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When you make a deal with a vampire, there's no chance to change your mind. Or is there?

Lacey and her friends just want some fun. And what could be more fun than spending the night in a creepy old house? Especially a creepy old house with a strange circular tower? It's all just harmless fun, right? Wrong!

A vampire lives in that tower, and he wants something before he'll let them leave. One of them will have to stay . . . and there's only one more catch. Lacey and her friends must choose the person who has to stay behind.

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hunger games and K POP LAVA!!!! says

i diddnt like it. it went sooo slow and i diddnt finnish it because it was boring

Angela says

I used to read these from the school library obsessively when I was about 10/11. So fun ?

Rhonda Helton says

I did not like this book. I felt lost most of the time, it bounced around too much!
The ending story was the best in my opinion. I couldn't get into reading this book and finally made myself
and what a waste!

Kim says

It was better then the first 2 simply because it had a different plot... beyond that it was the same long drawn out scenes in which nothing actually happens. I'm glad that mansion has burned down and I can move on to something worthwhile.

Stacie says

I've been revisiting some books from my youth and after reading The Cheerleader decided to read the next two books in The Vampires Promise series. This was by far the worst, I didn't even bother finishing it.

Cazzy says

This was certainly the weakest of the Vampire trilogy. It seemed like the plot was padded out with pointless characters and scenes just to hit the word count. The premise itself might have worked better as a short story, as it was OK and the characters were OK too. The highlight was, for me, the allusion to the first book with the cop who had been a cheerleader with Althea.

Viktoria Jean says

They just wanted to have some fun. Randy, the initiator of the whole stay-over at The Mall House thing, did

not foresee the danger that lurked in their home for the night, which was actually nothing but a vampire's nest. The 6 of them: Lacey, Randy, Sherree, Zach, Roxanne, and Bobby, each lead different lives, and they come together on this single night just to find out how selfish individuals are. The air-headed Sherree, a pretty blonde cheerleader, nominated Lacey when asked, forced, and then frightened into nominating someone from their crowd. From how she responds to certain happenings in the house, I can tell how dense Sherree is. While Lacey was the first to sense a vampire, 'silly cheerleader Sherree, was doing what she did best, giggling between Randy and Bobby'. This portrayed a typical bimbotic girl who has shallow, and even zilch ideas about practicality. She would do anything to save herself from the vampire, and that includes sacrificing her friend. 'Sherree tightened herself into a ball, thinking. Lacey's standing up. He'll take her first. I'll run. He can't do two at a time.' What goes on in Sherree's mind shows clearly this way. She cannot be really trusted, as she would promise anything to save herself.

Promise anything to save yourself. The vampire wanted them to choose who would have to stay and to be the vampire's next victim. Each of them wanted to leave very much, each of them thinking 'Hey, that won't be me. I'm leaving'. But if everyone leaves, who would be the next victim? This book ventures deep into a person's inner conscience, for everyone is selfish but to a certain extent for some. In the middle [nearing the end of the book], the 5 people came back for Lacey just as the vampire was about to devour her. But when Randy volunteered to be the vampire's victim just to save Lacey and be seen as a hero, the vampire lets him go for volunteering not anyone but himself. Sherree, on seeing this, volunteered too, but the vampire could tell her selfish motives and personal agenda to be the second one out of there, he decided to take her for his next victim. This shows a certain knowing on the vampire's part, that he/she under the mysterious cloak isn't exactly a cold-blooded menace but rather, quite understanding of human nature.

Lacey's battle with the vampire was an interesting and exciting one. She made use of the vampire's weakness--fear of the coming of dawn, to destroy the vampire and emerged as a winner and a true hero. She was one who was not afraid even of death darkness and the vampire, one who would never promise anything just to save herself but she cared for the rest of the people. Her personal agenda was not to get herself out of the Mall House, but to get everyone out of there. Her selfless motives were one of courage and deserves praise. She said something really meaningful in the story, which is: 'The vampire's weaknesses don't count. Our own weaknesses are the ones that matter.' This shows her determination to triumph over evil by being strong. Strength and will are the only ways to survive in the Mall House.

I loved this series. I have read all three books in this series and I loved this last novel best as it is the most exciting one. One night in the Mall House with the Vampire. One to be sacrificed. Who would it be? It is certainly a captivating plot. So, read this book by Caroline B Cooney, the master of mystery and horror! Vampires may not be real, but what the story may be trying to say, may be that vampires, or the dark, can exist in everyone. In fact, everyone has a vampire in his/her heart. The dark side of human nature, that is. And that we should always lock that dark side in us, lock them out behind shutters in a tall dark tower and never ever release it.

Ashley says

What a creepy vampire book. Perfect for Halloween.

Patrick Ellard says

This third and final entry in Caroline B. Cooney's vampire trilogy is without doubt the best of the three. Gone is high school setting and teenage girl wishes of the first two and it's replaced by a much darker story

where the vampire traps 6 teens inside the Mall house and forces them to choose or then to die. The characters are much better, the story much darker and more interesting and the vampire more menacing which all adds up to a cracking last entry in the series.

Brigitte says

This book is about six teenagers who decide to have some fun and sneak into an abandoned house. Little do they know that it is not completely abandoned. When they go into the house they discover a vampire who just woke up from his sleep. This sick vampire decides that he will let the six teenagers choose who he will eat. The teens obviously don't want to choose, so they spend the night trying to figure a way out. The in the book is the teens trying different ways to escape.

In this book I have noticed a few connections. One of them is a text to self connection. In this book the teens are always trying to figure a way out of the dangerous situation. I usually do that too. I will always find myself in a situation that I do not like, even though it is not dangerous or life threatening like in this book. But, just like the characters in the book, I will try to find a way out of getting in trouble. And that is why I am like the characters in this book.

I would rate this book three stars. I rate it that because it was very suspenseful and was very interesting. But it got a little boring after a while of nothing happening. I would recommend this book to all people who love suspenseful books and vampire stories.

Nattie says

Stinky. The worst in the series. It felt like Cooney was trying to write a book that was both psychological and philosophical. It was a total fail for me.

Victoria says

This book is probably my favorite out of the three series. Oh, I loved it! It was so amazing, that I couldn't put it down.

Vicki says

Great end to the trilogy lots of good characters and a good story.

PurpyCookie says

Randy knows all his friends just hang out with him because he's got a big house and the latest gadgets. In an attempt for them to like him for who he is, he tries to impress them by thinking up a plan to stay overnight at the "Mall House", a creepy abandoned mansion with a circular tower.

And so begins the story, with six teenagers locked inside a tower with a starving vampire. He makes them a promise: if the kids choose one of their own to stay and be the victim, the others may leave unscathed. Who will be sacrificed?

I found the first half of this book somewhat boring. The switching viewpoints were poorly executed and most of the characters' internal thoughts were uninteresting. However, the overly courteous vampire with his interesting proposal proved to be refreshing. The ending was not memorable but at least it wasn't the old stake-in-the-heart routine.

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Patricia says

this was my absolute favorite one of all three. there were so many different characters and story lines that were completely separate from the other. they didn't come together till the very end of the book and i just thought it was really great.
