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Darren Shan, Vampire Prince and "vampaneze" killer, faces his worst nightmare yet--school. But homework is the least of Darren's problems. Bodies are piling up. Time is running out. And the past is catching up with the hunters fast.

## Allies of the Night Details

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### **Baya says**

Zase super díl!!! Moje teorie se sice s tímhle dílem rozplynula, ale nevadí, jdeme dál...

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### **⌘ Ashley ? says**

So we learn who the Lord of the Vampaneze is, but that's pretty much all. :/

I just don't think anything happened in most of this book. Darren wasted so much time in school. What was the point of that, even? Who cares? He's in the middle of a war for his species! He's their prince! And he has to sit through school? What? That's just dumb. And Debbie. Groan. I never liked her. She's a waste of time. And she just butted into their attack then ruined it for them because she was too weak. Never going to like her.

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### **Patryk Stypulkowski says**

Darren Shan, a part of an Elite Vampire Squad meant to kill off the Vampaneze, is confronted with a pressing issue: school. While setting up base in a city where the Vampaneze have been known to be active, Darren Shan is noticed by the police and is forced to attend school. But there are other problems, and as bad as it seems, school is only a hinderance...

This was one of my two least favorite books in the series. While it tried to return to the old theme of not fitting in while keeping the feeling of Darren being special, it ended up just ruining the book with the conflicting feelings. Other than that, the book was very similar to the last one, so much so it felt like a continuation of the previous one, which I was not very fond of. The only two things that I actually enjoyed about the book was that there is no lack of action, and Darren reunites with 4 characters from the previous books. Besides that, there isn't much that I praise this book about. For these reasons I would give this book 3 stars.

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### **Miranda Reads says**

#### **THIS BOOK DOES NOT have the same feel as the previous three**

The last few books were so mentally and physically grueling Darren that I couldn't wait for book 8. I was tired of reading what this poor kid got up to. Finally, some lighthearted adventures.

This one has a somewhat similar feel for *Tunnels of Blood* - a bit of mystery, a bit of whodunit combined with Darren (the character, not the writer) having to deal with (dun dun dunnnnn) high school.

I honestly wish more of the series had this feel to it.

On a side note, anyone else bugged by his age? Every book, I keep trying to place his age but there's never enough clues to get it exactly...

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### **Evan says**

Darren is a half-vampire traveling with Mr. Crepesley. (Mr. Crepesley is a full-vampire) and a little person named Harkat Mulds. They are trying to complete their task of killing the Vampaneze lord, that ends up being Darren's friend from when he was human, Steve. When they face off against Steve, he gets away.

I think it is a great fantasy book.

I recommend it. I also recommend the other parts of the series.

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### **Whitney says**

*Allies of the Night* is the eighth book in the *Cirque du Freak* series. While Darren, Mr. Crepsley, and Harkat are still searching for the Lord of the Vampaneze, mysterious killings bring them back to Mr. Crepsley's home town. But something suspicious is going on. The only thing is, will our heroes figure it out before it's too late?

#### **Plot**

Let's be real: the plot is being drawn out and spread too thin. The whole vampire/vampaneze war is interesting. So is the quest to find and kill the Lord of the Vampaneze. But a half-vampire in school? An entire book full of the protagonists searching for their enemies? These are things that are not interesting. This is the third book in a row that I've given two stars to. This is the same problem I had with *The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod*. The overall plot was interesting enough but it was spread out too much and became boring really quickly. Same thing's happening in *Allies of the Night*. Same as with *Hunters of the Dusk*. It was mostly boring with a bit of action at the end.

#### **Writing**

The writing has gotten boring because nothing is going on. It is good quality writing, I give Shan that much. Shan's writing has always been good, except when there's no action going on. For the life of him, the man cannot write mundane scenes very well. And this book was full of them, just like the last two.

## Characters

I'm starting to dislike Darren a little more. He's around twenty-five but he's still making bullheaded decisions. Yes, he's matured as far as fighting goes, and how he views humanity, but he still makes these naïve choices that are not becoming of someone his actual age.

I like Harkat Mulds a bit more. He's not afraid to speak up against the questionable things Darren is planning on doing. The relationship between him and Darren could have been shown more, though. This book revolved a lot around Darren so I don't really have an opinion on the other characters.

