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Just when her relationship with Stuart and Jaegar seemed complicated enough, there are more vampires in the peaceful wine country town of Rutherford. Amidst the growing danger to her and everyone she loves, a proposition is given to Kalina which would change her life forever. Next book in the PULSE Series - Book 3: Blood Burned

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From Reader Review Life's Blood for online ebook

Stacy Eaton says

When I read book one, I was torn between wanting to read book two or not. I was not 100% sold on the first book, but I decided to give book 2 a chance.

The beginning of this book started out better than I expected. In fact, the first chapter or two I felt should have actually been in book one and it would have made a lot of sense. The legend on the Life's Blood would have been good to know ahead of time.

I can understand why a lot of people enjoy this book. It is a very easy read. Unfortunately for me, there was not enough depth to the story or the characters and I had a very hard time dealing with her being so fickle between the guys.

How do you fall in love with 4 guys in that short of a period and have to figure out how to make a life decision? Crushes maybe, but not love.

And can someone explain to me how you remove the water in a moat and replace it with Holy Water????

I hope that everyone enjoys the series and that books 3 and up keep you entertained. I'm stopping with two.

Julia Kang says

A new hottie vampire gets introduced, and now I'm not sure if I'm Team Jaegar anymore. Can I have them all?

Cristy says

I really liked PULSE, but I absolutely loved LIFE'S BLOOD! The "cliche" love triangle of the first book quickly becomes much more convoluted with the addition of a few more contenders. LIFE'S BLOOD provides the reader with a ton more action, some great plot twist and definitely more romance as our heroin Kalina struggles to choose between her vampire suitors. I know (from other reviews) that a lot of the fans were unhappy with Kalina's choice, but whether you agree or disagree with the final match-up, you will surely enjoy the ride getting there.

Gow has done a great job taking a series with ample potential to the next level. I devoured LIFE'S BLOOD and would be really annoyed if I had to wait to continue on with the next book after that crazy white-knuckle ending... fortunately I thought a head and picked up books 1-3 at the same time.

**Oh and I'm very happy to say that the typos in this second book were virtually nil =0)

Kailin says

I enjoyed it immensely :D

Katrina says

A fantastic continuous on from book one, this one had me on the edge of my seat, grinning and grimacing: all in so many pages. Kailin Gow has taken us on a whirlwind, filled with twists and turns one could never predict. We have the three brothers and their creator, at first I was unsure whether I liked him, but Octavius certainly grew on me.. he was certainly the gentlemen of them all. Wise, and with age: lovable and I fell in love with him and his ways.

A fast paced story, depending upon how fast you read lol.. But will keep your interest piqued throughout.. and eager to read book 3.

An intriguing storyline - still continuing - still has my interest piqued.. A villain who will stop at nothing but to claim Kalina as his own and a love that may never be at arms reach..

Morgan Walsh says

Okay, so... I'm going to begin my review by getting out my frustrations at the events which have occurred thus far. I am only three fourths through the book, but I daresay I am qualified to understand what will now happen in this series....

(Please excuse the language here) WHAT THE F*CK?!?!?! OCTAVIUS?! SERIOUSLY?!?! Gah, it wasn't bad enough that at the beginning of Life's Blood Kalina was reunited with Aaron, so now there were three boys in her life. Then she had to be kidnapped--yes, *kidnapped*--by Octavius, and fall in love with him!!!!!! I'm sorry, but Ms. Gow was all wrong about Kalina still having life's blood when she had sex with Octavius (SERIOUSLY--OCTAVIUS!?!?!). It wasn't the wording of the spell Kalina and her stupid, much-older lover had to get around to have sex, it was the *intention* of the spell they had to bend. It's like the whole no-stepping-on-consecrated-ground thing--because the people who made the spell had the intention of her staying a non-having-sex virgin, then having sex should have taken away life's blood. They only got around the wording of the spell, not the actual spell.

(For those of you who watch the Vampire Diaries tv show, then it's like when Katherine was stuck in the tomb, even though the door was gone. The spell was still in place, so she can't get out. This is exactly the situation with our--excuse the language--whore of a heroine).

