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You'll love them—to death.

Twin sisters Destiny and Livvy Weller return home from summer vacation with a dark secret . . . and an inhuman desire to drink blood. What have they become? Can they ever turn back? As their deadly secret becomes harder to keep, more questions arise and loyalties are tested. And as one sister descends into darkness, the other must find a way to save her—and herself. Who will live to see the glow of the next full moon? Which sister will survive?

In *Dangerous Girls* and *Dangerous Girls #2: The Taste of Night*, published together in *Bitten*, bestselling author R.L. Stine explores the dark creatures of the night.

Bitten Details

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Trisha W. says

I love R. L. Stine, so of course I loved this book. I have been a huge fan of his since I was 13 and started reading his Goosebumps series. He is just an awesome author. And I am not ashamed to admit that I own almost all the Goosebumps movies.

The book has two sisters, Destiny and Livvy. Their mother dies and they are told that she committed suicide. They of course couldn't figure out why their mom would want to leave them, and later on they find out the truth.

The book starts off with the girls at camp, they are counselors. That is where Destiny meets Renz, a vampire that bites her neck the night before they leave for camp but Destiny doesn't remember. She also doesn't know that Livvy was also bitten, but what becomes of Livvy later in the book shocked me. I did not see it coming.

Both girls were great characters. Destiny is more of the level headed one and Livvy wants to go out and do her own thing. I also really enjoyed all the romances and couples in the book. Both of the girls go through a few different guys and you wonder through the whole book who they are going to be with. People end up dead, drained of their blood. And both Destiny and Livvy lose some of their friends.

This book keeps you on your toes and makes you guess until the very end... Speaking of the ending, I loved the end of this book!

Annie says

It was awesome!

Leslie says

Another one I've read more than once... 4 times to be exact! Just loved it!

W.H. says

Twin sisters..... this looks like a good read

Laurel says

this book was good, and I really liked the twist in it.

Bookspirit says

Made me realize "I'm gonna read more and more paranormal novels".

Rosalee Korte says

Bitten is an amazing book for people with an interest in mysteries and vampires. The book is about two sisters Destiny and Livvy. They are trying to keep the fact that they had gotten bitten a secret. One sister sways to the dark side and one sticks with the plan. Who will it be who turns against her sister? Which girl has entered the dark side and will she be able to be pulled out? They both want to live to see the full moon but who will make it there? Who will survive? The purpose the author had of writing this book is to make their story a page turner. The author was always adding twists and making the book exciting to read. The theme of this book i think is to stick with what you feel is safe. Which in this case is sticking to family. The Author (R.L Stine) used a lot of description in his writing down to almost every detail. This was very effective because this book is based around the girls turning to vampires where the can almost see and hear everything, and they notice a lot more than they did. Even down to the drops of dew on the grass in the morning. This stimulates your imagination and helps the reader get a better picture of everything going on around Destiny and Livvy. I absolutely loved this book and truly I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys mysteries and vampires. Even if you are just looking for a page turning book that can keep you busy for a while this book would be perfect for you!! I really hope that reading this makes you want to try out this book because it will be worth your time!

Amber says

I love this author what a blast from my past so much spine chilling fun lol :)

Mel says

This book is one of R.L Stines best works . Leaves you guessing until the very end . Beautifully written and ,although about vampires , not like Twilight . However I love the twilight series and anything Vampire related . Enjoy !

Clammy says

So after two days of putting off reading this book, I finally took the time to read it today. I have to say, it didn't really let me down. R.L. Stine has been one of my favorite childhood authors since I first discovered the goosebumps series so I anticipated that this would have at least one or two shocks in it but it had MANY. I'll try to keep this spoiler free.

I really hated Livvy and felt sympathy for Destiny. I mean, how does one put up with a girl like Livvy? So there were some things I didn't enjoy such as the style of writing. R.L. Stine tends to describe things a little too much for my taste but it's nothing unbearable. I didn't expect the ending of Dangerous girls at all but I liked it. The second part of Bitten wasn't as good as Dangerous girls, I pretty much knew what would happen before it even happened. But it was a good read, a good time filler I guess.

It's not the best vampire book i've read nor the worst. I recommend it to anyone looking for something to read to pass time.

Katie Ashby says

This is the best books that R.L. Stine has ever wrote you will love I definitely recommend it to anyone who like horror stories

Maya says

Destiny Weller narrates the adventurous story of how her and her twin sister, Livvy, got bitten by a vampire at Camp Blue Moon. Bitten is about a girl and her twin sister and how they got bitten by a vampire at summer camp. They have to search their town for a cure that will turn them back into humans. This book is very descriptive and has a lot of surprises. It also has a little bit of romance. Bitten is a good example of a fantasy book because it has a lot of vampires that turn into creatures at night. Middle school students will love Bitten because it has a lot of surprises that you won't expect. This book might not be an appropriate book for elementary school students because it talks about killing people. Overall, Bitten is a great fantasy book about vampires for middle school students who love to read.

Recommended

Amy says

it's obvious the author was trying *hard* to be unique in his character names.

it's so obvious. I want to finish it b/c I started it, but it's almost painful to read b/c I know what is going to be said or done - NOT b/c I've read it before (I HAVEN'T), it's. just. obvious.

