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Take an all-new excursion in the world of the Carpathians from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Christine Feehan—joined here by Maggie Shayne and Lori Herter, two other masters of vampire romance in an original anthology that takes dark fantasy to rapturous new heights.

Dark Crime by Christine Feehan

Blaze knows who killed her father and she has merciless plans for payback. Until a phone call from a seductive stranger pleads with her to wait. Retribution is in his blood, too. Now, he and Blaze will be united in the blood of the guilty. Tonight, vengeance is theirs.

Dead by Twilight by Maggie Shayne

Bloodsuckers may be an accepted minority but one of them is getting away with murder. Until a female vamp teams with a mortal detective to end the killing spree. Now the night belongs to them—and so does every pleasure and danger lurking in the shadows.

Cimarron Spirit by Lori Herter

While excavating an Anasazi ruin, archeologist Annie Carmichael uncovers the resting place of a centuries-old vampire who finds in Annie the liberating mate he has longed for. But how much is Annie expected—or willing—to surrender for the man she now desires?

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Megzy says

Dark crime is a must read before Dark Carousel. I loved Blaze. Feehan doesn't have many badass females in her stories and majority of the most notable ones have been getting a novella instead of complete book. The events and characters in this story are crucial to understanding the Dark Carousel and the books that will follow.

Marta Cox says

I read this several months ago and as I'm reading an arc that links to these characters thought it about time to get my thoughts down.

Dark Crime

It's very hard to keep readers engaged as a series gets longer and it's a trap that many authors fall into. What worked so well in the beginning can become stale and readers constantly demand to be surprised. Ms Feehan's Dark series has been such an interesting one full of intense emotions, beautiful narrative and incendiary heat. This story is shorter than most and yet is still full of passion and a few surprises and of course there's that little thing of claiming a life mate!

I really liked the beginning of this story and felt so much empathy for the heroine Blaze whose life has been brutally changed forever. She deals with her grief by taking control of her own destiny but a chance call to a stranger sees yet another rock thrown her way and this time it's a landslide! The male who answers her call is Maksim and he's definitely not human he is Carpathian and now Blaze has fallen into his world and there's no way Maksim will ever let her leave.

Ms Feehan has somehow stepped away from her previous style and this felt far more modern with a fresh twist. If honest at first I didn't realise it was a Carpathian story and the plot was fuelled by unexpected alliances. Die hard fans will enjoy this but I think those who perhaps felt jaded might also see a fresh approach to tempt them back. I'm happy to report the story was not bogged down by excessive chanting (which many readers find repetitive) and as this story arc continues I know I will be back for more.

Dead by Twilight

A welcome return to this author's work for me and I'm still loving her take on vampire lore. I loved the idea that a reluctant vampire was refusing to be a predator and in point of fact is actually working in law enforcement to bring down the bad guys. Just how Chloe can do her job without revealing her secret is a mystery to me but until pushed to work with Shep she was doing an admirable job of concealing her darker nature. It's an entertaining story with fun, quirky interactions but there's the underlying sense of malice and danger that kept me turning the pages. There is chemistry between the couple but it's perhaps not as fiery as I wanted. Overall though I enjoyed this short story which kind of acts as a precursor for what's to come next.

Cimarron Spirit

This is quite a short read and it's by an author who is completely new to me. Our heroine is Annie an archeologist who whilst investigating ruins stumbles upon the find of the century, a vampire! Rafael de la Vega has waited a long time for someone to ease his lonely undead life and although at first he wants nothing more than to see the back of the meddling woman as he gets to know more about Annie it's clear that what they both feel could be so much more than mere attraction.

Now nothing is ever that simple and if it was where would the story be? You see Annie is caught up in the midst of the dreaded triangle as Brett who owns the land she digs on has proposed to her but is it love or just convenience? Annie proudly proclaims she is "her own woman" but can she make the right choice for

her? A life with a family in the sun or whatever a vampire can offer and then there's the slight problem of Rafaels past and it's a lot closer than Annie realises!

