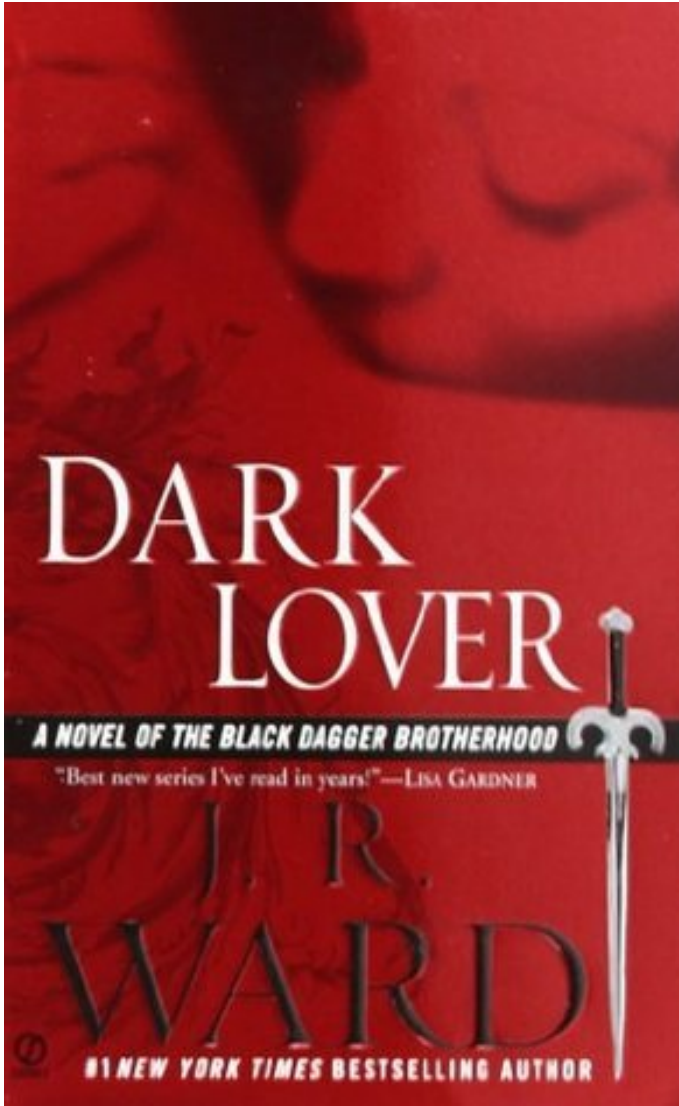


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## Description

In the shadows of the night in Caldwell, New York, there's a deadly turf war going on between vampires and their slayers. There exists a secret band of brothers like no other-six vampire warriors, defenders of their race. Yet none of them relishes killing more than Wrath, the leader of The Black Dagger Brotherhood.

The only purebred vampire left on earth, Wrath has a score to settle with the slayers who murdered his parents centuries ago. But, when one of his most trusted fighters is killed-leaving his half-breed daughter unaware of his existence or her fate-Wrath must usher her into the world of the undead-a world of sensuality beyond her wildest dreams.

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## Insightful reviews

Lorena: I was disappointed by this book. From the description, it sounded more like dark fantasy, but in practice, it's more like a romance novel of the cheesiest variety, only replace the generic pirate/naughty lord/auto mechanic human hunk with a vampire hunk. The dialogue was overwrought, and the behavior of the man/men in question was extremely stereotypical when it wasn't extremely implausible (even given that we are theoretically talking about men of a different and non-existent-in-reality species). It read like the sort of fantasy dreamed up by a teen-aged girl who has never actually had a great deal of contact with actual boys, let alone actual MEN.

Heather: I should have known by the summary that this book would suck ass, but alas, I was blinded by that s\*xxy sounding name, Wrath. Curse Ms. Ward for being intelligent enough to make that up. With a name like Wrath, I was expecting some sensual sinning to take place, but all I got was a blind, leather duster wearing vampire thug who introduces us to ridiculous supernatural turf wars, rap music, and the f bomb. Even worse, the supposed world of sensuality began as a cable guy fantasy gone wrong. This book was tragic. Tragically stupid.

I realize that Wrath is a vampire, but I can't suspend my belief enough to buy into anyone, supernatural or no, being able to smell what someone looks like. If you are able to smell someone so strongly that images form in your mind, that person is made of stink and you should run, quickly, in the opposite direction. Also, someone named Wrath has no business cuddling with anyone except the devil. Seriously, am I supposed to believe that someone named after one of the seven deadly sins is capable of falling in love with someone so insipid?

And can someone explain the mythology to me? Actually please don't, but seriously, if vampires don't need to drink human blood to survive, why should they have to hide? And why would they drink human blood?

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Lastly, what's up with the peaches?

