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Forced to live with a man she hates, Viola's life is anything but ordinary. With no memory of her past and no way to survive on her own, she cooks for him, even steals for him. A virtual slave to his every desire, this life of servitude is all she's ever known.

Locked away like some dark secret, Viola knows nothing of the world--that is, until she's discovered one day. Now her secret world is turned upside down and things can never go back to the way they were. Which is worse, a cruel master who treats her like an animal, or a cold world that views her as a monster?

With blood-red eyes and hair white as snow, her exotic origin remains a mystery even to herself. What is she? Where did she come from? Some things are better left unknown...

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A Rip in Time Details

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Volpot says

2 stars. DNF at 50%. Story and characters did not grab my interest

Julie Powell says

Having read another series by this author, I knew this one would be good, too.

Viola is different in ways far stranger than she understands, but as the story evolves, some of the mystery is revealed.

I don't give spoilers, so it is difficult to say much except that this fantasy story is well-written, filled with action, adventure, secrets and intriguing characters. The world-building is brilliant, while the plot surges at a fast pace...what will happen next? Clever hook at the end.

Highly recommended.

Janice Smith-gentry says

Tainted Blood Series

A great book to start the series. The different characters are wonderful to imagine. I like the different take on vampires. A great read.

Shannon says

After reading Legend of the gatekeeper series I couldn't wait to pick up his next series! I couldn't put it down!Twist and turns suspense and action! Love the characters and off to start the next book!

Patricia says

Too violent, totally gratuitous masturbation scene, left too many unanswered questions, definitely not my

cup of tea. I'm not reading anything else by Jeff Gunzel.

Charles Miske says

As far as stories go, it was better than average. The girl who might have been the protagonist was a bit of a mystery, from her as well as us. Good job of protecting her history and abilities from us. The men were a bit caricaturish, but maybe that's just the genre, where everyone fits an archetype.

The woodlands nation was Tolkien-esque, which might not be a compliment. I try not to read fantasy too much, which might be influencing my review. If I were more experienced in fantasy, I might see this from a different perspective.

Wait, there are other books? This book did not convert me to become a hard-core fantasy reader, so nope. But if this is your cup of tea, totally, go for it and enjoy.

Victoria says

It is a great book to read

Mary Seelye says

I really like this book. This isn't my usual genre, but it was very well written and full of excitement. Can't wait to start the second one!

Jen says

Hiding your differences might occasionally be the only way to survive. In Jeff Gunzel's *A Rip in Time*, the existence of one unique girl sets into motion a series of events whose motives need unraveling.

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Not knowing anything about her past and naive to the world, Viola had been taken in by a man she quickly comes to despise in return for making sure that his home is looked after in whatever way he sees fit, which includes some occasional stealing. Having been discovered in her latest theft, Viola's life is forever altered when a demon hunter, his apprentice, and the jail's lead interrogator take an interest in Viola and the possibilities that lie behind her unique physiology. Traveling as a team, the four are trying to escape an unbelievable threat to the world as they try to keep Viola safe.

The story was interesting, full of action, and developed rather well with an imaginative and complex world that was being built for the reader as the narrative progressed, maintaining reader engagement with the text. I was a little thrown at times by Viola's description - she's a 19 year old girl, who is innocent to much of what the world offers, but she was often referred to in ways that made her seem like a small child, which read as

and felt strange. The text could use some editing to clean up some grammatical issues that kept cropping up, most notably then/than issues, but it didn't detract too horribly from the story.

Overall, I'd give it a 3.5 out of 5 stars.

Sinead says

did not like it reminded me more of a history book due to the way it was written read 10 pages and dnf it.

Emma Amerson says

Took a while

To get into the scheme of things possibly because I don't usually read this type of books. But now I'm off to read the next one!
