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All four novels in Nook's #1 Bestselling Vampire Series by J.R. Rain, including:

MOON DANCE

(Vampire for Hire #1)

Mother, wife, private investigator...vampire. Six years ago federal agent Samantha Moon was the perfect wife and mother, your typical soccer mom with the minivan and suburban home. Then the unthinkable happens, an attack that changes her life forever. And forever is a very long time for a vampire.

Now the world at large thinks Samantha has developed a rare skin disease, a disease which forces her to quit her day job and stay out of the light of the sun. Now working the night shift as a private investigator, Samantha is hired by Kingsley Fulcrum to investigate the murder attempt on his life, a horrific scene captured on TV and seen around the country. But as the case unfolds, Samantha discovers Kingsley isn't exactly what he appears to be; after all, there is a reason why he survived five shots to the head.

VAMPIRE MOON

(Vampire for Hire #2)

Private investigator Samantha Moon finds herself hunting down a powerful crime lord and protecting an innocent woman from her ruthless ex-husband — all while two very different men vie for her heart. And as the stakes grow higher and her cases turn personal, Samantha Moon will do whatever it takes to protect the innocent and bring two cold-blooded killers to justice — her own brand of justice.

AMERICAN VAMPIRE

(Vampire for Hire #3)

Private investigator Samantha Moon receives a heartbreaking phone call from a very unlikely source: a five-year-old girl who's been missing for three months. Now on the hunt, Samantha will use her considerable resources — including her growing supernatural abilities — to locate the missing girl before it's too late. And as she gets closer and closer to the horrible truth, she receives devastating news on the home front. Now with her world turned upside down, Samantha Moon is forced to make the ultimate choice of life and death.

MOON CHILD

(Vampire for Hire #4)

Now in **MOON CHILD**, sequel to **AMERICAN VAMPIRE**, private investigator Samantha Moon is faced with an impossible decision—a decision that no mother should ever have to make. A decision that will change her life, and those she loves, forever. And through it all, Sam finds herself in a lethal game of vampire vs. vampire as a powerful—and desperate—enemy will stop at nothing to claim what he most desires.

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From Reader Review Samantha Moon: All Four Novels for online ebook

Valerie says

This collection features the first 4 stories in the Samantha Moon series by J.R. Rain.

I have reviewed each book separately, but I wanted to review my impression of the series as a whole (well, the whole collection offered here, at any rate).

The books are fun and don't take themselves seriously. This made them quite enjoyable. They have a lot of mystery, some suspense, some urban fantasy, and just a touch of romance. Warning: this is a bit of a serial. I am not a huge fan of that type of series, but I have felt that in this case, it was not too egregious and the enjoyment I get from reading the books makes up for this slight flaw.

I was quickly engrossed in the first two books and blew right through them. However, I was not a big fan of the 3rd book. It felt like the author got off track a little. The 4th book, however, seemed to get back on track, though still not quite as good as the first two. I am eager to read the 5th book in the series, which is slated for release later this month.

About the storyline:

Samantha Moon is your average everyday woman, trying to cope with motherhood, her career, relationship issues, and the fact that 6 years ago she was turned into a vampire. Moon is a strong heroine, and ex-federal agent and private investigator. She does not take any crap, yet she has a vulnerable side. As a private investigator, she must solve various cases, as well as try to unravel some mysteries in her own life. Meanwhile, she struggles with a marriage that has collapsed, trying to be there for her children in her condition, and deciding how to proceed with relationships that come her way.

Tamara! aka AmyG.Dala says

It's a super fast read, blazed through this compilation in about 7 hours, as there is a lot of fluff and nothing you really have to memorize to keep up with the plots. They did help with my bout of insomnia so figured that counts as an extra star. Not great but fairly worthwhile with some pretty good moments. If you need a quick paranormal fix while doing something mundane or perhaps a beach or poolside read, I think these fit the bill fairly well.

