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“If you like Kresley Cole, Gena Showalter, Lara Adrian, Larissa Ione & J.R. Ward, you have to read this new series by Tracy Tappan!”

~ Fan review

Vârcolac warriors kidnap a woman with a unique bloodline for their town’s repopulation program, but the willful doctor incites a mutiny, and the leader of the Warrior Class has his hands full containing the revolt...and his burning attraction for the exasperating woman.

Dr. Toni Parthen never knew she carried a unique, supernatural gene until the night she was kidnapped for it. Imprisoned in a secret underground community, she is asked to do the unthinkable: procreate with a vampire male in order to save their dying race. Headstrong and independent, Toni doesn’t cower in the face of her new, sinister reality. Instead she incites the other captured women to mutiny. But danger lurks around another corner. A ruthless demon faction is also after her powerful DNA, and she is suddenly thrust into the middle of a bloodline war. As her world explodes into violence, her only hope of survival lies with the dark, formidable vampire who wants nothing to do with her.

A rare half-vampire, half-demon, the leader of the Warrior Class, Jacken Brun, has vowed never to allow his tainted bloodlines into the community. Already a heavy burden, this oath becomes nearly impossible to bear when Toni’s special scent and infuriating troublemaking ignite a voracious hunger in him. Avoidance is key. But when war wages around Toni, led by the man who devastated her years ago, Jacken must choose between honoring his pledge or claiming a forbidden love.

Content guidelines: contains profanity, violence, and adult situations.

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Kelly says

Tracy Tappan is a new author to me. I picked this book up because of the dark aspects of the story, it sounded interesting to me. As Tracy is a new author to me I kinda went in cautious but to my surprise this was a really good book. Lots of action, virgin males, kidnapping, evil creatures, hot sex, and an interesting story line.

The only reason I am giving it 4 instead of 5 is the author put a lot of focus on the other characters in the story, way to much for my liking. To me there just wasn't enough time put into the main characters. (it was still good but I think I lost some "could of been" valuable info) I think I would of connected better to their budding relationship if there was more focus. Yes I am greedy like that, I NEED to know everything about them!

I think I got to much info on Kimberly and her man which I didn't want since it wasn't their story. (Arc and his woman also but not as bad as Kimberly).

I really liked the authors writing, it flowed well with me. She wrote great characters (At least I was not annoyed to hell and back with the female lead character Toni and I find that ALOT of authors write some annoying ass females).

I can't wait to dive into the next book and see where its headed!

Christie says

So much potential. So much fail.

I'm honestly surprised this has so many 4 and 5 star reviews. Although most of them seem to have received this book for free through good reads or directly from the author.

The story telling is disjointed. Jumping scene's. The female characters are just awful. Every single one of them is riddled with insecurities but not in any compelling way.

Their POV analysis of themselves reads like a text book. Then they decide to be stupid, put themselves, their children and their entire community at risk just to teach the men a lesson. I was honestly hoping at least one of them would be kidnaped by the villains just to teach the women a lesson.

The story telling was frequently immature. From a love scene referring to a breast as a boob, to a scene where the men get drunk and light their farts on fire, to a villain calling someone a fudge packer, who talks like this?

I can not decide if this was written by someone who fancies themselves an armchair psychologist or a frat boy. Either way I will not be reading anymore from this author.

Iza says

For a novel I'd never heard about, it was very good and entertaining and I wanted to start my "post vacation" reviews with an enthusiastic one. The heroin is strong and witty. The hero is dark and brooding, but better than most alphas I read recently. Even if "his jaw [was] so hard she'd bet she could take a crowbar to it and never crack a smile out of him." The world building is original when you think this is an umpteenth story about vampires.

"Dragon" women are kidnapped by a race of underground vampires to prevent their race from extinction, but also to protect them from the big bad Om Rau, who are after them too. The vampires are rather reluctant about the kidnapping method but they obey their leader without blinking. Said leader has been leading them for a long time, is rather tired of taking all responsibilities and sees no other efficient method.

