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“A master of her craft.” —Maggie Shayne

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Ten years later, when Andrei Dinescu saves Tessa from a vicious attacker, she has no idea that the handsome stranger the gypsy fortune teller predicted is not a hunter but a seven-hundred-year-old vampire. Darkly powerful, unbelievably compelling, he is obviously pursuing Tessa, but is it her love he's after or her blood?

“A classic vampire tale of sensual, spine-tingling suspense.” —Christine Feehan on *Desire After Dark*

“Sexy, fast-paced, gritty, this is Amanda Ashley at her best! A must read!” —Ronda Thompson on *Dead Sexy*

A Fire in the Blood Details

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Vellum Voyages says

3.5 helms

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If you're looking for an easy, light vampire romance without heavy angst written in a style reminiscent of an older style romance novel, look no further!

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Tessa and Jileen (her bestie from work) lead a quiet life in Cutter's Corner until vampires start flocking to their town in droves and attacking its citizens. One fateful night, Andrei Dinescu saves Tessa from a vicious vampire attack and the two are immediately drawn to each other. Unknown to Tessa, Andrei is a seven-hundred-year-old vampire and she is the reason fledgling vampires are flocking to her town. A gypsy who foretold Tessa's fortune in the past has spread a rumour that Tessa's blood will strengthen fledgling vampires and hence the sudden increase in the young vampire population at Cutter's Corner. Andrei and Tessa start falling for each other as they start spending more time with one another, but Andrei has his own deep dark secret. Can Tessa overcome this shattering hurdle and take their relationship to the next level?

The storyline is simple and yet has a pull to keep you reading. The characters were not the strongest or most memorable but they definitely weren't boring. What I didn't understand was why the gypsy felt the need to spread the rumour after predicting Tessa's future? Also it was never explained HOW she knew this tidbit of information. There was no closure on this at all....it was definitely a small rip in the plot! I don't feel like I wasted my time with this book as it was a satisfying read....this novel firmly stays at its 3.5 helms rating for me.

*Thank-you Amanda Ashley, Netgalley & Zebra Kensington Books for the ARC.

Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says

A Fire in the Blood was a book that I was sure I was going to love, not just like. I was not in love with Andrei Dinescu's character at the start of this story. This was mainly due to the fact that he was actually quite deceptive with Tessa. He led her to believe he was a regular man who was interested in dating her. Not that he was a vampire interested in tasting her. He wanted to know what all the "fuss" was about. Tessa was at the center of a publicity storm as rumors had been started that her blood had qualities that would do great things for young vampires. Due to the rumors, there was a large number of newly turned vampires looking for Tessa and this had catastrophic results for the small town she inhabits as they had a hard time controlling

themselves.

For the first third of the book I went from dislike to mistrust for Andrei. Once things became clear that despite his actions to the contrary Andrei truly did want a relationship with Tessa, I still did not trust his character at all. I kept expecting deception. So, it is hard to find the main character all sorts of swoony when you are waiting for the metaphorical other shoe to drop. There is a point in this story when I accepted the romance that was taking place but the heat factor between the characters was not steamy.

I did enjoy the character of Andrei's maker, now there is a vampire worthy of ire. She gave off a whole Queen of the Damned vibe and played a great part! She kept the story interesting, albeit predictable. There were also shape-shifters involved in this story as supporting characters and that was wonderful. I could have had more involvement of the shifters. Overall I enjoyed parts of this story but felt that I wanted more.

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Al *the serial series skipper* says

Well this book made me realize that you can be bored even when many things are happening. It was just too predictable. It had all the PNR cliches going for it. Vampires, shifters, hunters, the whole lot, they just conveniently appeared out of nowhere. Yea, it wasn't that great.

Jill Champlin says

Eh...

It wasn't a story that "flowed" very well. Character development was lacking. It was hard to "get into the story". Hard to see myself as one of the characters.

It was more like,

"OMG that guy was a vampire and he just tried to kill me! Thank you for saving my life! Wait...you're a vampire too? Oh, ok. I'm so in love with you!"

