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All they want for Christmas is you...

It's the time of year for twinkling lights on trees and kisses under the mistletoe. Yet the passing of another year means nothing to the stunning immortals who lurk in the shadows of the new-fallen snow.

And they don't care if you've been naughty or nice.

Let four fanged lovers open your eyes to a passion you never dared to imagine. After all, there's no place like home for the holidays—and these dazzling vampires can't wait for an invitation.

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Melindeeloo says

3.5 stars - Tis the season to be fangy...

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London - A Sweet Bloods connected short - Trace's destiny didn't allow for the love of a human, so he erased Charlotte's memory of their love together, but fate has other ideas... This was pleasant enough, the preexisting connection makes the story work - even without her memories Charlotte feels drawn to Trace - my only issues were with terms from the world building: Darkbloods, Sweet bloods just struck me as being a bit cheesy. I like this one well enough, but if it hadn't been a short story the painless (well at least for Trace) resolution of the main conflict would have bugged me. (I liked it)

Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf - A diva on holiday decides to learn how to take risks starting out by diving into a fling with a vampire - This one was pretty good too, I never really saw why the singer sees herself as a monster, but I liked that she is able to help the vamp to realized that even though he is a blood sucker in reality - he was a figurative killer in his former life - he doesn't have the soul of a monster. (I liked it)

When Herald Angels Sing by Caridad Piniero - Third time is the charm - The ending was good, but I wasn't overly fond of what came before, I generally like Piniero's stories but there was just way too much sex and not enough development of the relationship for this grand love that the leading man has for a woman who has died immediately after each of their encounters in the past. (It was ok)

All I Want for Christmas by Alexis Morgan - On the hunt for a supernatural who is preying on teens, a loner vamp enforcer develops an attraction to a woman with a big heart. - This was my favorite of the stories, the woman is just so caring that there was no way the vamp was going to be able to stay away for her own good, and the reveal was done in a smooth way too, but I especially liked the secrets of her little 'family' as well. (I really liked it)

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Rhonda says

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3 STARS

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London.

Trace is a vampire and he used to be a guardian. Like a policeman for vampires, but he quit. His father died last year and he was a council member. The seat usually pass from father to son, but the council keeps putting the vote off.

Charlotte got ditched at a dance club by her friend. As she is walking to her car alone she falls and see shadow of a man. She is scared and then a third guy who is bigger comes from the other direction and tells her to get in car lock it and wait for him. Charlotte does that. Trace gets her to have coffee and takes her home and spends the night.

But Charlotte does not remember that they were lovers last year but she found out about vampires and had erased her memories of him.

Trace hires her to decorate his mansion and help with a party.

she feels like she has been their before and thats how they met as she decorating for Christmas last year.

They became lovers again and does have lot of sex scenes

When Herald Angels Sing by Caridad Pineiro

Damien was a vampire and twice in his life on Christmas eve a hundred years apart Angelina his lover was killed because of him. Angelina was an angel sent to him to change. Damien has not killed in all his years as a vampire. But the devil wanted his soul. Captain Pedro Ramirez the vampire turned him and promised to get Damien to kill him. He trapped Angelina and took her wings she would die if did not get back.

Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf

Daniel started fighting with 2 werewolves till a women broke up the fight and invited him into her apartment.

Oliva could not believe she saw 2 werewolves and a vampire. She kissed the vampire and invited him to ice rink the next night promising him another kiss.

Daniel discovered she was the star singer performing. They became lovers.

Oliva found out Daniel was helping a homeless mother of 2 girls who drank was bitten that if she could hold without biting and drinking blood for one month she could stop turning into vampire.

All I Want for Christmas by Alexis Morgan

Eagan is a undercover cop and a vampire.

Della was working at a diner she owned and lived above it in apartment.

Their are a lot of boys disappearing some found dead. Eagan was walking around the 8 block area and trying not to be noticed. Della noticed. Eagan went to diner to drink coffee and warm up. Their was a werewolf in their. Two punks tried to rob the tip jar and wanted the money in cashier drawer. Eagan stopped them. He decided to keep comming back and use diner to help search for who ever was killing boys. Eagan noticed that the dishwasher Daniel was in the company of young vampires.

My favorite one is the last one All I want for Christmas. I like that their was more than vampires. Plus I like that Eagen was a cop who cared. I had a hard time getting into these shorts stories.I was given this ebook to read in exchange of honest review from Netgalley.

