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30 Days of Night novel #4.

A terrifying species of legend that exists in shadow and thrives in night, preying on and intriguing an unsuspecting modern world; An amoral, clandestine government operation that uses whatever means necessary to inflict maximum damage upon one of the most frightening and demonized forces humanity has ever encountered; And all of mankind is threatened by the chain of events set in motion by this unrestrained conflict, and the ripple effects of a new element to the hostilities will forever alter the rules of engagement....

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BookMarc says

Finally, a vampire novel that doesn't focus on a love triangle or the love interests of the main characters! "Light of Day" is the fourth novel in an ongoing series although each one can be read individually without prior knowledge of the others. This one focuses on a scientist who was experimenting on captured bloodsuckers only to be turned himself. Finding himself as part of the undead he starts work on trying to find a "cure" that will allow vampires to be out in the sun thus allowing them to seek world domination. Two other threads run through this story and both of them are highly entertaining. One is about the black ops SWAT team, with focus upon their cold hearted leader, and the other thread is about two outcasts who wish to be turned into vampires and so become serial killers who drain the blood of their victims in the hope vampires will notice them.

All three storylines come together at the end in what is a barnstorming finale to the novel.

This was one of those novels I couldn't put down and even though it doesn't offer anything new to the genre it's still an excellent read.

Rob Findlay says

Really weak offering. This series needs the input of Steve Niles.

Caitlyn Fortunato says

I thought that it was good for a vampire book. glad there was no love triangles!!! good spin on vampires :) would recommend

John says

Since Book #3 sidelined and/or killed off all this series' primary characters, LIGHT OF DAY is forced to stumble ahead with a second-stringer (the slutty, leather & spandex-wearing vampire huntress from Operation Red Blooded) in the lead role. Author Jeff Mariotte tries to flesh her out a bit by giving her something of a conscience, but I doubt that readers will ultimately much care about what happens to her or anyone else in this novel. None of these characters are well-developed and none are likeable.

Where this book succeeds is simply in expanding the 30 DAYS OF NIGHT mythos. Book #3 didn't leave much to work with, but Jeff Mariotte does the best he can with what little he's got. I especially liked the idea of a vampire scientist conducting experiments on himself, and the introduction of a way for vampires to survive in the daylight was cool, too. The plot seemed very drawn out (hunt, kill, repeat; hunt, kill, repeat) and there are a couple of pointless twists along the way, but everything culminates in a pretty satisfying showdown once all the disparate storylines finally merge. And the ending is very adroit at performing that cynical balancing act of providing a satisfying resolution while still leaving things open for future installments.

Certain aspects of this book are pretty dumb, such as the subplot about the boys who become serial killers in hopes of attracting the notice of the vampire community. Not only does this plan fail to make sense, it doesn't even pay off in the end. There are also lots of minor inconsistencies, like how ordinary bullets have less and less stopping power against vampires as the story progresses.

Still, *LIGHT OF DAY* is competently written and reasonably entertaining. Fans of this series should be pleased.

Rodolfo says

I enjoyed this book. It satisfied my need for a more grittier vampire story. I liked most of the characters although I found the special vampire hunter agent a bit cliché, I was able to enjoy it. It was a fast read. I will read another in this series.

LadyCroft86 says

No Stella and Eben. Story wasn't that great but entertaining enough.

Sylvia Marquez says

A good gory vampire book. NOT your Twilight vampire story. That's what makes it so great. A few unexpected surprises that had me think back to the story. All in all, a good, quick read.
