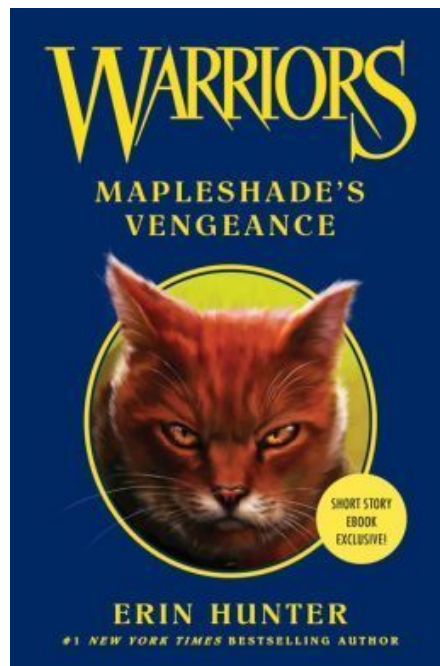




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In this novella from the world of Erin Hunter's #1 nationally bestselling Warriors series, discover the sinister past of one of the most treacherous cats in the Dark Forest.

Long before she troubled the dreams of Crookedstar or Tigerclaw, Mapleshade was a warrior of ThunderClan. But then the Clans cast her out as a traitor—and she vowed to seek her revenge....

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Cynthia A. Sommer says

Love all erin hunter books!!!!

All erin hunter books are fantastic to me only this one have lots of hate and revenge in it. Love it.

Kayley Cesarski says

BEST BOOK EVER!!!

As a Warrior Cat fan this book was amazing! It was so awesome I read it all in one day! I recommend this book to others if they read the Warrior Cat books. It deserves 5 star rating! Erin Hunter did an outstanding job and I hope to read more books like this one!

Emily W. says

The rating is actually 4.5 stars.

Well this was an interesting read. I now see Mapleshade in a different light.

Well anyway let's go. This story starts off with the clans going to the gathering and there's some tension between Riverclan and Thunderclan because of a recent fight over the Sunningrocks.

Mapleshade makes her way to a particular cat a cat named Appledusk and wouldn't you know it he's one of the Riverclan cats that fought in the battle over the Sunningrocks. And he's also a cat that is breaking a warrior code with Mapleshade. She goes to him letting him know that she's expecting his kits and that when the time is right she'll tell the truth about her kits to her clan because she's sure her clan will be very accepting of the kits.

So she almost gets called to do a dawn patrol and decides to let her clanmates know that she's expecting kits. And Frecklewish is most pleased about it because she thinks that Mapleshade is having kits that are blood related to her brother Birchface a cat who was "killed" by Appledusk in the Sunningrocks battle. And because Frecklewish seems to be accepting about Mapleshade's kits she thinks to herself "Oh now my kits and I aren't alone."

So she has these kits 3 of them 2 toms and a 1 she-cat : Larchkit, Petalkit, and Patchkit.

Mapleshade believe these kits can maybe bring peace and end conflict over the Sunningrocks between Thunderclan and Riverclan just because they are Half-clan cats for these clans. She almost has everyone believing that the kits are Birchface's for about 2 moons moons at least.

So Mapleshade after her kits are done playing with an elder she decides that he's treating them a little harshly so she chooses to take them for a small walk near the river. And she let's them kind of go into the river and they can kinda swim really well for kits so young.

And wouldn't you know it Ravenwing show up to ruin their fun and tells Mapleshade about a vision he saw with reeds and kits. He really starts to question and detect some of Mapleshade's disloyalty to her clan with the kits she gave birth to.

She tries taking her kits back to camp and as soon as she enters the Clan leader Oakstar (Birchface, and Frecklewish's dad) starts to ask her questions about the father of the kits in front of her other clanmates and everyone hears the truth and sends her into exile with her kits. Some even wanted the kits dead by the sound of things too. And all because they were related to Appledusk a cat that killed off Birchface or something. Like give Mapleshade a chance of forgiveness sheesh!! (Eye roll)

So seeing that she clearly wasn't welcome or wanted by Thunderclan anymore she hopes for Riverclan to accept her kits. So she tries to cross the river with them during a rain storm and the river chooses to sweep her kits away. Luckily Riverclan has a patrol showing up and they attempt to try to save her kits. But alas they are too late and the kits are dead. She has them help carry them to the camp. Appledusk confesses to his clan that he broke the code by meeting Mapleshade and that it was a mistake. He gets immediately forgiven because of the loss of the kits. Which he decides for himself that the river didn't drown them and kill them...that Mapleshade was fully responsible for them dying...that she killed them.