Yeah, kinda like that. Makes you think to yourself, "what?"

Not to mention it was predictable. On a plus side:

It had potential. Unfortunately, it missed the mark for me.

Lisa Richards says

Ashley was one of the first paranormal writers that I read when starting my love of Paranormal Romance eons ago. This was a fun, though not quick read at 400 pages. It reminded me of why I keep going back to this genre and author. They never let you down and keep you entertained over several days. Another solid book by Amanda Ashley.

Donna says

I thoroughly enjoyed this sweet vampire tale. Tessa is a sweet homebody minding her own life when she becomes #1 on the vampires must munch list. Apparently there is an anomaly in her blood that is said to make vampires stronger and word has gone out in the vampire community. Andrei Dinescu is a master vampire who has problems of his own but he isn't about to see the little human be killed for a rumor. I loved watching the relationship between Andrei and Tessa grow. The secondary characters kept it real and added some spice to the story. Check reality at the door and enjoy.

Reading In Pajamas says

Review: A FIRE IN THE BLOOD by Amanda Ashley <http://wp.me/p3d0RZ-8wI>

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Genre: Paranormal Romance

Reviewed by: Reading in Pajamas/ Donna

Rated: 3.5 Stars

This was a fun light romp through a dangerous vampire world. Tessa handled her new reality quite easily, but with the handsome vampire Andrea...how could you not. That being said, she sometimes took the new information too easily. The love and romance are there, but light on the sexual aspects. Perfect for those who like their romances less explicit. A fun quick read.

*Review copy provided by NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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? BookAddict La Crimson Femme says

Small town girl with an idyllic life meets ancient vampire when he saves her life. Readers who enjoy grand gestures of romance when an alpha male courts an independent female, this book is for you. Tessa grew up in a confines of a small town where everyone had their place and there was no way to re-invent oneself. Whilst she likes the support of a small town, she wanted to break away and grow into her own person. She successfully does this in the cozy town of Cutter's Corner. This little town of friendly people is perfect for her. This lovely life she set out to have is destroyed when there are five murders one after another. The murders themselves are odd with blood drained and scared towns people whispering of vampires.

Tessa is a sweet character who is an average gal. She is relate-able in her job and her choice of best friends. There is nothing that makes her standout. This is the plot device which makes the story interesting as the reader learns why the vampires are in Cutter's Corner. Tessa's near death experience at the hands of vampires could have turned her into a sniveling victim. Instead, she is smart about it and tries to figure it out. When Andrei reveals his past to her, Tessa is a bit skeptical which fits her character. Her caution and mixed

feelings is refreshing because she does it with an open mind. The romance between Andrei and Tessa is slow and simmering. For those who expect this to be an erotic novel with several graphic sex scenes, this is not the book for you. This is a teasing romance with erotic foreplay and a bit of suspense which finally ends in a bit of sexy time. By focusing on the plot instead of the sexual relationship, the story builds out the supernatural world as well as give the characters more depth.

The addition of other supernatural creatures feels rushed in this story. It started out slow and picked up the pace in a secondary character. Near the end, it moved a bit faster than expected. Not sure if this is because this book supposed to be a standalone or if it is a hook for a follow up to feature the secondary characters in their own book. My vote is for the latter option. The pace of this book moves in a nice steady speed and ends with a happily ever after. This paranormal romance is recommended to readers who like alpha male vampires and other creatures that go bump in the night.

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Jacque says

Vampires are flocking to Cutters Corner. Tessa for some reason has turned into a magnet for them. When a Tessa is saved from a vampire attack by Andrei, little does she know what her savior is. As they get to know each other, he tells her he is an antique dealer and a hunter. Of course, he leaves out the part about being a seven-hundred-year-old vampire! The cause of the attacks is because of her blood, although why is a mystery until they find out it ties to a gypsy who read Tessa's fortune ten years earlier. When Tessa discovers Andrei is a vampire, she's at first frightened, but their growing attraction overrides her fear. Now she has to find out if it's her or her blood that has Andrei wanting her.

