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Sometimes twins don't always share the same blood. Growing up in Northern Michigan, everyone always knew that unidentical twin sisters, Shayna and Melina Verona, were different, but only Shayna knows how different they truly are. Their father was a special kind of vampire, and Shayna was born with very unique blood running through her veins, when she turns eighteen Shayna's body will stop aging, and she will become fully immortal. When Cain Luca moves to their small village of Interlochen, boy crazy Melina is instantly smitten, but Cain wants Shayna. He knows her secret, and he has secrets of his own. Cain's secrets will either break Shayna's heart or kill her....or both. When Shayna unwittingly falls for Cain, and he for her, she will discover whether Cain is there to love her or kill her.

## **Midnight Blood Details**

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## Duchess Nicole says

### EDIT TO ORIGINAL REVIEW

This is a paranormal young adult book, and I do think that it would be enjoyed more by the younger end of the young adult spectrum. There is very little kissing, and not really any touching at all. There is a lot of melodrama that seems to be a requirement of anything written for younger people, and for the most part, the situations they find themselves in are reminiscent of high school. Not to mention that Shayne IS in high school. Sometimes the feel of the characters is more mature, but I felt like Shayna was on par with her age group.

I'm not sure how to write a review without giving any spoilers and not sound trite. The reader really isn't given any inkling of what sort of PNR this is until about a third of the way through. It's a fairly fresh idea but with well used elements. The paranormal aspect isn't new, but the way its put together made me wonder what was coming next. The ever present teen love triangle....aaaah! It's here! It's here! Thank goodness I love love triangles. There's just something about the idea of having two hotties fighting over me (err, the heroine) that makes me feel all girlie.

One thing that bothered me was how there just wasn't much description. Example: during one scene, Shayna is on horseback and is nearly accosted by a "bad guy". She runs through the forest and ....goes home. What? No leaves slashing at her face or adrenaline pumping through her veins? No chase scene? I just didn't get the feeling that I was a *part* of the story. The thing I love about books vs movies is that you are inside the characters head instead of watching from afar. I just never connected with Shayna in that way. There wasn't much inner dialogue. I was always being *told* what she was feeling instead of feeling it myself.

I'll say that I wasn't nearly as confused during my second go round with this book. There has been some editing done. I would say that if you are someone who hiccups whenever you see misspelled or misused word...the book is still full of them. But it was definitely smoother this time.

A good debut novel for this author! Again, my thanks to Nicole Williams for the opportunity to (re) read for an honest review.

### ORIGINAL REVIEW 8-19-2012

I would absolutely love to read this book when it has been thoroughly edited. At the very least, read over by a good friend or some beta readers and changed. The story itself is great and exciting...at first I got little butterflies of anticipation, but then I just got confused.

First off, the point of view often changes without notice. The story starts off being told in third person, and then it randomly switches to some sort of narrative, present tense thing. Often in the middle of a paragraph, with no paragraph breaks.

There were numerous spelling mistakes, and weird errors such as using 'incent' instead of incense. It's used correctly a couple of pages later, and even my spell check picks up on the error. I'm not sure how things like that get overlooked. There are commas instead of periods, periods instead of commas, a noticeable lack of quotation marks...you get the point.

I am usually not one to care if an indie author's book is poorly edited. In fact, I've gotten into some verbal spats with some Good Reads readers who bash indie authors because of a lack of editing. I think the story is often enough to let me overlook a few run on sentences. But I found it hard to even follow the story line in this book. What I DID follow was very good, and I like I said in the beginning, I would LOVE to finish this after it has some major editing work done. I would also LOVE to change my review and rating. I think that when this has a little more time spent on it, it could be a fabulous addition to the YA paranormal cache. As it is, I don't feel like I am getting anything out of it other than frustrated.

This book was sent to me by the author for an honest review.

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### **Crystal says**

I absolutely LOVED this story!!!! It's different from all of the vampire stories out there. I loved the fact that it's not your typical "girl meets vampire and they fall in love" plot. I dig the Halfling Princess concept and I've been left with so many unanswered questions. I can't wait for the next installment of this series. Keep up the good work :)

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I just finished the second edition for the Kindle and I love the subtle changes. I enjoy reading this book all the time and I definitely recommend it! Now time for Cimmerian Utopia!

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### **DKristin says**

I would love to give this book 3 or 4 stars because the story was interesting and overall really good. The many grammatical and spelling errors were too distracting though. Normally, I can overlook that stuff but it also did not help that the writer many times used the same word too often jumped from points of view randomly and the writing style itself was distracting at times. I felt like I was reading an 8th grade paper where the student was trying to make it longer by making a statement and then re-wording the same statement. I would like to see what happens in the continuation I just hope that it is presented in a more professional manner.

