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Starting where Book 1 left off, Duncan MacDonnough has assumed leadership of the local vampire conclave and changes are being met with resistance.

Kimber Treat, the necromancer everyone (including her) blames for starting the zombie apocalypse in the first place. Duncan and Kimber are new in their love and the complications of zombies and hungry vampires puts stress on an already shaky relationship. Duncan wants to keep her safe, but Kimber still believes she can end the Outbreak. Will the cost be too great?

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Lexi says

** I received a copy in exchange for an unbiased and honest review**

Review: 4.5 stars

General: Please note that this is a not a standalone. I was unaware and assumed based on the blurb. While I did not have a lot of trouble catching up, I did find it a little too assuming in some places and think adding an indicator that it is a book 2 in a series would help a lot for readers.

While the title of the book rubbed me the wrong way the story itself was amazing! I hate on the nose title's and this felt that way to me. However, the story was so beautifully done. The world building alone was an immense task and sucked me into the devastating world – though it took some effort which may have been to me jumping in book 2. I found the plot was a little comical at times, but that has been a trend in Urban Fantasy, just not one I particularly like. I loved the danger and the connection between Kimber and Duncan. The book had a great way of placing you so firmly in Kimber's mind I couldn't help but feel her part in the story. It's a great tale that I think did a lot of things right and am interested to learn more about Kimber and Duncan – both past and the next book.

Overall I truly enjoyed this book and can't wait to read book 1 to see if some of the black spots in book 2 come together.

Khalia Hades says

What the crap. Someone should have warned of HOW FUCKING GOOD THIS BOOK IS!
I need book one!

Julie (Manga Maniac Cafe) says

4 stars

I really enjoyed this short series. Tons of zombie fighting, likeable characters, and smexy times.

Full review soon

Amber says

Another great installment to the series. This one is even more action filled and sexier than the first!

Not much time has passed between the first book and this one. Duncan is trying to make the compound even safer for the humans. While Kimber is still working on a way to try and stop the zombies.

I was a little disappointed that it ended so fast. I can only hope for more in this series.

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the first book and this one. In the first book it was stated vampires couldn't become zombies. They just suffered horrible pain. In this book, it was said they'd become a sort of super zombie retaining all their vampire speed and strength. It didn't affect the outcome of this book, but I'm curious about any future books. Of course, as I was reading an ARC, the author may have righted this error before the book goes to print. I'll be curious to see if she does. If not, I supposed in the third book she could claim at first they thought they couldn't be turned until they found out differently. On the Lisarenee Romance Rating Scale, this one earned a SHOWER rating--a cold shower is necessary (need I say more?). Some books should come with a warning--make sure your significant other is handy or your shower is in working order. lol As with the first book in the series, Vampire's Hunger, I felt the love scenes combined with the colorful language used had this one leaning toward an erotic read, but poised precariously on the fence.

Kari says

Vampire's Thirst picks up fairly shortly after Vampire's Hunger left off. I enjoyed this one as much as the first book. I would advise reading this series in order as you will miss some back story as to how the zombie apocalypse came about. In this one, Kimber tries to come up with a way to stop the nightmare that has taken over the world. I won't tell you if she and her friends succeed.

My biggest observation about the book is that I thought it really could have been combined with the first one. Not a ton happens in the story other than more love scenes. So had the first book been expanded, it really could have been one longer book and not stretched into two. I would have liked to see Natalie's love life explored more. I'm not sure if there is going to be a next book in the series, but I hope there is a continuation as there are a number of great characters I would like to know more about.

Marta Cox says

Second book in this post apocalyptic series featuring vampires, zombies and the odd necromancer! Civilisation could well be on the brink of extinction but if humans and paranormals band together just maybe they can find a way to survive.

Kimber is a necromancer and she blames herself for unleashing something dark from the other side which is turning humans into zombies. She's finally allowed Duncan the vampire leader into her life and bed but her troubles are far from over. Duncan has allowed some surviving humans to live under the shelter of the vampires in exchange for blood but not everyone is happy and the cracks are starting to show.

