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When unwelcome stranger Jack Pembroke arrives in Darcy McShane's rural coastal village, the last thing she anticipates is falling for him, but a deadly storm, a night of unrestrained passion and the rousing of an ancient Irish myth conspire to change her life irrevocably.

From the authors of The Becoming Trilogy, The Rousing is an adult romance novella, set on the wild coast of Southern Ireland. The story blends mystery and eroticism with a paranormal twist on an ancient Celtic vampire legend said to have inspired Bram Stoker's Dracula.

Due to graphic scenes of sex and violence, The Rousing is recommended to an 18+ readership.

## **The Rousing Details**

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## From Reader Review The Rousing for online ebook

### Sam says

I don't often read novellas or short stories as I tend to find they can be somewhat unsatisfying. It's almost as if they're a sort of literary hors d'oeuvres. Fun to nibble on, but they leave you feeling a bit empty. However, this was a freebie on Amazon, so I figured, what the heck.

This novella was very well written, and although the characters had insufficient pages to become fully developed, they certainly weren't cardboard cutouts. Likewise, the narrative was enough the paint broad strokes of the settings and folklore. Add in a couple of fairly explicit MF sex scenes (with perhaps a hint of instalust) and some setup for taking the characters further in future books without leaving the reader dangling off a cliff, and this was a fast-to-read story that held my attention over a couple of evenings. Would this have worked better with more content as a full-length novel? I'm not honestly sure it would. It didn't feel overly rushed, although perhaps the romance side would have been more tantalising if it had built up more slowly, and while I would have liked to learn more about the Dearg Due, there was enough there to fulfill the story arc.

(view spoiler)

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### Laura says

The story itself was ok. Estranged son comes back after his mothers death to a home tied to a lot of local folklore. Jaded real estate agent goes to look at the house and gets entangled in sed folklore. The biggest issue I had were the sexy scenes...some of the wording used just made it incredibly unsexy and seeing as how these were big sections of the story I just couldn't get past it.

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### Dalila. says

I received the book through Goodreads First Reads.

This book is totally different from the stuff that I usually read but I'm glad that I did, Raven & Black really know how to write a good book with an interesting story I very much enjoyed Darcy's character is very interesting but Jack is my favorite My Overall Enjoyment 5/5  
I recommend this book You will be surprised how good it is.

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### Ann Geffert says

### **A Full Book.....**

...as far as the story goes, but it could have been much longer! I can only imagine that "The Summoning", a continuation of "The Rousing", but focusing on Darcy's brother will tell more of Darcy and Jack's story. I am going to start reading it right now. I do wonder if the authors plan on continuing with these characters, making it a series, or trilogy even?

I hope so, the premise is quite interesting. They could perhaps find a way to settle the score with the girl who became a monster, for her to pass over.

Interested in seeing how the authors continue the story!

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### **Delta says**

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### **Ashley says**

#### **Vampire with a vengeance**

It was okay. I never read a book with vampires never, so gave it a try. Still not my cup of tea.

Darcy is turning bitter because of her past. Then her brother Liam, tells her live it up. Then she meets a mysterious woman, who will reappear later.

Darcy goes to talk to a new home owner and what they want to do with house. Her and Jack have the hots for each other right away. Due to a bad storm, they give in. But, then that woman shows up and all things go badly.

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### **KathyAnne says**

Great novella from the authors of The Becoming Trilogy! This is a stand alone short story that is a good choice if you're looking for a bit of paranormal/erotica to fill up a couple of hours of reading time. Well written, engaging and takes place in a wild and stormy setting off the coast of Ireland.

Darcy and Jack create some pretty good steam together! The mystery surrounding the Irish myth kept me guessing. And, I like it when we get a taste of the old fashioned nasty vampires. You know, the ones that don't sparkle! :)

I won't elaborate too much on the plot since this is a short story and I don't want to give too much away. My only negative was that I was left wanting more... especially with the surprise twisty ending. But, novellas are supposed to be just a taste of a story and this did the trick.