I must point out that I did feel this was very reminiscent of Ms Feehans work with similar names used and even shifting. I wonder if this was written possibly as a homage or even as fan fiction ? Either way it did for this reader end a touch abruptly and I would have liked a little bit more but as a quick read to while away an hour or so it hit the spot perfectly

I was gifted a copy from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

Cocktails and Books says

This review was originally posted on Cocktails and Books

Overall, this was a fun set to read. All of the stories involve vampires, so you get to stretch the imagination a little bit. Here are brief reviews of each story:

Dark Crime – 3.5 Cocktails

By far the longest of the stories in the collection, it is pretty close to a full length novel. I have not read the other books in the series this is a part of, but that was not a hindrance to enjoying this one. Dark Crime has an interesting concept and great characters. It also has a lot of sexy time, almost too much really, even though it did help cement the bond between the two main characters. My one complaint about the sexy time was that some of it felt repetitive, especially the wording chosen.

Dead by Twilight – 3.5 Cocktails

A novella that is really a lot of fun. Chloe is a completely different type of vampire and her story is an interesting twist to typical vampire stories – definitely worth checking out. There is some romance, but very little sexy time. I would have liked to have seen more of Chloe and Shep together.

Cimarron Spirit – 3

A sweet novella, but everything seemed a bit stiff. The way things were set up, you never really believed that Annie would choose Brent over Rafael, so it was hard to invest in parts of the story.

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Michelle the Romance Witch says

only read Dark Crime but it was pretty good with only a bit of the repetitive stuff that has been plaguing readers of feehan. overall 3.75 stars Mainly for Blaze and her kickassness

Louisa says

Really awesome anthology! I enjoyed all the stories, I read this for Dark Crime, but they were all so great!

Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

4 Dark Crime only Stars

First read October 01, 2015 reread March 13, 2016

Spoilers

I only read Dark Crime by Christine Feehan and I really liked it. In Dark Crime we meet two new people. Maksim Volkov is an ancient Carpathian who works with Tariq Aseguard. Blaze is his lifemate. Her father has been murdered. The murderers took their time breaking every bone in his body and tossed his dead body at Blaze's feet. She is going to kill everyone of them. Even if she has to die doing it. When she calls a business man that offered her father help, to tell him that she plans to kill the four men that murdered her father and that if she died, she was leaving her bar to him she didn't know it but that call changed everything. The man on the other line was her lifemate. I really liked both Maksim and Blaze. There was a lot going on in this book. A lot of sex too for a smaller book it was full of passion. I liked that we get to meet the new ancient that they save at the end of the book name Val. He was held prisoner for years, and tortured near death. I really want him to get a book soon. I also really liked the other plot around Blaze's sister(not blood sister) Emeline. I read on CF website that Emeline's book is coming soon and I can't wait!!!

Iris (Paranormal Cravings Book Reviews) says

Wow, What a great original anthology! Loved the DARK Series story from Christine that was almost half the book, Fell in love with Maggie and NEED to know more about her character Chloe added her to al my contact lists. Lori was a great final story but not the best. But what a listing to write a original anthology with. Think she did a OK job but of course hard to compete. I was not triggered to read more from her now but who knows

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Oh, I love a good vampire romance...

And this anthology has three of them! While very different, the tone and flavor share a similar theme; humans and vampires have an uneasy and varied relationship. I pounced on this set for the opportunity to read another *Dark* story by one of my favorite paranormal authors, as well as the chance to read a vamp story by authors I knew but hadn't realized they wrote such books.

***Dark Crime* by Christine Feehan**

Blaze loved her father and her sister-by-choice, Emeline. When she lost her beloved Dad, she could only focus on her need for revenge, *at any cost*. She knew about Maksim but had no idea how profoundly he was going to affect her life as he and his family joined hers to find justice...