Really though, the inconsistencies were a bit frustrating. Laura *Little Red Riding Hood*'s review pretty much summed it up for me. Also didn't like how her ex becomes such a douche that it made me wonder why she married him in the first place. Especially since he was touted as pretty darn devoted, even procuring a butcher to deliver animal blood every month on standing order. And yes, I realize he was having a hard time with her new self, but I doubt he would have ignored his kids to the point of never seeing them and then saying 'meet my new slutty stripper-cum-secretary who's your new improved mom cuz your real mom is sick and not worthy of this family so can't live here anymore' because he's worried about them(?).

Then there's the principal of the school not letting her see her kids without a court document stating why, just

telling her it's because her hubby said so? Really? Makes me wonder if he was getting free lap dances from hubby's super secret strip club venture. She had a werewolf lawyer known for court room wins who not only hinted at things turning badly for her but a willingness to help. Maybe if she quit looking at every man as a possible sex toy, actually paid attention to what they were saying, there could have been an interesting divorce court case instead of just the hateful bs that was plugged in to make the ex look like the giant azzhat so lets all hate him. Just having him be the guy we all hate (as no one would ever want to be replaced by a young stripper) didn't make sense and wasn't really needed. Or could have just had him say, hey, you creep me out this isn't going to work and they could have had joint custody and learn to be adults while trying to being good parents instead of the 'we all gotta hate him' fluff. There were plenty of bad guys to hate with her clients' cases so to add in a husband with a rather 'As The Stomach Turns' plot was actually not interesting to me and didn't think it was needed.

Kind of like this babbling review. Just sayin'.

Katherine says

Younger people must be reading this to get such high reviews. The subject of the book had promise but the author repeated over and over and over. The readers got it the first time, no need to repeat. :(Plus nothing worse than a heroine that is stuck on herself. I could not wait till the last page was done. So much more could have been said and such a deeper plot woven, but this is just superficial junk.

Angela says

I have tried for nearly three weeks to make it through these books and I just can't. I've read the first two and that was enough for me. I really could care less how cute she thought she was or how sexy every man she saw was. Ugh and don't get me started on the flying creature she becomes. Some of the chapters were so random and seemed to just be fillers for the book to be longer. One of these days I will try to finish the last two books, but not right now.

Okay, so I finally finished this set of books and I must admit that I liked the last two (American Vampire and Moon Child) a heck of a lot more then the first two. Maybe the stories were more interesting or she didn't admire herself as much, but I actually find myself wanting to read the next in the series to see what happens next.

Laura *Little Red Riding Hood* says

I received all 4 books, plus the two short stories, in one, so I am going to review all of them as one work. They are so closely tied together that I feel this is the only way to do so. The premise was good; vampire PI, wife trying to hold her marriage together, mother of two keeping a big secret from her kids, trying to figure out how to be the best PI, wife, mother, and monster she can be. I must say right away, the story was good.

This had such potential. It was just ... I had to start a word document to keep track of all the inconsistencies. I get it, shit happens. I can forgive one slip, but several? Not just inconsistencies, but things that just plain got on my nerves. I know you want examples, so here are a few:

1. Samantha comes across a picture someone took of her that was doing secret surveillance. So she didn't know they were there, taking her picture (that becomes important in a minute). She actually comments about her appearance because she hasn't seen herself in a long time, you know, since vampires don't have a reflection. It is kind of a big deal for her.

Later on, she makes a comment about her id badge, or license for being a private investigator, and talks about how she had to wear enough make up to show up in the picture.

2. Her husband is cheating on her (I don't consider that a spoiler, as it is pretty obvious) with his secretary. At the end of one of the books she says she was happy because she had heard they broke up. Then in the next section, they are together. Sure, they could have broken up and got back together, but this is the span of a week or so. Again, that happens, but maybe it should have been worded a bit differently, to acknowledge they had spent time broken up?

3. A character, Ira, who had no way of knowing Samantha's name, suddenly knows her name without her telling him. And she doesn't notice.

