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Sophie doesn't believe in happily ever after. These days, she'd settle for alive after sunrise.

Advice columnist and newly-appointed oracle to the demivampire, Sophie Galen has more issues than a Cosmo collection: a new mentor with a mean streak, a werewolf stalker she can't shake, and a relationship with her ex's family that redefines the term complicated. And then there's her ex himself, who is more interested in playing leader of the vampire pack than in his own salvation.

Becoming a better oracle is tough enough, but when Sophie encounters a deadly enemy - one she never dreamed of facing - it will take everything she's ever learned in order to survive.

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Molly Frenzel says

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Sophie, an advice columnist and recent established oracle to the Demi Vampires, is still mourning the loss of her soul mate, Marek and hasn't had contact with the Demi Vamps in 18 mos. Almost at a point where she's feeling comfortable moving on, Sophie is thrust back into the Demi Vamp World when contacted by Marek's brother Rodrian, asking for help. Having been at one time very close to Rodrian and his daughter Shiloh, Sophie can't refuse when she learns Shiloh is in danger. While being close again to Rodrian, their normal flirting has escalated and Sophie is more confused than ever. Can she really let Marek go once and for all or can she still save him? Blood Rush is a GraveTells Must-Read!

*Review originally written for GraveTells. No compensation was received.

Jennifer Wroblewski says

Review to follow...all I can say is: hurry up and get here, 2014! I need the next book!

Cheree Smith says

I have to admit that I just jumped into this book without reading the first book in the series, Bleeding Hearts and apart from being a little bit lost at the start with some of the creatures and the world, it soon became irrelevant as I was swept up in a phenomenal paranormal story full of twists and turns which definitely puts a new spin on vampires.

Sophie is far from over the loss of her soul mate, Marek. Then Marek's younger brother, Rodrian needs her help and in return he can offer her a place to live as long as she agrees to help his daughter, Shiloh who hasn't changed into a full Demivampire yet. Between taking in a homeless Were and learning how to harness her Sophia powers to the full extent, Sophie still has to try to escape from the vampires who are still hunting her and try to help Marek from becoming a full vampire, but how far will she go to save the one she loves?

Krafton's writing style sucked me in from page one and Sophie had a vulnerable yet strong personality that made the story interesting to follow and made me want to know what was going to come next. Toby was a loveable werewolf. He had such a sad backstory and the way he was always trying to stick up for Sophie made him my favourite character by far. Blood Rush was definitely a thrilling page-turner and I look forward to seeing where the next one leads, and actually going back and reading book one.

Shah Wharton says

This is a page-turner. On a side note, I love the cover designs. A refreshing change from the usual supernatural covers: beautiful women or men's six-pacs. I should also point out that I received a copy of this for review from the authors tour organiser, and have not read the first in the series. I may have to remedy that now, of course.

Sophie is a sensitive character and she has a lot going on. She is an advice columnist and newly appointed oracle to the demivampire, but despite her many issues (loved one's turning into vampires, she needs to seriously sort out her new mentor and hey, werewolves stalking you can never be a good thing. Can it?), she copes admirably.

Sophie struggles with the loss of her soul mate, Marek, so has to help him from changing into a full vampire for ever. His younger brother, Rodrian asks for help in finding his daughter, in return for a place to stay. It's against the clock before she changes from a demivampire to a real vampire. She copes with all this, on top of dodging the vampires already hunting her down.

I liked how Sophie was both vulnerable and strong. I dislike intensely those heroines who are either all pathetic or all kick-ass. Sophie was much more believable. I also loved the werewolf. He was protective and cute and he'd suffered. Who doesn't love a survivor?

I enjoyed Blood Rush, it maintained my (often wavering) interest, I enjoyed the characters, the plot was alive and kicking and overall, I'd recommend it to lovers of spec-fic everywhere. I do wish I'd read them in order, but I still managed to enjoy it. X

Sapphyria says

Warning: There may be Book 1 spoilers in my review of Blood Rush. Stop reading this blog post and buy Book 1, Bleeding Hearts using the Amazon Buy Link below.

