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In a world not divided by race, but by blood type, Blue Anders finds herself on the wrong end of fortune's mercy. Born with a lesser blood type, Blue is raised in The Way, a work camp for A-bloods.

The Vemreaux (B-bloods) are the ruling class. Theirs is the only type that responds to the Fountain of Youth, granting them an additional one hundred twenty years, heightened senses and nearly unbreakable bones in exchange for an iron deficiency that makes them crave O-type human blood.

The Vemreaux are at the top of the food chain until a mysterious predator begins stealthily claiming them and sending back their filleted bodies. Thus begins the search for the Light – a woman foretold to be able to free the Vemreaux from this tyranny. Blue sets off with her brother to fight for those that oppressed her, charging ferociously into the battle that could claim her life.

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Lindy says

Head scratching

Ok never read any of the authors books. It was awkward to read and the names were confusing to fit into story. Blue and sub characters were pretty interesting. Her brother was ruthless without emotion, but really if you didn't take out the emotions could you send your sister to die? Loved how kick a\$\$ Blue was.

Joey Woolfardis says

A difficult book for many reasons. It was written sufficiently well and there seemed few YA cliché-tropes to make me vomit, but everything else left a lot to be desired.

All of the characters had one personality trait and that was it, and they were all hideously self-serving and incredibly teenage. If I wanted to hear teenagers whinging about how they knew everything and had feelings that no one else ever had (like, ever) I'd go to Tumblr.

The blatant omission of one blood-group might have been intriguing if the whole blood-type was explained even a little bit. I assume an after effect of the nuclear war, but that seems convoluted and far-fetched. And why do they need blood when iron supplements would obviously work just as well? It felt a bit messy, and the annoying characters didn't help.

Gwynneth Ott says

Slave, torture and death

If you knew nothing of how the world worked, would you hide? If the future of the world depended on you would you shy away from it?

Carol says

World War 3 results in a new world order - where people are segregated by blood type.. A, B, O.. (I kept wondering what happens to the ABs, like me :)). The Vemreaux are the "master" class who feed off the Os and use the A's as slaves / servants. But one of the 'slave' class can save them all :) Interesting concept and really enjoyed book 1 - still debating whether or not to spend my \$\$ to buy book 2!

Melanie says

Blue is the chosen one, destined to save the world! For the elite A-Bloods, who are suppressing her own B-Bloods. Her brother is stern and hard and a little overbearing. Her best friend is super-drop-dead-gorgeous with a heart of gold. Her other friend is so wimpy and insipid that I wanted to give her a good kick. Her love interest is super-drop-dead-gorgeous and they give each other electric shocks when they touch *dreamy sigh*.

In case you can't tell, a lot of my problems with this book lie around the characters - because they are pretty much all caricatures of stereotypes rather than actual characters. None of them really have a whole lot of depth, and I found sad-little-girl friend thoroughly aggravating on more than one occasion.

And all the problems with the characters are something of a shame, because I think there was an interesting story in there somewhere, lost beneath them and the fact that it had been spun out far too long.

Hilda says

Interesting premise: WW III has taken place and the people are divided by blood type, with B- bloods being the ruling class and A-bloods becoming the lesser people. The B bloods drank the blood of A-wards. I kept wondering what happened to the O-bloods like me! Like I said, interesting premise, but I heard this on Audible and the narrator was absolutely awful. She used nearly the same voice for each character, so oftentimes it sounded like she was just reading the book aloud. I stuck with it and was left with a huge cliffhanger. Don't know if I'll invest the time & money to get the other volumes.

J. Thomas-Like says

Thoroughly addictive story with a plot line I've never heard before. The characters are engaging and I could NOT put the book down. This author is creative and forward thinking. Kudos for a completely entertaining and wild ride on the first book of this series!

lou brown says

Plot thin,did not explain WW3,why the division by blood types(as a nurse I found this premise odd)and what was the fountain of youth. Ended anticlimactic,not sure if I want to read the next installment.

