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Ice Man KyAnn Waters Book 1 in the Blood Slaves series. Feeding and sex go hand in hand when you're a blood slave to a vampire. It's like a drug and Rowan is hooked. With the vampire Theron, Rowan has never wanted for more than his next fix. Until he meets Brett. Brett is hot, the sex is incredible-and he's human. Brett is looking for kinky sex when he goes to the Catacombs, an exclusive fetish club for men. Flair bartender Rowan, also known as Ice Man, is sexy and mysterious. Brett isn't ready to complicate his life with a lover outside the Catacombs and Rowan isn't interested in club-scene sex, but coming together and giving in never felt so good. Rowan's dark secret could destroy everything. He must never allow Brett to learn of his symbiotic relationship with the vampire. He has to choose-tell Brett the truth or remain a blood slave. Either way, he can only hope Brett will trust in love enough to forgive him.

## Ice Man Details

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## **From Reader Review Ice Man for online ebook**

### **Heather Major says**

This is the first book I have read by this author. The book was a good read. Very fast paced and easy to follow. If you are a fan of vampires and gay romance you will probably enjoy this book.

Rowan is a blood slave for a very old and powerful vampire. This arrangement has worked well for Rowan over the years, if it hadn't been for Theron Rowan would have probably died on the streets. Now he has a great job he loves, a nice home and car and a powerful and sexy vampire who craves him blood and body. He never knew he wanted anything more until the night Brett walked into the sex club where Rowan bartends. The attraction is immediately mutual, Rowan has never felt this way about any of the club members and has even been titled 'Ice Man' for his lack of interest in the members and their numerous offers.

Brett isn't looking for anything, just needing to blow off some steam. He has just recently divorced after living a life of lies. He isn't completely out to everyone in his life so for now a casual hook up is all he is interested in, until the moment Rowan kisses him. Sparks fly and all bets are off.

Rowan and Brett fall fast and hard for each other but Rowan is keeping part of his life a secret. How can he expect to keep Brett as long as he is a blood slave for Theron and would he even believe Rowan if he tried to describe the world he is living in.

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### **Karen Roma says**

2 1/2 star review.....

I'm a huge fan of Vampire stories, but my first read by KyAnn Waters is average at best; and while the passion between the main couple is definitely explosive, the story as a whole felt lacking.

Maybe the length prevented the author from going more into depth about the characters and their decision making process; food for thought in future books. That said, I will give this series another go and see if the next instalment has more to offer.

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### **Breann says**

Insta-love. Sex. That is all.

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### **Jane says**

Just read this and really enjoyed it. Wouldn't mind reading more in this series. It's a fresh take on the vampire/human slave trope and the conflict Rowan feels when he falls in love with a human who doesn't even know vampires exist was well handled.

I loved the bit where Brett's trying to put up a sling in his apartment and realizes he needs building maintenance to help; that was a great dash of realism and humor.

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### **Dre says**

This one certainly started off with a bang. I love when books start off with sex. At least then I know if the sex is going to be hot or not or if it's going to be fade to black.

I'm usually leery of shorts since they tend to feel rushed and they typically involve insta-love, but I didn't feel either of those things in this one. I felt a real connection between Rowan and Brett, and their chemistry was off the charts. The only thing keeping me from giving this 5 stars was the ending. It didn't feel rushed, but I was upset with Tac/Theron for forcing Rowan into something he didn't want. He seemed to really care about Rowan, as much as a vampire can care about someone anyway, through the entire book, but that decision made me think he didn't care at all. I also felt like some things still needed to be answered, and maybe they are in the next book, but I wanted to know what Brett decided about the blood slave/vampire thing. It did end happily, but I wanted to know more than the ending gave us.

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### **poppy says**

A great story i really liked Rowan and Brett and enjoyed getting to know them.A super book that's well written with super characters cant wait to read more

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### **Karen K says**

**\*\*4.5\*\***

I loved this story and most especially Rowan with all his want and need and confusion and angst. I never expected to fall for him so hard in the beginning but by the end I was rooting for him to have everything he wanted.

This was a different kind of love story and a different kind of vampire story than I'd read before and I really enjoyed the plot and characters. It was well-written and I think that's why the abundance of sex didn't irritate me like it does in some shorter books - don't get me wrong, I like sex in my books but it has to be intertwined in a good story and definitely was in this case. I'm on to then next in the series.

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### **Betryal says**

4.5 star rating.

Contrary to what I believed this book had no BDSM. I nice switch in the vampire world with blood slaves and I instantly took a liking to Rowan. It's just too damn bad that in order for Rowan to find the love he looked for, hoped for with Brett he had to make an ultimate sacrifice in order to obtain it. But not by his

choosing. See what and why. I was intrigued.

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## **Morgan Skye says**

I'm going to just say this isn't what I was expecting, and it didn't work for me, but that doesn't mean it's not a good story.

First, it's very dark and the relationship Theron and Rowan share is disconcerting at best and affected my enjoyment of the rest of the story.

Second, there's a TON of sex in this – and that's great if that's what you're in the mood for.

Third, I did like the HFN/HEA that we get at the end – Rowan does finally make some changes that lead to him and Brett having a more “healthy” relationship but – for me – it was a bit “day late, dollar short” kind of feeling.

This is the beginning of a series, and though it looks like each book has it's own MCs, perhaps the bond between Rowan and Brett gets seen in a better light? I'm not sure. In any case, though this isn't exactly BDSM, it was too --- much--- for me.

While I can't recommend it, I'm not going to give it a bad rating – I'll settle for a 3 of 5 stars because the writing was good and the story interesting, the romance just wasn't strong enough for me.