Buggy: Opening Line: "*Darius looked around the club, taking in the teeming, half-naked bodies on the dance floor.*"

This is a beautifully done romance. Wrath is a sexy, tormented, to die for hero and Beth is simply perfect as his Queen. JR Ward has created a fantastic paranormal world with this series and I can guarantee you'll enjoy your time spent with the Black Dagger Brotherhood. DARK LOVER is ultimately addicting, sexy, erotic, funny and brash with an entertaining yet menacing cast of seriously alpha-male secondary characters who will all leave you wanting more.

Wrath is the only purebred vampire left on the planet he is also a King who refuses to lead his people. Almost blind and with a mean temper he prefers to be alone avenging the murder of his parents as he fights an endless battle against the `Lessers' (The antagonists here are a truly evil group of sickly sweet smelling undead who will stop at nothing to eliminate the vampire race) Wrath's only true companions are the members of the Black Dagger Brotherhood. A dangerous gang of eclectic characters each with their own set of issues (and each getting their own upcoming book as well) The Brothers have sworn their loyalties to the King and fight alongside him to protect the vampire race from the `Lessening Society' awaiting the day when Wrath will ascend to the throne.

As we begin the Brother Darius asks Wrath to help his half human daughter through the `change'-an unstoppable transition that will turn her from human to Vampire. This is a very dangerous time and Darius's hope is that the blind King's almost pure blood will guarantee her survival. Wrath initially declines because he doesn't like humans but when Darius is killed Wrath has no choice but to honour his Brothers last wishes.

Beth hasn't been feeling like herself lately and having been raised in foster care is completely unaware of her vampire heritage. Her job as a reporter for a local newspaper sees her unknowingly reporting on her own fathers murder. Along the way we are introduced to Butch, a burnt out cop who's in love with Beth. One night Beth awakens to find a gorgeous but heavily armed man dressed in head to toe leather standing in her apartment. She is of course frightened but can't deny the instant attraction even though he appears to have fangs.

Beth and Wrath's initial encounter is hot and the sparks never stop flying as Wrath takes on the position of her protector guiding her through `the change.' When Butch witnesses the two of them together he's horrified because Wrath has been fingered as the prime suspect in a string of unsolved murders. The killings have in fact been committed by the `Lessers' and in trying to keep Wrath away from Beth, Butch will only succeed in bringing the evil closer to home.

You may be initially put off by the author's odd choice of names for the Brothers. I know I definitely had trouble keeping track of who's who in the beginning. Their names are weird and there are a lot of them to keep track of, each with their own set of issues and gifts, but stick with it. The language (*doggen, lesser, shellan* etc) was also a bit of an issue at first but thankfully

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Ward has included a glossary of terms which by the end of the book I found I no longer needed.

If you're a fan of paranormal romance then I can't recommend this enough and if this is a re-read for you too I discovered that the forthcoming John Mathew's identity is positively verified in a little scene with the Scribe Virgin near the end. Cheers

Kat Kennedy: I initially wrote this evaluation in a extra blameless time. A time, when you can imagine, while i used to be much much less cynical and much more prone to provide books a break. So I did the compulsory drool over the Black Dagger Brotherhood males when expressing frustration on the a number of POV's (SO MANY!). I complained in regards to the content material and nature of Wrath and Beth's dating yet enable it slide because, hiya it was once just a few light-hearted fun. A couple of years in the past i used to be at my mother's apartment whilst a large, terrifying spider begun its conflict cost towards me with murderous rationale sparkling in its eyes (witness money owed could vary...) In case you're unaware, i've got a deep and unabidding terror of something with greater than six legs. The spider racing towards me appeared whatever like this: Nobody else on the scene of the development choices up information like I do... Because she loves me (presumably) and to place a cease to my earsplitting girly shrieks of "Kill it! Kill IIIIIIIITTT!" (less presumably) my mom whacked it triumphantly with a shoe. It is at this aspect that enormous quantities of small, notwithstanding both malevolent spider spawn emerged from the overwhelmed continues to be in their mother, all both rationale on destroying me one little piece at a time. [image error] Each one was once chanting this of their tiny babyspider voices as they rushed towards me with evil of their center and malice of their eyes... I count number this because the such a lot demanding second of my life. i locate it super ironic that it was once a vacuum cleaner, the bane of my life, that rescued me that evening whereas I jumped at the sofa in a healthy of apoplectic terror. And it truly is with equivalent terror that i glance upon the undead spawn that has stuffed the industry for the reason that darkish Lover first emerged into the studying sphere.

