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I used to think all I wanted was to have a normal life. You know, where I could be one of the crowd and blend in, so no one would know just how different I am. But now I'm stuck in the middle of Hungary with my mom, working for a traveling fair with my psychics, magicians, and other really weird people, and somehow, blending in with this crowd doesn't look so good.

Fortunately, there's Benedikt. Yeah, he may be a vampire, but he has a motorcycle, he likes the mysterious horse I suddenly acquired, and best of all, he doesn't think I'm the least bit freaky. So I'm supposed to redeem his soul -- if his kisses are anything to go by, my new life may not be quite as bad as I imagined.

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Penny says

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Fran (short for Francesca) is forced to travel with a G

Cassandra says

This book was immediately very entertaining when we were first introduced to Fran we immediately recognise that she herself has some very deep emotional turmoil when it comes to her gift. She eventually goes into the details of her special gift and once she does I believe it only brings more interest to her character she is a silly young girl who is very ashamed of her ability to see others emotions through touch. Even when she meets Ben it is a very interesting first encounter. She is definitely a unique character who doesn't just rely on her boyfriend to save her from every little thing even when she wants to she doesn't ask for his help even when she should and tries her hardest on her own. The other characters involved in the Faire are also very interesting including Elvis who turns out to be the main culprit someone I personally figured was too stupid to pull something like that off. It shows even the strangest character can be one of the smartest people in the book...in a sense.

Helen Bishop says

Fran just wants to be a normal teenager. However, when her mom, who happens to be a witch, decides to sell their home and join a travelling carnival, Fran's shot at being normal seems to disappear. She is gifted with her own unique talent that she tries to keep hidden. She can hear what people are thinking or feeling when she touches them. She wears gloves most of the time. Then along comes Ben, a vampire who declares she is his beloved (the only one who can save his soul). Well this teenager thinks he is hot but come on that is a lot of a commitment for someone so young. She just wants to go home and go to school and have normal teenage problems.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Me for TeensReadToo.com

Francesca (Fran) is currently touring Germany with a Goth Faire, courtesy of her mother, who is a witch. After her father had what she kindly refers to as a midlife crisis, Fran was sent to stay with her mom--who is finally living her dream, living with people who are just like herself, seeing the world, and having fun. Unfortunately, the Faire has caused Fran to feel like even more of a freak than she did back home--not only is she six feet tall with dark hair and pale skin, but she's been cursed (blessed?) with the ability to read thoughts and feelings in other people just by touching them.

After buying a horse on a spur-of-the-moment trip away from the Faire grounds, her mother ropes her into a

mission--Fran can keep the horse if she gets a job with the Faire to pay for his feed and vet bills, and if she helps the Faire owners, Absinthe and Peter, find out who's been stealing from the nightly take. She sets off to become an apprentice of Imogen, who reads palms and runes, as her job, and embarks on a Nancy Drew-ish mission to casually touch each individual who's had access to the safe.

During all of this she runs into (literally), Benedickt Czerny, who is Imogen's brother and who also happens to be a Moravian Dark One--a vampire. Added to that, Ben informs Fran that she's his Beloved, the one woman destined to redeem his soul. As she's reeling with all this implies, her investigation leads her to think that evil is in the camp, that someone has not only been stealing money but is planning on killing Ben.

As Fran and Ben begin a relationship, Fran begins to see that she's not a freak and an outsider, but someone who just might have more in common with the people of the Faire than she ever thought.

Katie Maxwell has written a funny and entertaining vampire story that's perfect for all ages. The mystery into the thefts and who wants to harm Ben is perfectly woven, and the last chapter definitely leaves it open for more stories starring the Dark One and his Beloved. An overall excellent read!

Lola says

This was one of my first vampire books. I think I was eleven when I read it. It really hooked me! The plot was interesting, the characters were all different and enjoyable. The main character was funny and I was soooooo charmed by Bénédickt, the sexy vampire!

Sandie says

I love this book, I am a fan of Katie McAllister's books and thought I would give the young adults books a try. I first read this book a few years ago and passed it onto my oldest son who also loved it.