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UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

There's nothing like curling up with a great romance during the holidays, and when those romances come from an anthology, I'm even more excited because the stories are short, varied and almost always have that magical *happily ever after*. And another plus is that they often give me a chance to get to know authors whose work I might not have never tried, otherwise. However, one of the problems inherent with anthologies is that the authors have to perform a balancing act when contributing to them, especially when their contribution comes from a world they've already created through a series. They have to give those of us who are unfamiliar with their series enough information to keep us from feeling lost while at the same time not filling too much of their limited and very valuable page time with *unnecessary* information. One of the stories in this collection suffered from 'too much information' and another suffered from 'not enough,' but all-in-all, I enjoyed this collection and have discovered authors whose work I'll be watching for.

So here we go, my thoughts on each individual story.

1. "Enchanted by Blood" by Laurie London – This novella is part of the *Sweetblood* series and I can tell that Ms. London has created a unique, exciting world, but even though I enjoyed this 'second chance at love'

tale, I think I would have enjoyed it a lot more if I had been following the series before reading this book. As I said above, it's a tough balancing act for an author, and in this case I felt like I was getting way too much background information laid out for me rather than being able to watch it unfold naturally. Maybe had the plot been about something other than the politics of their world, more time could have been devoted to the characters themselves which should always be the driving force of any romance book, regardless of the length.

And speaking of the characters; from what little I saw of them, I really liked Trace, but Charlotte didn't do a lot for me, which I think could have been remedied if more time had been spent on character and relationship development. The sex definitely sizzled, but their romance didn't give me the warm fuzzies I like, especially in my holiday reads.

All that said, I'm *definitely* interested in reading more of this series because I really enjoyed Ms. London's easy, comfortable style of writing and something tells me that I'd quickly get hooked on the world of *Sweetblood!* - 3 stars

2. **"Monsters Don't Do Christmas"** by Michele Hauf – I had very high hopes for this story because it started so out strong and I was sure it would hold, but then it just fizzled. There was so much potential for a great tale, but I found myself doing a lot of skimming and I was never able to become all that invested in either Daniel or Olivia, which in turn made it hard to stay interested in the story. I wish I had learned more about Daniel being changed and the world he gave up. I get being bitter and all, but I could have totally invested in him if I had felt, and not just been told about, his anger.

What I did like about it was the way Christmas commercialism was played down, and how Daniel, who believed himself to be a monster, didn't let the darkness rule him. It was exactly the kind of Christmas story I would normally love, but something about the delivery just didn't grab me. – 2 stars

3. **"When Herald Angels Sing"** by Caridad Pineiro – I *really* enjoyed this story. It was such a sweet, romantic, sexy tale about learning from your past mistakes, admitting you were wrong, and being willing to sacrifice anything and everything for those you love. As Damien and Angelina learned, *"believe in the power of love and all of Heaven will be yours."* 4 stars

4. **"All I Want for Christmas"** by Alexis Morgan - Now see, very rarely is it that a novella can earn 5 stars because to do so the author has to be very careful to strike the perfect balance of world building and character development, while making it all emotionally compelling. And let's be honest, that's hard enough to do in a full length novel, let alone a short one. But this story had it all. The plot was interesting, yet didn't require a lot of page time to set up, which made more character and relationship development possible, and in the end, allowed me to become totally invested in Eagan and Della, as well as the secondary characters, Tenn, Lupe, Harry, Daniel... I'd love to know more about them all! – 5 stars

The bottom line - While I enjoyed all of the stories, or at least parts of them, the last two carried the anthology and I'll definitely be reading more by these authors.

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Carla-Book Monster Reviews says

Review by Joanne (Book Monster Guest Reviewer)

A Vampire for Christmas is a classic collection of love stories set in the world's happiest holiday of all. What could be better than to read about four vampires looking for love at a time when love is overflowing in the human heart? Each story teaches us something different about the human/vampire connection.

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London is set in a time when vampires were still struggling with identity and attempting to set up rules to help them keep the truth from humans. Trace Westfalen was the leader of the Guardians in Seattle and spent much of his time trying to keep the peace amongst the angry vampires in the city. Charlotte Grant was a house decorator who is hired by Trace's grandmother to decorate their home for Christmas. An affair develops between Trace and Charlotte and they fall in love. But, at a holiday party, Charlotte walks in on a vampire drinking blood from a guest. Before she has a chance to react, Trace wipes away her memory of everything and everyone and walks away. He, as a Guardian, is not allowed to be involved with a human so now is the right time to walk away. A year later, Trace saves Charlotte from being attacked by a group of renegade vampires and realizes how much he still loves her. What should he do? Should he follow his heart and try to win her love again?

Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf, takes place in modern day New York City. Daniel Harrison has been a vampire for only a year and is having a difficult time accepting his new lifestyle. Olivia Adorata is an independent woman who meets Daniel after she scares off werewolves from beating him up. She laughs when he tells her what he is; she thinks he's an actor who gets his kicks by trying to scare women into believing he is a vampire. He was gorgeous, built like a model and, being a modern woman, if he was a vampire, well, it didn't seem to bother her at all. Maybe being bitten by a handsome vamp wouldn't be so terrible? So she invites him home using the excuse that he needs medical care. She is totally fascinated by what he is and he's totally fascinated that she is so accepting of him. Daniel had a great job, money, a fancy car – a life – and he lost it all when he was bitten. He calls himself a monster and can't accept what he's become. He doesn't want to celebrate Christmas or anything else. Olivia considers herself a monster – a talented upcoming singer who tries to hide during the day and live a quiet life - hiding from fame because she doesn't have the courage to go all the way with her career. Instead, she bakes cookies and at Christmas, goes around her neighborhood giving them out. She can't accept what she is any more than Daniel can accept what he is. Can they help each other come to terms with life and what it has in store for them?

What better time than Christmas to write a story about total love, redemption and guardian angels. Caridad Pineiro thought it was the perfect time and dives right in. In When Herald Angels Sing, the Archangel Raphael decides to save the soul of Damien – a human turned vampire – who, despite a horrid childhood and a miserable life as a vampire, still tries to help his fellow man when he sees it is needed. Raphael sends guardian angel Angelina to help him make the necessary transformation but against rules, she falls in love with Damien and interferes in a dangerous situation to protect him. She is killed and returns to heaven humiliated and chastised by Raphael. This happens twice but Archangel Raphael is determined to save his soul so he sends Angelina down for a third and final time. She is to reveal who she is and explain why she is there. She is to help him accept his fate and not interfere in whatever is fated to happen. If she does interfere, she will be banished from heaven and become a human again. But Angelina, upon seeing Damien again, realizes how much she loves him and is not sure if she wants them to return to heaven or stay on earth and love each other eternally.

On the other end of the spectrum is All I Want for Christmas by Alexis Morgan in a tale where vampires are number one on the food chain and humans come in last. Eagan McHale was born a vamp and takes it seriously. He is a policeman whose job it is to keep vamps and werewolves under control; to keep them away from the human population. In a crime spree where vamps are paying humans to feed on them, Eagan uses a local diner, owned by Della, as a post to keep an eye on what's going on in the streets. He is instantly attracted to Della's warm heart, humanitarian ways and home cooking. But, she's human, and he does not want to get involved. He doesn't want to drink the blood of a human woman and to him, that's a big part of lovemaking. But being in the diner every night makes his desire grow stronger, especially when he realizes she feels the same way about him. But a dangerous situation changes everything and in this fast paced,

quick-wit story, having to tell Della the truth opens up a whole can of worms.

But love conquers all, as it should be, in this book and this collection of stories gives us love in every possible form and brightens up our holiday spirit to the fullest.

I give "A Vampire For Christmas" 4 Stars.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

<http://www.demonloversbooksandmore.co...>

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London- 3.5 stars

I really enjoy Laurie London's **Sweetblood** series, but to be honest, this one definitely wasn't one of my favorites. The storyline was good, but there's one thing that really REALLY bugged me. Charlotte's friend bailed on her at a club, so she heads back to her car alone. Right before she is about to get accosted, someone swoops in and beats the thugs down. Awesome, except that her hero is her ex-lover. Oh, and she doesn't remember him because he's a vampire who erased her memory of their relationship.

So far so good, and I loved watching Trace woo her, it was sweet. I really liked the mini suspense plot too, except when she finds out what Trace did, other than a slap across his face, all is forgiven. Really? But definitely a good addition to the **Sweetblood** series, just a minor thing that hits my pet peeve button.

Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf-2 stars

This one starts out strong and then became really boring. Not much happened and I didn't see Olivia as being a monster at all. She feels she's more of a monster than her self-loathing vampire lover is. Why? She's a pop star. Yep, except she's not really even diva-ish. The plot was a fail.

When Herald Angels Sing by Caridad Pineiro- 3.5 stars

I think this story starts off with a bang. I liked it, found myself tensing up in the right places, palms sweaty, heart racing. I will definitely read more by Ms. Pineiro. The main reason I didn't rate it more highly, is that with the flashbacks (which were well done) and the timeline, I found myself wishing it had been a longer book so we could see what the author was trying to do with those flashbacks. The world building was nil. Absolutely none. I don't know if it's part of another series or not? Maybe then I would have known more about her version of demon/vampires and angels? Other than that, I liked the idea of the guardian angel failing, the soul in question needing a "Christmas Carol" type lesson, and the devil taking his due.

