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First Drop Of Crimson: Night Huntress World, Book 1



Synopsis

From the New York Times best-selling author of the Night Huntress series comes a breathtaking new journey to the dark side of desire. The night is not safe for mortals. Denise MacGregor knows all too well what lurks in the shadows-her best friend is half-vampire Cat Crawfield-and she has already lost more than the average human could bear. But her family's past is wrapped in secrets and shrouded in darkness-and a demon shape-shifter has marked Denise as prey. Now her survival depends on an immortal who lusts for a taste of her. He is Spade, a powerful, mysterious vampire who has walked the earth for centuries and is now duty-bound to protect this endangered, alluring human-even if it means destroying his own kind. Denise may arouse his deepest hungers, but Spade knows he must fight his urge to have her as they face the nightmare together, because once the first crimson drop falls, they will both be lost.

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Customer Reviews

Now THIS was a good read. I love how Frost builds up the tension between these two characters. Some things get bit cliché for me and sometimes I feel like she breezes through some things too fast, but overall I love this couple and I keep spending money on these books so I can't really complain too much. So if you like great characters and a good payoff (...chapter 23), then you'll love this book. I do however recommend reading the other Night Huntress books in order before tackling this. It can act as a stand alone book, but it's more beneficial and enjoyable if you read the other books in the series first.

This is really not a standalone book. If you haven't read the first four books in the Night Huntress series you really shouldn't read this one first. For a few reasons that I won't go into but trust me when I say it would spoil much of the other books for you. I will say I very much like Spade, he is still a little broken and definitely duty and honor bound. He is very much a good hero and could be swoonable. He becomes extremely delicate with Denise as he tries reluctantly to help her. Denise is not my favorite heroine she obsesses a little with does he like me or is it just a show and is suffering from PTSD so sometimes acts very irrational. While she grows on you throughout the story sometimes the over obsessing about how much money this is all costing Spade borders on ridiculous. But I guess she is a human living after some very traumatic experiences in the vampire world it is slightly true to life how a normal person would react to something like that. Ian is a bright and shining bit of comic relief and I was glad to see him enter the story. I have liked his character more and more since the third book in the Night Huntress series. "Luscious, aren't I, poppet? Go on, stare. I don't mind."-"You look like a Dracula porn movie reject"-"Let's not speak of him. Like the devil, Vlad might appear if we do." Oh this story could have used a little Vlad. I liked that this is now third person so we get to see things from both Denise and Spade that makes everything more enjoyable but overall it isn't quite as dynamic a story as the other books by Jeaniene Frost. Still overall if you have enjoyed the other books in this series this is a fun read about two of the side characters that have similar backstories of losing someone they loved dearly who are from two different worlds. Denise wanted to be rid of the vampire world after losing her husband Randy and Spade never wanted to love a human again after losing the woman he intended to marry. Small appearances are made by Cat Bones and Mencheries but my favorite couple of Cat and Bones didn't have quite enough time to steal the scene. There are some tender moments and the idea of the demon was an interesting twist on things. Still a solid fun read but not as strong as the rest of the Night Huntress books thus far.

First Drop of Crimson (FDOC) is the first book in a spin off series by the amazing writer of the Night Huntress series, Jeaniene Frost. I am a huge fan of Frost's series and am completely enamored with her writing. Her character and world construction is brilliant and every book she writes is just another master piece. Besides, the woman can write sexy like no other, chapter 32 anyone?? When I heard she was doing a spin off Paranormal Romance series, I jumped and pre-ordered the book right away. FDOC tells the HEA (Happily Ever After) of Spade and Denise, two characters pretty well known to any fan of the Night Huntress Series, also known as The Cat & Bone series =) However,

you can definitely read and enjoy this book without having read that series. I have to say that I didn't love this book. I really enjoyed it and it was great to get some more time with Spade, which is a very interesting and compelling character, not to mention, sexy as hell. Denise was never my favorite, but I ended up liking her much more by the end of FDOC. I don't know exactly why I didn't love this one. It was fun, fast paced and a great read. It was great to see some characters from the original series, but think the beginning was a bit too slow. It did pick up much more midway through it and I did get to love it in the end =) Denise has been through hell because of her best friend Cat and has been written off the supernatural world at the beginning of the novel, she gets thrown right into the midst of it when her family starts to get killed by a demon. She then turns to Spade, who is Cat's husband's, Bones, best friend, for help. Spade is a mystery and because of his dreary past he does not get involved with human woman. That is, until Denise enters his life and he feels like she belongs there forever. There is a lot of action in this book, but the romance was definitely the best part in my opinion. I loved getting to know Spade more and seeing him and Denise fall in love =) Originally Posted at Welcome to Larissa's Bookish Life {[...]}

I'd previously read the first two Night Huntress books, and really loved Cat and Bones. There were things I liked about this book, but it had problems as well. The main one was I never warmed to Denise. She seemed bland and focused on all the wrong things (like her hair and makeup and endless internal dialogue rehashing the same things over and over). I never got a sense of who she was beyond her sexual attraction for Spade and her fear of a shadowy, totally undeveloped, antagonist. (More on that later.) She developed a backbone in the last chapter of the book, but by then it was too late because I didn't care what happened to her anymore. It's too bad, because Spade made a phenomenal leading man. Just the right blend of alpha with pure sex appeal. I kept rooting for him to find a partner other than Denise, which isn't good in a romance. From a technical perspective, there were many things repeated, so editing could have been improved. My other pet peeve was the plot wandered. Ms. Frost is a better writer than this book suggests. The antagonist makes a cameo appearance at the front end of the book, and shows up one other time before the end, but he never felt like much of a threat because his time "on stage" was so limited. Overall, I found this a lackluster read, but I haven't given up on her books.

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