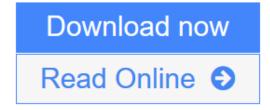


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An expose on the dangerous experiments Rachel and Lea uncovered with the Asclepius project turns the world against them.

Except for a single man who claims he knows about a hidden plan to complete what was started with Asclepius.

Faced with complications they could never have foreseen, and hunted by new and terrifying factions, once more they are in a race against time.

With a new set of clues to decipher.

A werewolf who claims he's their friend.

And a Cazador . . . that isn't supposed to exist.

This time either the two strong willed women will finally learn to trust one another . . . or end up watching one another die.

# **Replica Details**

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# From Reader Review Replica for online ebook

# **Emily Ladouceur says**

I received this novel from the author as an ARC in exchange for my honest review.

Replica is the 2nd book in The Blood Borne Series. Make sure you read the first novel, Recombinant, before you pick up Replica because this is definitely not a stand-alone novel, and you don't want to miss out.

The story is ever expanding, in plot, character, and location. The action starts right away and continues throughout, which will keep you hooked. I really enjoyed Lea and Rachel's evolving relationship. Both are tough as nails but have a soft side that sneaks out occasionally. They are similar in certain ways and the authors do a great job of including that friction.

A few new characters are introduced in Replica. I won't give anything away, but you'll love Ivan! I can't wait for the next novel. I NEED to know what happens because the story is far from over.

#### **Elisa Hordon says**

I was gifted an ARC copy of this book

Oh I love that 'keep your friends close and your weapons closer' words to live by lol

Rachel saying 'we should keep the puppy ' lol to funny but I'm seriously loving Ivan from the start...lol

The more time Lea and Rachel spend together the stronger their comraidery gets I love how they can make each other laugh in stressful situations.

Replica begins were Recombinant finishes and it is just as fast paced an adventure as recombinant was. Lea and Rachel show time and time again that they can take care of themselves, I think they just keep Ivan and Antonio around for entertainment...lol

I really love how these two authors write female friendships, such sold bonds built on their own personal strengths and nothing is coming between them nothing.....

It really is hard to write a review without giving away spoilers especially when the book was such an awesome read. Replica is a great mix of girl power, supernatural, paranormal, sci-fi, mystery with some great eye candy and moments that may or may not be romantic depending on your definition...lol You will laugh out loud and just love every page.

#### Sarah Leenart says

This book ticks every one of my boxes and the best bit? Two, not one, but TWO fabulous kick ass heroines

whom I have grown to love and root for. So Denise Grover Swank and Shannon Mayer have come up with this fabulous formula and each written a heroine, and to honest the story and writing is so seamless that if I didn't know that there were two authors involved here I would not have guessed it.

We pick up not far from where Recombinant left off, with Rachel revealing to the world the existence of vampires and the supernatural, and the governments nefarious involvement. What follows is a break neck speed roller coaster of an adventure ride. If you love fast and furious with plenty of action, fighting, intrigue and never really quite knowing whose side everyone is on, then this is for you. The world is expanding, both literally as they travel half way round the world and in learning more about the supernatural and themselves. We also have a couple of new very awesome characters. I'd like to just say for the record that werewolves are almost never my favourite creature - unless Shannon Mayer is involved.

I struggled to put this book down and I'd advise anyone not sure of multiple view points (usually me) that this works beautifully and each chapter I have a new favourite, only to be swung back the other way again. So I have to admit both Rachel and Lea were equally attention grabbing, unique individuals with a striking similarity of core strength of character, who leapt off the page. The story, the world it is set in and the fabulous characters all make this an amazing book that I loved. Anyone who loves adventure and the supernatural would love this too. Highly recommended.

I received this book as an arc in exchange for an honest review from the author but will still be buying it anyway.

# **Carmel (Rabid Reads) says**

#### **Reviewed by: Rabid Reads.**

The two first person POVs became more well-defined thanks to my increased familiarity with the characters, and the ending of RECOMBINANT wasn't as far off-base as I'd originally thought which were great comebacks to my initial criticisms of book 1. The multiple "I" writing style is still not my favourite, but the addition of a couple of secondaries helped as did the fact that they were both male because nothing screams distraction like smexy werewolf!

REPLICA was a direct continuation of the story line from the first installment, so it's definitely crucial that they be read in order. Also, it took me two volumes to nail down whether Lea or Rachel was the MC for a particular chapter—yes, they are labelled; however the transitions were still rather rocky, and when each lead is narrating the same scene except from their own perspective it's extra confusing, then append two third person POVs to that...

Sambrook blows the lid off supernaturals to the general public via a newscast which should have been an life changing exposé, so I was bummed by how little attention this revelation actually received. Other than a few knee jerk reactions, the authors jumped straight to the main plot without really exploring any of its implications. It made me wonder why they even bothered if it was something that they were just going to sweep under the rug anyway.