All I Want For Christmas by Alexis Morgan- 4 stars

By far the best story in the book. Maybe because it works better as a stand-alone? It's not part of Alexis Morgan's vampires that she writes for Harlequin's Nocturne imprint, and it's your stereotypical vampire mythos. I think that helps with a stand-alone as she was able to more focus on the story and driving plot, than try to add in complex world-building.

This is a very sweet romance, with a vampire undercover cop and a sweet diner owner. The writing was easy read, and it was a "feel-good" story. The perfect Christmas romance, if you don't mind a vampire or two in your Christmas story.

Paraphrodite says

Feb 2018: re-listened Laurie London - Enchanted by Blood (narrated by Eve Bianco)

This was the short story that prompted me to search out the Sweetblood series. Still 3 stars.

3 stars average. This is another example of a book that read better than in audio. The problem could be the unevenness of the narrators' styles, or it could be just that I'm getting a bit tired of vampire stories.

Alexis Morgan - All I Want for Christmas (narrated by Lola Holiday)

3.5 stars. By far the most enjoyable and understandable of the four.

Caridad Pineiro - When Herald Angels Sing (narrated by Jack LeFleur)

2 stars. I think the narration let this story down a bit, it was so slow that I just lost interest.

Laurie London - Enchanted by Blood (narrated by Eve Bianco)

3 stars. This one was ok so I'm going to look into the whole Sweetblood series.

Michele Hauf - Monsters Don't Do Christmas (narrated by Viv Williams)

2 stars. Couldn't really get into this one, the H/h just didn't appeal.

Robin Covington says

If you are looking for a traditional, carol-singing, Santa-inspired, Walton Family Christmas . . . this book isn't for you. This book is better. Four tales of vampires, angels, supernaturals and other strange folk who find their own love and Christmas spirit. Yes, please.

"Enchanted By Blood" by Laurie London is a yummy installment in her Sweetblood series. This tale of Trace and Charlotte evokes old-world glamour with a sexy twist as he navigates the danger of reuniting with the one who got away . . . and doesn't remember him. This story took me a place of hot-toddies by a fire in a glamorous setting of old money with the soulful tunes of Frank Sinatra playing in the background. Loved it.

"Monsters Don't Do Christmas" by Michele Hauf is witty and sexy with a dollop of popstar glam and a hero with a heart of gold under all that gruff. Michele weaves a sensual tale of Daniel and Olivia (no last name - just Olivia) both monsters on the outside but both perfect for each other in the inside - where it counts. I turned up Mariah Carey's christmas album real loud when I read it in one sitting.

"When Herald Angels Sing" by Caridad Pinero evokes all of the second-chance-Christmasy-goodness of "A Christmas Carol" with a scorching hot passion between a vampire and the woman he should not love and who has secrets of her own. This one will alternately turn you on and give you shiver of suspense. Read it with the lights on . . . or with your hot lover nearby.

"All I Want for Christmas" by Alexis Morgan is a modern day tale which has all the holiday romance awesomeness of the Lifetime movie Christmas-movie-a-thon without all the cheesy parts and a hero who is way sexier than John Stamos. The sexy romp between big-hearted Della and darkly handsome Eagan is pitch perfect for a night of romance. I put my ipod Christmas playlist on repeat and had a cup of hot cocoa for this

great read.

You can't go wrong with this anthology - stick it your own stocking!

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

“Enchanted By Blood” by Laurie London (Sweetblood #2.5)

After being a little disappointed with the last Sweetblood novella story I read, I was really hoping for a novella that captured the same super sexy and dangerous feel of the full length novels. And that's what I got. The story here manages to incorporate the depth of a long term relationship while still letting readers experience the thrill of a new couple meeting for the first time. Even though vampire Trance and human Charlotte had relationship prior to the start of this story, Charlotte doesn't remember it because of a mind wipe. It's kind of the best of both worlds. Trance already loves and cherishes Char when they 'first' meet, but he has to win Char without ever revealing that. So, yes to the super sexy dangerous plot (courtesy of some nasty psycho vamps), but also yes to the tender love story too.

