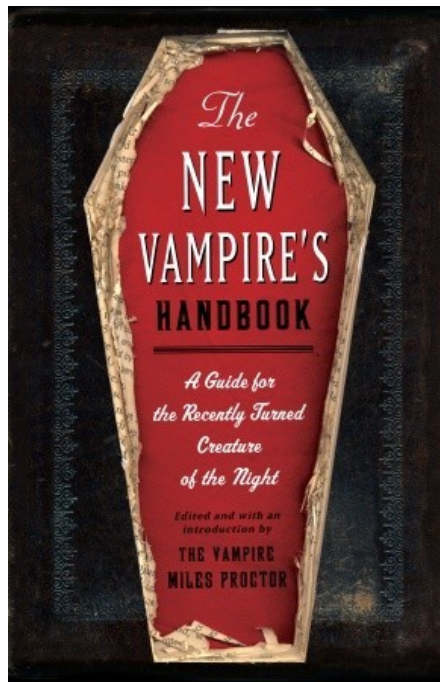




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Being turned into a vampire is the easy part.

Actually becoming a vampire is far more difficult.

In today's world of vampire-obsessed pop culture, misinformation abounds. A newly turned vampire who looks to movies and novels for answers to everlasting life's questions will inevitably be reduced to a smoldering pile of dust. So whom can you, a neophyte immortal, trust to provide reliable information and proven strategies for leading your best and bloodiest existence? The Vampire Miles Proctor, editor of The New Vampire's Handbook. In this definitive guide, the newly turned will find

- a head-to-toe look at your vampiric body: how to harness your new powers to dispatch mortal enemies, maintain your fangs, and embrace your vampirosexuality
- methods for luring prey, faking your way through meals, approaching other vampires, and creating a four-hundred-year financial plan
- tips on acting your "age," behaving appropriately if you see a human you knew decades ago, and dealing with epic vampire feuds
- essential advice for blending in with the masses, from finding a coven to avoiding the media (and mirrors) to staying on top of the latest fashion trends
- the joy of scrapbooking

Plus helpful online resources, a glyph guide, renovation instructions for emergency lairs, a Ruling Families directory, nightly mantras, and personal anecdotes from The Vampire Miles Proctor's nearly five hundred years of experience.

Welcome to the night.

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Mouselet says

As you can easily guess, this handbook is a humorous fiction, playing off vampiric stereotypes and pop culture. However, I feel I've seen better examples of this type of book.

I didn't care for the photographs of people wearing fangs, pretending to be vampires in various situations. I felt that they were somewhat out of place, especially the awkward photographic headshot of the purported author, Miles Proctor, that appeared throughout the book in little popup sections of "Miles Says".

The next slipup, for my enjoyment purposes, was how low some of the humor sunk. Seriously, if you're going to develop your own vampiric canon, why would you choose for waste to be eliminated through the feet? It's so bizarre and distasteful.

However, the biggest mistake in the book are the dated references. Oh sure, we'll still be making fun of the Twilight fandom for years, but are people going to know who Bono is, or what he looks like? I'm not great with identifying celebrities anyway, and I didn't realize who that particular photo was of until it was explicitly stated in the next paragraph. Several of the references were already dated enough to be jarring, yet the book is only seven years old at this time!

Overall, I don't regret reading *The New Vampire's Handbook*, but I'm glad I bought it used and I will certainly not be keeping it. I'm sure several other friends of mine will get a few laughs out of it, but I don't think any of them will keep it either.

Tamara Eaker says

This book came out shortly after the zombie survival guide and works from the same basic principle. It's a "How to, for beginners". It gives the reader, and recently turned vampire, all the information you could possibly need to start out your new life as a vampire. I think I bought this book shortly after reading the twilight series, so I was obviously obsessed. I liked this book, it was fun to read and quirky in info. I really enjoyed the fact that the authors were not too serious about the information that was put into this book, and they could poke fun at the stereotypes around vampirism.

Carrie says

Neat little book that both makes fun of Twilight (sort of, and only a little bit), and references 'real' vampire lore. One of the first books like this that I actually enjoyed and breezed right through.

Jennifer Bourgeois says

Cheesy

Half the stuff in the book too stupid. No MySpace anymore it is Facebook. Here is dhampir\ hybrids. I could write a better book.

chucklethescot says

I really enjoyed reading this book. It is the ultimate guide for the newly turned vampire to help you to adjust to your new undead life. It has tips on feeding, where to live, how to survive vampire slayers, things to avoid, handy websites, how to use your new strengths and combat your weaknesses. It has stories from your vampire host about mistakes he has made and tips on how to make the most of a natural disaster.