If you have read any of the previous books in the *Dark* series, the Carpathian story is not a new one. What I found refreshing was the retelling and uniqueness of their romance while still artfully folding it into the larger story. The intensity between the two cannot be denied and the action is not for the faint-hearted. A bloody good story! ~ 4 stars

***Dead by Twilight* by Maggie Shayne**

Is your local policeman a member of the paranormal squad? Does she wear a tiara on her off time? The irony of working as a police officer, while routinely dispatching the evil of her kind, was not lost on Chloe. Shepherd didn't know she was a vamp when she saved him from what he thought was a vampire attack. Rubbing each other the wrong way from the get go, that doesn't stop them working well together when the two team up in a newly formed vamp task force. The question would become, how long would they resist each other and, oh, by the way, Chloe is a vampire as well...

This novella has all the elements of a satisfying paranormal story – action, intrigue, humor and, of course, love. 3.5 stars

***Cimarron Spirit* by Lori Herter**

This novella centers around Annie, an archaeologist, working on a site which just happens to be the long-time home of a local vampire. Supported by a local resident, along with his daughter, Annie is torn between the life she always thought she would have and a life that she could not have envisioned but felt she couldn't live without. Rafael is irresistible but that doesn't make the decision any higher especially when it's not just the two of them involved.

This one is short but sweet! ~ 3 stars

Overall, I was not disappointed in the blood-letting, the adventure or the romance in these very different but entertaining stories. ~ Diane, 4 *overall* stars

Steph says

so many fav authors in the one book

Mari says

3.75

I only read Dark Crime by Christine Feehan. I am so glad that the Carpathian plot settings are out of the jungle and thankfully I didn't have to read dozens of pages about attacking bugs. But Feehan still has a problem with giving her heroines decent names. This one was Blaze. I kept thinking of a horse. C'mon Christine....there are hundreds of good feminine names you can give your heroines. Just stop with these ridiculous heroine names that I wouldn't even give a dog. It takes away from the plot when the reader is distracted by your silliness.

I'm delighted that Feehan has finally decided to pursue the story arc about the physic women who are being hunted by both vampires and hunters. She opened this possibility up like 10 books ago, put Andre on the case then dropped the story arc and went off to play in the jungle, dragging her readers through bug hell. I felt as though the meat of the story was written previously. It read like the early Carpathian books. No bugs and no endless magical chants. There was action and suspense. I was loving it.

It was clear that a few sex scenes were added. Maybe to increase page count, I don't know. The long numerous sex scenes didn't add to the story, they were a distraction and I ended up paging forward to get back to the main plot. Authors take note...throwing in an extra sex scene or three does not always make your story better.

I keep telling myself that I'm done, done, done with anything Carpathian then I give in to the hope that maybe this time Feehan has written something great that will make me feel like I did when reading the first 10 books of the series. This one got me close to that feeling and I'm glad I gave in to temptation and read it.

Ms Feehan...give us a few books set back in civilization and get rid of those shards of Xavier.....it's just dumb. Xavier is dead, leave him dead. Cut back on the bugs and chants and most of all please stop giving your heroines bizarre names. Really, who would name a child Blaze?

This could have easily been a 4.5 read for me. Added to my favs and re-read pile but honestly the numerous lengthy out of place sex scenes and having to constantly read the name 'Blaze' was enough to drop it back to 3.75.

Darcy says

This review is only based on the story by Christine Feehan.

I liked Blaze, but thought that things progressed too quickly with Maksim. There was no build up, just let me help you, you are my lifemate, I claim you. What save this story for me was the action with Emmaline and the kids. It was interesting to see how the vampires have evolved and are trying to be more like they were before they went evil. I hope we get a book with Emmaline and how she finds a lifemate within the Carpathians.

Julia's Book Haven says

Ok I'll start by saying the my rating is only for Dark Crime by Christine Feehan. I'm not sure if I'll read the other stories in this one since I only picked it up for Dark Crime and the others ones don't really grab my interest. I'll update my review if I do decide to.

