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In agreeing to undergo the Trials of Initiation in order to restore Mr. Crepsley's honor, Darren may have bitten off more than a half-vampire can chew. Each trial is taxing than the last, and despite his resolve, Darren simply may not be up to the task! In the depths of Vampire Mountain, though, a threat even deadlier than the Trials is stirring...

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## **From Reader Review Cirque Du Freak: Trials of Death, Vol. 5 for online ebook**

### **Carrie-Anne says**

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### **Angel Camacho says**

The book I read was Cirque Du Freak: Trials of Death, by Darren Shan. The setting of the book is at vampire mountain where the vampire princes are at. Every 12 years they gather and have the Council of Vampires. The main character is Darren and Kruda. Darren is the half-vampire going through the trials to prove he is worthy of being a vampire, and Kruda is a vamp prince. I found this book at the library but I love reading these books just could not find them.

The book was very interesting and a pageturner. Darren had to go through a lot of dangerous trials that would easily lead to his death. He would have to train for each and be very tired, he even would have to train super hurt and damaged from the one before. If he failed he would have to die because it was a vampire law. He failed one and had to follow Kruda who wanted to help him escape his death. But in the process of doing that Darren finds out that Kruda is a traitor and does what he can to escape him. Which led him to fall in a river and almost to his death.

The last few chapters just had you at the edge of your seat. The idea of Kruda killing their own friend was a shock. Darren going into the river that would cost his life was guts, means that he was brave to risk his life just to not get captured by the traitor Kruda. Darren was not gonna end up like their friend and die.

I personally loved this book, talks about a young boy who was blooded to be a vampire. Filled with excitement and parts that would leave your heart pumping. this book is good for people who like action and vampires.

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### **Selena says**

Meh, at some point, I just stopped caring.

There's a case of "That guy we thought was good was actually a traitor" (but I figured he was evil three volumes ago upon his introduction). There's a case of "inexperienced child gets in over his head, mostly succeeds when he should have no chance, and when he fails there are no consequences" (which pretty much happened exactly like that, and though it wasn't necessarily "without consequences", it's not like he's punished in the end).

Ultimately, Cirque Du Freak has become more and more predictable, made even worse by Darren's "foreshadowing". Why the sarcastic quotation marks? His foreshadowing is like a neon sign blinking in large

friendly yellow letters.

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### **Totoro says**

gavneeeeeeeeer <:'(  
after all the times i've read this book, that part is still so saaad :'(

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### **J Jahir says**

la hora de la verdad. Darren debe pasar por las 5 pruebas que pondrán a prueba su resistencia física y mental para ser aceptado como un miembro más de la corte de los vampiros. de no lograrlo, representa la muerte. en ese aspecto me pareció muy chocante y bastante injusta esta sociedad, y todavía más cuando vemos algo que da un giro de tuerca a las cosas, cuando él se enfrenta a la cuarta prueba.

Debo mencionar que este libro te deja en una tensión y un suspenso de lo más desesperante, pues cada prueba se va poniendo mucho, mucho más difícil. cuando pensé que ya terminaría todo ahí, fue en la tercera: las llamas. dije: valió madres. pero entre todo esta tensión, le agradezco a Darren por darnos un pequeño respiro con la fiesta que hicieron. eso créanme que se agradece. No dejo de asombrarme cómo a pesar de que los libros tienen un formato muy corto es capaz de hacer que pasen tantas cosas y llevarlas a un punto de interés tan bueno. Encima, el lenguaje para nada es complicado, es de lo más sencillo y en ningún momento te aburre, los cliffhangers son cada vez más atrapantes que quieres tomarte el siguiente ya. y en particular lo que ocurre al final... mejor que lo vean por su cuenta.

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### **Joseph Devall says**

I liked the cliff hanger at the end when Darren and the others found the vimpanzese inside the mountain when they ran away. In the beginning when Darren was training he had to do the water maze and almost drowned but found the door on the way out. And on the second trial when he had to go over that path of needles and had one big rock go through him and he pulled it out and kept on going. Then He had to do the hall of flames and he ran through it and burnt himself to a crisp. finally i liked it when he did the blooded boar (The take a boar and put vampire blood in it witch makes it much bigger and more angry.) And harkhat kill the second boar to save Darren's life.