Kimber is trying to find a way to banish the taint that causing the zombie outbreak but her powers have taken a strange turn and the vampires are starting to distrust her. Duncan has noticed that the woman he loves is struggling with something but Kimbers not telling him everything. Growing unrest and panic as supplies start to run out will test resolve but Kimbers whole life is about to change, forever!

I really liked the first book Hunger but I'm not sure that this story lived up to expectations. I won't ruin the end of this story but things felt a little wrapped up too easily for this reader. I really liked the idea of a human necromancer banding together with a vampire to fight zombies and the addition of sexy Fae only added to the mix. What let it down was a lack of growth for these characters. It took me a while to like Kimber initially but her fearlessness and loyalty won me over but at times I just failed to believe in her feelings for Duncan. There's lots of hot sex between Duncan and Kimber but I like a book that's strongly plot driven and this just didn't deliver on its promise.

As I mentioned I'm not completely sold on the way this book ended but there's clearly room for more to come from these characters. I really liked the world building and would like to know a lot more. The Fae have hardly been explored and what we did see of them felt quite rushed. The vampires are very interesting

and I'd certainly like to spend more time with them and learn their back stories. So in conclusion I really enjoyed spending time with these characters but the story felt a little too short but then I always want more! It's very well written with a unique take on zombies and their possible origins. Such a sexy read and I loved the passionate Duncan. Is there more to come? I'd like to hope so as Kimber and Duncan are not quite out of the woods yet and I'd love to see how their future pans out. Oh and it would be a crime not to mention that gorgeous cover, yum!

Jennifer says

I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads. Thank you.

I didn't know this was the second book of this series so I would love to read the first book.

In Vampire's Thirst there's a Zombie Apocalypse and Duncan MacDonnough is the new leader of the Vampire compound that keeps the Vampires and Humans safe from Zombies. Humans volunteer to be blood donor's for the Vampires. Duncan's girlfriend Kimber figures out a plan to try to stop the Zombie Apocalypse.

I love Vampire and Zombie books so I loved this book. The storyline was so interesting. I couldn't put this book down.

I loved the romance between Duncan and Kimber. Duncan and Atticus are my favorite characters from the book.

I was hoping Natalie would end up with Atticus at the end. I would love a book about Atticus.

This was a great book and I definitely recommend it.

Cindy says

Stellar read...Ms. Garner has knocked it out of the ball park again.

Duncan and Kimber have their hands full, in not just in the war with the walking dead either...

There's so much happening, Kimber is pregnant, trying to end the horror that walks outside the gates of their gated community while keeping herself in check.

I hope some of the secondary characters get their stories told...Natalie...Aodhan...and my man, Atticus.

Fast paced, action packed, and sexy all roll into one...what more can a girl ask for?

The is definitely a must read book...You'll love this series....

Highly Recommend...

Renée says

Thank you so much again for this new series. I wish I had the next book in my hands right now. Also, I

would like to see more of that sexy fey boy too.

Kris - My Novelesque Life says

3 STARS

(I received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review).

Necromancer Kimber now lives with her lover Duncan in a compound where vampires and humans co-exist. As the two start to get closer Kimber discovers she is pregnant but keeps it from Duncan as she is not sure if her pregnancy is driven by evil. Duncan is aware of Kimber's distancing and is not sure what she is hiding but it could endanger them all.

After I read the first book I was unsure if I wanted to continue the series as I was not really relating to the world created by Garner in her new series *Awakening*. While I enjoy her writing the plot itself did not really engage me. I think I will stop reading at this book and wait for a new series by Garner.

Stacy says

I gave it 3.5/5 stars

There is not much of a break between book 1 and book 2. Safe in the Vampire Conclave Kimber works towards a cure for the outbreak. We get plenty of little surprises along the way as well as plenty of romance between Kimber and Duncan. Kimber's up and down emotions was a little annoying but you quickly get over that.

I didn't feel like there was much growth with the characters but the end of the book did a good job of wrapping up the storyline. If your looking for a quick easy paranormal romance. This short series is for you.