It has been a while since I was able to lose myself in a vampire story. Unfortunately, I found *Fire in the Blood* to be just passable. It lacked the darkness and fire I want in a book. Tessa I never really warmed up to. She was just wasn't a very strong character for me. As for Andrei, I like my leading men to be more Alpha, which I didn't find him to be. Once the story of how Andrei was made into a vampire by Katerina everything got too predictable. The ending wasn't too hard to puzzle together. Jileen and Luke, saw that coming a mile away. Her I found rather annoying and Luke, how is it that he can sense vampires? I'm racking my brain trying to remember if it was explained. Really only thing I found surprising was the spin on Tessa's blood. Honestly, it wasn't a bad book, it was just not very riveting for me. That is except for Bailey and Tristan. I just totally loved Bailey! I would love to see her get her own book.

Fire in the Blood is my first book by author Amanda Ashley. While I didn't find any fire in the book, which the exception of some arson, it was still a passable read. Despite not being able to completely lose myself in the storyline, I would still recommend this book to readers who prefer PNRs that are not too dark.

I received this book from the JeepDiva for the express purposes of an honest review. The opinions and rating of this review are solely mine.

Stars - 3, Flames - 2

SnoopyDoo's Book Reviews says

To be honest the beginning reminded me a little of True Blood, which is not bad because I liked True Blood. But that was just the very beginning with Vampires coming out of the coffin and such. Though Andrei did also remind me a little of Bill. You know the “nice’ vampire wanting to protect the poor innocent human.

I must say I was not a huge fan of Andrei and his behavior. I really didn’t care for that he just kept the lie up and even later when it all came to light. I just never could really trust him anymore and was just waiting to see what else he is lying about.

I however did enjoy Tessa. She was likeable and seemed real. She was also funny and fast thinking and give up.

There was a rather big cast of side characters, which where a big part of the story and way more than side characters.

The overall story was enjoyable. Though some parts were very predictable and sometimes it just seemed very long and had some page fillers. A little shorter book would not have been a bad idea in this case. But as mentioned overall I enjoyed the book.

I rate it at 3 ★

Deborah says

THIS REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS.

This is the first book I've read from this author and I have to admit while it was a nice if somewhat predictable read I'd expected (hoped for) something a little darker and grittier.

When she's fifteen years old Tessa visits a fairground gypsy and is told:

I see a man. He is old. Very old. He will come into your life in a moment of danger. He will watch over you and protect you. The gypsy s hand gripped Tessa s tighter. He will bring you death, she whispered, her voice like the rustle of dry leaves. And life.

Ten years later and Tessa is now living in Cutters Corner and it has a serious vampire problem, they're everywhere which has attracted vampire hunters as well. The quiet town is nowhere near as quiet as it once was and strangely Tessa seems to be right in the middle of it.

Tessa is saved from a vampire attack by the incredibly handsome Andrei Dinescu who it turns out isn't the hunter she expected but a seven hundred year old vampire.

Not only do we get Tessa and Andrei's story but we also get the romance of Tessa's best friend Jilly and Luke and then Bailey and Tristan as well so three romances for the price of one.

So what's going on with all the vampires in town?

Word has got round that Tessa's blood is special that it makes fledgling vampires stronger and so vampires are travelling from all over to try it for themselves.

As I said I'd hoped for a darker read but that wasn't my only problem this is also a very predictable read with one exception. Tessa annoyed me at times and Andrei seemed a little too hung up on money for a seven hundred year old vampire and while I know he's trying to impress Tessa all it did was annoy me.

“From Chateau Montelena. One hundred fifty dollars a bottle.”

You wouldn't would you? Turn up with a bottle of wine and say how much it cost.

Andrei was just a bit too wishy washy for me, personally I like my vampires a little more dark, dangerous and alpha.