The alphas, warriors of their race, are big bulky guys yet also genuinely nice guys. Dev is one piece of hot fun ! The women they kidnap regularly fall into their arms willingly and remain with them underground. But Toni, the heroin, is absolutely ready to raise a rebellion among the Dragons !

Toni is willing to take her life into her hands. The Varcolac have strange attitudes due to what they are and they're real fun to read about. The interaction between all these people is very good and somehow, you're reading the story like it's a "normal" small-town community inhabited by weirdoes, nice weirdoes you'd like to meet.

They have strange mating habits that lead to problems : "The smell of an unmated Dragon woman running amok was equal to one long communal, never-ending ball massage minus the happy ending, of course. Insanity."

And much to my delight, this series is a little on the feminist side - and when there's drama ? There's communication ! Yes, you read me, no miscommunication here ! And when women want their man, they go for him, yay ! I was chuckling reading it.

Toni and Jacken take a lot of time to get to bed, but the tension is palpable and once they start, they can't take their hands off each other.

"I need to come inside you to complete the bond between us, Toni, not all over this damned room."

"All over the room ?" She pushed up onto her elbows kifting her eyebrows high. "Wow. Is there something about the Varcolac males trajectory abilities I should know before we... ?"

Really, it's fun, fast-paced and good natured. I got this book for a cheap price and completely jumped on the next as soon as it was released ! Its review will be published tomorrow.

Shari-amor says

Dr. Toni Parthen is a blood specialist who occasionally assists law enforcement with homicide investigations. One night, after leaving a crime scene, she is involved in a car accident that lands her in the hospital. Then, as if things couldn't get any worse, she is drugged and abducted by a group of men during her recovery. The leader of the group, Jacken Brun, isn't truly a man at all, but the leader of the Varcolac -- a warrior class of vampire-like beings, who are on the edge of extinction.

Jacken's job is to assist in preserving the Varcolac race by capturing and protecting women who carry a special blood chemistry. Toni discovers the truth as she awakens in a secret, underground village. She has a tough time coming to grips with her bazaar new predicament, and is further perplexed by the attraction she feels toward the enigmatic Jacken. Still, she is determined to escape. But beyond the village, new dangers are

lurking.

This is a fantastic debut novel, that left me wanting more! The characters were wonderfully written, and played an intricate role in the story. The camaraderie between the warriors was wicked cool, with Toni being by far my favorite character in the novel. She was the epitome of a great heroine: intelligent, witty, strong, and with a dash of snark. She refused to allow anyone to intimidate her, which made her the perfect match for Jacken. He, on the other hand, had no clue how to handle her.

Toni's presence created all sorts of mayhem and hilarious situations. Upon learning that she was being held captive for the purpose of breeding, she responds, "You'll excuse me if I decline your invitation... having turkey blasters filled with 'vampire' sperm stuck up inside of me isn't particularly my idea of a good time." Ha! Nor is it mine, Toni.

Despite their tactics, I couldn't help sympathizing with the desperation and desire of the Varcolac to preserve their race. They were by no means horrible toward any of the women captured. Instead, they showed kindness. I found it fascinating that this small community of powerful and ancient beings had been relegated to the shadows, and to living as cave dwellers. Their culture, and the bits of history uncovered were intriguing and beautifully descriptive, giving the impression that things were not always this way for the Varcolac.

The Bloodline War is a fantastic novel filled with wit, action, and adventure. I definitely recommend this story to anyone who loves paranormal romance.

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Jessica says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (Lovers of Paranormal). I started and finished this book today. I absolutely loved it! To me, it's slightly reminiscent of J.R. Ward's Black Dagger Brotherhood, but I actually preferred the Varcolac to the Brothers. The women are strong, the men are hot and the action is exciting. I will definitely be looking out for the next book in this series.

XX Sarah XX (former Nefarious Breeder of Murderous Crustaceans) says

DNF at: who the hell knows? I was so relieved to stop reading this I didn't even bother to check.