* This book was provided free of charge from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

All Things Urban Fantasy says

Review courtesy of All Things Urban Fantasy

The second in The Awakening series, *VAMPIRE'S THIRST* follows immediately after *VAMPIRE'S HUNGER*, and I was excited to see what Kimber and Duncan were going to do next. Turns out, it was have a bunch of sex, and fight. A bit more on the erotic side than most books we review here on All Things Urban Fantasy, *VAMPIRE'S THIRST* could have been so great, but unfortunately it fell flat for me, with characters behaving in a nonsensical manner in the middle of a zombie apocalypse, nearly a complete lack of world building, and a mish-mash of tangents that were annoying from the main plot.

From the fenced in road the vampires want to build from Cleveland to Akron, to the humans who lived in the compound (safely) but wanted to be able to go out to the park to exercise (did they forget the world was overrun by zombies?) *VAMPIRE'S THIRST* was frequently just so ridiculous that I wanted to laugh

hysterically, which I'm guessing is not what the author was going for. Most of the time, the ridiculous parts were also distractions from the main plot line, which was (I think?) the necromancers' plan to kill all the zombies magically. That part was the most interesting, and had it gotten more page time, I think the whole book could have been a lot better.

Since the plot of VAMPIRE'S HUNGER started nearly immediately after Kimber precipitated the zombie apocalypse, we didn't get much of a chance to see the world that Garner had come up with. There was not much said about the existence of the vampires, the fae, or the necromancers, and how they interacted with humans. This was frustrating to say the least, and it continued in VAMPIRE'S THIRST. Instead, I felt that Garner used the supernatural elements as a way of writing herself out of a corner, with little to no explanation for them.

Whereas VAMPIRE'S HUNGER had a cohesive plot along with some hot sexual tension and chemistry between Duncan and Kimber (though it was light on the world building as well), VAMPIRE'S THIRST veered so far away from that formula that unless you were looking for even more passionate sex scenes (to say it mildly), you'd likely be disappointed. I will say that at the very least, it was action-packed and the writing was good, but that isn't enough to keep me coming back to the series if there's a book three.

Sexual content: Multiple explicit sex scenes

Laura Greenwood says

Review forthcoming on <http://a-reader-lives-a-thousand-live...>

I received a copy of Vampire's Thirst, book 2 of the Awakening series, from Netgalley in exchange for my review.

Having gained control of the Vampire compound, Duncan and his girlfriend, Kimber, should have time to settle down in their relationship, even if there are Zombies outside the gates. But Kimber hasn't been feeling herself, with part of the Unseen in her she is becoming more and more aggressive towards everyone, even Duncan, and to make things worse, she realises that her hormones are going haywire being pregnant. Despite learning that she is not at fault for causing the apocalypse, Kimber is now more determined than ever to find the solution to the zombies, and restore the world to rights.

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My first thought on finishing Vampire's Thirst is whether or not this is the last book in the series (I honestly hope not because I really enjoyed the style and the story) but at the same time it does feel like the story could satisfactorily end at this point. But regardless, I'll be looking into the authors other works!

This book tied up a few loose ends from the first book, Vampire's Hunger, and that isn't just in relation to the relationship between Duncan and Kimber (whose full name is the very normal, Kimberly), or the cause of the apocalypse, but also in relation to Natalie and Aodhàn's relationship. I thought that it was good to be able to see more of the secondary characters than had previously been seen, it gave them more substance than they previously had.

Another thing that I liked was the fact that all was not always well in Kimber and Duncan's paradise, they seemed to have quite a few problems in their relationship in this book, and unlike many book characters,

they recognised that having sex wasn't necessarily the answer (not that they didn't enjoy it).

The action, romance and supernatural balance in this book, and indeed in the series, is perfectly balanced, and it is a unique and interesting take on the zombie apocalypse (I've certainly never read anything with zombies and vampires in it before!)

Lori {Romancing the Dark Side} says

Another sexy installment to the series. I wasn't expecting all the smexiness between Duncan and Kimber, but even the zombie apocalypse couldn't stop these two from keeping their hands off each other! The ending wrapped up too perfectly for my taste but I'm sure Ms. Garner has some tricks up her sleeve for the next book. #CleanSweepARC