Sophie is still dealing with the loss of Marek, her soulmate and protector. He is still alive (per se) but has abandoned her to become the Master of the vampire pack. Not returning any of her phone calls or messages, and also being abandoned by Marek's family, Sophie sinks into a pit of loneliness. When Marek's brother, Rodrian (rode), suddenly contacts her (after over a year) to help him with a problem, she is both leery and excited. At first Sophie refuses the gifts that have been bestowed upon her by Marek, through Rode, but when she can't shake a stalking werewolf in the city, she concedes and accepts.

Her new living arrangements come with a stipulation ~ Rode's daughter, Shiloh is a teenage DV that hasn't transitioned yet and she needs the support of Sophie. And it appears that Shiloh's father has more than just a business interest in Sophie.

The werewolf that has been stalking Sophie, as it turns out, isn't after her to harm her. He is trying to make amends for his friend Tanner's actions towards Sophie in Book 1. When Sophie brings a dog home wither her, Rode and Shiloh aren't really impressed.

To round out this installment, Sophie is also trying to stay one step ahead of the vampires. This is made easier when she comes in contact with another Sophia-oracle like herself. One that can teach her and train her in the ways that Marek did not. If only it were that simple.....

Blood Rush is an excellent second novel in the Demimonde series. Once I started reading Blood Rush I had a very hard time putting it down. The entire novel grips you and won't let go. The characters are easily likable.

We have a heroine that, although she's an oracle and being chased by supernatural beings, is realistically written. Sophie has feelings, emotion, and depth. Sophie isn't superficial, snotty, or perfect in any way. Sophie's love life doesn't seem to improve much by the end of the book but hopefully she'll get her Happily Ever After in one of the next installments.

We don't see much of Marek but when we do, we feel his presence. He is not one to be ignored.

Rode is intriguing. He takes in Sophie, and while it's for selfish reasons concerning his daughter, he reveals some of his feelings to Sophie. Rode is, however, mated to someone else and that becomes a problem all of its own.

Shiloh is a broody, moody teenager that doesn't fit in with her own kind. They've all, at the very least, shown signs of the transition except for her. They tease, taunt, bully....you know? like regular kids are prone to do. The only way to get Shiloh to begin her transformation is to force it....but when something happens to the doctor, then what?

Our new resident puppy also fits right in to the mix. Toby goes above and beyond the duty in parts of this novel and I very much enjoy his part in the book.

So many twists and turns in Blood Rush! I loved it! The enemy is closer than anyone can imagine and when all is revealed, will there be time to protect everyone involved?

(Review copy courtesy of the author, Ash Krafon, via tour company, in exchange for an honest review).

Kirsty Bicknell says

The first of The Demimonde series, Bleeding Hearts, was one of my 5 star reads of last year and I was very excited to be contacted by Ash Krafon to be offered an ARC of Blood Rush, its sequel. Ideally I would have liked to have had time to read Bleeding Hearts again, in order to refresh my memory, as Blood Rush is not a book I would suggest a reader enters into without the back-story. Ash Krafon has created a passionate, fascinating and intricate urban fantasy plot which she carries into Blood Rush and develops neatly, causing the reader to anticipate every page turn.

When the book begins Sophie is still grieving for her relationship with Marek. She is juggling her Sophia duties with her job on an advice column at The Mag and lives hidden away from paranormal influence. When she hears from Rhodrian Sophie changes and the reader sees her become more confident as she learns to embrace her Sophia. I thought the way in which Ash Krafon did not automatically romantically link Sophie and Rode was great (although he has always been my favourite!). The reader never loses the banter between them that existed in the prequel, although there is now the added element of sexual tension, which adds to the excitement.

Toby was easily one of my favourite characters. I had a hope that he and Shiloh would end up together as I love her cheekiness! Toby was so kind, loyal and fun. He also has a sad history which immediately made me want to hug him!

Despite being an urban fantasy about paranormal characters Ash Krafon has written a very human story which any reader will find a connection point in. This book is a 5 star MUST read and I cannot wait for book

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Satarupa says

I got this book from the author, free of cost, in exchange of an honest review from my side!

firstly I would like to thank ash Krafon, author of Blood Rush for presenting me with such a great honor of reviewing her work and I can say that I'm glad that I signed up for it.

WOW! That's all that I can say about this book because the author left me speechless with her work. The first book Bleeding Hearts won my heart but the sequel Blood Rush really captured my heart forever.

