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Vampires are real, as Marissa is delighted to discover, until she finds that drinking blood isn't all it's cracked up to be. And so it goes... Madeline uncovers new mysteries and makes new friends, while Marissa makes a mess of her life and doesn't stop to wonder what's going wrong.

In the Morgensterns' world, Marlena appears to have recovered from her madness, but Madeline is skeptical. Wilhelm's seeming need to manage every crisis is increasingly tested by Marissa's antics and difficulties, a trusted friend's spectacular act of betrayal, and the return of Corelis. And, to make matters worse, in the shadows, a darker foe is watching... and waiting.

The twins want to be normal teenagers, but strange events and people of indeterminable intent increasingly hem in their reality. And while Madeline and Marissa wonder if they can just live normal lives, the better question is: can they even survive the lives they're living?

Morning Stars Details

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~ Rose ~ ?Desert Rose❁ says

The first book in *The Noctivagas Chronicle* had me utterly enthralled, and I've been eagerly awaiting *Morning Stars*. Unsurprisingly, it was just as good as the first book, and maybe even better.

The story line, much like the first book, is new and exciting. Filled with danger, secrets and mystery, the challenges this family seem to face keep growing with every page. The surprises that came out in this part of the story had me completely jaw-dropped, and desperately needing to know more. Every time I thought I'd cleverly figured out one of the many secrets, the rug was pulled out from under me, keeping me spinning, in the way only a great book can. By the end, the story I started reading had taken so many sharp turns, it left me feeling as though I'd been on an entire adventure in a few short hours, and was still craving more.

One of my favorite parts about this book, are all the fantastically deep characters. Every person seems to have so many layers to them, and this story slowly unwraps them all, in time. Each character is completely addicting, not only in their ever-growing importance and histories, but also in their relationships with each other. They all mix together to form a profoundly rich story, that pulls you in and begs you to be a part of it.

Of course, this book is as fantastic as it is, because of the wonderful writing. I am constantly impressed with the ability Mr. Graves has to introduce and lay out such deep plot lines, which seem to keep growing in every direction, yet keep it all wrapped up in a quick-flowing story. Flawlessly mixing humor, diverse character personalities, mysteries, action and adventure, he's created a wonderful dynamic with this intoxicating series.

Overall, I would definitely recommend this book to anyone. It isn't a stand-alone book though- reading *Blood Roses* first is a must, or you'll be completely lost, but this is a series every YA fan would love. It has certainly become one of my favorite series, and I can't wait to see what happens next.

*I was given a complimentary ARC ecopy of this book, from the author, to read in exchange for an honest review.

Roze Wallin says

Check out my review here!

Lilzgold says

(I received this book as part of a Read for Review opportunity.)

I liked the first book, so I looked forward to reading this book, and now I'm really looking itching to know what the heck is gonna happen in the next book. I want answers, dammit, and things really got intense towards the end of this book. And when you couple that with a great cliff-hanger (not to mention a great last word)... well, it's a winning formula really.

I was hooked by the opening line and the prologue, and the story only got better from there. The author manages to weave a nice, complex plot which doesn't overwhelm, and I think we've all learnt now that this guy Graves isn't afraid of making things happen in his books. There is one thing that happens which a large number of authors don't have the guts to make happen. He just upped his story to a whole new level, which, as a reader, I enjoyed, but now I'm also a bit worried what else can happen to my favourite characters.

Speaking of characters, I could not get enough of the twins' interactions. Their sisterly bond was one of my favourite things about this series. (view spoiler) The thing that surprised me the most about this book was the fact that the parents actually did stuff and were relevant to the book (which I guess is the same for the first book, but I never noticed it until now). How often does that happen in YA? Usually there's some sort of "missing parent syndrome", so it is definitely refreshing to come across a YA that deviates from that. Also, it's nice that this book (like the one before it) deviates from the YA trend of, I don't know, really laying on the romance. That never happens here. Yes, there are love interests, but when the plot ball gets rolling the love interests don't get in the way and try stop it rolling.