I have to say that Kaitlin Gow built up the relationship so much between Kalina and Jaeger, that for them not to end up together is going to ruin the series. She started to love him, and then she fell in love with Octavius, but by writing this, if it is 't changed, then the series does no longer make sense. Has Kalina matured from

her predicament? Maybe. Is she a good heroine anymore? Uh, not if she's such a whore, she's not. Four guys. *Four guys*. She loves them all, but she can't... live without them even though she has now decided she loves Octavius. (Of course, since I'm not done with the book yet, maybe Mal killed him and she can go back to loving Jaeger. { Which would be a good thing, because she does belong with Jaeger and NOT Octavius })

Sorry that everything above sounded so choppy (seriously, though--OCTAVIUS!?!?!). I think the reason why I hate the Roman so much, minus the fact that the Roman Empire was evil, so I hate all Romans anyway, is the fact that Octavius was... a bitch to Kalina. If he would have shown her love from the moment they met, then I wouldn't have such a problem with him. But he kidnapped her. And then, when she got away, he kidnapped the Greystones. "I'm sorry" does not even come close to making up for that. It might be just my personal opinion, but Kalina only sees in Octavius what she wants to see. Not what he actually is. And it may seem like he's baring his soul for her, but he's only showing her the kinder parts, not the true parts of him that only love violence and power (a quality most Romans possessed during his time alive). There's just something about the guy I can't trust. I'm 80% through the book now, and Mal did not end up killing him, so I think Ms. Gow has definitely written on non-erasable paper that Kalina loves Octopus. (My nickname for the slimeball). Why do I hate him? I have no clue. There're the obvious facts that Kalina and Jaeger saw each other first, and the first should always be the one chosen. You just don't build up a kindling between two characters and then throw it away almost instantaneously later. Honestly, Kalina and Jaeger finally admitted that they liked each other, and then he's kidnapped and Kalina falls for Octopus. (Hey, here's a question for you who are much smarter than I am--does the ink in pens come from squid and/or octopi???) Octavius just make me want to hurl. Everyone has a person they just hate--can't stand--will not talk to EVER if they can help it--and he is my person like that. I don't know how he is, nor have I fully comprehended the why, but he is.

Please, Kaitlin Gow, please, if you have any mercy for your fans, PLEASE let Kalina end up with Jaeger. Or Stuart. Or Aaron. Just not him. Not Octavius. Please.

Jody says

*-I am really glad that I stuck with this series. I wasn't too sure about the first book. I didn't feel totally involved in the romantic part of the story which for me is a big sell of a book. This book takes place immediately after the first book. Kalina is captive at Octavius' house along with Jaeger and Stuart. The book opens with the discovery that Aaron is not really dead but has been captive of Octavius all this time. Kalina, Jaeger, and Aaron escape temporarily but Stuart is left behind. As Jaeger and Stuart try to go get Aaron, a bargain is struck with Octavius who makes a deal with the brothers and Kalina. The brothers will be held in a nice room with plenty of vampire wine. Kalina will give Octavius a week to get to know him. Octavius takes her to Rome and Paris were surprisingly she falls in love with him. Honestly, I wanted to hate Octavius and I thought--"What another guy?!" But Gow wins me over with the descriptions of their interactions. There is much else going on as they go to meet the Consortium and another totally evil vampire Mal descends into the storyline. Octavius proves his love and helps protect Kalina. The catch is that Kalina truly loves Octavius but if she lets him feed he will turn human and therefore not be strong enough to protect her from the evil powerful vampires. Mal almost kills him as he tries to free Kalina and he is concerned that in order to protect her he needs to send her away from him. I just wanted him to stay with Kalina and protect her but not drink. Instead, he sends her home with Stuart to protect her and stays in Europe to hunt Mal and free Aaron and Jaeger. I liked this book best so far. I think I really identified with Kalina's feelings about the guys despite

getting irritated at too many choices. But this is exactly how Kalina feels, so I salute Gow for making feel Kalina's confusion, frustration, and love.

Jamie (The Kansan Reader) says

[we find out that the brother she was dating who was suppose to be dead isn't really dead (hide spoiler)]

Kim Owens says

This series is the first I have read by Kailin Gow. The concept for the storyline is solid and made for an interesting read; however, I have to say that I didn't care for the writing style much. I had a difficult time following much of the story, as the writing felt forced - superfluous words in order to make it sound better - but it just didn't work for me. The dialogue between characters felt like children attempting to have adult conversation.

But, back to the storyline. I truly enjoyed it, and rather than being discouraged with the writing style, I forged on, as I truly wanted to know what happened from one book to the next.

I felt that this was a unique spin on the typical vampire story, and it intrigued me. (This is a good thing, as reading the same old story concept is trying!) I did enjoy the characters, their struggles and the battles were full of the right amount of tension.

I actually look forward to book 5, as I have to know how the story ends.

Shweta Choudhary says

Fast paced and a good book. In this book we come to know more about the Life'e Blood, its effects and its destiny and its history and the Carrier.

Kalina is now torn between Jaeger, Stuart, Aaron and Octavious their makers. God! I havee seen love triangles, three loves but four ..It was a little difficult to handle it. It tells how a Life's blood carrier effect different vampires. How the blood is so costly. It can turn one human if the carrier loved you and make you the evil , strongest vampire. That's why Carrier's life is not safe. The results can be drastic.

I don't know would I like Kalina. She is so confused with whom she loves among four guys and its breaking the bond between them. We come to know the reason for it so yeah I kinda understand.

