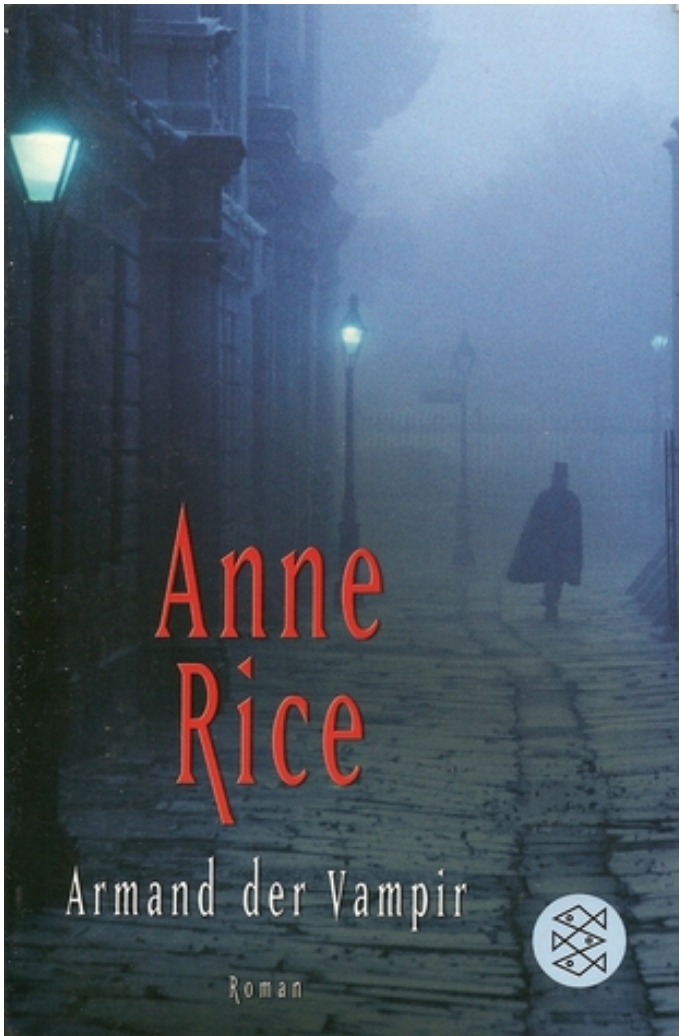

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Description

In *The Vampire Armand*, Anne Rice returns to her indomitable Vampire Chronicles and recaptures the gothic horror and delight she first explored in her classic tale *Interview with the Vampire* (in which Armand, played by Antonio Banderas in the film version, made his first appearance as director of the Théâtre des Vampires).

The story begins in the aftermath of *Memnoch the Devil*. Vampires from all over the globe have gathered around Lestat, who lies prostrate on the floor of a cathedral. Dead? In a coma? As Armand reflects on Lestat's condition, he is drawn by David Talbot to tell the story of his own life. The narrative abruptly rushes back to 15th-century Constantinople, and the Armand of the present recounts the fragmented memories of his childhood abduction from Kiev. Eventually, he is sold to a Venetian artist (and vampire), Marius. Rice revels in descriptions of the sensual relationship between the young and still-mortal Armand and his vampiric mentor. But when Armand is finally transformed, the tone of the book dramatically shifts. Raw and sexually explicit scenes are displaced by Armand's introspective quest for a union of his Russian Orthodox childhood, his hedonistic life with Marius, and his newly acquired immortality. These final chapters remind one of the archetypal significance of Rice's vampires; at their best, Armand, Lestat, and Marius offer keen insights into the most human of concerns.

The Vampire Armand is richly intertextual; readers will relish the retelling of critical events from Lestat and Louis's narratives. Nevertheless, the novel is very much Armand's own tragic tale. Rice deftly integrates the necessary back-story for new readers to enter her epic series, and the introduction of a few new voices adds a fresh perspective--and the promise of provocative future installments. --Patrick O'Kelley

Insightful reviews

Suvi: First of all, Armand is one of my favourite characters. The way he showed himself in the first two books was utterly fascinating and captivating. Second, I'm confused why some people complain about the sexuality and erotic scenes with young boys. It may not fit to our culture but it should be remembered that times were different then and this book was about that time also.

Now, I don't know what went wrong but I didn't get the same feeling from this Armand's autobiography. Though I liked the descriptive writing the story bored me every once in a while. There was something missing and it's a real shame. I wanted to weep for Armand and become hooked to his life but it did the complete opposite.

Wendy: Another in depth book about Armand, one of the characters in the vampire series for Anne Rice. Excellent, in depth, book that explains his wonderful character, that the other books just touched upon. Great read.