It is fully illustrated and these cartoons are very funny. There is a good mix of humour and the how to guide is excellent. It is the best book of its kind that I have read and I recommend it to vampire fans.

Micha Meinderts says

I liked the werewolf version better, which is funny because I prefer vampires. The way this book describes the vampire life is far less glamorous than usual, nights are mostly spent hunting. Doesn't seem too great. Also a few other details that the authors made up I didn't really care for.

Furthermore, it seems to be really sexist. All the great vampires are male and women don't seem to be featured at all in vampire life, unless in a typically female setting. Positive point is the few references to (male) homosexuality.

All in all an entertaining little book, where it was sometimes clear that certain things followed from a desire to be funny rather than being accurate.

CaroleHeidi says

Not bad for a dip in and out book if you like vampires of the 'realistic'-not-sexy variety. A few laugh out loud gems that I really enjoyed for the first 75 pages or so.

Then it got old and it got old fast.

It felt like the authour(s) were trying way too hard to be funny and the comdey of the style and writing started to feel repetitious and flat and boring.

I gave up and I rarely give up on anything.

N says

I picked this book up as a joke from the bargain bin, but it turned out to be a genuinely interesting and immersive read. The author has really constructed a solid mythology and dives into established vampire lore as well as inventing plenty of new stuff. I was especially surprised by the extensive chapters on vampire

relationships, sexuality and even polyamory, issues which are treated with respect and a lot of consideration. I'm not even really into vampire books, but this book had me fascinated from start to finish.

Caspian H. says

To be perfectly honest, I did not enjoy reading this book. The only reason it gets two stars instead of one is because some of the lore presented for vampires was interesting. Overall, though, I don't consider this to be a good book. The book is presented through the lens of a narrator, one Miles Proctor. I consider Miles to be rude and conceited, and reading the "Miles says" parts of the book was especially unbearable.

I would not recommend this book, to anyone.

Haytch says

Pretty humourous "guide" for what you need to prepare yourself for after being turned into a vampire. Pokes fun at Twilight, Anne Rice's vampires, and a few other mythological things about vampires. A neat little read.

Christine_v says

When a friend told me that she had found a handbook for new vampires, I wanted so much to read it! I thought it was going to be fun.. But except for one or two entertaining bits, I found the rest of the book boring. It was like I was searching to find the good part. I didn't find it. It's easily read but that's all. I'll return it gladly to my friend.

TheVampireBookworm says

Since the previous books from my reviews didn't repel you and you now need some pointers when it comes to your new undead life because the tall, dark and handsome probably left you, you are lucky to have this book at your disposal. It will tell you a lot. And by a lot I mean everything. The Vampire who wrote this took into account the flood of newly created vampires without their sires to teach them all about their new lives. He was alarmed by the lack of experience the American vampires had, hence the book. Every aspect of vampire's life is described in the book. From the creation, through some disturbing news about excretory system, to the ruling families in the vampire world. The book is funny and very educational. It does not leave any single aspect of vampire's life untouched. You will find yourself swept by the tide of laughter. In spite of it's awesome detailed descriptions and helpful diagrams, I must confess, I hated the photographs in the book. They seemed too unrealistic and too forced. The drawings were OK but the photos made the book look too cheap and I bet many readers actually declined to read this because of the visuals. Many readers judge books by the pictures, I can assure you. Which means many people were robbed of fun in this case.

Bella says

an okay book

Kathy says

This is one of the funniest vampire books I've ever read in my life. Many of the writers are current or former Onion folks, so that should give you some idea. Written from the viewpoint of a centuries-old vampire trying to help the newly "turned" vamps, this book joyously skewers (stakes?) pop culture's obsession with blood-suckers, yet does so with love. Where the book really hits the mark, though, is in its subtle political and social satire (e.g., reading "Atlas Shrugged" and realizing Objectivism makes solid sense if you're a vampire).

From oral hygiene to prey selection, identifying/avoiding vampire fanatics to finding hobbies to while away the centuries (scrapbooking, believe it or not!), this book is not only hilarious, but a very quick read and undoubtedly a guilty pleasure.

Not recommended for anyone on Team Edward or Team The Other Guy, unless they have a sense of humor about themselves.

Stefanie says

Fun, very fast read.

Recommended if you want to have fun and not think too much. Great book to read after something more emotional/time consuming.