Had I been in my normal nearly-sane mode I would have noticed it. Had I not been in my damn-I'm-so-exhausted-I-can't-think-straight-I-need-to-sleep-for-three-months mode, I would have noticed it. **But I didn't.**

You're wondering why I'm currently eyerolling at myself, aren't you? Here's why: this book had been on

my Kindle for ages. I vaguely remembered it was about vampires and even though I'm no fangbanger like some of my dearest friends (view spoiler), I thought to my little self: "hey, what's the worst thing than could happen? **This is only a book after all.**" Well, here's the worst that could have happened: this could have been YA. Or Romance. Or YA Romance. Hey, it could have been a Freaking Paranormal Romance, too. Not as allergy-inducing as the previous two, but still. Sigh. A Freaking Paranormal Romance it was. **Damn, I'm way too tired for this shit.**

XX I think it is fair to say that this book has the stupidest storyline I ever came across. Oh yes, most definitely. This book is about a bunch of ~~super-macho-asshole-vampires~~ *unique race of human beings* *eyeroll* who live in **some kind of secret underground town/bat cave/whatever**. They need to consume the blood of other humans being to survive, but don't you call them vampires, these guys here have absolutely **nothing to do with pathetic bloodsuckers**. Please don't insult them, they're a Super Cool race called Varcolac. That sounds suspiciously like an antibiotic name to me but hey, what do I know? Anyway, the ~~Antibiotic Dudes~~ Varcolac guys kidnap human women who have a particular type of blood. **Then force them** to live in their happy little underground community. Yay! **Then force them** into marriage with one of the Super Antibiotic Dudes from their Super Warrior Class. Double yay! **Then force them** to have kids together so that the race can live on. Triple yay! You think we got ourselves a winner here? Wait, it gets better! Because you know what's really great about this story? It's that **most of the abducted women are super-duper cool with the way they are treated by the Antibiotic Clique!** Well okay, they don't like it much at first but who wouldn't love to be forced into marrying to a **Super Sexy Macho Asshole?** Especially when all that is expected of you is to be his dedicated broodmare. **That's pretty irresistible, if you ask me.**

? **Yes, feminism just committed suicide.** Again. And it shouldn't come as a surprise to you. No it shouldn't. **This is PNR after all.**

XX Surprisingly enough, I will not be adding the female lead in this story to my favourite kick-ass heroines list. Flabbergasting, is it not? I mean, she is everything I love and want to read about. Page 2: **she refers to her (BIG) breasts as the Girls** (yes, Girls with a capital G). And here I am, thinking: "oh, this is going to be good!" ← *simultaneous translation: "do I shoot myself in the head right now or do I wait for a few more chapters?"* But wait, it gets even better. Because not only is our dear heroine Big-Breasted, she's a total Blonde Bombshell too. With a Hot-As-Sin Body. And **she smells so freaking good** she has the whole Antibiotic Clique going totally nuts (meaning they all want to jump her on the spot) whenever she shows up (I kid you not). But hey, it's not her fault. It's all because of **Freaking Pheromones**, you see. So the resident batcave MD/scientist/whatever gives her **some kind of stinking mud** to put behind her ears to lessen the impact of her **oh-wow-you-smell-so-freaking-good-I-want-to-do-you-right-here** natural scent.

But hey, it's not ALL bad. Because she may be a Blonde-Sex-Bomb-with-A-Killer-Body-and-a-Pair-of-Big-Girls but **she also has a brain.** Yes she does. Please refrain from fainting. She's actually a freaking haematologist (wow wow wow, big word alert!). And, I quote, *behaving idiotically isn't her usual style.* Seriously? A Sensible Super Hot Woman with more than two grey cells? **Nah, I don't believe you, there is no such thing.**