The main character is Fran and she is not a vampire, but her mother is a witch and they are traveling with a Gothic Fair through Hungary, which I thought was so cool. You don't often find stories set in Hungary and being part Hungarian I was kind of happy to see that. So in the fair there are all kinds of people, some good and some bad. Most of them have some unique magical talent. The vampire, Ben, is visiting his sister in the fair. He wears a bit too much silk for me, but sounds yummy all the same. I rather like his personality. I especially like his 312 year old "old world manners" and how they go up against 16 year old Fran's typical teenage mouth!! She puts him in his place a few times, I enjoy her character every time I read this book. I am looking forward to reading the sequel!

A fast and funny read...

Lady Allison says

Very quick read, very cute. Katie MacAlister is one of my favorite authors & in preparation for her new Dark Ones novel, I figured I'd read the back story on Benedickt and Francesca, or Ben & Fran.

Fran is a 16 year old psychometric, she can feel or see images whenever she touches objects or people. She is in Hungary at a Goth Faire with her mother and Benedickt Czerny enters her life. He is a vampire, or a Moravian Dark One as they preferred to be called and claims that Fran is his Beloved, the one and only woman who can redeem his soul. Not exactly what you want to hear as a sixteen year old! But he is awfully handsome, so maybe the boyfriend/girlfriend thing might not be so bad to try out for a while...

I really like Fran, she is a classic Katie Mac heroine with wacky humor and a strong backbone - even against the incredibly Alpha male that is the Dark One. Their arguments over who protects who were really adorable.

It was definitely obvious that it is geared toward the younger crowd, but still a pretty decent read if you keep that in mind & I look forward to breezing through the second one, Circus of the Darned.

♥Mary♦Sweet♣Dreams♠Are♥Made♦of♣This♠ says

This book came out before the "Twilight" series, just saying in case you notice any similarities. I read this book as a teen and what I liked about this book was that Fran lives at the fair (away from depressing school), she has a horse, she travels from place to place in Europe, and there's a really cute guy in the picture. What I didn't like about this book was that Fran was kinda of a weirdo to everyone and a bit insensitive. Also that she thought that 13 was too young to go to the fair. I really thought that was ridiculous and condescending. I didn't like it that Ben's character took so long to build. I would have liked to know more about him and his past. There are a couple of typos and grammatical errors.

Karissa says

I got this book because I had previously read the Aisling Grey book by Katie MacAlister and was curious about her young adult books. Katie Maxwell is the name Katie MacAlister uses for her young adult books. This book is the first book in the Goth series. There is one other book after this one called "Circus of the Darned". I actually really liked this book it was a cute, fun and fluffy little read.

Francesca is just your average sixteen year old, except for a couple small facts. First she can read people and objects by touching them with her bare skin (history and what they are thinking). Second she is stuck traveling with the GothFaire through Europe with her mother who is a bonafide witch. More than anything she just wants to be a normal girl. That is until she gets run over by a motorcycle driven by Benedikt (Ben) Czerny. Ben is a Dark One (vampire) and tells Fran that she is his Beloved and destined to bring light into his life. Well, that is all and good, but first things first. Someone is stealing money from the GothFaire; can Fran figure out who it is before the Faire has to shut down for good? How is she going to deal with this Ben guy claiming that they are eternally linked?

This book was a lot of fun. For being such a slim novel it packs a lot of story. Maxwell introduces some interesting beliefs about vampirism (it is linked to male descendants) and also hints at some more interesting plot points (such as the horse, Tesla) that weren't fully addressed in this book.

The plot clips along at a quick pace. Fran is a funny and endearing character that is a lot of fun to read about. Ben is a great character too. All the supporting characters are well-crafted and fun. I really enjoyed the

book. Keep in mind this is meant to be a light read. It is amusing and cute, predictable but lovable. A nice, quick diversion from heavier topics. The dialogue gets a little over-the-top silly at times, but I found it charming rather than annoying. This is one of those books where even the evil guys aren't all that evil.

This is a very short book. At under 200 pages it only takes 2-3 hours to read, but it is fun. If you are looking for something light-hearted and fun I would recommend this. I am excited to read the next book "Circus of the Darned" and am curious to find out if Maxwell is planning any more books with these fun characters!