The story line was unique from the first book but the author added more twist and turns in this sequel and made it even more interesting and totally captivating. I finished the book in just one sitting because I just couldn't give up until the story sadly ended. The splash of humor along with dark scenes and complicated romance geared up the interest in me and I kept on turning the pages as if I was spellbound.

The journey of Sophie in becoming a more profound and powerful oracle was really great and her romance with the brother of her ex was really uncomfortable for her yet it won the readers heart. Sophie was very easy to get connected to and I really enjoyed her character through out the story.

The author took us on a ride of the world of the demi-vampires and I really enjoyed it the second time as well, there were little but significant changes in the concept of vampires and werewolves which will definitely change your viewpoint and if you think that you've had enough of vampires and werewolves then I think you should check this out because it's going to prove you wrong.

I hope my review was helpful but I'm not giving any spoilers because they just spoil your read. So go on and grab your copy!

Cana Elene (<http://placeofreads.blogspot.com>) says

If there is any book that you have to read this year, this book is it! Full of suspense, action, mystery, and the undercurrents of romance, the unique paranormal world that Ms. Krafon has created will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last sentence!

For more of this review, please check out PLACE OF READS BOOK BLOG on April 5, 2013.

Fran says

OMFG!! I've been waiting to read this for so long that I can't believe it's already over!

I have to say, this is even better than Bleeding Hearts, because of all the tension, and the excitement and the drama... Every now and then I could hear myself blabbing infinitely with a list of Oh! and Eeek! and things like that, for all the events happening in the book.

I love dear Sophie. She's such a great and powerful character, with her need to be herself again and her duty to be the Sophia. Even though she's been through a lot, she's still determined to take care of everyone else but herself.

And what can be said about Rodrian? Ahhh, Rodrian... It's no secret that I rooted for this brother, instead of Marek, and the relationship he has with Sophie is very tense. So, now that I've got a taste of what those two are like. I definitely want more. Can I have more? Please??

One thing I can definitely say, is that I didn't like Eirene from the beginning. I knew she was up to no good, and that left me with a question: shouldn't there be only one Sophia?

Nevertheless, Ms Krafon, you are an amazing writer, and I look forward to the next chapter!

Rachel V. says

This is the second book in the Demimonde series. I love how the author can take a subject (vampires) and change it up and make it different and new. This book was just as good as the first book and I was shocked and surprised in a several places when the book took a turn that I was not expecting.

Sophie is still trying to save everyone, demivampire and human alike. She is still writing for the same column as in the first but has now received a promotion. Of course with that comes more responsibility. Sophie has had to continuously move due to a werewolf stalker and she is just about at her wits end when in walks Rodrian. He helps out Sophie in finding a safe place to stay and also to help out with Shiloh. I enjoyed seeing her ex's brother, Rodrian, in this one a little more. I like Rodrian's humor and his whole personality. He is a great addition to this story as well as his daughter, Shiloh. I was not expecting the werewolf stalker to turn out the way it did. Also I was surprised with the way it turned out with Sophie's mentor and oracle from across the ocean. Now I want to know if the servant of the other oracle will return in later stories or not because she seems like there could be more with her since she seems to be so powerful.

The ending of this story with the arrival of Rodrian's mate and Marek turning out the way he did. I can't wait to see how Sophie handles these new developments and I am torn on who I like better, Rodrian or Marek? I just can't wait for the next book. Although it says it comes out in 2014 I can still hope that it comes out sooner. It sounds like it will have more werewolves in it.

I received the book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Jonel Boyko says

Krafon has created such an interesting and unique premise with this novel. Although this story does contain some standard supernatural creatures, Krafon takes them and runs the extra mile. For example, she put some really cool twists on werewolves, and their transformation is unique, trippy, and more than a little gross. It was completely awesome to see such uniqueness. She also creates some new beings to bring into this world, adding even more to the story.

The storyline itself was extremely well developed. It leads you in, without ever letting go. Krafon picks up after the completion of the first novel in the series and takes you from point A to point Z, through every twist imaginable and some that aren't. Every action or event, however insignificant it may seem at the time, adds something to the storyline while remaining entertaining and captivating. I also quite appreciated the ending.

Although all major events begun in this novel are brought to a conclusion, Krafton leaves you wondering and wanting to continue to journey with these characters.