## Things I Didn't Like

The whole school thing was pretty pointless in my opinion and I didn't like it. I don't really see a reason for it and it feels like a waste of a book. It was also an insanely easy predicament to get out of. Mr. Crepsley could have said that someone forged all that stuff, which they did. They could have moved out into the woods near the town or travelled to a close town altogether. The school plot is my main gripe.

## Diversity

Debbie's back! So that brings the female and racial diversity count back up to a total of one. Yipee. Downside, however, is that Debbie eventually just becomes the damsel in distress. Take that how you will. That's about all as far as this section goes.

## Overall

This entire book was boring. I cannot put it more simply than that. Nothing really happened except at the end. You can't have the action happen at the end while making the reader to struggle through three-fourths of the book and expect them to be happy about it. I know I wasn't. I've already read this series once and there's a reason I couldn't remember what happened after *The Vampire Prince*. It's because between that and *The Lake of Souls* was too boring to remember! I'll trudge through the next few books, but if they continue this way then I definitely won't be happy about it.

Here is a link to my notes.

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## Siobhan says

This book contains the reappearance of many past characters, all of whom develop much more. Some of which you will fall in love with and others who you will grow to hate or at least dislike for their motives (yet I am not going to say which characters).

Continuing on with their mission against the Vampaneze, more twists occur which leave you wanting more. Another action packed book in the series, leaving you on the edge of your seat and unable to put the book down.

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### **Diana says**

¡Y se empiezan a complicar las cosas! Aparecen personajes de los libros anteriores y toman más relevancia en este y los próximos libros, jugando así con mis emociones. Cada vez más cerca del final y ni Darren ni los demás saben lo que les espera :O

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### **Negin says**

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### **Nerea says**

The adventure continues and little by little we get closer to its outcome. The books are getting more and more interesting, especially given that the odds are getting against them with each instalment. What I really liked about this book is the return of many old characters and the plot twists regarding them. I have to say that I'm not a big fan of the "romance" going on, but it serves a purpose for the plot so I'm letting that slide. I can't wait to read the next book since I have so many theories about the identity of the main enemy.

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### **Cary says**

Darren Shan now has to go to a school, he is a man now, but looks like a kid because of his vampire blood. He wanted to go to the city so he can kill the Vampaneze lord, since Mr.Tiny told them to follow their heart, so they went to Mr.Crepsley old town. He was asleep one morning and he heard a knock on the hotel door. It was a director from a school, they made Darren have to go to school. But, Darren didn't get mad at where he had to go because he had his ex girlfriend as the english teacher! So, Darren went to school while Mr.Crepsley went searching for the Vampaneze. Darren got private lessons with Debbie and explains everything about him being completely honest. Then, Darren heard about the Vampaneze in the TV and it killed someone in the same school as Darren. Darren then knows its the Vampaneze, he went to guard his friends house and caught the Vampaneze. He tails the Vampaneze with his group and it leads to their base, but ended up as a trap! This book is about confidence, belief, and hope

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### **Henry Hull says**

The name of this book should be Deja vu'.

Darren Shan, Mr. Crepsley, and Harket Mulds travel to Crepsely's home town where they hope to find the Lord of the Vampaneze. To their surprise, they learn that Darren has been enrolled at some prep school. Sensing a trap, they decide to spring it by having Darren attend. While there, he discovers that his teacher is none other than Debbie Hemlock, his girlfriend from the third book, who is all grown up now. This isn't the only blast from the past, however, a brutal string of killings occur that has vampaneze written all over it. They are perpetrated by a vampaneze with hooks instead of hands. Finally, Darren is saved from the hooked vampaneze by none other than Steve "Leopard" Leonard, his former best friend, who vowed to one day become a vampire hunter and kill him...

I love how everything from the first trilogy was tied in here. I loved that he had to go back to school; I love that Steve; Debbie; and R.V. (yes he's back too) returned.

All in all, this was just as good as the first two if not better.

