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The third book in the series of *New York Times* best-selling adaptations of Richelle Mead's *Vampire Academy*.

It's springtime at St. Vladimir's Academy, and Rose is close to graduation, but since making her first Strigoi kills, things haven't felt quite right. She's having dark thoughts, behaving erratically, and worst of all ...might be seeing ghosts. Consumed by her forbidden love with her tutor Dimitri and protecting her best friend, the Moroi princess Lissa, Rose is in no state to see the deadly threat that will change her entire world - and make her choose between the two people she loves most.

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From Reader Review Shadow Kiss: A Graphic Novel for online ebook

April (Aprilus Maximus) says

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Katherine says

RATING: 4 Out Of 5

Kristin says

Yet another great graphic novel adaptation by Leigh Dragoon and Emma Vieceli. In this installment we learn a little bit more about Rose's shadow kissed condition and what that means for her. Plus, Rose and Dimitri's relationship picks up and boy is it hot!

I love the work that these two ladies do for Richelle Mead's VA series. Sure, takes a lot out of each book in order to fit it into one graphic novel, but she keeps the heart of the story intact. Not only that, but she still adds some little quirky parts that are in the story. For instance, she included the scene where Dimitri makes hot cocoa for Rose and as he's making it, he explains how using two packets is the secret to delicious hot cocoa. That's something that could have been easily over-looked. I mean, it's not like Rose uses hot cocoa to save the day or anything. However, that was one of those vulnerable moments from Dimitri that always stuck out when reading Shadow Kiss.

Like I've said before, you don't have to read the series in order to read the graphic novels. We get a prologue at the beginning describing the who's who of players and what's going on. So, if you are more of a graphic novel person and don't really want to read the series itself, you don't have to. I think that's one thing that I love about this graphic novel series. It's not dependent on you having read the original series. It can hold it's own.

One of the things that stuck out to me the most was probably the cave scene at the end. I always had such a hard time envisioning it in the novel. So, it was great seeing it illustrated. I think with seeing it illustrated it made it that much more suspenseful.

I can not give this graphic novel series more praise. Leigh Dragoon and Emma Vieceli have taken one of my favorite series and turned it into a graphic novel. A successful graphic novel at that. I really hope the publisher decides to publish the next graphic novel. The last I heard they were waiting to see how the sales from this one did before they approved the next one. This girl will be crossing her fingers. I kind of want to see how Emma Vieceli pulls off the new Dimitri.

Stacia (the 2010 club) says

Still wavering on the cast choice for Dimitri in the upcoming movie but I love the graphic novel version of the character. If the artist had a person in mind when they were drawing the pics, I'd love to know who it is.

Are you a fan of Richelle Mead? Come join the chat as we get ready for the release of the first VA movie : Blood Sisters! Richelle Mead Fan Group

Jeann (Happy Indulgence) says

This review appears on Happy Indulgence. Check it out for more reviews!

If Zoey Deutch and Lucy Fry weren't the Rose and Lissa you expected, the graphic novel is the next best thing – provided you've read the novels already.

The VA graphic novel illustrations are spot on with accurate depictions of the characters as per the novel's description. Rose is curvy, sexy and fiesty, and Lissa is regal, beautiful and demure. Illustrations are delivered in a bright, colourful format with a serious art style that isn't too cartoony.

If you haven't read the series yet, you'd find the graphic novels to be difficult to follow without reading Rose's perspective on the happenings of St Vladimir Academy. The selection of dialogue was more focused on moving the plot along instead of offering the characters' thoughts, so it may seem to jump around quite a bit. Much has been truncated in this graphic novel, which seems to be delivered more as a fan service than attracting new readers to the series.

It's been a few years since I read this series but I remember Shadow Kiss to be the most dramatic of the lot, and the graphic novel bought back the key moments perfectly. Much of what the characters are experiencing is delivered well through their facial expressions, actions and background images, and surprisingly even that hot bedroom scene with our favourite couple is dedicated to a full colour page.

I did have trouble remember who some of the side characters were though, especially when they popped up without an introduction and were only given brief dialogues. It's clear the writer of the novel expects the reader to have followed the graphic novels from the start.

The VA graphic novels are the perfect way to experience an illustrated version of the series with accurate depictions of the characters and their actions. The art style and dialogue captures the mood of VA perfectly, a witty vampire story set in an Academy with a fiesty dhampir at its core. Although slightly difficult to follow, it's worth seeing the scenes and characters come to life in this beautiful format.

Thank you to Penguin Australia for sending me this graphic novel in exchange for an honest review.

Cristina Boncea says

Acest roman grafic aproape c? m-a f?cut s? plâng, la fel ca ?i finalul volumul trei din Academia Vampirilor, citit în urm? cu ceva ani.

