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# From Reader Review Real Vampires Know Size Matters for online ebook

## Theresa says

Just when Glory's got Jerry back, an old girlfriend shows up wanting him back and is willing to use voodoo to keep him, willingly or not. I had a hard time deciding how I felt about this one, so this review was hard to write. So the easy stuff first.

Through this whole series, Glory has been on the go nonstop. It's a good thing she's forced to sleep from sunrise to sunset or she'd be busy 24/7 and never get any rest. Between running a business, coping with mentoring a newbie vamp and two other roommates, a crazy ex and a meddlesome mother, having a possible singing career pushed on her and tons of little stuff, it's a good thing she doesn't have to breathe. That's part of the reason these reviews are getting so long.

We've seen three newbie vamps in this series: Lucky, Ray and Sienna. All three were accidents. All three have a difficult time. All four handled it different and became different people as a result. We already know about Lucky. She the reason vamps have a bad rep and I personally hope she gets taken out by the ancient vamps.

Ray just bounces back and forth. He's another self-centered newbie. He was already too into himself, becoming a vamp just made it worse. Glory's better off without him.

I like Sienna and hope she really gets revenge on Ray. But she's also a newbie. It's a whole new ball game. She needs to pay attention to someone who's got some vampire experience and listen to them. I'm glad Glory was able to talk her out of her stupidity before it got her killed. She definitely a better roommate than Aggie.

Aggie's not a newbie vamp, but this is a new life for her. She definitely needs to get over herself and think of others. Glory did the right thing for her: tough love. Hopefully Miguel can handle her and she'll be out of the picture. Of course having Glory's conniving mom working behind the scenes didn't help.

Here's the hard part. There's two main storylines: the voodoo ex and the singing career. Both are chaotic and confusing. Each have enough problems to have been a book in themselves but too mix them together make some parts just don't feel connected right, which just takes away from the good parts of each. Both storylines are wrapped together like Gordian knot, so that by the end we're too confused to remember what happened. The singing career part is probably the most interesting and enjoyable, for me anyway.

But come on now, this woman Mel is completely delusional. She's insisting that Jerry was hers first before Glory took him away from her, but Glory and Jerry have been together for centuries. I think she probably started delving in into the dark side of voodoo to help with the motivational seminar success, then it started ping-ponging back in forth until she fell into the abyss. I hope some of her clients didn't get involved in the bad voodoo, but at least her life advice seems to be working for them, so she's done some good.

At first Jerry reactions and denials about Mel are confusing and don't always match. In one scene he's saying it couldn't be her and then he's admitting that what Mel did was a death threat. (Is it a spell or just male stupidity?). He flip-flops on what to do so he basically runs away, then he can't stand to be away so he sneaks back, then he tries to fake Mel out. He just runs around thinking off the top of his head. Glory seems

to do all the work. Her connections to other voodoo practitioners and in Olympus solve the whole problem.

Quick thoughts: 1)I love Jerry's attitude during the Ray/Sienna confrontation.

2)The Mars/Loa connection while helpful and interesting, seemed like a quick fix.

Fave scenes: Lacy and the rats, Glory's singing debut, Periplaneta americana, Jerry landing in the swamp while on the phone and the proposa

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## **Laura Brusuelas says**

Vampires really do have the same problems humans have in this fun packed paranormal adventure of chaos and sorcery. Gloria St. Clair, a centuries old vampire loves her life. She loves her job at her vintage clothing shop, her boyfriend, Jeremiah Campbell, who is also a centuries old vampire. Of course, she also loves all her paranormal friends that consist of other vampires, shape-shifters, were-cats and werewolves. Gloria can't think of anything she would like better than to spend all of her days in the life she has made for herself, that is until her boyfriend's past mistress starts to create enough chaos to make her regret her "mediocre" life.

Gerry Bartlett shares with her readers a story of unforgiveable trespasses and what a woman will do to make sure that no other woman, not even one with the taboo mystical powers of voodoo, can break the solid bond between two lovers destined to be together. As icing to the cake, knowing that Gloria St. Clair is a vampire just adds to the suspense of turning page after page to find out what she will do next but to find out that she is the daughter of the Gods of Olympus, now that is a whole new intriguing pocketful of adventure too!

What would you do to save the love of your life? How far would you go? Would you interrupt the balance of life? Would you fight off zombies? Would you risk your life in favor of theirs? Gerry Bartlett shows us that Gloria St. Clair knows that **REAL VAMPIRES KNOW SIZE MATTERS** when she faces each arrow thrown at her to save the man she loves before he disappears forever.

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## **Sophia says**

I'm always a sucker for humor and blend that with urban fantasy and I will rush to pick it up. The Glory St. Claire series was no exception. Glory is your every day woman vampire whose a bit of a softie and has a confusing romantic life. Both traits manage to land her in trouble more often than not and it takes a bit of luck and help from her friends to save the day. Light and humorous urban fantasy that reads like 'day-time drama, cozy read, and paranormal comedy' all mixed together.