4. At one point she punches through bullet proof glass IN A PRISON and they let her go. Yeah, no. It does get addressed, later, but I don't think they would let her leave, or at least they would try to keep her there.

5. If one more person said the phrase "You (or I) didn't chose this," I might have screamed. It must be the catch-phrase for this series.

6. Four potential love interests? With 3 of them saying "I think I am falling in love with you," at maybe the second meeting, and one character even says it twice. She chooses one, but only after she loses all respect for him and finds out he betrays her. Of course, that makes sense. Oh wait, he apologized ... that makes it all better.

For the record, I really really wanted to like this book. There is even a book 5 out there for this series, and I am kind of curious as to what happens, or if it gets better.

But not curious enough to buy it.

2 stars because the story, even with it's several irritating plot points, still kept my interest long enough to finish it.

Patricia Grigg says

This author kept me interest throughout the entire four novels. To begin with the main character is put in what would be an impossible to bare situation. The stories go along tripping through the need for a mundane life but living a life of anything but mundane. Very good. Two thumbs up on originality.

Megan says

UGH.

I can't even. I read them all, but only because I was traveling, and short on options. The writing is terrible. The plot is pretty thin. Just.. Ugh.

Stay away.

Rushbug23 says

great series couldn't put it down. can't wait for the next one

Ivon says

I just loved loved loved these books. I read them one after the other, and you know a boo is good when you walk around slower than normal, like a zombie with your nose stuck to a book. I wanted to take every second of my free time to read, if the Nook was waterproof, I would hae taken it to the shower with me LOL. All in all this is a great vampire series. :) She's a mom, she is a detective, and she is all fangs (if you get on her bad side, or you mess with her kids!).

Naomi says

4.5 Stars

Being a mother myself, this series, even though the main character is a Vampire, really touched my heart. Samantha has to work through personal issues that deal with her kids. And each time she did so, I was thinking I hope that never happens to me. She maybe a Vampire or freak as she sometimes refers to herself, but she always puts her kids first. Their health and safety is her number one concern and God help anyone who threatens them!!

It has been six years since she was attacked and her life changed forever as Sam became a Vampire. This is only known to a few people her sister Mary Lou and husband Danny. Recently her Vampire powers have increased and she is discovering there is more to her Vampire condition other than just strength and being unable to go in the sun.

The other characters that are introduced to us in the first book are Kingsley Fulcrum, a successful Defence Attorney who is incredibly smart and handsome. Homicide Detective Sherbet who is an older man who helps Sam with her case. She has a kickbox instructor Jacky and a friend whom she met over the internet in a chatroom, Fang, that she has never met in person. All these characters have given great depth to the series as they have reoccurring roles throughout.

Samantha is portrayed as a strong person but even though she is a Vampire she still is human at heart. She often breaks down to cry when things get difficult for her and in some of these occasions I shed a tear for her too. The issues that this mother had to go through is just heart wrenching. I don't envy anyone who has to make the decisions that she did.

There were many times that I laughed out loud too as Sam is such a quirky person and it is very hard to take her seriously as a Vampire. She is a normal person who happens to be a Vampire. She is down to earth and highly opinionated and she sticks to her moral beliefs. She loves watching Judge Judy and drives her minivan everywhere.

I was hoping to see some romance but there isn't much of it so far. However, she has developed some relationships that may build into something more in future novels. This series is more about Sam as a PI who is hired to solve mysteries and crimes.

I loved how there are so many books in this one novel; it was easy just to continue on with the next book, especially since books 2 and 3 ended on cliffhangers!!

J.R. Rain has written a fabulous series. I enjoyed every minute while reading it and found it hard to put down. I hope to read more about Freaky Vampire Samantha Moon soon.....

Theresa says

I now own a bind-up copy of Samantha Moon: The First Four Vampire for Hire Novels by J.R. Rain- I've never read any of these books, and I'm so excited to give them a go.... I may just post reviews on the single books as I read each story and then combine the reviews on the bind-up copy when finished.... There is a mention to Judge Judy in this book.... I love Judge Judy :) Reviews to follow.... Thanks! Reesa***

Jackie says

Book Synopsis

Mother, wife, private investigator ... and vampire. Six years ago, federal agent Samantha Moon was the perfect wife and soccer mom with the minivan and suburban home. Then the unthinkable happened, an attack that changed her life forever. And forever is a very long time for a vampire.