The characters in this novel are also phenomenal. They are the same characters that you encountered in the first novel, but they grow and morph based on the events that they encounter. As a reader, you also get to know them better, knowing more about where they came from and how they became who they are today. Krafton also introduces some new characters who are equally well developed. You get to know and love (or hate) them quite well and they add some interesting variability to the story.

As a whole, this was a phenomenal novel that leaves you wanting more but with a sense of completion. You come to love and hope for the best for these phenomenal characters. As a reader, you become part of this world, waiting to return with the next instalment in the series.

Please note that I received this novel free of charge from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Tricia Schneider says

I was so excited to read this book! And now that I'm finished, I'm a little sad. Now I have to wait until next year for Book 3 in this amazing series!

BLOOD RUSH is the much-anticipated sequel to BLEEDING HEARTS, and I must say, this was even better than the first! Advice columnist and newly appointed spiritual leader of the Demivampires, Sophie Galen, has her hands full in this book. She has her day job to contend with, as well as writing advice to those DV who reach out to her for help. Then she has a stalker who keeps her busy finding new apartments. Not to mention the trouble with her ex and his family, who've basically abandoned her for about a year before this story starts because of their own issues. Sophie is a woman tormented. The pain of abandonment, loneliness, loss and serious insecurity about a position where she's learning as she goes about what's needed to help the DV take a toll on her in this one. And Marek. Oh, Marek... I grieved with Sophie so much I wanted to reach into these pages and give her a hug. Luckily, Rodrian helped out with that a bit. He's Marek's brother, and quickly becoming a favorite character of mine. But despite all that, Sophie is strong. She doesn't let the bad business of her past stop her from doing what she thinks is right. Although she struggles, she's determined to not only help herself, but those around her, even her ex.

Ms. Krafton's writing style is addictive. Quirky and spirited, even during the dark moments, I heard Sophie's distinct voice throughout. From the very first line to the very last paragraph, this is a page-turning read. The depth of these characters drew me quickly into the story and I was reluctant to set this book down to attend to my daily chores, like eating and sleeping. Now that I'm finished, I simply cannot wait for the next book! If you enjoy paranormal with a hint of romance or urban fantasy set in a believable world, then I think this book might be for you!

Claire says

I began to read this, but didn't realise it was book 2 in the series -it felt i was joining a book without the full background, so i read the first one ("Bleeding Hearts" reviewed [HERE](#) (not yet added!!)) so would strongly recommend to read that one so you know what has happened previously!

A great read!

Picks up pretty soon after "Bleeding Hearts", and flows brilliantly.

Sophie is our main character who discovered she was known as an oracle to Demivamps (vampires who aren't quite as evil as full vamps but have the time and urge to "turn" into their evil counterparts.

Sophie had been thrust into the "DV" world by her (now) Ex. She's tried to distance herself from the supernaturals, but cannot do it! She is back in touch with her Ex's family due to a favour needed and is delighted to also be contacted by another "Sophia" oracle.

A great read, with twists turns and likeable characters. You do relate to them in a great way and some shock twists that even surprise you when not expected.

I would not have found this series had it not been for this tour and I'm really happy to have found it. If you are a fan of vamps/weres and supernaturals, you'll love this one!

I'm looking forward to the next one to be released!

Read on behalf of Bewitching Book Tours in return for honest review

Sarah says

Wow! This book sucked me in right from the beginning. This is a confident writer with a clear vision of the world created in Bleeding Hearts, the first book in the Demimonde series. Blood Rush picks up right where the first book ended, with Sophie recovering from her near-death after her lover is driven mad with blood-lust. As she slowly recovers, she realizes that Marek has no intention of coming near her again, and that he is no longer the man she knew and loved. But picking up the pieces of her life is harder than it should be, because she is still the Sophia, an empathic Oracle of wisdom and emotional comfort to the DemiVampires. Grieving, physically recovering, and trying to pay the rent, Sophie is also being stalked by a Were and spends her afternoons running out of her office building to evade her hunters. She moves constantly and is nearing her limit when Marek's brother Rodrian suddenly pops back into her life with a too-good-to-be-true offer: Marek's country mansion is now Sophie's. The catch? Rodrian's daughter Shiloh will live there too, and Sophie will help keep an eye on the bubbly teenager. Sophie is suspicious, but also desperate for some stability and contact.