XX I'm pretty sure you're anxious to hear about the ~~Super Antibiotic Dudes~~ Varcolac Warriors at this point. And who wouldn't want to? I mean, they do **ooze maleness through every single pore of their to-die-for physiques:** chiseled face, broad shoulders, solidly sculpted/well-defined/smooth chests, ripped abs and

powerful muscles... They are all *ridiculously gorgeous* and have *enough innate sex appeal to melt iron*. And they wear *black shorts styled after Calvin Klein boxer-briefs*. AND *the trim cut of the shorts emphasizes each man's potency in a manner that gives the impression of straining seams and near-popping front laces*. And they're horny all the time. Damn. Where is this secret Antibiotic Community and when I can move in? No wonder the women in this story don't mind being pushed around by this bunch of overbearing, controlling, dim-witted mega assholes. And **no wonder they don't mind being turned into breeding rabbits against their will**. I would too, given the chance. No one can resist such **Damned Hot Bastards**.

XX You think it doesn't get better than this? Think again. Because you haven't met our hero yet. Not only does he have the required built-in Mega Warrior Hotness, he is also the biggest assholes of them all. Obviously. He is Raw. But it's not his fault, you see. Because **there is a hurt child inside of him, a boy who doesn't want to feel so alone**. A boy who spent his childhood being *scared, lost, vulnerable* and *just trying to survive*. No wonder our dear heroine falls for him so hard. His unlikeable, domineering, bastard persona is nothing but a front to hide the broken, lonely little boy inside him. **Who wouldn't want to be his broodmare?** But you know what makes him truly irresistible? He is a 56-year-old virgin with the body of a 30-year-old Navy SEAL. **I. Kid. You. Not** (view spoiler) And this is when we find out why the Antibiotic Clique Varcolac Super Dudes are horny ALL THE TIME: **they can't have sex until they find their mate**. And despite being their Super Hot Irresistible Selves it looks like it takes them YEARS to find said mate. No wonder they end up kidnapping most of them. **Can you imagine walking around with a hard-on for YEARS?**

And this is where our dear heroine experiences an enlightening moment. Because until she met her Antibiotic Warrior Dude, *she'd never understood the male obsession with virginity. How it was that the moment a guy found out a girl was a virgin, the first thing he wanted to do was take it?* **Boy, oh boy, does she get it now**. From the minute she finds out our hero is –hum- sexually inexperienced, all she can think about is *jumping his bones and plundering his virginity all to hell like the worst sort of pirate wench*. **Okay then**. To my credit, I got as far as the deflowering of the Super Horny Super Sexy Super Antibiotic Warrior Dude. And then I gave up. Because I got tired of screaming internally. **And Because there is only so much shit I can take**.

?? **After reading this review** you might think this literary masterpiece is packed with clichés and PNR tropes. Guess what? You might be right.

?? **After reading this review** you might think this literary masterpiece is a spectacular piece of crap. Guess what? You might be right.

?? **After reading this review** you might think PNR should be outlawed for constantly depicting women in a degrading way and for promoting demeaning behaviour towards them. Guess what? You might be right.

ETA: after reading this review some of my dear friends have been trying to convince me that there is such a thing as non-crappy/infuriating PNR out there (view spoiler). Since I'm the adventurous type **I've decided to challenge all you PNR Freaks to find a Freaking PNR Novel I will actually Freaking Enjoy**. Actually

no, scratch that. At this point I will settle for a Freaking PNR Novel I will neither hate nor DNF. So? **Who will be brave enough to send me a rec?** Just remember that doing so implies willingly submitting yourself to the infamous **Robin Penance Thing**: if I hate the book you recommended you will have to read any book of my choosing. **Now shudder.**

Stephanie* says

4.5 stars!

Really - really - really - really liked this one!! ;)

Ada says

Loved it! Dare I say even better than the BDB series?! Maybe. Read it!

Dianne says

Strong females, powerful men who are brought to their knees by these women, sound good? What if I added action, intrigue, a kidnapping or three, hysterical moments that make you laugh out loud, tender moments that will warm your heart and intimate moments that will cause global warming? Sound like this may be a good read? Kick in dragons, vampires and demons for good measure and what you get is Tracy Tappan's **Bloodline War** and one fantastic, fresh take on paranormal romantic intrigue!