Jilly. I have mixed feelings on Jilly at times she seems like a good friend but then it's like a switch has been flicked and she becomes an overbearing expert on everything.

Tessa again at times she was okay but the constant doubting everything got to me after a while.

But Bailey, I loved Bailey and while I appreciated that the author didn't drag this out I felt in this case Bailey deserved her own book.

If Bailey and Tristan are life mates surely he would have been watching her closer because as it turns out he nearly lost her.

We never find out (unless I missed it) why Luke can detect vampires, this is not really important but I was curious.

Finally. I don't want to add a huge spoiler because I know I personally can never resist them and I don't want to spoil this but I had issues with the experiment as well.

I voluntarily read a review copy kindly provided by NetGalley and Kensington Books.

Douglas Meeks says

Well this was actually a good story but at 400 pages it was a bit bloated.

Tessa and Andrei were a bit of a frustrating couple at times, a bit overly romantic at times but overall they worked as a good couple and probably close to realistic as could be done. The 3 main secondary characters were filled out pretty nicely which is always a plus, the "villain" was a bit over the top evil but for this story it played well.

You ever had a book you really liked but you reached a point where you kinda knew what was coming in

general but were tired of reading the "I love you" over and over? This is that book, great story, great characters, a total nutjob ex-wife villain. Whats not to love .

So 4 Stars and Highly recommended and if you are like me you might do some minor scanning in the middle.

Marta Cox says

Three and a half

Vampire Andrei stumbles across fledgling Vampires attacking Tessa and he's almost immediately attracted to her but there's something about Tessa's heritage and particularly her blood that's drawing Vampires to Cutters Corner. People are dying and all because of a Gypsy who ten years ago met Tessa. I'm really unsure how or why this rumour is spreading but it leaves Tessa in a very vulnerable position indeed. Their romance progresses but Andrei has a secret and it's a whopper as his Maker is still alive and it just happens to be his wife! Cue much bloodshed and mayhem when the crazy ex wife finds out what's happening!

I discovered this author several years so and enjoy her Vampire romances . This book though unfortunately kind of stumped me initially and I nearly gave up but I'm glad I persevered .Not exactly a dark heated romance story but more a sweet one that unfortunately had almost instant love that personally isn't my preferred trope. Now that comment aside this story actually has all the elements I enjoy yet it's the overall story arc and assorted characters that really kept me reading. Yes we get not one but three relationships forming here and those supporting characters brought the depth that I initially found lacking.

I did say there's a sweetness to this and it centres around Tessa. Actually she's hard to describe, loyal, full of empathy for others and yet I didn't truly understand her. I applauded the author for giving us a heroine with strong morals but to my mind Tessa just didn't seem to be the strongest character . Andrei funnily enough I found easier to understand and I have to commend his patience !

My final thoughts are perhaps I'm jaded and this book would suit someone younger and still idealistic.

Definitely not for those who seek dark pulsating romance stories but nevertheless an interesting paranormal story with a satisfying end.

This book was provided for me with no requirement to review. I voluntarily read this and my thoughts and opinions are my own.

Sissy's Romance Book Review says

'A Fire in the Blood' by Amanda Ashley 3.5 Stars'A Fire in the Blood' by Amanda Ashley is the story of Andrei and Tessa. Andrei is wondering why vampires are trying to attack Tessa. Andrei unknown to Tessa at first has saved her a few times. Andrei moves forward to meet her and find out what is going on with Tessa. This leads Andrei to be drawn to her too. Tessa friend when she was younger talked her into seeing a fortune teller who predicted that Tessa would meet a man that would kill and save her. Is that man turning out to be Andrei? Also Andrei has a big secret too...will Tessa get past that?"My honest review is for a special copy I voluntarily read."

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Piratemonkery says

this is one of the books i bought at barnes and noble with the insistence of my friend Mika.

I have problems with this book.

I'm not a big fan of the writing style.

For what it is, this book is alright.

It could have been a lot worse, or cheesier.