So, Dark Crime, I have to say you pleasantly surprised me with this one Christine Feehan. This is probably the most I've enjoyed a Dark book in awhile. After more than 25 books it's hard not feel that the books are a bit repetitive. This one though is like a breath of fresh air. The writing felt like it was more modern, and the story line was different and exciting without losing all the awesome parts we love about these books. We still have a major alpha male who will protect his lifemate at all costs, but I also felt like Maksim was edgier and more modern thinking than most of the other heroes in this series. He completely accepted Blaze for the warrior she was and believed in her right from the start. It was a relief because in the past the women who wanted to fight beside their men in this series had to fight tooth and nail to be able to. I have to say if this is what the rest of the books will be like then I have a new excitement to read them, I'm especially looking forward to Emeline's story which I hope will be told soon. It seemed like she was setting her up to get her own book, so I'm crossing my fingers. Looking forward to the next book in September to see if this is the direction the rest of the series is going to take!

Alex is The Romance Fox says

2,5 stars

I am not a fan of anthologies but I wanted to read Dark Crime by Christine Feehan – that's the only story I read.

This is the 27th book in the Dark Saga Series, which is one of my favorite PNR series.

The story begins with the heroine, Blaze, going full blast to kill her father's murderers and from there onwards, it just continues in the most fast-paced way ever. It's like Speed...nonstop!!

Maksim Volkov, an ancient Carpathian vampire has finally found his lifemate in Blaze.

So he helps Blaze find her father's killers, but before that?????

They have sex.....and then some more sex...and more sex....more sex.....and then off they go on the trail of the evil Malikov vampires, who have set up shop in Chicago, Illinois.

In between, we get to meet some new characters...Emmeline, Blaze's best friend and psychic, like Blaze, Tariq, Lojos, Thomas, Mataias and rescue a Carpathian male who has been held prisoner and tortured by the evil vampires for years.....

I wasn't sure about this story until the last couple of chapters, where we get a bit of Carpathian history, which was the best part of the book.....

Everything happened pretty fast in the just under 200 pages.....which I felt, too many were used up for the endless sex and sex.....and gosh....only Christine Feehan uses words like "channel" and "shaft"....

The ending isn't exactly a cliffhanger but it does leave it open for the next books on some of the characters who made appearances here.

I am waiting for Dark Ghost next...hopefully it's going to be a good one!!!!

MelissaB says

3.5 stars

Rating is for Christine Feehan's Dark series book only

Aly is so frigging bored says

this was kind of a disaster....

Bibliotecaria Recomienda says

Al filo de la oscuridad es una antología compuesta por los relatos cortos de tres grandes autoras del género paranormal-vampírico: Christine Feehan, Maggie Shayne y Lori Herter, que nos llega de manos de Titania. Cada una de estas autoras son ya consagradas en el género, con multitud de libros en su haber, aunque sus estilos son muy diferentes todos estos relatos tienen en común una cosa: los vampiros.

El relato de Christine Feehan pertenece a su saga Oscura, y el de Maggie Shayne a su saga Alas en noche: Renacido, Lori Herter a su saga Cimarrón. A pesar de pertenecer a diferentes series, no he tenido la sensación de perderme nada, así que creo que se pueden leer de manera independiente.

Al ser tres relatos diferentes os voy a ir reseñando cada título por separado.

Crimen oscuro. (Saga Oscura 23,5)

El padre de Blaze acaba de morir a manos de unos mafiosos que quieren apoderarse de todos los locales del barrio. Blaze sabe que lo más probable es que termine muriendo, pero se llevará a los responsables de la muerte de su padre por delante. Pero antes de que todo pase, contacta con un número de teléfono que su padre le había dejado por si alguna vez había problemas. Al hacer esa llamada un desconocido le ruega que espere refuerzos y no se ponga en peligro. De esa manera, Blaze conocerá a Maksim, un carpatiano que resultará ser su compañero de vida.

Quería un hombre también fuerte y seguro de sí, un hombre capaz de pelear como ella. Cuya fuerza se equiparará a la suya. No creía que existiera ese hombre, hasta que conoció a Maksim Volkov.