So after that Mapleshade plots her revenge on those cats who betrayed her trust the most. First one she goes after is Ravenwing because he told her secret to all her clanmates which led to her being driven out of the clan. She chooses to kill him during the half moon Medicine Cat meeting and even takes Ravenwing out of the burial of rocks that the Medicine cats gave him and let a hawk take him away. As a result she brought peace to one of her kits or that kit at least faded away.

The Second target was Frecklewish a cat who saw that Mapleshade's kits got swept away in the river and didn't bother to save them. Which Mapleshade found out about because of Nettlepaw. So Mapleshade went to the Snakerocks and removed a rock that kept the adders in. She waits till Frecklewish shows up in a patrol and then uses prey freshly killed to lure Frecklewish to the snakes. Frecklewish is struck and begs for Mapleshade to help and she refuses since Frecklewish chose not to try and save Mapleshade's kits.

Then of course the last cat to vow her vengeance on is Appledusk. She finds out he has an apprentice called Perchpaw and that Reedshine is expecting Appledusk's kits. So she catches the apprentice and uses her as bait to lure in Appledusk. It works and he wonders why Mapleshade is there and refuses to attack her. Then Reedshine shows up and Mapleshade lunges for her but kills Appledusk instead. Her kits all fade from her dream as if to say they are now fully avenged. And before Mapleshade herself dies she vows to make Appledusk's kin and lineage suffer. And she finds herself in the dark forest which will allow her to gain more of her vengeance.

So after I read it does it change my thoughts on Mapleshade?? Yes it does I actually felt a pang of sympathy for all she went through. And I believe some of the vengeance she unveiled was justified for the crap she went through. But I know that she broke the code so in the end the Dark forest is definitely a true resting place for her. And I believe that if things had gone differently and more in her favor she could've still gone to Starclan, but truly where she ended up was part of her destiny all along.

This book leads into the perfect tie-in for Crookedstar's Promise. Because it takes place many moons before Crookedstar was born. She has reason to be there because he is a descendant of Appledusk. And she truly puts him through hellish things. This novella also goes well with Tigerclaw's Fury. He is actually related to Frecklewish another cat that betrayed her, so of course she manages to tamper with Tigerclaw's life as well.

Now I would recommend this to Warrior Fans, and people who like to analyze the characters into further detail to truly make sense of why they do what they do in the stories.

Chloe (aka Crystal) says

Mapleshade's Vengeance was the one I was looking forward to the most out of all of the novellas and it did not disappoint! I was really sad when she had those sad things that happened to her. Like, it was not fair of her mate to not stand by her. At least he should have talked to her about finding a new mate in his Clan. I don't want to spoil this one, but it's the one of out of all of these that's worth reading.

Jonathan says

Overall this book was a very good short, it explained one of my favorite villains in this series and did it well.

I loved the fact that you saw Mapleshade before she became evil because she was honestly just a brokenhearted cat who was betrayed by her Clan, and lover. I was really astounded about how deep her Clan hated her and how fast they turned against her.

The beginning of the story was a bit rushed and I really think that a Super Edition could of been deserving of this character, so the story was a bit rushed, but overall an entertaining story that I enjoyed.

Luke Osmon says

I LOVED THIS

I chose this rating because it was a BEAUTIFUL BOOK. I mean war and vengeance isnt always good.... lol but yeah. I like it because of the action. I suggest it to everyone.

Jane says

Mapleshade is evil and manipulative and selfish but when you read this book you realize that she was deeply hurt and she broke as a person (Cat). her love abandoned her after her kits drowned. and the only thing she wanted was love and acceptance

I took breaks in the book bc it had boring parts

Lindsay says

This was written well enough but it was so violent it seemed like kitty murder porn.

Lindsay says

This book was better than most of the novellas, mostly due to the fact that it wasn't rushed and didn't time jump so much. Goosefeather's Curse was interesting, but too rushed, making it difficult to read.

To start off, no cat in this book is without fault. Even before Mapleshade lost her kits, she was delusional and a sadist waiting to be revealed. This is proved several times, one of which is when she digs up Ravenwing to be eaten by the hawks. She told herself time and time again that her kits and relationship with Appledusk would bring peace between RiverClan and ThunderClan, while any sensible cat could tell it would just make matters worse. Once her kits died, her brain truly unhinged and her sadism was brought forth, as well as her delusions becoming more prominent in a mental health way (for example, thinking her kits were talking to her to kill Frecklewish, Ravenwing, and Appledusk).