Sexual Content: A couple graphic sex scenes Rating: 4/5

"Monsters Don't Do Christmas" by Michelle Hauf

This story is the most Christmas-y of the anthology. It's a very unusual story, but that's part of why I ended up liking it. Human Olivia rescues vampire Daniel from an attack by werewolves (she thinks it's muggers), but when she learns what he is, she asks for a kiss as a reward. What follows is a romance that never goes the way you would expect, but ends up exactly where you want. They each see themselves as monsters for different reasons and together find their souls again. I think it might have worked better as a full length novel, but even at this length, the result is oddly beautiful.

Sexual Content: A couple graphic sex scenes Rating: 3/5

“When Herald Angels Sing” by Caridad Piñeiro

By far my least favorite story in the anthology. Plot holes, thin story, unlikeable and foolish characters are just a few of the problems I had in this story about a vampire forced to revisit the high and low points of his life by the woman he loves who is secretly an angel. She dies and is reborn several times throughout the course of his life, yet he is shocked to discover she isn't human...she meanwhile is basically raped by him in a public bar and then tossed to the ground when he's done and yet she feels bad for him when he has to relive the experience! I was completely done with caring about either of them at that point, but struggled through the rest of the story which amounted to one long repetitive sex scene after another. Seriously awful.

Sexual Content: Several long, graphic sex scenes including one that could be perceived as rape Rating: 1/5

“All I Want for Christmas” by Alexis Morgan

This was the most charming story in the anthology, it really could end up being a Hallmark Christmas movie. The story is about a diner owner who is selflessly devoted to her quirky regulars and is quick to welcome a reticent new loner who shows up just before the holidays. Several cute scenes follow including the pair

hanging lights together and getting caught under the mistletoe. But romance is never easy for the loner who has to hide the fact that he's a vampire cop sent to spy on the busboy who may be involved in blood selling. The dialogue had a tendency to drift into saccharine territory, especially the too schmaltzy ending, but overall it was a sweet and heartwarming story.

Sexual Content: A graphic sex scene Rating: 3/5

Angela says

I got an ARC from netGalley to review.

I loved two out of the four stories in this book and really wished both would have been longer. I generally stay away from anthologies because I tend to not like most of the stories and think it's a waste of money. I was pleasantly surprised by this one.

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London was my favorite. It's part of the Sweetblood series and featured Trace and Charlotte. They reconnect over the holiday season and try to find happiness in their time together.

All I Want for Christmas by Alexis Morgan was also really good. I would've loved to learn more about the secondary characters. In this story was Della, a diner owner and Eagan, an undercover cop trying to bust a ring of vampires.

When Herald Angels Sing by Caridad Pineiro was a take on A Christmas Carol. Damien sees visions of the past and present brought to him by Angelina and together they have to change his future.

Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf was my least favorite. I didn't like Daniel and thought Olivia, a famous singer, came off as a little to immature. Just didn't "feel" it.

Debbie I Heart YA Books says

A Vampire for Christmas is warming up the holidays with four lonely vampires looking for some Christmas romance, and the everlasting gift of love. Laurie London brings a little Christmas cheer with her Sweetblood's series. Charlotte and Trace's romance came to an end last Christmas when Trace knew he would be taking his place on the Council seat. But Charlotte and Trace's paths cross again this Christmas, and Trace finds it a little harder to resist Charlotte's love the second time. I loved and enjoyed reading the Sweetblood series, and Laurie London delivers the same passion in this short story as she does in her novels.

The second short story is Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf : Daniel was turned last Christmas and so Christmas spirit is not what he's looking for now. Daniel wants blood and some sexy fun along with it. Olivia's looking for a lot more. She wants some danger in her life along with a guy that she can love. Olivia chose a career that leaves her unable to live a normal life. So when she meets Daniel, who is a vampire, she feels she's found her perfect match in love. It will take Olivia giving Daniel the gift of true love to put the Christmas spirit back into Daniel's cold heart.

The third story is When Herald Angels Sing by Caridad Pineiro : This vampire needs a wake up call in his life, and who better to show Damien the errors of ways than his own Guardian angel, Angelina. Angelina's

mission is to show Damien the right path, and that even vampires are in need of soul saving. With Angelina failing her mission, this third time will be her last. So Angelina will use the scrooge lesson of showing Damien his past and present with hopes for both their future Christmas to be one that saves Damien and their love for each other. Pineiro gives her own steamy touch with her version of Scrooge. I have to say I liked this romance version a lot more.

The fourth is All I Want for Christmas by Alexis Morgan. This one I really liked a lot. Eagan is a loner and he works as an undercover cop. A case he's working on brings him to Della's Diner. But Eagan wasn't ready for the warm-hearted and giving woman, Della to mess with his vampire loner ways. Eagan and Della truly are what Christmas is about—the love of giving and receiving. And a little bit of steamy romance.

