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Even the dead have to work for a living. In the wake of my resurrection as a member of the bloodsucking undead, I chose to put my investigative reporting talents to good use as a PI in Chicago; I've got my work cut out for me.

Mingling with society's artsy crowd isn't my favorite pastime, but someone's got to navigate their way through the world of big money and bigger egos to find the killer of a young talent who deserved more than to be laid out on a canvas.

My snooping has gotten me in occasional trouble with both sides of the law, so I'm used to cops and mobsters using me for target practice. But my thirst for the red stuff is getting out of control. I'm not sure what scares me more: the price on my head, or the darkness gnawing at my gut.

And if that desire isn't bad enough, there's the hot-blooded daughter of a client who has big eyes for yours truly--and a jealous boyfriend.

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# **From Reader Review The Vampire Files, Volume 2 for online ebook**

## **Erika says**

Glad it's an omnibus because of the cliffhangers.

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## **Tate says**

this book was a fun interesting read.

Although it is a vampire novel, it reads more as a gangster, detective novel.

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## **Michelle DiscoBnny Mayberry says**

### **Worthwhile Read**

A worthy follow-up to the first volume; but the spelling errors were very distracting. I've come to believe that the spelling is only a problem with the digital copies, because the spelling in volume 1 of the author's series was flawless.

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## **Marianne says**

Again, a little dark for a vampire story, but well written.

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## **Janet says**

I was far too impatient to borrow each book through Inter-Library Loan (a process that relies on the U.S. Postal Service and is therefore somewhat pokey), so I settled for this monster volume from one of our consortium libraries. The stories are a little thin in spots, but Jack and Escott are such likeable characters the deficiencies are hardly noticeable.

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## **Julie says**

The first book in this trilogy is Art in the Blood: The only vampire in this book is Jack and, in the other books, the only supernatural characters I've met so far have been related to his making as a vampire. Most stories so far have only that one sup... Jack was a reporter but now has a friend who is a detective and who he works with. Jack has two talents that help him as a detective--his ability to get around locked doors and his powers of hypnosis. Though it is difficult to hurt him permanently, it is not hard to hurt him temporarily and

this can be bad for the humans he is protecting. So, suspense exists.

The stories are set in the late 30's Chicago, so gangsters show up in most of the stories as does the "noir" atmosphere of the era. This one centers on the art world and was quite enjoyable (a true mystery that the reader is able to solve along with Jack.) Fun.

In the second book, *Fire in the Blood*, Jack and Escott are hired to find an expensive bracelet which leads them into 30's Chicago gangsterland (again.) Now, for the first time, Jack encounters the dark side of his nature and is completely frightened by it... Pretty good book.

The third book, *Blood in the Water*, starts directly where *Fire in the Blood* ends with gangster problems. And at it's finish, the action is not completely resolved. The next book will start midstream. This book was pretty much entirely about Jack trying to protect his friends from the gangsters who are after him. This is made more complicated by Jack's avoidance of killing anyone (even a gangster who is trying to kill him.) Because Jack is not invulnerable (he can be hurt, he can get knocked out, and it is possible to kill him), these problems are not as easily solved as one would think.

These books were great fun.

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### **James says**

I'm currently rereading this series. I originally read it when it was new. It really was ahead of it's time. Now you can't enter a bookstore without books with supernatural protagonist, with elements of mystery, written by female authors falling on you head. (NOT necessarily a bad thing9- but a lot of them ARE drek- just like most any genre.) At time, though it was a novel combination of genres. the gangster era Chicago setting means that it still stands out from the more recent novels. These three novels are not as good as the first three (found reprinted in *The Vampire Files I*) but they are still engaging.

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### **jD says**

So far so good. I am on the second novel, aka book 4, within the book. Entertaining.

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### **Emily says**

I'm glad these three were available together. I was a little lost with the first book in here as it had been a few years since I'd read the previous collection, but it was easy to get up to speed. And the first story led well into the second, which ended on a cliffhanger. Happily, the third book began right where the second one left off, so the anticipation was immediately rewarded.

Also glad this doesn't support an all-powerful vampire mythology; the main character has flaws (some pretty drastic ones) that make it much more interesting.

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### **DaNela says**

I had already read the first story in the volume-Art in the Blood. This time around I got the 2nd-Fire in the Blood, and 3rd-Blood on the Water, read. I like these stories for there uniqueness, they aren't like the other vampire stories-not much romance in them, they are more focused on the detective side. And I had actually thought that PN Elrod was a dude writer, until I looked up the website and saw that no-it's a gal. Just surprised me because of the way the stories are written and the way the characters are portrayed.

5 outta 5, great mystery and action stories

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### **Anika says**

I cannot explain just that every story has its twist, it is intense sometimes, very interesting could not put the last story down until i finished it. You wonder how Jack gonna save everybody. I wonder how long Jack's secret of being a vampire will remain that way...

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### **Emily says**

Loved it just as much as Volume 1. The stories in this one had unexpected turns and twists. I especially enjoyed "Art in the Blood". The characters developed and you really got immersed into the story. My only complaint would be not much of Bobbi in "Blood on the Water". I love her kick butt character and would have liked to have seen a bit more of her.

All in all a fun read, just wonderful for anyone who enjoys vampire/detective/mystery/gangster type books!

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### **Katie says**

The Vampire Files by Elrod are an enjoyable quick read. I'll continue to pick these up as long as she continues to write them.

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