Synopsis

Things have taken a darker turn for the half-human teenager with an appetite for blood. Joss, a vampire slayer and Vladâ€™s former friend, has moved back to Bathory. A mysterious and powerful new vampire, Dorian, appears with a shocking secret and an overwhelming desire to drink Vladâ€™s blood. And Vladâ€™s arch enemy, Dâ€™Ablo, has a sinister plan to eliminate Vlad once and for all. With death threatening from every angle, Vlad will have to use every ounce of his skill and training to survive, but nothing can prepare him for what awaits him in the end. Watch a Video

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Wow! This was awesome. I have followed the series since the beginning and this sequel does not disappoint. I read the entire thing in about four hours (with frequent pauses near the end so as to draw out the end). Vlad has more problems than your average teen. His former best friend Joss wants to slay him, the former head of the Vampire Council D'Ablo wants to stab him, a new mysterious vampire wants to bite him, Eddie wants to alert the world to his existence, his former girlfriend Meredith wants to know why he was so cruel to her, and his drudge Snow wants to be more than just a delicious cheesburger to him. Heather’s ability to keep multiple plot points in the air
and still draw out an entire year of Vlad’s junior year life is awesome. If you are new to the series, buy Eight Grade Bites first and enjoy the ride! If you read the others in the series, don't stop now!

When I read the description of this book I thought that it would be boring, and that it would be the worst in the series SO WRONG! This book was the -best- in my view, it didn’t lead up to events totally randomly, and it makes you want to read more and more. AND THE ENDING, I want to know what happens in the next book so badly! Such a good ending.

My oldest son, who is now 20, started with these books when he was in Middle School and he loved them. That was no shock to me since he loved to read. However, my youngest son, who refuses to read ANYTHING and is now in Middle School-- who won't even read a cereal box -- has suddenly fell in love with this series. He even asked me to order two more books-- which I did. Please let me stress-- my son would not read a dang thing!!!!! And now, is so caught up in these books, he chose to read last night instead of watching TV. INSTEAD OF TV!!!!! I hope the Author takes that to heart. That she inspired a 13 year old to read on his own and actually IMAGINE the character and story-- something he has never been able to do before. So for that, this mother thanks you!

Oh my god! I loved this book. It’s fast paced, witty, and sure to keep you on the edge of your seat with a surprise ending that leaves you begging for more!

Vlad Tod is finally a junior in high school, which should be a good thing for our favorite teen vampire, right? Unfortunately, he’s got a lot on his plate right now: he’s broken up with his girlfriend (so what if it’s for her own good?), he’s got a sort-of relationship with the girl from whom he’s been drinking, his uncle is likely to be put on trial for killing another vampire, and oh, yeah, Joss, his former friend-who-is-really-a-vampire-slayer? He’s back in town. Things aren’t going so well. At the time when a lot of series start to either tire out or lose steam, Heather Brewer’s Vlad Tod vampire series is definitely getting better and better. Vlad’s a very conflicted young man, yet he’s also a typical teen in many ways. When he watches Meredith, his former girlfriend, become interested in Joss, his heart shreds; when he kisses Snow (the goth girl from whom he’s been drinking), he longs for her while knowing he still loves Meredith. And Vlad still thinks there is something good in Joss, even if it seems the slayer is determined to kill him... but it may just take the death of one or the other for Vlad to find out. Lots and lots of action fills Eleventh Grade Burns, and new vampires are introduced who bring Vlad more information about both his parents and his future as the fabled
Pravus. Brewer gives this entry a very dark tone, but it suits the situations well. And that cliffhanger ending? Killer, just killer. This series is just getting better and I’m so glad to be along to see how it all plays out.

These days, life is a mixed bag for Vladimir Tod. On the one hand, his beloved Uncle Otis is staying in Bathory this year, so Vlad will finally have him around when he needs him. Then again, the reason Uncle Otis is hanging around is that the Elysian Council will be trying him for crimes against vampire-kind. And it’s not like Uncle Otis isn’t guilty. Sure, he committed the crimes to save Vlad from the insanely evil D’Ablo, who wants to steal Vlad’s Pravus powers, but vampires aren’t that big on mitigating circumstances and Vlad is desperately worried about losing his uncle. School is something else that Vlad is feeling all good news/bad news about. Uncle Otis is teaching mythology, a subject that Vlad, now a Junior, is sure to enjoy. But Vlad has just learned that his former friend Joss - the Joss that nearly killed him with a stake through the back - is moving back to Bathory. That can only mean that Vlad is a target for the Slayer Society. And school also means that Vlad will have to see Meredith Brookstone every day. Breaking up with her to keep her safe from his growing blood hunger was the hardest thing that Vlad has ever done. He’s not sure his broken heart can stand the daily reminders of what might have been. In keeping with Vlad’s maturity and the growing threats he faces, the fourth book in The Chronicles of Vladimir Tod is darker and grittier than those that have preceded it. As Vlad’s destiny moves inexorably toward the prophecy of the Pravus, peril surrounds him at every turn. It seems that everyone Vlad knows and loves is in danger simply because they are important to him and Vlad is struggling with his need to protect them. As he grows into adulthood, Vlad discovers that only he can define ‘the right thing to do.’ Now he must find a way to do it.

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