Samantha's adventures as a night-roaming vampire and private investigator in Samantha Moon include ...

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Vampire for Hire #4) Moon Child:

Samantha Moon is faced with an impossible decision that will change her life and those of the ones she loves forever—a decision that no mother should ever have to make. And through it all, Samantha finds herself in a lethal game of vampire versus vampire as a powerful and desperate enemy will stop at nothing to claim what he most desires.

Christmas Moon:

With Christmas just around the corner, Samantha takes on a very strange case: A priceless family treasure has been stolen, something passed down through the generations and buried in secrets. And Samantha gets half of whatever it is ... if she can find it first.

... and an all-new Samantha Moon short story by J.R. Rain

My Thoughts

Having spent several days with Samantha Moon reading about her as she evolves over 4 short stories in the series and 2 shorter novellas has been an interesting experience.

Samantha takes on cases ranging from investigating attempted murder, to bringing killers to justice with her own brand of retaliation, to finding a kidnapped child and breaking up what turns out to be a blood harvesting ring. Along the way her marriage breaks up, her husband refuses to allow her to be alone with her son and daughter and only limited phone contact, she then finds herself being wooed by multiple admirers and is confused by the attention more than actually flattered, she also has to deal with the sudden surge in strength of her vampire induced powers and for a woman alone who at any given moment has too many irons in the fire but manages to admirably continue to strive to be a good parent, keep her baser instincts under control as well as keep her PI investigations on track.

This is one of those character driven reads where the reader either really enjoys the main character and their personality or is turned off by them and cannot connect. I love Samantha, she is a strong lady who is not afraid to try to make life as good as possible despite her being attacked years ago and becoming one of the undead. She loves her children fiercely and will do anything for them to keep them safe and take care of them no matter what anyone else wants. Samantha is also humorous with a sense of the macabre in her humor that lends itself well to the stories.

The secondary characters introduced into each of the books are also fun to follow, the lawyer Kingsley Fulcrum who is her first client in book 1 is an ongoing part of the series and as one learns more about him he becomes someone you either want to hit over the head or hug depending on what scene he is in.

Second and more interesting is Samantha's online friend Fang, when his true identity is revealed and his physical attributes are described the reader will be as delighted as Samantha!

The 4th book in the series is the one that will break your heart and leave you speechless, Sam is forced into a decision that no Mother should ever have to face and she makes the right choice in my mind. However as with all choices there are consequences and repercussions but in the end everything turns out fine.

The two short novellas add to Samantha's list of persons she finds intriguing and also allow a little more insight into who she was prior to her attack and what she is slowly realizing she is becoming.

Throughout this entire collection the reader is going to laugh, cry, sigh with disappointment, react violently to the actions taken by Sam's ex-husband Danny (who I personally would love to bludgeon with a blunt object!) and have a hard time letting go when the books are finished.

I really wish to thank the author *J.R. Rain* for providing us with such an entertaining collection of stories and plan to someday continue with the rest of the series.

[EARC via Netgalley from BenBella books in exchange for an honest review.]

Maria Hill says

Found myself searching for more on Samantha Moon and disappointed when my Nook came up empty handed. I see that there is indeed more available now however, and will most certainly add them to my wish list.

Robbie says

I was given this novel for free through Goodreads First Reads. This is by far one of the best vampire storylines I have yet to come across. Funny, witty, suspenseful, great plot just to name a few words to describe Samantha Moon. I was always trying to find a spare moment to pick up the book to find out what the heck would happen next. Do yourself a favor and pick up a copy!

Amy says

i liked it, thought it was good...a different kind of vampire book, one that would relate to what would you do

if you became a vamp now.