A Vampire for Christmas will definitely have you dreaming of a "Steamy Christmas" and it's a great read no matter what the season. I recommend A Vampire for Christmas as one Christmas pleasure you will want to find under the tree this year. Merry Christmas to all and a "steamy" good night! ;)

Bea Charmed says

It took me a long time to read this anthology, it just didn't hold my interest and I kept putting it down to read other books. I re-scheduled the review about three times. As I was reading it, Edyn from Reader's Edyn, kept cheering me on. So, in addition to my review below, here's a link to her, much more detailed, review on her blog, so you can get a comprehensive overview of the book. (<http://readersedyn.blogspot.com/2011/...>)

I hadn't read any of these authors before though I do have books by Hauf and London on my Kindle, waiting to be read. After reading the stories, I'm not in any rush to pick up those books and read them. :(

As I've done with other anthologies I've reviewed, I have a short summary review of each one and a quote to whet your appetite or to illustrate a point from my summary. The book has a loose theme of love with a vampire at Christmas and all of the stories deliver that. The overall quality of the writing in the stories was mediocre. The one really good story was the last one, "All I Want for Christmas" by Alexis Morgan. I'll be looking for more by her.

Read the rest of my review at the blog - <http://beasbooknook.blogspot.com/2011...>

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Posted on Under the Covers

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London (SweetBlood #2.5) – 3 stars

Charlotte is ditched by her best friend at a dance club and decides to head home when she realizes she is being followed by two strange men. Fear propels her forward to the safety of her car, but a man appears and does the ass-kicking for her. Since Charlotte has injured her hand during her scuffle to get to safety, this man offers to feed her and drive her home.

Trace is a guardian and a vampire. And although Charlotte has no recollection of this, the truth is, Trace and

Charlotte had an affair before this. Swiped clean of their memory, Trace uses this one night to relive their happy moments together...in the comfort of her bed.

I liked Laurie London's story. While Trace was a nice hero, I hoped for a little more with Charlotte. She wasn't too memorable for me. I also thought that the beginning of the novella was stronger than the latter part, but that is not to say that the writing gets weaker as you read. Overall, I enjoyed this read.

Monsters Don't Do Christmas – Michele Hauf – 2 stars

Daniel's got his hands full in a fight with two werewolves when a woman wrapped in winter gear breaks up the party. Sending the werewolves home, she invites the sexy vampire into her home for a quick kiss. Olivia's got a dominant streak and isn't going to back down when the guy she has her sights on is right there for her picking.

Out of all the stories in this anthology, I thought Hauf's had the most memorable heroine. Olivia definitely had the best introduction and I found myself liking her spunk. However, after the strong beginning, I thought this story lost some of its appeal as it went on. Olivia may be alpha of the relationship, but I thought that Daniel was a really sweet vampire who had just the right sexiness to suit Olivia's darkest desires. While I really enjoyed the banter between Daniel and Olivia, that was the only thing keeping me reading. And sometimes Olivia was a little too dominant for my tastes. Let the man seduce, woman!

When Herald Angels Sing – Caridad Pineiro – 2 stars

Damien was one of the better heroes out of all the four stories. He was like a dark angel who I wanted to learn more about. Christmas Eve is a hard time for him since a year ago on this day, he lost Angelina, his love. When Perez Ramirez, the Captain of this immortal ship hands her to him, Daniel hopes that this Christmas will be better than the last.

There's some resemblance to A Christmas Carol where Angelina takes Daniel back into the past. I'm not quite sure I liked this aspect of the story so much. In theory, it sounds like a lot of fun. But I much preferred the parts where they were just in the present.

Whereas in the other novellas, I liked the story better than the characters, in Where Herald Angels Sing, I liked the characters more than the story. What I did like about this story was Caridad's writing style. I liked the overall tone she evoked and she describes things very eloquently. I hope to give this author another shot.

All I Want For Christmas –Alexis Morgan – 3.5 stars

Out of all the stories, I felt that Morgan's story was the best. It had a steady beginning, capturing my attention with Eagan, the vampire who just hates holidays. I like him already! And Della, a sweet diner owner who I'd loved to be friends with. Paired together, I thought they complimented one another well. And the best part is, individually, both characters are strong on their own.

While I was more of an Eagan before starting it story, I definitely wished December were here by the time I finished. Christmas t-shirts, you ask? Bring it on!

Ok, maybe not.

