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Marked (House Of Night, Book 1): A House Of Night Novel



Synopsis

The House of Night series from bestselling authors P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast is set in a world very much like our own, except in 16-year-old Zoey Redbird's world, vampires have always existed. In this first book in the series, Zoey enters the House of Night, a school where, after having undergone the Change, she will train to become an adult vampire--that is, if she makes it through the Change. Not all of those who are chosen do. It's tough to begin a new life, away from her parents and friends, and on top of that, Zoey finds she is no average fledgling. She has been Marked as special by the vampire Goddess, Nyx. But she is not the only fledgling at the House of Night with special powers. When she discovers that the leader of the Dark Daughters, the school's most elite club, is misusing her Goddess-given gifts, Zoey must look deep within herself for the courage to embrace her destiny--with a little help from her new vampire friends.

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Customer Reviews

I think if you're young and remember the atrocities of what could be your high school experience

AND you throw in vampires as a part of society... you will probably like this story. Basically, we have an intelligent girl (Zoey) who is in high school in Tulsa, OK. Her home life is miserable because: (A) her father abandoned her mom, older sister and younger brother fourteen years ago; (B) her mom remarried a church-going hypocrite who made life easier for only her mother who now has one goal --- keep the jerk stepfather happy at the expense of each kids' happiness and sanity; (C) she had a boyfriend, a football player who recently has begun to drink A LOT! She has a bff that she's been close to since the third grade. She considers her friends and school her true family and has one goal. Get out and go to get school. (D) finally, Zoey has a beloved Indian grandmother who lives outside of Tulsa on her lavender farm. This woman adores her granddaughter and throughout Zoey's life has showered her with love and knowledge of the old ways that's been passed down through her he ages. This world knows of vampires and is aware that many celebrities are talented vampires. Children grow up aware in the knowledge that perhaps one day a vampire may appear and "mark" the child with the outline of a blue crescent  mark or tattoo. Upon this occurring these people have less than a day to report to the nearest vampire school. Eventually, these kids will make a full change into a vampire... or, not. If not, they die. Well, Zoey was marked and it was her grandmother who brought her to this new school of vampires in-training. So, regardless of the fact that Zoey has been marked she has to relearn the in's and out's of a vampire version of high school. Unfortunately her parents as well as her bff saw her mark and took a giant leap backwards wanting nothing to do with the girl. Naturally, there is intrigue going on with our girl at the school. Who is good? bad? ...and, who is truly wicked? There is wit, humor and the stereotypical high school meanies. I recommend it as a light read that will occasionally make you  LOL. I read it about ten years ago and enjoyed it enough to read the series. To be honest, I cannot recall if I finished the (entire) series because the authors were then in the process of writing the following books in the set. I remember waiting a couple of times for the next book(s). So, this morning I saw the authors name and decided to reread the series. I know I liked them the first time around and hope that I enjoy them again. In either case,  I will add to this review upon completion.

I started reading this series because they were recommended and from a small town in Oklahoma where I am from. But it is great! You would now know how young the reader is and I was in my 20's when I read this and still loved it! I love the sci-fi books like this and these were so well written and kept you on the edge of your seat. I couldn't wait to read the next one and the next one and the next one!

First I would like to point out that this really seemed to be a high school romance setting with a twist the vampire twist. The first 2 chapters gave me the interest in wanting me to buy this book but after that towards the middle of the book it got really I mean REALLY BORING but in light of that boring feeling it got interesting with all the history and different culture and stuff. I was beginning to say to myself I might have spent my cash on the wrong book but to my surprise right on the middle of the book a spark hit it got interesting really interesting I mean REALLY INTERESTING. Short story to this review is if your interested in teenage high school drama this is a book for you, the only thing that might get you interested in this book if your not into the teenage high school drama is that there vampires in it well this is just my opinion. Suppressing the end of this book is ok it wasn't bad but it wasn't mind blowing so yeah I would be purchasing the next book to see how this turn out. There are a few laugh trip moments which I do love, I don't advise anyone under 14 or 15 year of age to read this there are sexually language in this book not bad but not something you want your children to be thinking about ether but this all my opinion there are hundreds of reviews out there :) so take time to read them too :) :)

This was an intro novel to a series that promises adventure, romance, intrigue, and so much more. We learn the characters, back stories, and how Zoey gets going in her new life at the House of Night. If you enjoy vampires, romance, and adventure this is a series to start and you can read 12 books and not have to worry about waiting for the next one

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