Amanda Masters says

amazing story!

This Book Was Given To Me By The Author In Exchange For An Honest Review

A little slow in the beginning but quickly picking up speed this is on of the most unique stories I have ever read. Mary Tworney is a wonderful author who keeps you guessing and pulls at your heartstrings again and again.

I was fascinated by every part of blue and her families world as their lives went from children in the way to adults in the outside world. Again and again they found the strength to go on to push forward and I couldn't have been prouder! My fav of them all would have to be Elle she kept them all together and kept them from killing each other...lol...she was spunky, sassy and full of life and the others loved her for it.

I so can wait to see what happens next on Blues adventure! I really like the boys Liam, Alec, Sam and Brody. They will make a good team and I hope they all succeed.

If you haven't read this yet do so now as it is an awesome story!

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Liz says

Short version: The Hunger Games meets Twilight. The author sucks you in (I couldn't put it down), but ultimately, nothing actually happens in this book. It's all just a setup for the next book.

Tabby Shiflett says

Wow. This book surprised me. It's got a great storyline, some pretty interesting characters, and an emotional intensity that pulls the reader in. There's a lyrical darkness that accompanies the plot and some comforting but natural humor mixed in as well. I recommend this YA/NA novel to readers of dystopias, especially fans of the Wither series. I look forward to the next book in this series.

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Leslie says

Oh my goodness, WHAT A THRILL!!

"At first glance, the premise sounds bizarre. We've heard of division by personality type, by production, by the willingness to be controlled by the government—

But... Blood type? Seems kind of strange; what makes one type of blood better than another? Answer: the Fountain of Youth. Discovered decades earlier, this Fountain...." [read the rest of the review on The Upstream Writer]

Anastasia says

This book will suck you in and not let you go until you're done reading it. The premise is intriguing and I found it thought-provoking. A lot of times in movies and such we assume that if something like the Fountain of Youth was discovered the thing that would keep people from it would be lack of money and/or power. In

this series however, what keeps people from the Fountain of Youth is not money or power but something they can't change: they're blood type.

The portrayal of the Vemreaux is also convincing and well-done. They're the bad guys but rarely do people just go out and do terrible things cuz they feel like it, they always find a way to justify it to themselves (even if it's bull to everyone else). That's what the Vemreaux do and instead of just being faceless bad guys you get a feel for their humanity and conflicts with their current social order.

Overall the book was a good read and I enjoyed it very much. I knocked one star off though because I found the constant bickering between Elle and Baird tedious and annoying and because the scenes with Blue and Sam were kinda cliché (and annoying as well). This book is definitely worth your attention.

Note: I received a free copy in exchange for my honest review.

Erin Stratman says

I just couldn't get into this series like at all, I really tried but no thanks. It was too disturbing and impossible to relate to the characters or feel anything for them. Hated it.

Soo says

I picked up the audiobook trilogy on Audible and decided to get the books once the story caught my imagination. The narrator for the trilogy doesn't really work for me and I find myself enjoying the story more by reading it.

The Way is about a dystopian world where there are two classes. Vemreaux are the ruling class and have a type of blood that basically allows them to extend their life by becoming a type of vampire. The change allows them to live longer, become stronger and begins a craving for blood. Waywards are the working class and controlled as slaves or indentured servants in America. Something is killing the Vemreaux. No one knows what it is that is killing them, and the only hint of hope is a prophecy that speaks of a Wayward female that will fight the killer.

Blue is the Light that is spoken of in the prophecy. She grows up as another slave in the Way and she endures the harshest training to become a strong fighter. A fearsome warrior, naive of the world and destined to die fighting in a battle, Blue struggles to live by the rules that her brother made to turn her into a killing machine.

I really like the characters and the way they are portrayed in the story. The interactions that define how fierce and profoundly ingenious Blue is can be awful and touching. At times, it's hard to clearly see the world and dynamics of the story but the draw of Blue and her story is very strong. The way her small family loves and protects her is clear. I can't wait to see what happens next.