Pretty soon she and Rodrian are acknowledging their attraction to each other and flirting while pretending nothing is happening. After all, Sophie still loves Marek and Rodrian worships his older brother. The progression of their relationship is awkward, sexy, and uncomfortable - in other words very believable given the circumstances.

During Sophie's recovery she has become best friends with Dahlia, one of the DV and soon she adopts another stray named Toby. Little by little Sophie is making a family for herself even as she mourns the loss of Jared, Marek and her dreams for the future. Things look even brighter when Sophie is contacted by an experienced European Sophia who offers to train Sophie as an Oracle. Sophie jumps at the chance, and even though Eirene and her sidekick Dorcas are arrogant, condescending and rude, Sophie's power grows quickly under the tutelage. She is soon able to protect herself against the DV's compulsions - and about time, too! I mean she's their Oracle, but they yank her around like a puppet. Sophie's not an ass-kicking heroine but at least now she can defend herself.

One of the frustrating parts for me is that Sophie is still willfully ignorant about much of the DV world she

now lives in. When Pontian or Rodrian hints at their age or history, she immediately changes the subject, claiming she is too freaked out. Wouldn't you want to know as much as possible, being the weak, helpless food source surrounded by predators? Sophie has the survival instincts of a sofa for the most part, but she survives anyway due to her stubbornness, her tenacity, and her faith - and lots of luck. But that is also part of her charm as the heroine - in many ways she is a very traditional old-school, romance heroine. She is gentle and kind, her empathic and compassionate skills slowly soothing the savage alpha-male beasts surrounding her while she befriends and charms the other women - classic!

Blood Rush also gives us some intriguing little windows into the DV world Krafon has created. There is a brief mention of the DV Special Ops at a rock concert attended by DV and Weres, which I think could be a whole new book right there. We learn a bit more about the prejudices and bitter hatred of the two races, and we have some great new characters.

Fast paced, well-written, with a very satisfying blend of realistic romantic entanglements, intrigue, betrayals and some great surprises, I loved this book.

Annette M Guerriero Nishimoto says

Today's review is on Blood Rush by Ash Krafon

This second installment in Rush's Demimonde series was one that I was very much anticipating. Though it took me a while before I could get to reading it, it was well worth that wait. Filled with twists that I never saw coming, Blood Rush was one of those books that I hated to put down, but I did need to sleep at least some.

Sophie Galen is still not over the loss of her soul mate Marek even though he is beyond saving, according to him at least. And she never thought she would be a part of the Thurzo family ever again after they deserted her. Then suddenly Marek's younger brother Rodrian needs her help.

Rodrian's daughter Shiloh hasn't changed over to a full Demivampire and he is very worried about her. Because Shiloh had had a great relationship with Sophie he asks her to move into Marek's old house to watch over his beloved daughter. After all, it's not like Marek was using the house any more.

As if becoming a babysitter for a teenaged DV who hadn't fully transitioned over wasn't bad enough, Sophie is still being hunted by the vampires. Thankfully, she found another Sophia to teach her how to be all that she could be, as far as being a Sophia at least. A true, and entitled Sophia.

Between saving a homeless Were and fighting the growing feelings she has for Rodrian, Sophie falls victim to the most powerful vampire around. One that had set the curse on the Thurzo family in the very beginning. But that isn't all. The one person she thought she would never see again comes back and knocks on her door, or is it still his door?

Marek is on the very brink of turning into a full out vampire and wants the woman he still loves to end his suffering. It will not only take all of her love for him and her strength, but the strength of a friend to set Marek free and save his very soul.

Wanting nothing more than for Sophie to get a break in the love department, I was hoping for a somewhat happy ending. Sadly though, that just wasn't in the cards for this installment. I am not deterred though. I am

all the more hopeful that she will eventually get there. Can it be in the next installment Ash?? I know the wait is going to kill me!!

This is another great book by Krafton. The writing style is so easily readable and enjoyable that the pages seem to flutter by so quickly that once I reached the last page I become somewhat depressed because it was over so quickly. A sure sign that the book was really good, at least by my standards. My only regret is that I wish it was a bit more polished. My recommendation? Have a proof reader look it over before going to print.

4 of 5 stars

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