Este es el relato más largo de los tres con unas doscientas páginas divididas en dieciséis capítulos narrados en tercera persona. La autora sigue en la línea que caracteriza esta saga que cuenta ya con más de 30 títulos entre relatos cortos y novelas. Los chicos de Feehan siguen siendo machotes guerreros inmortales hastiados

de la vida que cuando encuentran a su compañera, son capaces de todo con tal de protegerla, aunque debo reconocer que Maksim es bastante flexible y deja que Blaze se defienda por sí misma e incluso lo defiende a él. Sus chicas son cada vez más luchadoras y no tiernas florecillas que se rompen si las miran y eso me encanta.

De este relato me ha encantado la acción, Blaze es una guerrera y eso se nota, no se arredra ante nada aunque sepa que sus acciones pueden llevarla a la muerte. Lo que no me ha gustado tanto es los capítulos enteros de sexo sin fin, entiendo que la atracción entre ambos es muy fuerte y sea lo que necesiten para sellar su unión, pero narrarlo durante capítulos enteros me parece excesivo y llega a ser aburrido, por lo demás la historia me ha atrapado y la he disfrutado mucho.

Muerte al anochecer. (Saga Alas de la noche: Renacido 03,5)

La noche de su baile de graduación fue la última para Chloe Madison y su familia. Un vampiro los atacó y la convirtió en vampira. Ahora años después ha aprendido a sobrevivir y mezclarse con los humanos y sobre todo mantenerse apartada de los vampiros a los que tanto odia. Su trabajo como policía le permite vigilar las calles y defender a los inocentes de los vampiros malvados. Así será como conocerá a Sheperd Daniels, un policía encargado de la nueva Unidad de Delitos Vampíricos que será su jefe y nuevo compañero.

Nos encontramos un mundo donde los vampiros son conocidos, aunque no aceptados, nuestra protagonista odia a su raza por haber sido convertida en contra de su voluntad, pasa desapercibida y nadie de su entorno sabe que es un vampiro, por lo que al tener un nuevo compañero su secreto peligra, Sheperd también odia a los vampiros, por lo que ocultarle su secreto cuando investigan a un vampiro asesino en serie va a ser complicado.

Este relato forma parte de la saga **Alas en la noche: Renacido**, una especie de spin-off de la saga **Alas en la noche**. Tiene unas ochenta páginas, divididas en nueve capítulos y narradas en primera persona por Chloe, por lo que veremos como nuestra protagonista siente y vive su obligada vida como vampiro.

Esta es la historia que más me ha gustado, aunque en algunas partes me dejó con la sensación de dejar algunos cabos sueltos, es lo que suele pasar con los relatos cortos, va todo muy deprisa y se suele dejar cosas en el aire. No sé si tendrá relación con las anteriores o si continuará en posteriores libros, pero la historia me ha parecido muy interesante y me ha enamorado el universo creado por Maggie y espero seguir disfrutándolo en el futuro.

Espíritu de cimarrón. (Saga Cimarrón 01)

Annie Charmichael es una arqueóloga que está iniciando una investigación sobre una antigua tribu indio-americana, se ha tomado un año sabático para poder trabajar en las ruinas anasazi, y durante su exploración conocerá a Rafael de la Vega el enigmático vecino de Brent, su anfitrión. Annie se aloja en la finca de Brent y su hija Zoe, su relación con Brent es de una amistad madura y tranquila, lo que llevará a Brent a proponerle matrimonio a Annie.

El grueso de la historia es la relación que Annie establece con Rafael y la lucha interna de Annie: por un lado el tener una vida como mortal junto a Brent y Zoe, por otro ceder a sus deseos y vivir la vida que Rafael le ofrece.