Real Vampires Know Size Matters is book ten in the Glory St. Claire series. It's probably not a good place to start for new readers, but I will admit to skipping several books in the series and doing alright. I read the first four and set aside book five (more on that later), but anyhow, yes, one could read this one after getting that far because there are some 'catch the reader up' moments when characters bring up the past.

The story opens with Glory happier than ever about finally having things settled between her and Jerry, but

her happiness is tinged with a spot of trouble from an ex of Jerry's that has gone all voodoo priestess stalker gal on Glory. The woman is determined to ruin Glory and drive her into giving up Jerry. Jerry has told the woman that he isn't into her and he is back with Glory and Glory is it for him, but Mel still persists. Glory let's doubt creep in whether Jerry is really over the woman and can't help getting stirred up that he was with such a gorgeous put together woman even if she has a crazy stalker side. And she definitely worries that Jerry underestimates Mel and somehow the woman has a spell on him.

Meanwhile, Ray accidentally loses control while drinking from his co-singer, Sienna, and Glory has to come and change over Sienna to save her life. If getting a new vamp adjusted whose angry about her transition isn't enough, Glory is climbing the walls because of her irritating roommate the siren turned mortal, Aggie, now taking her stinking life issues out on Glory and anyone else. Rafe's back to being bodyguard while the dangerous ex is on the prowl and Ian seems more than casually interested in a spellbook Glory has. Glory's mom won't keep pestering her about her life and it's all starting to hit at once. Something's got to give and it may be Glory.

This one is a typical Glory situation. She has a laundry list of things that need her attention and most of it is due to her taking pity or going soft when someone else screws up and she feels she has to help fix it. And, if it's not that, she manages to drama up her love life even if it seems like it should be settled by now. This was definitely the book of the exes both Jerry's and Glory's though Glory likes to pretend it's all on Jerry.

It's been many months since I picked up a book from this series. I really loved book one. The next few were good, but certain issues kept cropping back up. So, I stopped reading at book five. I had this later book from the series on my shelf so I figured I'd give it a go and see if maybe moving ahead would take care of some of the stuff that was bugging me.

Nope, the stuff that troubled me was mostly still there (to be fair, her fixation on her weight and looks was toned down and that was good).

Even in a fun and light series like this one, I still want to see a character come into their own and grow and I also want to see a long time building romance grow and mature.

But the thing is, other than a few tweaks to setting, I could have been reading the same book I put down. Ten books in and it's still drama central with Glory and the gang minus the danger of the villains in the first few books.

And that brings me to the plot. There is no true conflict in this installment. This was a bland story. It's a string of petty annoyances for the most part with some occasional laughs. I think a fan of the series would probably keep going to see how some of the loose plot threads turn out, but for me, this book did not encourage me to want to see what comes next.

In summary, this was a moderately enjoyable book. The humor is a great addition and I do love the world and the characters even if the plot didn't pull me in. Though this wasn't my thing, it might work for others. I do think those who enjoy the lighter cozy-style urban fantasy should give it a go.

My thanks to Penguin Group for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Kathy Bryson says**

The dangers of loving a vampire ratchet up to a whole new level in this installment of Real Vampires.

Glory's protege Ray accidentally converts his singing partner Sienna and Blade's former flame has become an obsessive stalker. Glorianna St. Clair, however, is coming into her own and can deal with their situations though a spoiled former Siren and an impatient Olympian goddess aren't exactly helping. She may not even need the stalker's self-help seminar!

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### **Fatima Chunara says**

Laugh out Loud brilliance.

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### **Booklover Butterfly says**

The Glory St. Clair series has always been light and fun, and this instalment was no exception. Glory, a plus size vampire, is comical and entertaining, and her love life is often fairly steamy. My slight issue is that I feel like the series has reached its peak and is now heading downhill a bit. I think we have been on enough adventures with Glory that it would be safe to wrap up the series. Over the last couple books in the series, it has been made clear who Glory wants to be with romantically, and Glory herself has been well explored as a character. I don't think there is much room for development of the characters or the overall story anymore. It is just starting to feel a little dragged out. Real Vampires Know Size Matters was a fun, enjoyable read, and I still intend to read whatever comes next in the series. I just hope things reach a final conclusion soon because it is past time it did.