Did I mention that every single male was huge, hot and powerful, yet had personalities that almost had me laughing one minute and crying the next; they were so "real" and loyal to each other. Their sexual activity was based on whether they were mated or not, so no manwhores here!

Toni is a beautiful woman, but along with her brother, never quite fits into that pigeon hole of life. She has her job, her brains, the poor choices she has made in the dating arena to contend with, but all of that becomes history when she is kidnapped and taken far below the surface of her world and plunked down in the middle of a secret world of people of myths and legends, or so she thought. Headstrong and brave, she wants to go home, to be freed, but nooooo, she is told she is a descendant of dragons and only her special blood chemistry can help a dying race, the Varcolac procreate. She can have any man she wants, except for the one who has caught her eye and her heart. Jacken is not allowed to breed, as his bloodline is considered tainted, even though he is one of the strongest warriors, it is forbidden. The Varcolac are not the only ones who want Toni and her "imprisonment" is for her own good, too bad she doesn't agree and gets all of the other women to stand up to their men and go to the surface in protest, taking their children with them. Will there be a standoff at the O K Corral? Will the leader see there is a better way to keep his people alive? Will Jacken and Toni remain forbidden to share their love?

Tracy Tappan has a hit series on her hands that is full of action, great characters, snark and attitude while her crisp writing style has built an underground world that almost breathes, it feels so real! Her ability to dole out nuggets of information is brilliantly paced. I'm on board for more in this series after such a fabulously fresh foundation.

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Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines **“You’re Nurse Fine Ass!”**

“Other divorced fathers saw their children, right? Weekends and every other Christmas, half of summer vacation. So it must’ve been me, don’t you see. I’d done something to drive him away.”

“You Vârcolac males like to make us Dragons think we’re so special to you, but the truth is,” she lowered her voice to a hiss, “we’re not even worth the effort for you to fight for us.”

“I didn’t get it before. I wasn’t listening, either, but I’m sure listening now.” Keeping an arm around her shoulders, Arc started to lead her toward the double doors. “I suggest everyone in this room start doing the same.”

“Our whole lives, both of us have been the square pegs in the round holes. We’ve never fit in.”

“Are you going to make me sit on you until you agree to bond with me, Ja?ken? Because I’ll do it. You know I will.”

“Two against the world, Mrs. Brun. You and I. For always and forever.”

What a fabulously funny book! There was so much going on in this book and I didn't feel overwhelmed I loved it. This book is different from others because it didn't end after the smoking hot alpha male got the girl it kept going!

I won't bore you with details but, I will tell you this has races I've never heard of, heroines who use their minds to win, and heroes who may be tortured by their past but love helps them face their future. This author does an amazing job of bringing her world to you and making you want to stay. I didn't stop once I opened my iPad when it was over I ran to the author's website and found when the next book was coming out. I can't wait to see what paranormal stories this author comes up with next.

Everyone needs to give this book a chance you will be laughing at loud and loving this world!

FIVE DRAGON FAIRIES

Erika says

Stopping at 12%. Maybe I will come back later.

The writing quality is quite good and it is original but I don't really like the content. Starts with the heroine super attracted to a sexy detective and she ends up having a make out session with him. AS the book progressed, she proceeds to admire every man that crosses her path. The hero also seems to think every woman around him is totally hot, and he is only a virgin because he is not permitted to have sex -- not cuz he hasn't wanted it with OW. He just listens to his leader. Don't think this whole kidnapping women plot is going to work real well for me. They have to live underground all their lives!! Ick. ALSO, from just looking at other reviews, sounds like the heroine is going to do all of the chasing here. Typical virgin hero book, which pisses me off. WTH can't virgin heroes know what they want and got for it? So SICK of manwhores but then I can't find anything good with virgins either. So depressed. :(

Hollie says

lots of action and great character depth. loved it was a freebie too

This was a great series starter. I enjoyed the characters and the fast paced plot. It was also a nice surprise that it was generously offered as a freebie. I look forward to checking out the next book.