Oakstar and Frecklewish clearly had their fair share of problems, including abandonment issues when Birchface died and lack of stability when Mapleshade lied about the kits' father (i.e. Frecklewish attacking Mapleshade after the father of her kits was revealed). Also, they showed biased opinions towards Mapleshade's exile, since Oakstar was Birchface's father. Perhaps Clan life was more strict then, giving more explanation for the exile, but then it wouldn't be able to justify not exiling Appledusk from RiverClan. Clearly, banishing three kits is severe and unjustified by almost any standard.

Appledusk's relationship with Mapleshade was heartbreaking, as horrible as Mapleshade was. It was horrifying for readers when the kits drowned (especially because the Erins made the kits so likable and sweet). It was psychologically tormenting because you siding want to feel sympathy for Mapleshade, but it was so sad and you really felt bad for her. Nonetheless, her actions were definitely not justified by any account.

Appledusk was pretty sleazy, especially when he sold Mapleshade out when her kits had just died. He ruthlessly lied to get himself out of a bad situation, and also to get out of a dying relationship with no merit, considering he moved onto a cat that piqued his interest, once Mapleshade lost value in his eyes.

All in all, this was my favorite novella, and I'm glad we were able to see into the mind of one of everyone's favorite villain.

(Also, sorry this is so long. I had just read it and wanted to get that off my chest)

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GoldenStar of thunderClan says

Hi I'm GoldenStar.

Hi I'm GoldenStar sparrow is reading and writing for you twolegs. Wait- I wanna try!: dhxffgsffvgjv ok, not that good GoldenStar. Here. Review it, and ill type it. Okay, I think it's god, because it talks partly about love for kits, and partly about vengeance-is that a squirrel? See ya next time, ya mouse-brained twolegs!

Michelle Elizabeth says

[her dead kits were telling her to kill. Not quite. For her three dead kits, there were three cats Mapleshade held responsible; she felt justice was taking a life for a life, and each cat she killed **symbolically** silenced one of the kits voices in her head.

I disliked some of the wo

TheGracefulReader says

THE GOOD

Mapleshade: Mapleshade has always been a favorite villain of mine, but one of the things I always wondered about was what drove her. And I must say, her past, while sad, does not to be justify the things she has done. The reason it is so hard to feel bad for her? Because she knew that what she did was wrong. She knew meeting Appledusk was wrong. She knew lying was wrong. In fact, had she not lied and claimed the kits were Birchface's then the chances of the Clan accepting them would have increased, if only a little. Maybe not Oakstar and Frecklewish, but I mean... Appledusk did kill someone dear to them. So in the end? No, I do not feel much Sympathy for Mapleshade, because she knew better than to do the things she did, but she did them anyway. However, not felling bad for her doesn't mean that I don't think she's a great character. She is!

Ravenwing: I felt bad for Ravenwing. He was only doing the right thing, and it would have been wrong for him to let Mapleshade continue with her lies.

THE BAD

Appledusk; Honestly wasn't sad to see him did. He was a bit of a two timer in the end. It's kinda obvious he was involved with both she cats at the same time, So good riddance I say.

Rynneer says

Great glimpse into the life of the one of the most mysterious villains

Mapleshade has intrigued me since we first met her in "Crookedstar's Promise." Ever since, I've waited eagerly for the story of the first female villain, and "Mapleshade's Vengeance" is a superb book. I was disappointed, however, that we didn't get to see more of her life as a loyal warrior, yet there was room in "Goosefeather's Curse" for plenty of his mewling kithood. It seems like with each new edition, the timeline becomes more and more jumbled. In "Battles of the Clans," we read about ThunderClan's victory over SkyClan before they fled for good. We see Nettleclaw (formerly NettlePAW), Seedpelt, deputy under Redstar, not Oakstar, and a reference to a gray tabby I can only assume is Bloomheart. "Mapleshade's Vengeance."

Considering we only knew a brief part of her timeline, I think there would be enough story to fill a Super

Edition rather than the expansion of Mothflight's story. The ebook didn't quite do Mapleshade justice, but it's a ridiculously fun read

Kevin says

Amazing!!!!

Mapleshade endured a harsh life. Her kits died, her mate found another mate. I feel sorry for her. She is the greatest evil cat ever!

Emily says

Very good

I like this book but it's kinda intense and I kinda feel sorry for mapleshade because of what she had to endure but when Reedshine said Appledusk will live forever in their kits she is right because Mistystar and Stonefur and Feathertail and Stormfur and Crookedstar and Oakheart and Brook and Stormfur's kits are all related to Appledusk and Reedshine