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### **Kallie Beltrami says**

I originally read this book, not because I thought that I would like it, but because I found it in my older sister's bedroom and I needed a book to read for credit in my English class. I chose it almost as a joke, because judging by the cover I knew it wasn't the type of book I would ever enjoy. This book is the fifth in a saga of 12 books that are split into trilogies. This one is a trilogy that is all about vampires. I have not read any of the other books by this author, but I had been told that they do not all directly correlate and you do not have to read previous books to understand any of them. I was pleasantly surprised that it was somewhat, yes only somewhat realistic. Aside from the vampires and other mythical creatures that advance the plot, the author did a good job at keeping me engaged as a reader. My personal favorite aspect of the book was the

names of the characters because no matter how many times I read them, I still found humor in them (I mean come on... what kind of name is Harkat?) The general plot of this book is that there are four trials that all vampires must go through in order to be accepted by the Vampire Princes. It is a initiation process for the newly turned vampires to earn the respect of their peers. The trials are composed of difficult tasks that one must complete like, fighting a boar, or escaping a maze, but magnified with challenges by 1000x. There is a large plot twist at the very end of the book that is surprising and relieving since the entire book is suspenseful and it is the first time in the entire book that the protagonist handles a situation in the same way I would. I read this book very quickly, but not often, which means I had little desire to read it most days, but when I did, it took minimal time since it is written at the level of a 5th grader (my rough estimate). The language used it often simple, and occasionally contains difficult vocabulary.

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### **Evelyn says**

[And Kurda killed Gavner! I only just picked him as my favorite!]

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### **Maud says**

Amazing depth of story and characters in this volume. Like the mangaka confessed in the end of the volume I would have liked this volume to have been a bit longer. Would have been nice to learn more about the festival of the undead.

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### **Sam Chapman says**

This was a solid installment. This wasn't one of my favorites of the series even in the originals but it was good and I shall definitely continue with this manga adaptation.

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### **Flash Man says**

### **David Kernan says**

The book had a cliffhanger ending, but it still expanded on characters that were introduced in the last volume and had good detail in how Darren felt in the trials

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### **Btheilmannghr3 says**

In this book, we have the five trials. First one is the aquatic maze. It was actually a quite interesting concept.

Here, Darren must find a white X and press a button on it. He also had a rock attached to him half his weight. Anyway, he barely manages out, with little air. Next was the path of needles. Here, he has to climb on needles from one side to the other I believe. Here, he gets impaled and survives. Impaled. It's not the most sensical thing, but whatever, he lives, hurrah! The third trial is the room of fire, or whatever it was called. for fifteen minutes you had to survive fire. He gets scorched, but survives, barely. Luckily, he gets a break. the next trial was the blooded boar, and nearly completes it, but is interrupted by the character harkat, and had to be executed. Luckily, though, he went to escape. Turns out there were vampaneze. Gavner gets murdered by Kurda, and Darren is in the hall of final voyage. The book was quite nice, and a bit of a twist when he didn't finish the trials.

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### **Hannah Belyea says**

The initiation continues for Darren as he desperately attempts to survive test after test, all while an even greater danger lurks beneath the surface. "Trials of Death" will have readers begging for more as its exciting story is accompanied by magnificent work by Arai. Fans are sure to get more than they bargained for as the action and mystery continue!

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### **Omar Vilchis says**

The book is very interesting and exciting. I say this because there are many problems that come across the people in the story, who are all vampires, that are both difficult and exciting since these vampires have special abilities that no ordinary human does. These characters have super speed and are harder to die. They develop at 1/5 the speed of a regular human, so they can live for hundreds of years. These characters encounter an evil army called the vampaneze that want the vampire's artifact.

I liked how the author slowly introduced a problem when the story was focused on the protagonist, Darren Shan, proving himself worthy to be a vampire because he is not completely a vampire yet.

This book is in a series so you have to read previous books to understand the current situation. The book does include many protagonists, so this causes the story to lose the reader during some parts of the book because the characters are forgotten. The book also leaves unexplained situations, which leaves the reader thinking "what happen ?" The antagonists are not making the book exciting because they are almost the same as the protagonists, but they just rebelled. Lastly, the book takes place mainly in the same setting, a big mountain called Vampire Mountain.

Overall, I would recommend this book. I would recommend it for people that have been reading the Darren Shan series to continue it. I would also recommend it to kids that enjoy reading fiction because this book includes plenty of, as well as the series. I would recommend it to people who have read books similar to characters with super human abilities. You will enjoy this book.

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