to a fashion makeover stands out immediately, considering how limited his exposure to more casual aspects of life seems to have been. I found it difficult to take his history seriously under those circumstances.

But that's all right. The story worked for me and the characters were sweet or fun or insane. I hope I will like the next book as much. :3

Tj says

I enjoyed this book for a warm, fuzzy read. This had the makings for a darker read but the authors made it lighter. It was fun to read for the most part. Bela is an interesting character. I look forward to more from the series.