I liked Ivan A LOT. He lightened the tension, and provided some much needed testosterone to this estrogen fueled novel. I love strong heroines, but when you have two type-A personalities on the same page it can turn into a catfight. I remain undecided about Antonio, and regrettably the introduction of these bachelors did

lead to a of boatload insta lust. Furthermore, Rachel began this journey as human however, as a result of a twist, she's now a special snowflake too.

REPLICA swapped out THE BLOOD BORNE series' previous flaws with new ones.

# Shakuita Johnson says

#### 4.5

Although I was slow to warm up to Recombinant I did not have this problem with Replica. I love Rachel and Lea as main characters and the introduction of Ivan was just what the story needed to round these two tough chicks out. Ivan bought a comic flare that was refreshing. This doesn't mean Lea and Rachel don't have their funny moments but they are more concerned with other things.

Replica picks up pretty much right where Recombinant left off. The pacing and action in this book were on point and I found myself sometimes at the edge of my seat. I couldn't stop turning the pages. The ending through me for a loop and I can't wait for the next book to come out. Although co-authored the scenes flow smoothly from one POV to the next.

As Rachel and Lea grow closer together we are left to wonder what exactly it is that they mean to each other. If you enjoyed Recombinant you'll LOVE Replica.

# Nicki Pipes says

After reading the first book I was completely sold on this series. But this one was even better. I love the characters! Lea and Rachel are such great partners and Ivan and Antonio add some extra fun to this book. I love the action and adventure. It was funny and exciting. So much crazy stuff going on. I need more!!

# **Pdmcbride** says

I received this book as an ARC for an honest review.

First and foremost, if you have not read Recombinant yet, do so before reading Replica. It will make the storyline easier to understand and follow.

Replica takes off where Recombinant left off; with Rachel and Lea continuing their search for Stravinsky. They are joined by Ivan and Antonio, each who have their own reasons for jumping feet first into the melee. Just when you think you think you know where the story is heading, Mayer and Swank switch it up and keep you turning the pages until the very end. As with the first book, Mayer and Swank tell the story in alternating first person points of view, which, I feel, helps the reader gain insights into each of the main characters, as well as their reasoning for their actions and decisions. However, I think it would be interesting, and add to the character development, if they would add in the POVs of Ivan and Antonio in the next installment. It would be thought provoking to see Lea and Rachel through their eyes. Finally, Mayer's and Swank's co-writing is seamless and flows effortlessly, keeping the pace exciting and the intrigue building, all while

leaving the reader wanting more.

I really love the mix of action, emotions and humor (consisting of sarcasm and one-liners) found in this book, and look forward to where Mayer and Swank take these characters next. Bring on Book 3!

# **Boundless Book Reviews says**

I was provided an ARC of Replica (The Blood Borne #2) in exchange for an honest review.

Replica picks up where Recombinant leaves off; Rachel is doing a live broadcast exposing the huge government conspiracy her and Lea uncovered, Lea is off to track down Stravinsky, the evil vampire who is responsible for the monstrous experiments. That's just the beginning; the story quickly turns into a nonstop action packed, thrilling adventure, doesn't slow, and goes from one twist to the next.

The girls "collect" some new possible allies along the way; yet it is never quite clear where everyone's alliances lie, and who can be trusted. Hell, Rachel still isn't sure if she can fully trust Lea, after being burned so thoroughly she has her guard pretty solid, especially against the new comers.

"You think you're the first pretty face attached to a beef stack to tell me that? Please.... You have to earn my respect and trust, and I've been burned so many times, I suspect you'll never make the cut."

Rachel, Lea, and their new companions are on a quest to track down and destroy Stravinsky. However, they are following sketchy information at best, and not sure what they're getting themselves into.

"Life is a trap, my friend. It's how you handle the snap of the killing blow that determines if you are the prey or the predator."

Overall; Replica is an extremely exciting, fast paced ride, and will keep you reading late into the night. I really enjoyed it, and giving it 4 Boundless Stars, I can't wait to see where we go from here...Sara

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# **Teresa Sambrook says**

This is the second book in the Blood Borne series written by Denise Grover Swank and Shannon Mayer! If you have not read book 1 Recombinant, STOP and GET BOOK 1 NOW!!!

If you read Recombinant then you are more than ready for Replica!!! Lea and Rachel are teaming up to stop the evil forces of world. Guess what! Some hunky guys decide they need their help! As if! These girls don't need them, unfortunately these guys are as stubborn as they are hot! What kind of man can make a vampire all hot and bothered?? Read and find out! I loved watch the dynamic between Lea and Rachel grow along

#### **Brandy says**

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

I haven't read a lot of books by multiple authors, but the Blood Borne Series has been an enjoyable new experience. It's a great read, not only from a story standpoint, but as a writer standpoint. It's amazing to read how well the partnership works between the two authors. You can see that it is not only a combined effort, but an interaction between two characters and authors. It's a dialogue.