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### **Kristy says**

I give this book a 4.5 stars. There were some grammatical errors. They did not effect the story or the suspense in the story. Definitely a different type of vampire story that keeps you wondering who is really after Shayna. The end will surprise you. I can't wait for the next book to be released.

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### **Elsa Carrion says**

Title: *Midnight Blood*

Author: Nicole Yanski

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Ahhhhhhh!!!! Sooooo Good!

Cain oh baby! You can suck on my neck all you want!!! Ok let's keep this YA.

So, we have Shay, her sister Melinda (who are fraternal twins), their mother Sarah. Cain and Aiden Luca are brothers and Noah is Shay's BFF. Then we have Aunt Mill Cain's pretend aunt and Marcus was the girl's father.

Ok now that we have introduced the characters onto the summary.

Shay is a bit different from her twin and when she turns the magical age of 18 Shay's life will change even more. The story had a little bit of action, romance and suspense. I thoroughly enjoyed the story and am looking forward to the second one. A few errors but I have been told that it is going to be revised and don't worry, the few errors I found were very insignificant, I thought. I had butterflies in my stomach when they kiss, I was worried when he disappeared, and I was giddy when he held her hand.....I was an emotional wreck while reading this story, but I loved every single moment. I truly enjoy it when a story is well written that I can feel what the character feels. I am able to say that I recommend this book good for all ages, fast pace and you won't be disappointed.. I am desperately waiting for book 2, please hurry.

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### **Shambhawi P. says**

#### **1.5 stars**

I am surprised by all the high ratings for this book. I have to admit it gives a new edge to the vampire story but overall I didn't find anything extraordinary here. For me it reads like *Fallen and Hush, Hush* - but since there are so many people love them, it may be just me.

This book has everything I hate in a YA novel - insta-love, unnecessary love triangle (rectangle? pentagon?), characters without personality and a totally predictable ending. I had wanted to read more about Shayna's and Melina's relationship and less about how Shayna is sooo different from everyone. I didn't understand Cain and Shayna's relationship very well and (view spoiler) Also Aiden's role in the entire book was unclear.

This book needs a lot of editing. The narration frequently changes between past tense and present tense. There are also lots of grammatical and spelling errors. Words like 'there' and 'their', 'to' and 'too', 'you're' and 'your' have been frequently interchanged. The transition between scenes are not smooth. The dialogue between characters seems forced and unnatural. But what I disliked the most was that this book had a lot of potential which it didn't live up to. The characterization was also very poor. Shayna could have been a strong character but all I got was a girl who claimed at every point she was *different* and yet sounded a lot like every other whiny YA heroine whose life was fully codependent on her boyfriend and was ignoring the rest of the world because of it. I saw no place in the story for Melina and Noah, which kind of sucked.

This book was completely different from what I expected when I read the blurb. I don't think I will like this book even when it is thoroughly edited. It is just not my cup of tea.

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### **pinK says**

It's difficult to place a rating on this book. I received this book from a r2r program, and overall I did like the story. It was difficult to read though.

If I had gotten this book any way other than a r2r program, I doubt I would have finished it. I know that sounds horrible, but it's true. That being said, it's a shame that is the case. There is a great story in here, it's just hidden in a lot of grammatical and technical mistakes. I am a fairly anal person when it comes to reading. I'm an English geek, and of course errors will annoy me. I'm often able to ignore them if there are few, but that isn't the case on this book.

I feel badly that I'm giving a poor review to this book, but the errors were just too frustrating for me.

Once this book is fully edited, I would gladly recommend it to any of my friends interested in paranormal stories. I think that given the creativity shown in this story, the author has a great future in writing - she just needs to find a good editor. :)

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### **Felicia says**

I absolutely loved this YA paranormal romance. Nicole was able to bring a fresh twist on the sometimes mundane world of vampires. When reading this book the characters are what come to life and the supernatural elements just add an exciting twist.

Shayna and Melina are fraternal twins. Melina doesn't know just how different they really are. Shayna knows that when she turns eighteen things are going to change, but she has no idea how much. When a new boy Cain comes to town an introverted and studious Shayna suddenly starts spending all of her time with him, Melina and Shayna's best friend Noah start to get suspicious.

Shayna longs for answers she was left with when her father died, or didn't he? She searches for clues in a new book store filled with old paranormal books and finds more than she hoped for. The store keeper is Cain's "Aunt," who seems to have a few secrets up her sleeve as well.

The romance in this book is full of the glorious anxiousness that the lust of a new love can bring. The continued build up waiting for the explosive electricity of a first kiss is delivered with a punch. This story keeps you on the edge of your seat with suspense and action. The pages of this book turn effortlessly. I read it one day.