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### **Natalie says**

So this is the eighth book in the series and I really did like this book so it starts off with Darren Mr Crepsley and the little person so they going back to Mr Crepsley hometown again to try and fight there enemies after a few nights of doing this one mid afternoon they get a knock on their hotel door it's someone who says that Darren needs to start attending school if not did have to get the police and all the authorities involved after talking it out with Mr Crepsley they decide Darren to go back to school is first school day was horrendous you didn't look right you didn't smell right you didn't even speak right the only good thing was when he had English I think it was and the vet is ex-girlfriend who is now a teacher at the school is going to because remember Darren doesn't age the same as everyone else because he's a half vampire so he still looks like he's 15 even know he's a lot older let's just say she was surprised to see him and to see that he still look the same as he did 13 years ago he just looked a little bit older oh and also his best friend from childhood Steve came back in this book as he had said previously that you was going to become a vampire Hunter you're just have to read to see if he is a vampire Hunter I really did enjoy this book

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### **Kyle says**

The hunt for the Vampaneze Lord continues.

Darren and his team of Vampaneze hunters return to Larten Crepsley's home town when they learn that murder victims with all the blood drained from them are piling up. Suddenly, an inspector shows up at their hotel wondering why, after they had enrolled Darren in school, he is not attending and that if he does not begin at once the police would have to get involved. So not only does Darren have to hunt vampaneze, he's got to finish his homework first. Then on top of everything else he has to deal with problems from his past.

Writing as always is quick and clean; definitely nothing fancy. The plot moved quickly with enough surprises to keep me interested. Even though this book ended with the dreaded "TO BE CONTINUED," it still had a great build to it's own climax. So in the end it left me with a satisfied feeling.

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**Nicole says**

I truly adore this series! Try as I might, I continue to make predictions as I read and by the end of the book I realize my wildest guesses cannot come close to the plot twists Shan writes. If you haven't started this series yet, you need to!

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**Ahmad Sharabiani says**

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**Aurora says**

I think working together in this book is great, They are following their hearts to defeat the lord of vampaneze with some reasons.....

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**Jessika says**

I think this one is by far my favorite book from the series. Darren Shan runs into a vampaneze named Hooky, Debbie his ex girlfriend, and Steve his ex best friend. I instantly figured out that Hooky was RV, also known as Reggie Veggie. And I had a very bad feeling that either Debbie or Steve would betray him...i should've went with the ladder lol!

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**Viveia94 says**

Darren and Larten Crepsley went to Mr. Crepsley's hometown to investigate if Vampaneze had set up territories there. Darren was discovered by the police and forced to attend school. People were killed at night and Crepsley and Darren investigated. Darren's English teacher at school is Debbie, his old girlfriend from Tunnels of Blood. Larten Crepsley had to go back to Vampire Mountain again for Paris's funeral. Darren encounters a Vampaneze with a hook and unknown mask wrapped around his face. Darren was attacked by Vampaneze and was saved by Steve. Steve joins Darren for the hunt of the Vampaneze. Darren later reveals himself as a vampire to Debbie. Debbie joins Darren and Steve for the fight. Crepsley comes back later and help Darren pursue the Vampaneze but doesn't trust Steve with him. Vancha also joins again later. They chased the hook Vampaneze to the sewers at night. The Vampaneze led them to a trap. The Vampaneze Lord shows up and Darren and his team were to kill him as their objective. Steve show his true side later betraying Darren and his friends. The hooked Vampaneze was revealed to be RV (Reggie Veggie). Steve joined the Vampaneze as revealed. A fight begins between the Hunters and the Vampaneze. Vancha charges through the Vamps, scattering them and Mr. Crepsley follows, slicing with his nails to bring down many Vampaneze. Darren soon beats Steve and is about to finish him off, but RV uses Debbie as a hostage, so Darren Shan

does not kill Steve. RV, Gannen Harst and the Lord soon leave. Darren and his friends took a Vampet and Steve as their hostage and was given a warning by Gannen to leave the tunnels immediately or he'll send Vampaneze to finish them off.

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### **Chappy says**

ok so ill be the first to admit that the start of this book didnt have me hooked, out of all things to happen on this quest i doubted very much it would begin with young Darren Shan having to enrol in high school and go to classes, this was a twist that i really didnt think the series needed.

However, as it managed to progress the story line, ill be the first to admit that it worked, not as exciting as a vampire prince travelling the world and seeing new things but given how the story line panned out, it works.

Turns out i was wrong about my theory of Steve showing up and being revealed as the vamanese lord....or was i? im still not convinced that he doesnt have a larger part to play in this series, i guess we will find out.

We are up to book 9 my friends, we are getting close to the end and im so interested to see what happens, please make the last few books longer.

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