*ARC provided by Laurie London

Rhianna says

The anthology curse strikes again!

It's no secret that most readers don't love anthologies. The short story format is easy to mess up and never quite manages to satisfy even series fans. For me personally I come to most anthologies with one of two purposes. Enjoying a short that ties into a series I already like or getting a feel for the writing style of an author I'm interested in and haven't tried before. A VAMPIRE FOR CHRISTMAS served a third purpose, I wanted something to get me into the holiday spirit.

[Enchanted by Blood] Set in the world of Laurie London's Sweetbloods series this holiday season is sure to please fans. Trace and Charlotte are characters I don't recall from the previous novels but Jackson makes a cameo appearance. The romance works well because the characters have a past. The holiday flavor is medium and if you're new to London's writing this is a great example of her work. (4 stars)

[Monsters Don't Do Christmas] Set in Michele Hauf's Beautiful Creatures world this quickie features Daniel, a vampire, and Olivia, the next-Celine Dion. I'm not totally new to Hauf but this is the first vampire story of hers I've read. Hauf definitely has a flair for unusual pairings and this one is very unexpected. The holiday flavor was medium but the likelihood of the situation felt pretty weak which distracted me as a reader. (3 stars)

[When Herald Angels Sing] In a world of its own, Caridad Piñeiro's contribution has a Dickensian redemption theme. A wayward vampire, demonic pirates, and an angelic heroine all fighting for the fate of the same soul in 1930's New Jersey? Yeah, it was just too eclectic of a mix for me. Too much showing, not enough doing (unless you count the love scenes). The holiday flavor was non-existent unless you count that it's Christmas Eve. It just didn't work for me at all. (1 star)

[All I Want For Christmas] In Alexis Morgan's story, modern day Seattle is the scene where an undercover vampire cop gets tangled up in the life of a kind-hearted diner owner. His investigation of missing teens keeps bringing Eagan back to Della's diner where the family she's made for herself makes for interesting interactions. The holiday flavor on this one is high and the romance quick but cute. This one had some cheesy moments but it worked with the Christmas theme making this my favorite of the collection. (4 stars)

Overall this is an enjoyable, if highly varied, collection of shorts and I think a decent sample of each author's style. While I didn't love it, I would recommend it to my fellow Paranormal Romance readers who are in the mood for Christmas themed vampire short stories.

Notes: ARC received via NetGalley.

Sarah says

I have been enjoying reading Christmas themed anthologies over the last few days so A Vampire for Christmas was just the kind of thing I was looking for. Anthologies can be a great way of trying new authors and I have definitely added a couple of authors to my to read pile thanks to this one. Although there were a couple of stories that I didn't enjoy as much as the others I'd say this anthology was well worth buying just for Alexis Morgan and Laurie London's contributions.

Enchanted by Blood by Laurie London - 3.5 stars

I've not read any of the books in the Sweetblood series but after reading this novella I'll definitely be picking up the first book in the series (Bonded by Blood). Enchanted by Blood is the story of Trace a vampire who is about to take his place on the governing council but is torn between his family duty and his love for the human Charlotte. Although I did find a couple of things confusing because I've not read the first few books in the series I enjoyed this novella and it reminded me a little of Lara Adrian's Midnight Breed series and J.R. Ward's Black Dagger Brotherhood books. My one irritation was that Charlotte forgave Trace a bit too easily for wiping her memory, it would have taken a lot longer for him to win me around after pulling a stunt like that but I can forgive it since this was a novella not a full length book. I really liked both of the main characters and I'm looking forward to reading more of this series.

Monsters Don't Do Christmas by Michele Hauf - 2 stars

This story was OK but nothing special and I'd started to get bored by the end of it. Daniel was transformed into a vampire against his will and has believed himself to be a monster unworthy of happiness ever since. He is drawn to Olivia but with her life in the public eye it isn't going to be easy for him to keep the fact he is a vampire a secret. I felt that Olivia accepted the fact that Daniel was a vampire far too easily and I was surprised that she wasn't even slightly afraid of him in the beginning. I was also annoyed that she kept referring to herself as a monster when there was no reason for her to. Like I said this story was OK and I will try something else by this author in the future (I have a couple of her books on my to read pile), hopefully I'd be able to connect to the characters better in a full length novel.

When Herald Angels Sing by Caridad Pineiro - 1 star (Did Not Finish)

I'm not going to spend much time talking about this one. I found the constant switching between the past and the present confusing. I didn't connect to either of the characters and didn't even bother to finish reading the story. I was worried that I hadn't given this one a fair chance because I had a really bad headache when I first picked it up so I tried to give it a second chance and had exactly the same problem. I've heard really good things about this author so will probably try something else by her in the future, unfortunately When Herald Angels Sing just didn't work for me.