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## **Tina says**

Ice Man starts off the series Blood Slaves by author Kyann Waters. This book was previously published and I cannot see any significant changes to the original work.

This book really sets us up into the world of blood slaves and vampires. There is quite a bit of information that will carry on in other books. I liked that though there is a ton of information, the story itself did not suffer for it. Nice arc to the story and solid writing. Always a plus when I am reading a book.

The love story itself is rather complicated in this story.

Rowan owes his vampire Theron a lot. Without him he would have been dead. He is a very willing blood slave. But what happens when a blood slave falls for someone who isn't the vampire they are feeding?

Theron has strong feelings for Rowan. But Rowan his heart is taken by Brett.

Brett is a anything goes type of guy. Rowan is the bartender at the catacombs. Brett wants him but Rowan isn't sure he can handle just what really goes on in the basement.

These two walk a fine line for most of the book. It is fun to see the entire love story unfold and learn about some exceptionally gifted vampires.

When you want a paranormal with a ton of twists and turns in it this is the story to pick up.

Five Shooting Stars

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## Diane Dannenfeldt says

The story was too short and the insta love didn't feel real. To meet someone and almost immediately walk away from the person you were with for seven years just did sit right with me. I think that whole exchange could have been done better. I laughed when Brett called for maintenance to come install the swing that was funny. I had issues with barebacking without any discussion between Rowan and Brett. You've known each other less than 24 hours and Rowan you decide to throw away your humanity after saying no for 7 years. That was dumb. But I can see the start of a lasting relationship here. I feel sorry for Tac.

ARC rec'd from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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## ? percy ♡ says

\*smacks head against wall\* it's official. a witch has put a Bad Book Curse on me. ~~(he says, after reading like three bad books. i'm getting melodramatic. this is what happens when you listen to copious amounts of morrissey.)~~

i was looking forward to this one, because vampires!! gay sex!! they're two of my favourite things, there's no way this could go wrong!!

incorrect.

the focus in the book was on rowan, human blood-slave to a vampire, and a guy he falls in love with called brett. except, he can't be with brett because of his possessive asshole of a vampire master. this did not float my boat for many reasons, one of the main ones being that i was expecting a book about vampires. this was more like your average m/m contemporary drama romance with vampires thrown in as an afterthought. it's not really a *vampire book*. i feel like the vampire aspect was just there to spice it up a little (dare i say... vamp it up a little?), but sadly, there was not enough vampire action to salvage the thin characters, thin plot, thin everything.

alright, so it's an erotica. maybe i shouldn't be expecting a lot. but still, erotica or no, flat narrative and flat characters are unforgivable in any genre. sorry. i would probably have liked this a lot more if the focus was on *the actual vampires*. and if the writing was better. (i swear, the same words were repeated over and over again and it was driving me crazy. like twilight and edward's fucking endless "snickering".)

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## Furio says

This is a thing I often say but somehow this time it is a particular disappointment.

It is not easy to step into this subgenre, M/M vampire, that has been inflected in every possible way. Yet, without even trying to invent anything new, Ms Waters manages to create a maintain a narrative steam that is not everywhere to be found. The usual vampire/human interaction is interesting and when it comes to sex and love it becomes sizzling.

All this bespeak an uncommon writing talent.

Unfortunately talent must be flanked by skill as well.

First this novel is far too short and leaves about half of his potential in the pages which have not been written. There is an irritating tendency to overdescribe; some inconsistencies and several clumsy turns of phrase are just as irritating but not as much as the paragraph's division which is so ill done as not to allow to understand who is speaking/thinking/doing what during interactions, when POV shifts constantly without the reader being able to grasp it.

The same obviously mars the sexual encounters: not only what the characters actually do to each other sometimes read a bit hard to achieve but sometimes one also does not understand who is doing what to the other.

So much more the pity...

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### **P Leslie says**

\*I voluntarily read a review copy of this book. All opinions stated are solely my own and no one else's\*

3.5 stars

This was an intriguing yet enjoyable erotic read.

Ronan is instantly attracted to Brett but being a blood slave to a possessive vampire makes things more complicated. Will Ronan find a way to be with Brett?

The chemistry between Brett and Ronan was explosive. They complemented each other really well. At times, the story felt rushed especially, towards the end. This was a short, well written book and the characters were developed quite well despite its length.

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### **Laura Nelson (Tangents and Tissues) says**

I don't know about the Ice Man, but I sure melted \*gulps\* Anyone else feeling the heat? \*looks around\* No? Sorry, must just be me then \*winks\*

As a PNR-loving reader, I'm always on the lookout for a new take on vampire mythology. My only grumble with this story was that it was over much too quickly for my liking, but as you know, I'm greedy like that \*shrugs\* I literally devoured this story, and felt a little bereft at the end. I didn't want to leave this new world I had discovered. Well, who would? Smoking-hot guys, kinky \*whistles\*... need I go on?

All it takes is one look across the bar for Rowan's life to be turned upside down. And, let me tell you, that is saying something coming from this bartender who works in a fetish club, and also just happens to be a blood slave to a very powerful vampire \*snorts\*

Rowan knows his attraction to Brett is a complication he could do without. Especially, considering his pesky addiction to Theron's blood kiss, but he's finally found something and someone he wants for his own.

Brett was just looking for some fun – of the adult kind. Only, it looks like he might have finally found the one thing that has eluded him in his life so far; the love of a good man.

The connection between Rowan and Brett was palpable. These two together are sizzling, a.k.a. fried brain cells \*smirks\* I had everything crossed, that when push came to shove, they would make the right decisions.

I freely admit that Theron fascinates me – I need to know more about what makes this vampire tick. It looks like I have a new obsession...

Note: Copy kindly received from publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

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