Navessa: easy methods to Write a magical Romance Step One : Create a Sue This is a feminine lead which may both be a Mary Sue, a Jerk Sue or a Sympathetic Sue. simply an FYI, such a lot writers choose a Mary, because the excellent of girls ultimate virgins till they locate "The One" is allegedly nonetheless drastically beautiful to the masses. I recommend making a heroine that's by no means even been interested in a guy before. It makes it appear extra like it is destiny while she meets the male lead and not more like you're attempting to shove antiquated ideals down your reader's throats. Step Two : Create a Ragebeast Your male lead can be over six toes tall, have darkish hair, tattoos and loads testosterone-inflated muscle that he has to stroll via doorways sideways. the fewer he talks, the better. In each scene that you're tempted to offer him dialogue, as an alternative make him brood over something. You're going for caveman here, sleek girls don't need a companion which may converse emotions or sympathize with emotions. We simply wish somebody who can bench press two times our physique weight. in the event you actually need to make us swoon, make him a prince too, or an uber-alpha, or a frigging king. that may satisfy the Princess fable that 1/2 us are contaminated with due to these assholes over at Disney. Step Three : Make those the exception to every other's rules. Emotionally cripple the male. He shouldn't think in love. no longer till he sees your Mary Sue. whilst he ultimately lays eyes on her however, you could take that

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caveman frown and switch it upside down. I recommend blaring Foreigner's I Wanna Comprehend What Love Is on repeat whereas penning this scene because it will fairly assist you trap the emotion your readers may be feeling at this point. And keep in mind that loss of allure to the other intercourse you've bothered Mary with? Well, whilst she lays eyes in your beast of a male lead her va-jay-jay may still develop into the river Nile. Step Four : The shmushing jointly of squishy bitsSex. upload it. plenty of it. On a bed, within the rest room of a club, a stairwell, an alleyway, you get the drift. simply be aware of that the extra you combine it up, the better. Repetition is the bane of the intercourse scene's existence. Also, we'd relatively have fun with it for those who may perhaps steer clear of utilizing those phrases: 1. Slippery juices • This brings up security concerns2. Clenching womb • She's having sex, now not a baby3. Pulsating sausage • i admire breakfast cooked, thanks4. Squelch • I shouldn't need to clarify this one

Step Five : Don't fail to remember the mystery!As tempting because it may well seem, you can't simply refill 300 pages with not anything yet courting angst simply because in case you do I WILL humans may perhaps hate you. You'll are looking to upload in a precise plot line to prevent that. Don't worry, it's no longer as tough because it sounds. Make up a creepy crawly undesirable guy, have him kill a few blameless humans and perhaps torture a child or rape somebody and your readers will instantly hate him and get at the back of your MCs and their struggle for 'good'. You don't also have to get that heavy with it. In fact, you can most likely squeeze it in among your gymnastic-inspired intercourse scenes. Step Six : Climax, the literary kindHave the undesirable man kidnap the heroine. be at liberty to permit him slap her round a bit and trace on the bad issues he's going to do to her yet don't get too over excited right here as you'll offend people with soft sensitivities. ahead of the villain can perform those dastardly plans, have the hero retailer your Mary Sue. What? good convinced that's a bit damsel-in-distress-ish yet belief me on this, everybody else is doing it too and no one's complaining approximately it yet. you will have readers or not, lady? Step Seven : HEAs; they're not only for fairy stories and modern romancesEnd your ebook on a excessive note. Your readers don't wish cliffhangers or lifeless male leads. they wish to determine a white gown or a nasty man with cash on his eyes simply because your ragebeast eviscerated him earlier than rescuing the heroine and taking her again to his 'lair' to bang the hell out of her despite her emotional, psychological or actual bruises. One plus of going mild at the plotline (like I suggested) is that it makes it effortless to wrap issues up in a pleasant little bow. You're welcome.\*\*\*Okay so this all sounds particularly critical, and it is. i am convinced you are pondering "So why the 4 stars?". Well, in my opinion, this writer takes all of the topics i have pointed out and does them good which makes for one unique and horny read.\*\*\*

Jennifer Kyle: i've got formally popped my Black Dagger Brotherhood sequence cherry! And wow did i admire IT!!!!Why the hell did I wait so long? Why have you? nonetheless kicking this sequence round in your to learn lists. i used to be similar to you the sheer variety of books during this sequence had me protecting off starting. What a MISTAKE! the 1st publication was once effortless reading, quick paced, fascinating and fun! you assert you don't do paranormal? good those characters of the Black Dagger Brotherhood can be no matter what J.R. Ward says they're and think me I'll learn it. This sizzling bunch of vampires were...CRAZY HOT. i've got a brand new appreciation for giant vampire warriors who put on leather. I fell for all of the characters that have been provided during this first book. I'm apprehensive to profit everyone's tale and keep it up with this series.So heads up, this publication used to be funny, sexy, romantic and suspenseful. I can't rigidity enough...HOT men ARE inside of THIS BOOK!On to

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