Naoma Hoten emmendorfer says

Cute book

Ashlee says

Honestly the book was kinda cheesy in my opinion. My bestie read it in 2005 and loved it and recently told me to give it a try because it was a quick read. I did read it quickly and it wasn't horrible but I didn't really care for it. The main character made a lot of jokes that weren't funny and the author often would put "(in case you were wondering)" in the book every few pages and I would just think to myself, actually...I couldn't care less.

One line said something about a guy pulling a rabbit out of a hat. Which is all fine and good. The author then adds in "(The rabbit's name is Gertrude, in case you were wondering)" and I just thought it was kind of odd and unnecessary.

Sandy says

This was actually really good. I liked it lots. Better than the next book. It was on the more lighthearted side as well, but the romance was much better than in Silver Kiss. The catalog description says it's the first book in a series, which I did not know, and now I might have to try and find the others. It's the story of a girl who's spending the summer with her mother, who happens to be part of a traveling carnival. The trick is, they all are like, what they really are. The carnival is full of witches, vampires, and psychics, and of course, our heroine is a form of psychic as well, and she ends up falling in love with the brother of one of the other carnival workers. There's also a bit of mystery thrown in there for good measure, cause that's how these things work.

Cindy says

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Our heroine is Fran, a 16-year-old girl who thinks she's a freak. Yes, I know most 16-year-olds think they're freaks but Fran is definitely not your average girl. She's 6 feet tall and, in her words, built like a linebacker, her parents are divorced, her mother is a witch (for real, not the kind most teenagers think of), and then

there's the fact that she has to wear gloves all the time since if she touches you with her bare hand she gets a quick visit to your head.

Since her father has just picked himself up a trophy wife he has sent Fran to stay with her mother. So Fran is now stuck in a trailer with her mother travelling around Europe as part of a 'GothFaire'. Some very odd people are part of the fair - including magicians who can do real magic, a psychic with a dead boyfriend (really dead, like a couple of hundred years dead), and a demonologist who dresses, talks, and behaves like Elvis. Her best friend at the fair, is Imogen, a 400-year-old Moravian woman reads palms and rune stones.

Our hero is Benedikt, Imogen's younger brother. (Younger, but not that much younger.) Benedict is a 'Dark One', a soulless vampire. Unlike many of the more popular vampires, 'Dark Ones are truly cursed. Not their fault, in most cases, as their curse is the result of something an ancestor did. But there is a cure, if a Dark One finds his Beloved and bonds with her he gets his soul back.

Benedict has been searching for his Beloved for almost 300 years. He plans to love her and protect her and decide what's best for her. Then he meets Fran, and she is his Beloved, but she's not too sure about the love thing, is not impressed with the protect part and he better get over the idea of making her decisions.

So here's never-been-kissed Fran, with an instantaneous super hot boyfriend she's not sure she's ready for, with baggage she's really not prepared for, and a white witch mother who is really unhappy with the thought of her 16-year-old daughter dating the soulless undead and the power to do something about it.

The plot is pretty light involving Fran solving the thefts at the fair, acquiring a very old horse, and being forced to read palms at the fair to earn the horse's upkeep. Of course there is the part about Ben dying, or the part where she and Imogen beat up a demon, and the part where Fran learns that a Mississippi kiss is better than an Iowa one... (Read the book for an explanation of that one. Oh, and don't worry about Ben, he's sort of immortal.)

Amy (Aye.Me?) says

Quote:

"You know that creepy kid who saw dead people in Sixth Sense? He's Norman P. Normal compared to me."

Review:

At under 200 pages this book is an extremely quick read, I finished it in one sitting. For being so short, I think that the characters are quite well developed. The take on vampires, magicians and psychics is interesting and I like the whole concept of "GothFaire". Katie Maxwell's writing is naturally funny and the mystery in the story is well concealed, leaving the ending a surprise (though I'm not quite sure about the culprit's motive).

Recommened to:

Those who want a quick, funny mystery involving vampires and magic.

Taylor says

I freakin love this book. it is the best book i have ever read. it's hilarious. it had me rolling around on the floor laughing. the author is hilarious and she combines the complexity of a teenage girls life with the mythical whatever's of vampires. this book rocks!