Leslie says

When I read some of the reviews. And they were like it's better than the Black Dagger Brotherhood. I was like OMG!!! I love that series, so I must read this. My opinion is its not better, not by a long shot. But then again I hold BDB on a pedestal. Please don't misunderstand this is a great series and story. The characters are well defined and its an easy read. I wanted to know what was going to happen the whole time. I also am going to start the second book in the series. So all in all great story and I like it!

Jade says

Disclaimer: I received this book from the author as part of a R2R in the Lovers of Paranormal Goodreads group. This doesn't affect my review and the following is my honest opinion.

Wow, where to start with this one! I'm still a little overwhelmed by how fantastic *The Bloodline War* was! From the very beginning I was captivated by the rich lore and world that Tracy Tappan created. Right off the bat the reader is introduced to one of my new favorite romance heroines, Toni. A doctor of hematology, she occasionally works on crime scenes and from the start I felt that she was a little different than most heroines. Toni wasn't one to take nonsense from . And I mean *anyone*. Even when she's in great duress or tough men are trying to intimidate her, she doesn't just sit there and take it. I loved that about her and it was one of the many endearing qualities the book had.

Toni wasn't the only vibrant character in *The Bloodline War* either. Tracy Tappan created a cast of characters that are interesting, dynamic, and relatable. Even when I disagreed with what they were doing (as I did with some of the Warriors as well as the antagonists) I understood why they were up to, in my opinion, no good. Oftentimes it's so easy to loathe a character that doesn't do as the reader wishes and I've found, more often than not, it's because we have so little understanding of their motivations. This is hardly the case in *The Bloodline War*. The characters, even the antagonists, have very clear reasons for what they do and while I despised some of them (Looking at you, Raymond.) I couldn't help but understand.

Not only are they interesting and exciting, many of the characters are funny - and not in a bad way whatsoever! (I never thought Ja?ken would be funny and I love that he was!) I didn't go into the book expecting humor but I found myself laughing as often as I was cursing out the bad guys. Tracy Tappan does some amazing dialogue which I think speaks volumes about her skill as a writer. Flat dialogue can kill the most brilliant of ideas and lovingly crafted worlds but *The Bloodline War* has no shortage of witty banter and engaging conversations between the characters. A few of the characters are foreign and their vocabulary and speech patterns really made that believable. I was very impressed with how well they were done! I've read a few other books where characters with accents or from another country are just so over the top or poorly done that it's really jarring to read. Tracy Tappan handled them flawlessly, weaving together both thoughts and speech that left me knowing the character was from another place but not struggling to understand them.

The Bloodline War has quickly become a new favorite of mine. It was gritty and full of action which, while I'm not normally big on, the scenes were so well done I couldn't help but be pulled into the world. And the fact that the story was told from several different points of view was very satisfying. I wasn't expecting to get to see so much of the other characters and I loved it! I am the oddball who loves side characters as much as the main ones and getting to know them, to know what was going on with them, was just what I needed to make this one of my favorites.

I highly recommend this book. It recently won the Bronze Medal for romance from the prestigious Independent Publishers Book Awards (IPPY) and, in my opinion, it deserved gold.

Wendy *Sebella Blue* Mitchell says

Since the first of the year, I have read well over 100 books. They ranged from short stories to over 800 pages. They covered the entire spectrum of the romance genre. They were written by debut indie authors and best selling authors like J. R. Ward and Nora Roberts. Some were exceptional and will grace my library for decades. Some I have already forgotten. I can say with no hesitation and no qualms whatsoever that *The Bloodline War* is the BEST book I have read this year to date. It was soooo hard to keep this review under wraps until the post date because I wanted to grab people, and tweet people and say READ this book!! Read it now, now, NOW!! I was literally doing a happy dance through most of the story.

Complete review at <http://ragesexandteddybears.blogspot...>