De?i nu sunt mare fan? a desenelor propriu-zise, scenele dintre Rose ?i Dimitri au fost pe m?sura a?tept?rilor, ba chiar ?i cele dintre Rose ?i Adrian, preferatul meu. Am ales s? parcurg aceste benzi desenate pentru a-mi reîmprosp?ta memoria cu privire la una dintre seriile mele preferate din toate timpurile ?i m? bucur enorm c? am f?cut acest lucru. Se pare c? pasiunea mea a r?mas la locul ei ?i mai mult dec?t at?t, am remarcat toate trimiterile culturale pe care autoarea le-a inclus, lucru care nu poate dec?t s? m? bucure: România ?i Rusia sunt în topul acestor referin?e, ceea ce m? face s? m? simt foarte m?ndr?. Nu cred s? mai existe alte c?r?i contemporane la fel de populare, cu at?tea cuvinte în român? (ex.: mân?, vr?jitoare). De la Dracula încoace, Richelle Mead ar putea fi singura care ne-a f?cut o onoare at?t de mare prin arta ei. Lissa nu arat? nici în benzile desenate, nici în filmul f?cut dup? serie a?a cum mi-a? fi imaginat eu; în ambele cazuri mi s-a p?rut mult prea ?tears? fa?? de cum este ea portretizat? în c?r?i. Un alt comentariu legat de acest volum este faptul c? mi-a? fi dorit s? fie mai lung, s? nu sar? a?a de repede de la o scen? la alta, de?i nu este o critic? major? pentru c? sunt con?tient? c? acesta este rolul unei benzi desenate. Totu?i, presupun c? elementele cele mai importante au fost cuprinse cu brio între cele 160 de pagini care mi-au trecut prin mâini mult mai repede dec?t m-a? fi a?teptat.

Finalul ?i în special, ultima replic? a lui Rose, sunt foarte sfâ?ietoare pentru romantica incurabil? din mine. Realizez c? m-am îndr?gostit de această serie ?i datorit? diversit??ii sale, de la examinarea anumitor tulbur?ri mintale precum depresia, la iubirea interzis? dintre un elev ?i un profesor, prietenia platonic? ?i sincer?, diferen?ele dintre clasele sociale, de vârst?, rang ?i lista poate continua. Nu e doar o alt? serie despre vampiri, acesta nu este laitmotivul s?u. Ce face totul ?i mai tulbur?tor este faptul c? ?tiu deja continuarea pove?tii iar acest lucru m? face s? regret c? nu s-au mai f?cut ?i celelalte romane grafice dup? acesta. O s? continui cât de curând s? explorez acest univers pentru c? se pare c? intui?ia mea a func?ionat corect atunci când am p?truns în el prima dat?; se prea poate ca Academia Vampirilor s? r?mân? seria mea preferat?.

Recomand cu c?ldur? ?i romanul grafic pentru cine vrea s? retr?iasc? experien?a anterioar?.

Melissa says

SWOONING

Arghh!! I loved this so much! Again, the drawings are beautiful! It made me want to reread the whole series, because I love the characters SO much!! Why did they stop with the GN? :(These are so good and I would love to have the whole series in graphic novels!

Sandra says

Update #3 10/4/13

It's about time, we finally have a colored cover

and the release date is final! **12/31/13**

UPDATE #2 2/18/13

I read the interview Richelle Mead gave HEA? I had to skim the part about The Indigo Spell and such since I haven't read it and don't plan to until the last book comes out. Blah, blah, blah, I'm boring you.

I read that this doesn't come out until the end of this year!

UPDATE #1 1/6/12

D< oh *come on!!!* Put a release date already!

Original

Can we *please* have the date this is going to be release? Just so I can put it in my calender the day it comes out I can go get it.

Thanks your loyal fan that will buy this graphic novel and the rest that I *hope* will come. :D

Ellie Red says

The cover, THE COVER! It is magnificent :"""""""""" GIVE IT TO ME

Natasha (books_n_dreams) says

So I enjoyed this graphic novel as well, even though I felt like it was bit more rushed compared to the others, I still enjoyed it.

Of course the illustrations are great, and I feel like the colors were just so much more vibrant than the other two.

They did at least catch the big parts in Shadow Kiss, it's funny I forgot about a couple parts until reading this and I felt like I just refreshed my memory of the whole book.

I do hope they make the 4th one, I'm very interested to see how it turns out!

Tanya says

Love love LOVE the graphics. Why didn't they do the rest of the books? I need more. I love Vampire Academy.

Becky says

4.5 Stars

Rebecca says

It's alright, i feel they missed a lot out, which lead to everything feeling a bit too quick without much background, nothing special, wish they'd done it more justice to the book, especially with how emotional it is at times. Yet to find the second graphic novel in a store, I hope they play out the events in Spokane effectively...

Cisz Strasters says

Ohw fuck... ik was even vergeten hoe het 3e boek eindigde... mn hart brak weer net zo hard al de eerste keer! jammer dat de andere 3 delen niet verder gemaakt zijn. wat een geweldige serie is dit toch ?

Nikusha says

the best:

xD