Rhiannon Elward: I was given this to read by my friend Azhar, I hadn't read any of the series up to that point and I'd seen the film of Interview with a Vampire and hadn't been that impressed

with it. To be honest, I wasn't expecting much, I wouldn't have picked this book up in a shop or library because its not my usual genre.

I have to say I was very impressed though, I've read this twice and I don't remember ever re-reading a novel. There isn't much of a story, but there wouldn't be really, its a biography of a vampire essentially, there doesn't need to be much plot. I loved how deep the characters are, Marius especially is brilliant, and the analysis of immortality and how they come to terms with having to kill to survive is really interesting. I think maybe this series could be marketed better, they're not just horror novels, and the blurb on every single one of the series I own does not do the novel justice.

As far as the sex scenes go, yes they're quite shocking, but this is a vampire novel and there's going to be things happening that people don't like. Marius comes from a time when that sort of behaviour was normal, and I think it's only right that his character reflects that.

Vanessa: For me, The Vampire Chronicles are the be-all-end-all of vampire novels. And whereas i've got my favorites in the series, i locate myself evaluating any other vampire novel I learn to the complete set. So, a good way to talk about them, pass forward and ship me a note. And if you are new to the vampire genre, you cannot get it wrong with Anne Rice. This one is my moment favourite of the series.

Mrs. Fujiwara: The Apassionata has been the legit soundtrack of this ebook ever given that Armand defined how impressive it used to be Sybelle enjoying it. I confess that my very favourite sonata from Beethoven has continually been the pleased and sarcastic Pathétique; but, yes, I agree that the 1st one matches greater the waves of other emotions Anne Rice was once capable of depict in one other stable novel. And as i've got consistently been very keen on the imaginary surrounding the Vampires, in fact it was once but a very good excitement interpreting this diary. As I instructed you personally, expensive friend, you gave me a slightly pornographic book. yet do not be sorry and, please, do not blush like that. the photographs are rather well placed; how may perhaps she write concerning the lifetime of a Russian boy kept from captivity via an vintage Roman senator within the XV century Venice with no declaring their attractive intimacy of grasp and scholar constructing additionally to a sexual partnership? Oh, and the way splendidly Roman Marius is. My loved and cherished Marius. It used to be fabulous assembly him again. I by no means learn Rice's books within the correct order because I wish to dive into her shadows with eyes folded. I wish to get pleasure from each paragraph with that hugely expected feeling. And up before I had had nice surprises; this publication being established upon Armand's imaginative and prescient of Marius was once - in fact - the greatest. at the very least till she made up our minds to drop from the head of her researches and run virtually sloppily with the narrative, as usual. However, this continually occurs while she is attaining the XX century, so i'm wondering if it was once planned - to teach us the rate of our instances in comparison to the vintage eras the place so much of her characters got here from. or perhaps if it was once intended to be like that considering that her books are the results of previous options and therefore come constantly in kaleidoscopic images. For that matter, i admire Armand's mind set and, curiously, we've got related ideas of what humans name faith. he isn't my favorite, yet now not the least cherished baby of evening from this writer either. i will comprehend why his grasp loves him so; he's totally lovely in essence. yet still, I envy Pandora

greater than him for the way Marius loves her. Or I do for now, simply because i have not learn his personal diary yet. i'm curious, painfully curious to learn his imaginative and prescient of all issues I observed in the course of the eyes of such a lot of others. i'm thirsty for his personal photograph of himself as i'm definite i'm going to locate many comparable issues among us. we're Historians, after all, and we appear to love books greater than anything within the world. we're lonely creatures, even supposing we like and encourage love in others. yet is barely within our research room, with regards to our rolls of parchment, our ink and quill that we actually locate peace. I want i'll learn his brain now. Unfortunately, though, background awaits for me. i have been neglecting her for 2 or extra weeks as a result of him, so I should return and be along with her a short time praying to discover Marius' e-book on a shelf subsequent time I stopover at a bookstore."I understand history, I learn it as others learn their Bibles and that i usually are not happy until eventually i've got unearthed all tales which are written and knowable, and cracket the codes of all cultures that had left me any tentalizing proof that i'd pry free from earth or stone or papyrus or clay." (...) "I be aware of not anything simply because i do know too much, and comprehend now not approximately adequate and not will". Marius de Romanus, pages 449 and 451.

Meirav Rath: I want I hadn't received that book. Anne fairly screwed up this chance to shed a few mild on a key personality in her Marius-Lestat arc yet she blew it. If simply his years on the cult may were extra revealed, and the 2 orphans from WTFland could were got rid of the publication might became a superb piece of fiction.

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