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### **Cindy says**

Poor Glory! Gloriana St. Clair and Jeramiah Campbell have finally reached a point in their very long lives where the planets are aligned perfectly for the love they have for each other. Jerry is not with another woman and Glory knows there is no other who can make her as happy as Jerry can. But when an old love of Jerry's enters the picture by making trouble for Glory's Vintage Vamp clothing store and setting Zombies behind her home to eat her, will Jerry finally admit he's let one psycho too many into his life? Glory wants no problems with this voodoo priestess but has finally had enough. Battling for the love she cannot do without against an all powerful woman who wants to see Glory dead will come against a wall that no one saw coming. Glory is glorious...everyone who meets and gets to know her know how much joy Glory gives to all in her presence. But don't push Glory too far...she has a surprise or two to unleash. I adore a real sized vamp and the men who freely admit they love her too!

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### **Cindy says**

Gloriana St. Clair is back to helping everyone out in this book but, is becoming her own woman. She is growing as a more resilient person. She has chosen to be with Blade and is trying to make the best of things. Until Ray decides to go a little too far and nearly kill Sienna Star his duet singer and lover. But as usual Glory is there to help. Glory has to yet again, clean up someone else's mess. So not only is Glory dealing with a new vampire but an ex pain in the butt siren and now a voo doo priestess. It seems that Glory is the one thats so reliable that everyone is having her clean up their messes. But I

think (hope) that this will not be continuing in the next book.

I really enjoy this series. But as it says in the book. I just wish Glory was not everyones "door mat". She is a character that was written as strong and can handle anything that comes her way. Only now she seems to be a woman that has lost that part of her character. I hope that Glory finds her way back to her old self.

This book will keep you hoping thats for sure. Some Rock Stars to Voo Doo. You never know where Gerry Bartlett's great stories will take you.

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### **Chelsey Wolford says**

I have only read a few of the books in this series. I hope to start picking more of them up soon because I have not read one that was not fun and entertaining yet. The newest book in Bartlett's series is just as humor and action-packed as the rest of them. Glory St. Clair gets a run for her money when a beautiful voodoo priestess, who used to date Glory's longtime lover, shows up with evil spirits right by her side. Glory realizes she will have to defend herself and her man!

Even though I have only read a few of the books in this series, I realize that they all have things in common: they make me laugh. There are so many humorous situations and punch lines that I could not help but read until I was finished with the entire book. We are even introduced to new characters in this book and run into all types of mythical, magical beings. Gerry Bartlett keeps Glory and her gang on her toes constantly and you just never know what types of twists and turns will be thrown in the path!

I still enjoyed this book, even though I have not read every one that has been released. I will say that I do think it would help if I could go back and read all of them. I think that the world and all the deities would make a lot more sense then. The books can still be read and understand just fine, which says something for Bartlett's writing skills! If you need a good taste of the paranormal world, then pick up the latest in this series today!

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### **Nikki says**

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so its taken me awhile for me to read since I was having issues with the first edition Nook it wouldn't let me get past the first page in chapter one. :(

So I've been reading it on my laptop and I just finished the book and I'm in ♥

I mean come on I got Blade,Rafe and Ray and a side of Ian make a girl drool why don't cha!

Loved that glory got her voice back and can't wait to see how everything plays out can't wait for the next book!!!!

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### **Darcy says**

I really need to stop reading this series, they seem to have the same stick book after book. I am tired of the whole Glory/Blade relationship drama, Glory really needs to decide. I'm also getting tired of Glory thinking that she needs to save everyone who comes across her path.

I get why she wanted to help Ray at the start of the book. I can also see why she needed to follow up with things because Ray totally cocked things up. It's just too bad that Sienna is a nut case. I was almost glad when she took a step too far, she needed to get a reality check with her new world.

I'm glad that Glory did something about Aggie finally, but feel like she was manipulated into it and doesn't realize it. There along with a couple of other times it seems like Glory's mother was there to egg her on and not in a good way. I feel like the the new vampire hanging around Glory took advantage of her when he got her drunk.

With the last few words of the book, it looks like finally, some of my problems are about to be resolved, so maybe I'll check out the next one.

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### **Willow Salix says**

This series used to be good, but then I felt like the author tried to get too clever and add too much mythology from other thibsg and it all got a bit convoluted and ridiculous.

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### **Shweta Choudhary says**

It has gotten a little boring and slow. But I will keep reading this because I loved this series. And I want to know the end!

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### **Michelle says**

Another fun, funny, sexy read in the *Glory St. Clair* series. Because we are ten books in I do not recommend starting with this book, Real Vampires Know Size Matters. There are too many reoccurring characters and earlier story lines being told that it wouldn't be easy to jump in here. But for fans like myself who have been here since the beginning, this was such a joy to read! Answers were given, action, smexy times, it had it all. I



love that Glory is coming in to her own and gaining confidence when previously she played the damsel in distress. Because this story did end on a bit of a cliffhanger I'm really hoping there's more to come but at the time of writing this I'm not seeing what's coming next from Gerry Bartlett. Fun read!

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### **Alex says**

[Glory accepting Blade's proposal seems like it could be the end, but then she threw in the stuff about Miguel's heritage so now I'm not sure. (hide spoiler)]

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