I received an ARC from the authors in exchange for a review!

### **Michele Adams says**

I am so not a sci-fi book reader but I have to say this was pretty good for a short story.

The story is a sci-fi, sexual romance. I could see this as a series and this being an episode. Not sure how it ended up in my collection - if someone suggested it or if it was a free one from amazon but I am glad I read it.

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### **Kathleen says**

Novella so of course everything happens faster. I would have liked to known Jack better, interesting character but really could have been so much more. Story was predictable but enjoyable I'll get the second book.

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### **Liz Meldon says**

Before I get too far ahead of myself with this review, enjoy a reaction gif:

Now that that's out of the way, let me say that I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I haven't read anything from the author before, but I was lucky enough to find an advertisement for a free copy on my Facebook dashboard. I'm so happy that someone decided to spread the word, because I never would've found it otherwise.

The writing itself was spectacular. I found it easy to slip inside the story, and the styling made it a really quick read. All the characters were likable in their own way, and I think this is a really good teaser for the novel that follows. I look forward to jumping back into this world soon. Irish vampire mythology isn't something that I read about a lot, but now my interest has been piqued, and I think about the whole point of a good book.

The only downside for me was the ending. I think the "love" happened too quickly, and I would've been happy with a HFN ending rather than a HEA, but that's just a personal preference. All that aside, I highly recommend this novella for its strong writing, excellent characterization, interesting mythology, and not so over-the-top smut.

Anyone who loves paranormal romance should definitely check it out!

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## **Dena says**

### **Strange**

This was definitely a strange prequel to a paranormal series. I'm wondering how they became vampires I mean in the logical sense. Can they have babies? Wow Darcy really came out on top.

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## **Breanna Eichhorn says**

This is my first book by Paula Black and it most definitely will not be my last. It's a very well written story. The characters were very well developed and you couldn't help but feel connected to the characters.

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## **Becky says**

Ok so I've read the trilogy years ago and the "prequel" really didn't do it justice according to my review of the trilogy. Somewhat cheesy, some Irish "folklore", romance, vamps, but just a weird little read. Maybe I'll go back and read the trilogy, maybe it wasn't as great as I thought it was after reading the prequel. Very little descriptors of Ireland no real secondary character build ups and just insta lust/love in again a weird somewhat disjointed kind of way. Free read

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## **Donna says**

I was given this book by the Authors for an honest review.....

Wow!!! Raven & Black sure know how to write a great story...even a novella! I wasn't sure how this would go but even for a novella these ladies do a great job! Most novellas that I've read are usually short on details because you only have so much that can be included, but this one is a jewel!

If you love anything about Irish Myths then these ladies are a must read for you. I love how everything just flows in their books.

The story follows Darcy who is a real estate agent in Ireland, she works with her brother Liam. One of the residents has died and her property is going up for sale. Darcy & her brother are the agents in charge of getting everything setup for the sale. When she gets out to the property the buyer/seller is already there and she is surprised to find that it's an American. Jack Pembroke, a publisher from New York. To say that sparks fly between them is just the beginning, but things become quite heated!!!!

So go grab your copy of this amazing story. And if you haven't read their previous series *Becoming* then you are really missing out!!!!

Thanks ladies for a wonderful story!!!!!!

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## **Wendy says**

### **Nice little twist on the Vampire myth**

Irish Vampire legend of A woman, Dearg Due who has some sort of curse against the Pembroke Men. Her grave is on the Pembroke estate. When old Mrs Pembroke dies, Darcy is the Estate agent and Jack Pembroke returns home for the first time since he was six years old. His Mother kept him away from home saying she never wanted him to return.

That is the premise of their story, of course a terrible storm hits town while Darcy and Jack are at the Mansion, they get closer, Dearg Due is after Jack and other men of the town, and other strange things are going on as well.

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