Sometimes when they were making out, it would be described as, their tongues were fencing each other or dueling

It's a very simple book. You're not supposed to think while reading it. This happens, then this happens, this is how this character feels about it. Oh look a new character. this happens.

In terms of romance this book was disappointing. After a certain point, the main character Tessa and the hot vampire, Andrei, are like super in love and when I thought about it, I didn't understand why

I mean yeah, he saved her life a few times from vampire attacks, but like

why do they love each other??

I mean, yeah, they go on a few dates

and every time they kiss it fuels their unquenchable desire or whatever

but like

I have no reason to ship them!

It's mostly just like, he's hot, and he's really good at kissing,

oh and he's spent his whole life waiting for her

and the fact that he's like, 700 years old is nothing

like there is no creepy factor, because he's still super hot

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like, they're so in love, and she loves him, and we don't learn much about him. we learn his history, and that's it

at this point i would like to share a quote that Tessa says after having turned into a vampire herself:

"She loved Andei, but there were times, like this, when she realized she really knew very little about him"

like this girl has already changed her entire life and committed to him and she doesn't even know what kind of man he is
smh

right so whatever

they date, and andrei's ex wife Katerina comes back into the picture and wants andrei back , but andrei is like nah

and andrei and tessa fall more in love, and eventually get engaged

and katerina kills people

and tessa is like, "no one else will die because of me. i dont want to be defenseless anymore. andrei, make a vampire"

right and that happens.

and it isnt until after she has changed that like, she thinks about all the things she is giving up. no kids, no sunlight, eternal youth

and like, we get one line, where shes like, "huh, maybe i should have thought about this more"

and then whatever shes cool with it

and im like????

????

like girl, you are giving up everything
your humanity

but lol whatevs

smh

okay so whatever

after a certain point andrei rescues this teenage girl from being killed by katerina, and tessa basically shelters and adopts this teenage girl who is a runaway from foster care

Bailey

we find out that bailey is a were-panther

fine. cool

then other were-panthers find bailey, and one of them is a hot teenage guy that is baileys age if not a year or two older

Tristan

and tristan is like, "Bailey, my family and I have been watching you for years. you and i are destined to be life mates"

THIS IS CREEPY
GET AWAY FROM HER

WTF DO YOU MEAN LIFE MATES THIS GIRL IS 16
YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING HER FOR YEARS???

and eventually she's just like, oh, tristan is hot. it feels right to be with him. okay i will be his life mate

and im like????

right so tessa decides to wait to have sex with andrei because she knows that once they do it, she'll be super committed to him

fine

but man, that really gets dragged out

and apparently, the book doesn't really describe this but apparently she was a virgin?
and that definitely makes more sense as to why she wanted to wait before having sex with him

anyway this book really drags out their sexual tension and by the time they do it we get like two pages and the deed is done.

idk

also throughout the entire book katerina is just like a weight hanging over everyone's head, because they can't relax while katerina is around

and yeah, by the end there is a fight to the death and then katerina just dies
like

its another two pages
and with a sentence katerina is dead and then everyone moves on

it was very
anitclimactic

this book just lacked heart
or
idk

it wasnt real enough for me

when people find out that andrei is vampire , they freak out for like a sentence and the next page they're
totally fine with it

and i wasn't given a good reason to ship andrei and tessa
like if ur just reading it then fine
but when you really think about it, like, why
why are they good for each other
why does she care for him so much besides her craving physical intimacy

:/

anyway. those are my problems with this book.
but i did like some parts of it

we see people get their beating hearts ripped out of their chests
haha

i made the mistake of reading this today before going to school and i was very distracted about vampire bites

vampires bites are uh...cool
and the vampire bites in this book are...nice

at this point i would like to share one of my favorite lines from this book,

"Drink, love," he whispered as his blood dripped onto her lips. "Drink and be mine forever"

:D

look it's not a secret that I'm into vampires

and the vampire parts of this book were neat

anyway

is this my ideal vampire book ?

no

not at all

but we're getting there

now its time for me to read something more than 3 stars dammit