I'm DONE! Phew. It didn't suck, but I don't have to read it ever again.

Heather says

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I was too old for R. L. Stine when these books were originally published, and I probably would not have bought this book except for the fact that it was \$4. I can't resist cheap books, even if they might not be something that I'd buy otherwise. I also sometimes like reading books that remind me of my younger reading years, though I always preferred Christopher Pike to R. L. Stine.

Technically, they are two different books, so I am going to do them separately and give them one rating based on the two. There will be spoilers for *Dangerous Girls* in the review for *The Taste of Night*.

Dangerous Girls

Destiny and her twin sister Livvy spent the summer at camp and, on the last day, Destiny is bitten by a vampire. He didn't feed her his blood, though, so she is only a half vampire. At home, she finds out that Livvy is also in the same predicament. As Destiny is trying to find a way to reverse what happened, the vampire obsessed with her is waiting for the next full moon to turn her into a vampire. Livvy also becomes distant and Destiny is afraid of the path her sister is taking.

Dangerous Girls is probably for younger readers, though it is less juvenile than R. L. Stine's *Fear Street* books. The writing was a good bit better than the *Fear Street* books, too, but still not the best. It's simple and easy to read, without a lot of excess description. It actually reminds me a lot of a horror movie, with more focus on the actions of the main character and the terror rather than getting to know the character as a person. Most of the extra characters are disposable and you never really know more about them than their names.

The story itself was not very complicated, mostly focusing on Destiny, her thirst for blood and her fear of becoming a vampire. Refreshingly, the vampire isn't the love interest. There is also a more traditional vampire mythology. Though they can go out in the day, the sun is uncomfortable. They can also turn into bats.

The Taste of Night

Livvy is now a vampire, which we discover at the end of *Dangerous Girls*, and has been since the girls were at summer camp. It's now almost a year later and Destiny has graduated high school. She knows that Livvy is still out there and she believes that she can bring her home and that her dad will find a cure for vampirism. Livvy wants no part of her old life and, when one of her vampire friends is killed, she blames her sister.

The Taste of Night was a little bit more in depth than *Dangerous Girls*, but not much. Quite a lot of it was Destiny looking for Livvy and Livvy being angry at Destiny. Still, it was more interesting to read about the vampire point of view, which wasn't absent in the last one but was more prevalent in this one.

The writing was still the same in this book- better than the *Fear Street* books but still not the best. This book wasn't any worse or better than *Dangerous Girls*, so it really was, outside of the time jump, a seamless read.

What I did like about this one was Mikey, the little brother. I liked that he was traumatized by the events that happened around him. It was far more believable than if he had been like the younger siblings in most of these kind of books and perfectly okay.

Overall

These two books were okay. It is probably more on a junior high level so I would probably only recommend it for the younger readers that want something mildly scary but are getting too old for Goosebumps or for someone that's a little nostalgic for R. L. Stine and may not have read this one because it was published later than the Fear Street books. I can't really think of anything that was really bad about these books, but they are below a reading level that I can really get into. I was too old for R. L. Stine when these were first published and I still am.

Amber Ditullio says

This is a compilation of the two books thus-far written for this series. The first book, *Dangerous Girls*, introduces the reader to Destiny and Livvy Weller, twin sisters ending their jobs as summer camp councilors before the start of their senior year of high school. After all the kids have gone, the councilors and the junior councilors have one last good time together, and Destiny finds herself walking in the woods with the gorgeous head life-guard, Renz Angelina. Little does she know, but Renz is a centuries old vampire and, even more, thinks that Destiny is the reincarnated soul of his long dead love. He wants to be with her again, so he prepares to make her into a vampire so they can spend their lives together. Before he has a chance to do more than bite her himself (since the ritual recalls mingling their blood by each biting the other under the full moon), they are interrupted. He temporarily erases her memory of the night thus far and she heads home with her sister.

When things start feeling strange around her - most noticeably her overwhelming hunger for blood - she starts to get worried. And it's both better and worse when she finds out that she is not the only one who has been bitten. Livvy is showing the same powers that Destiny seems to have. And then their friends start dying around them. They need to find someone to cure them, before the next full moon. Otherwise, they'll go crazy.

The second book, *The Taste of the Night*, ends a couple of months after *Dangerous Girls*. Livvy has embraced her vampire-self, while Destiny has been cleansed of the blood lust. Livvy has distanced herself from a family that she doesn't think understands, making new friends among the growing vamp community in their hometown. Regardless of the pleas of her sister, father and brother, Livvy is determined to live a life that she wants, regardless of what the rest of the family has to say. When a new vampire arrives in town, things start to go bad for both girls - again, losing friends that were an integral part of their lives. Can the sisters put aside their differences long enough to save the people they care about?

My Thoughts: I picked this book up in the discount bin at my local grocery store. I've been pretty heavily into paranormal lately, and the back cover intrigued me. So I figured \$3 wasn't bad for an omnibus and brought it home. While it's far from the best paranormal story ever written, it wasn't a bad read for a teen novel. The characters were pretty easy to care about, though at times they did seem to act a bit more irrational than others. The story had me turning pages, curious what answers they would find for the mystery that their lives had become. It may not have been the best read that I have had this week, but it wasn't a bad one. I'd say that if you're a fan of the Twilight series, you'll probably enjoy this one as well.