Having said that, the story itself is great too. With this second installment you get new characters and new facets of old characters. I love learning more about Rachel and Lea and watching them grow as individuals.

My only complaint is I want more hotness! I can't wait until the tension between the love interests finally pops. Can't wait for the next one!

#### **Jamie Davis says**

Staking Stereotypes Through the Heart!!!

Surely by now you've read Recombinant, book #1 in the Blood Borne series. If not, stop right now and read that first! Denise Grover Swank and Shannon Mayer are going to knock you for a loop again with book #2, Replica!

Take everything you know about stereotypical vampire and werewolf stories, tie it up, and stab it through the heart with a silver stake! Lea and Rachel are everything lead female characters in paranormal fantasy should be, and being badass is just one quality they share.

Replica picks up where Recombinant left off, and it doesn't slow down from the first page to the last. This is not a book you read without expecting some heart-pounding, angst-filled, breath-holding moments. Lea and Rachel are forced to head to the Middle East in their hunt for Stravinsky, but they don't go alone, and the new characters added will keep you on your toes. And just when you think you know where this story is leading, Swank and Mayer add their special brand of magic to give this story the dimensions that kept me turning the pages until the very end.

Don't waste time trying to convince yourself you don't like vampire stories because you haven't read one like this, I assure you. I can't WAIT to see where Lea and Rachel go next!

#### Sandra Lancaster says

This book picks up where Recombinant, (book 1 in the Blood Borne Series), left off. If you haven't read Recombinant yet, what are you waiting for. Purchase it along with Replica and be prepared to be transported to a world of vampires, werewolves, monsters, conspiracies and kick ass heroines.

This story is fast paced and action packed. Lea and Rachel's friendship/partnership continues to evolve as they learn to trust each other. I loved the addition of the sexy hotties. They added a layer of intrigue and conflict. I was pondering who they really were and what their motives were in wanting to help Lea and Rachel.

Denise and Shannon do a fantastic job of co-writing. The chapters flow seamlessly between the characters.

Now I'm impatiently waiting for the the next book to find out how the story plays out.

I received an ARC (advanced readers copy) of this book in exchange for my honest review.

# Vicki Poll says

\*\* Given an ARC of this book in exchange of an honest review. \*\*

This book picks up straight after the first in the series, and jumps right into holding the reader captive. With witty one liners such as: "Well shit me out on a piece of toast!" the comedy value, as always, is evident. The way these two authors weave action with intrigue, love interests with revenge, is absolutely masterful. I have grown to love Lea and Rachel, but the latest two editions of Ivan and Antonio, open up the possibilities even more, as this ragtag group struggle with their natural hatred for one another. Despite this, each holds a vital skill for their missions, and a point of view that is invaluable!

Just as you think the story cannot possibly get any more adverse for the ladies, another bomb of info goes off, leaving us readers to realise the potential complexity these ladies are writing in to the story line. Bravo! Will be recommending, and will definitely be waiting for book three.

#### **Reesa says**

Replica Book 2 of the Blood Borne Series Shannon Mayer & Denise Grover Swank 4 Bookgasums

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This is the second book in the collaborated series Blood Borne. I am glad to say the authors did a fabulous job of creating a full and rich story. Based on the story's ending I am excited to see there will be more books in this series.

Each chapter is from one of the two main characters points of view. I am not a fan of this style as it makes the reading choppy which in turn makes it harder for me to get drawn into the story and the characters' world.

I did not notice any grammar, spelling or other errors that would slow down my reading. I read this book in a mobi format and did not find any formatting issues either. However, I was not a fan of each chapter only having 2 lines on the page before having to turn the page. That just seems like a way to add to the page

count. This wouldn't stop me from buying the book but it was annoying. I did receive this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

It was great finding and reading a book with not one, but two strong female leads. The characters were well fleshed out making me want to find out more about them. I love the addition of the two new male characters. We will definitely be seeing some sizzle in upcoming books.

I was left with questions that I cannot wait to find out more about. What is the book? Who are the Blood Witches? What has been prophesied? Who is the Queen and what will she do with the book?

http://www.amazon.com/Replica-Blood-B...

#### **Michelle says**

I received this book as a ARC for an honest review.

I thought Recombinant was good but Replica was even better!

Lea is quite a complex character and Rachel once again finds it very difficult to trust her. The introduction of Ivan and Antonio as potential allies puts even more stress on their fragile friendship.

Lea considers Rachel a kindred spirit and the first friend that she's had for a very long time. She had become so jaded from her time with Calvin, honesty was almost a foreign concept. When Rachel finds out about the extent of the blood bond, their relationship cracks further but also starts to heal as they realise how much they need each other.

Rachel's inner strength and humanity overtake Lea's normally stoic personality, when she ignores both Ivan and Antonio and risks everything to save the little girl cured of the toxin introduced by Stravinsky's men.

This is definitely a book, you don't want to miss! Can't wait for book 3!