All I Want for Christmas by Alexis Morgan - 4.5 stars

This was definitely my favourite story in the anthology and I'm really looking forward to reading more by Alexis Morgan in the future. Vampire Eagan works as an undercover policeman and is investigating the murders of several teenagers. He needs a cover story for being in the area where the teens have been disappearing from and Della's diner is the perfect location for him to observe what is going on. Della loves to look after everyone and the customers who spend time at the diner are more like family, she is quick to welcome Eagan into her world but Eagan is used to spending his time alone and it isn't so easy for him to get used to his growing feelings for Della. This was such a sweet story, it has a great Christmas feel good factor and I enjoyed every minute of it. The A Vampire for Christmas anthology is worth buying for this story alone & I would highly recommend it.

Megan Riverina Romantics/Meggerfly says

4.5 Stars 3/5 Hotness Rating

I was lucky enough to win a copy of this from <http://readersedyn.blogspot.com/>

This review is for the Laurie London's novella only

Blurb for Enchanted by Blood

by Laurie London found within A Vampire for Christmas

A Sweetblood connected short - Trace's destiny didn't allow for the love of a human, so he erased Charlotte's memory of their love together, but fate has other ideas...

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First of let me say this, the title of this novella is completely apropos. Our hero, Trace, is absolutely enchanted with our heroine, Charlotte. Also, I was completely enchanted by this read.

Trace Westfalen was about to become a member of the governing council. The problem was that though he technically had inherited his membership about a year before, for some reason the council kept postponing his vote-in. He was starting to get a bad feeling about. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that his great-uncle had been addicted to Sweet.

Charlotte Grant was an interior decorator that had just started her own company. One night, she and a friend went clubbing but her girl ditched her to go home with some guy that she just met. Unfortunately that left Charlotte to fend for herself on the walk back to her car that was located blocks away from the club. Too bad that the club was located in a shady part of Seattle. Though she had her pepper spray, she was woefully unprepared to deal with the two men - well, they were vamps but she didn't know that - that suddenly appeared before her. Then, suddenly, a stranger showed up and told her to get in the car, lock the door and wait for him while he dealt with the men.

Trace was both furious and elated to find Charlotte in the same spot that he had left her. What type of woman listens to orders from some stranger? Good for her that he wasn't just an ordinary stranger. Due to a mind-wipe Charlotte had no memory of Trace or the fact that they had been lovers just a year before. Had fate led Trace to Charlotte again? Even when their vampire/human relationship was doomed from the start?

There were TONS of awesome things about this story. So many in fact, that I have no idea where to start.

1) Trace: This guy is a total man of worth. (I love that phrase) If I needed to come up with some words that I relate to him I would choose DUTY, DEDICATION and HONOR. He's all about being dedicated and honoring the deathbed promise that he made to his father. He gave his all to the council though they were screwing him around.

2) The casual sex situation: One thing about the Sweetblood series that I love is that London always manages to slip in a line to tell her readers that her vampires voracious sexual appetites stem from trying to control their natural aggression. The difference with this story is that it's the first time that we see a humans' view of casual sex. One night stands were definitely not Char's cup of tea. Her thoughts showed how judgmental she was about casual sex in general. Of course then she goes and knocks boots with Trace after he rescues her. Though not actually stated, Char's eyes were obviously opened to the fact that even one night stands can lead to awesome things.

3) The sexual intensity: Turn off the heat because Trace and Char can start an inferno all on there own. They were pulled towards each other like magnets. Though there were not a lot of sex scenes in the story because of the length, the emotions between the two were easily palpable.

4) Keeping it currant: I adore how Laurie London is always adding little details to make sure that her Sweetblood world is up to date with current trends. In Enchanted she mentions the game Angry Birds.

5) The relationship with the other books in the series: Though this novella is built as a stand alone read there

were a lot of ties to the other books in the series. I feel that this is a mark of a great author who can do this. The thing with Trace's great-uncle that I mentioned? That all went down in Hidden by Blood, Sweetblood #1.5. We also see appearances from both Dom and Jackson in this book. Jackson's few lines even managed to highlight an issue of his that will be a main part of his book, Tempted by Blood.

OK so I'll shut up now. I know that this review is long as hell. Can you believe that this is the edited version LOL? I guess that just shows you how enchanted I am by this excellent novella. I'm telling you, you must absolutely try the Sweetblood series!