Este relato consta de ochenta páginas divididas en trece capítulos narrados en tercera persona. Esta es la que menos me gustó de las tres, me pareció demasiado simple, más propia del estilo de novela de los ochenta que de una novela escrita apenas hace unos años. La protagonista me pareció demasiado sosa e insustancial y él demasiado resignado y sufrido. A pesar de que es el que menos me gustó de los tres no rechazaría leer la siguiente entrega de la saga para saber que pasa con Annie y Rafael en el futuro.

En definitiva, *Al filo de la oscuridad* es una antología que reúne tres relatos de tres grandes autoras con estilos muy diferentes, pero llenos de acción, sensualidad y romance entre vampiros y humanos, que será del agrado de los amantes del género paranormal.

Le doy un 3,5/5.

Reseña en: <https://bibliotecariarecomienda.blogs...>

Edwina " I LoveBooks" "Deb" says

SENSUAL, EROTIC AND ACTION PACKED!!

This review is for "Dark Crime" by Christine Feehan only. I am not interested in reading the other short stories. That being said, Dark Crime has a bit of a twist too it. Taken place in the U.S, I think I was a bit confused at first because initially I thought this was going to be Tariq Asenguard's story. It wasn't it was an unfamiliar character to the Dark series Maksim Volkov and his newly found Lifemate Blaze. Dark Crime has that gangster storyline. With the gangsters killing people to take over there property. This happens to Blaze. Her father was viciously beaten and tortured to death by what appears to be a gang of thugs The Hallahan Brothers. The leader of the gang is the mysterious Reginald Coonan. Readers of the Dark series will understand what's going on right away. I am not sure that people who haven't read the Dark series will get what's really happening until further in the story. Basically the last we heard of Tariq, and the triplet brothers Mathais, Tomas and Lojos was back in the Carpathian Mountain. They have been sent to find any women on the list of Physics that they have. Women with Psychic gifts can be converted into Lifemate's to a Carpathian without turning them vampire., but she must be the other half of the Carpathians males soul the one chosen for him for all time. Maksim finds his lifemate in Blaze and they all set out to destroy the Hallahan brothers and the leader Reginald Coonan. There is lots of action, fight scenes. I didn't like the fact that the Carpathians just don't seem to be as smart or as strong as the Vampire. They take quite the beating before they defeat the Master Vampire and his Puppets. The Romance between Maksim and Blaze is very erotic as all Carpathian and Lifemate romances are. There is another character I am interested in learning more about. She is a Psychic Emeline Sanchez and has grown up with Blaze like a sister. I hope we find out who her Lifemate is in future books. The story is good enough for a Short story if you are a fan of the Dark series I would recommend you read it. If not I am just not sure it's a Stand Alone, to many important facts are missing. About who and what the Carpathians are and what's going on in their immortal world. I would Highly Recommend you read the entire Dark series. it's a Great Series 26 books spanning about 16 years. I read them as soon as they are released and re read them once a year.

Cerera says

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Elfina Renee says

Just for the record I only read Dark Crime by Christine Feehan. I've been a huge fan of the Dark series for so long my only interest was in that story, so onto the review. Notice I've given this three stars... yes I was slightly disappointed, the author can't please everyone. For starters Blazes comes across as strong independent woman, she has a plan, a single minded focus and is more then ready to take action, hence where my problem begins. Maksim the Carpathian jackass settles into her life, then the dictation begins. Sure...sure it comes off as subtle, you know lying by omission, withholding facts, binds her spirit to his even then doesn't give the heads up as to what is going on and Blazes is okay with this? I kept waiting for the badass female to bust a move, go all Jackie Chan. But no she thinks with her vagina as if that doesn't get a lot of us women into trouble and he does whatever the hell he wants. Call me crazy (okay Elfina your ass is crazy) but when a man right from the get go becomes all possessive, handsy and outright dictating, do we ever listen? Hell to fucking no! So why in tarnations is this character so passive? I expected more of a fight from her, so yeah she lost major brownie points. So that's it, now I'm onto the next in the sequel...Enjoy!

Msky chick says

Dark Crime by Christine Feehan 1-1/2 stars