This is an author to keep an eye on I am looking forward to seeing her career flourish. In addition to the wonderful entertainment you get from purchasing this book, a portion of all sales from the e-book *Midnight Blood* will be donated to Angel Ambassadors of Petoskey Michigan. [www.angel-ambassadors.org](http://www.angel-ambassadors.org)

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### **Ali says**

This was a pretty good book that got right to the point fairly quickly. It didn't take me long to zip through and the ending leaves you wanting / needing to read the 2nd book. If you are a fan of Twilight this book is for you :) Can't wait to read the next in the series!

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### **Gina Hunnicutt says**

I was lucky enough to win a free copy of this ebook. Even if I had not won it, I would definitely have bought it. I am very much looking forward to the next book! Highly recommend this book to anyone who loves paranormal romance.

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### **Marygh says**

I have to admit it, that, I am not one for vampire stories, but I really enjoyed this one! The story takes some patience to get through, but quickly develops into a page turner! I found myself getting attached to the characters, and enchanted by the story. The plot is different among most vampire stories, and very enjoyable! Highly recommended!

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### **Dianne says**

I wanted to LOVE this book! The setting is local to me, familiar and well-described! I admit, I am a YA paranormal fiend, too!

Fraternal twins, Shayna and Melina Verona live in Northern Michigan and attend a well-respected, private school in Northern Michigan. Their lives and their futures are as different as their looks and personalities. Shayna has discovered a dark secret, she takes after her missing father, who was a special kind of vampire, a born vampire. When she turns eighteen, she will change and become immortal.

Meanwhile, a new boy comes to her school and is immediately on the 'must have' list for all of the girls, but Cain only has eyes for Shayna. He also has his own secrets that could end Shayna's existence, or break her heart. Their mutual attraction is intense, but Shayna is also 'stalked' by another being, Aiden, Cain's brother, who says he was sent to protect her from Cain.

Is Cain dangerous? Is Aiden telling the truth? How can Shayna know what to believe when her heart so clearly wants Cain??

Cain was very well-developed and very likeable, not so much with the other characters who seemed almost to be shadows of their potential. Shayna's character seemed weak and flimsy, while Aiden wreaked of evil. As book one in a new series, it was just okay, perhaps book two will step it up, now that the foundation has been laid.

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### **Lorraine Sears says**

I'll admit that when this YA paranormal romance was getting going I was quite shocked by the amount of similarities it had to the Twilight Saga, such as the female MC playing down her natural attractiveness and appeal and the male MC being unable to read her mind, despite the fact he could do it to everyone else.

However, this is more than a Twilight rehash, if you give it the proper time to unfold. It's got a strong plot that's as much as power struggle as it is a tug-of-love. And by the story ends you'll be surprised by all the twists and turns that have unfolded. And be left excited for the sequel to see what happens next.

I'm not sure I'd let my ten-year-old daughter read this, but I'd certainly be happy for a child of fourteen plus to read it. There's no gore and no sexual or horror orientated graphic scenes. The female MC presents a worthy role model and has good values and about retaining her virginity, with a storyline that doesn't lean too heavily on the pressure of temptation.

Although it's a coming of age story, it's paranormal storyline dispenses with all that teenage angst and stuff about fitting in because the female MC is such a strong character. And it's more satisfying to think of it as a journey about self discovery and learning who you are.

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### **Misty says**

Another Twist to Vampires... This is a great quick read With a whole new way of looking at vampires.. I must say Vampire lovers its a must read.....

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### **Andrea Heltsley says**

I got this book as part of the R2R program on Goodreads. I didn't know what to expect. The book sounded great so I decided to give it a go.

I really enjoyed the story. It was pretty good. I read the whole book in a day because I couldn't put it down. I was so drawn into the storyline. The author really has talent.

The plot was interesting and the characters were fleshed out pretty good. It's obvious the author took her time getting this book properly prepared for publishing.

The only things I was disappointed with were only two. The first was the constant changing of tenses throughout the story instead of sticking to the past or present. The second was the change in point of view throughout most of the story. The changes were hard to discern and confusing. I had a hard time keeping track of who was who when they were talking or thinking.

That being said, I loved this awesome story. The concept was original and the author's writing style was great. I wasn't sure whether to root for Aiden or Cain throughout the whole story until the end. I was very

satisfied all the way through to the end.

I can't wait to get a hold of the sequel, which will be out winter 2012. I have to know what happens in the next chapter of Shayna's life. I have to downgrade my five star rating to a four star simply because of the minor problems with the story, but it was a solid four glittery stars. I hope the author continues to hone her craft as she progresses. I can't wait to see what's next. The book rocked my socks off!

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