I loved the brothers and their maker. So brave, noble, honorable. and Protective to each other . :)

Susan says

The twists and turns in Pulse gets even better in Life's Blood. Life's Blood goes into the legend of Kalina's heritage and you now get a sense of how rare and valuable she is to the vampires. The precious blood that's embodied in her body drives vampires mad, yet provide that elusive dream to become human. In Life's Blood, Kalina thought life was complicated with the Greystone brothers, but then it gets even more complicated. Kalina turns eighteen, truly falls in love and gets her heart broken. I fell in love right with her, although like Kalina, I was hesitant at first. Life's Blood shows the consequences of Kalina's heritage, too.

We're introduced to one very bad villain, Mal, who is pure evil. An amazing read, and the ending is so sad and shocking. I can't wait for the next book.

Kim Sun says

Book 2 of Pulse goes into Life's Blood in much more depth. It shows you how valuable it is, vampires are willing to pay billions for it, to even kill other vampires, powerful vampires for it. A departure from the first book with you thinking it's going to be one way, two brothers in love with one girl, it becomes suddenly more complicated. We learn why the two brothers are so drawn to Kalina. Although I wanted Jaegar to be with Kalina, I am now drawn towards the new guy. What a bold amazing twist to a story plot that otherwise would have become a familiar vampire theme a la Vampire Diaries, but to bring in the history of Life's Blood and its effect on the vampires. Mal, the evil vampire who we see the sad effects of Life's Blood not work on him from a previous carrier, can possibly be the future of the vampire who doesn't win Kalina's heart. He is not just a cruel evil vampire, but you feel sympathy for him, knowing one of the brothers could end up like him. The Consortium of vampires who protect the fragile vampire laws, and the library of the supernatural brings more depth into this vampire world, and Pulse becomes more than the initial fun read, but a vampire series involving complex vampire politics, relationship between maker and made, and the struggle within. This series is coming along nicely and I am intrigue to read the next book, Blood Burned, already out.

Beth says

I am soooooo very glad that I forced myself to read this second book in the Pulse Series. It was fangtastic. At first, I was still a bit concerned with the "love" Katlin had for the Greystone Boys and the quickness of it all, but things quickly started to happen that forced my brain in another direction. In the beginning I really hated Octavious... I found him cruel and suspected he wanted Katlin's Life's Blood for even more evil purposes, but.... Let's just say by the end of the book I had done a complete 180 in my thinking towards ALL characters and all my doubts a concerns about Katlin and her feelings were put at ease. "Things" were explained and put into persepective... however, the book did finish with me angry, frustrated and so very glad that I could jump right into the next.Ü

Pamela Rose says

Pulse has become a new series for my book club girl's meeting. We intend to read every one of the books. Now Life's Blood is the perfect sequel to Pulse. Gow had us with the first book, then Life's Blood comes along and you're introduced to some more hot vampire guys, well, not introduced, but get to know them better.

Now I'm not sure if I'm Team Jaegar anymore. This new vampire has swept me off my feet. Oh, especially the night of Kalina's 18th birthday. "And I want you to know...you beautiful, maddening girl, that I want this - tonight - to be about you." *Big sigh*

Oh, but there's so much more in Life's Blood besides the romance. Kalina learns more about the legend. She and Jaegar have these intense moments throughout. Stuart is there, and he's so sweet. He handfeeds her when

she can't eat.

The fight scenes are amazing. This is a must read. The way Life's Blood ended, you know there is a showdown in Book 3. I just cringe to know my favorite vampires may get hurt.

Melissa Wehunt says

Well, much like the first book of the series, this is a quick read. I read it in only a few hours tonight...and to be honest, I NEVER do that. I'm just not a fast reader. So, like I mentioned with the first book, this is a good paranormal series to recommend to reluctant teen readers or teens who don't read as well or as fast. The physical print of the book is probably about half of a normal YA, both in content on the page and in font size, etc.

As for plot, I like this one better than book 1. To be honest, I found the first 3/4 just ok, but the last 1/2 to 1/4 was actually quite good...hence the 4 star rating rather than the 3 that I gave book 1. I think I even teared up a few times...so that was good. Probably that will be enough for me to give book 3 a shot.

Again though, while the simple writing may be a benefit for some reasons (listed above), I found it irritating again. I know that Teen Paranormal Lit doesn't need to be a work of art, but I saw several grammatical errors and that kind of thing is just irritating to me. [lol, like I should talk about typing errors!! ;)]

So, with all that in mind, I feel I'm being SUPER generous with this 4 star rating...but I feel its only fair since if you're going to read the series you will probably find the last 1/2 worth reading. Also, I'm awarding extra credit for being a fast read that doesn't take up half my life to read...so if that's a winning endorsement, so be it. :/