One thing that bugged me was Adrian. I'm sorry, I want to like him, but for the most part everything about him just seemed rushed, even if the characters were pressed for time. And the thing about his father, while I can understand it, just seemed a bit too convenient. Maybe if there had been hints beforehand (and there might have been; I might just have missed them) the idea would be easier to warm up to.

(On a sorta-but-not-really related note, I'm still trying to figure out why we had chapters about Kaspar. He didn't really seem all that relevant to the story, so here's hoping that he does something big in the next book. I'm calling it.)

This is a really good book, and I'd recommend this book to any fans of YA, vampires, and everyone else too, really. I can't wait to see how the next book turns out.

(P.S. Did anyone else do a double take when one of Mads' school friends described a dress as "fapulous"? I don't know whether it was a typo or intentional, but either way it was amusing.)

LATE EDIT: Gah, I forgot I wanted to mention this. Wilhelm's Japanese was a little off, but I'm putting it down to him not being good at pronouncing Japanese. It's nice for him to not be good at something =w=b

Dee says

I received this ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review. After reading the first book, I was keen to read the second to see where the story and characters would progress. I was not disappointed and loved the book, even more than the first. This book had everything! There is magic, vampires, religion and genetics all mixed together. Add to that loyalty and betrayal and you have an intense story with a multitude of twists and turns.

This is the second book in The Noctivagas Chronicles. The story begins where Blood Roses finished, the twins Marissa and Madeline are staying with Wilhelm and Marlana due to an accident involving their parents. The twins are vampires and trying to learn all they can from a variety of methods including magic,

fighting and academia. I found the relationships in the book very heartening, the characters are loyal to one another and dynamic. Marissa and Madeline are the perfect example, they drive each other insane but are 100% there for one another when needed. There are an abundance of characters in the book and in the beginning I struggled with the continuous changing of viewpoints and the addition of characters that come with that. I also had to focus to remember who some characters were and how they fit into the story. Though looking back it fits together perfectly and was well written. Each character contributes to the story and provides extra depth to the story, which I believe will be further united with the next book in the series.

I loved the mix of humour and seriousness in this book, as I did with the first book. The characters contributed to this, including the serious Wilhelm contrasted with the humorous and light-hearted Maelcolm. There is such a mix of themes and so many twists and turns that the story always kept you guessing. I had many 'that did not just happen' moments throughout the book. The challenges the family faced were intense with many surprises, mysteries, secrets and the "concealing of truth" to complete the package. I really felt for the twins who seemed to feel at every step that they were not given all the information. The story was written very well and was very descriptive both in dialogue and setting. This is one of those books that you would be able to read again and find something new each time. I am now eagerly awaiting the third book. I believe this series will appeal to a wide audience due to the range of experiences and characters involved as there are elements to suit everyone.

Meri Elena says

Disclaimer: Jason and I are friends, so I can't promise to be impartial.

The second book improves upon the first, *Blood Roses*. The characters were richer and deeper. The magic was more intriguing. The action continues to be intense--this saga doesn't let you take much of a breather, that's for sure. I think perhaps Wilhelm's character development stood out to me the most. I never imagined that he had so many dimensions. Maelcom, too, is increasingly interesting. Additionally, I noticed that *Morning Stars* brought forth much more emotional engagement from me than I had with the series before.

I have to warn you, the plot is convoluted. I feel rather thoroughly confused now that I'm at the end. I felt much the same at the end of *Blood Roses*, but I do think that *Morning Stars* ended less abruptly than its predecessor. Just be prepared for a tangled web of secrets and a few stark loose ends. I take no issue with a complicated plot. Knowing that several more books are yet to come, I'm comfortable knowing that things will be resolved in *Mars Rising*, just as dangling questions from *Blood Roses* were answered in *Morning Stars*, including the mystery of the missing dog.

Be prepared for some pretty graphic violence, too. It's not gratuitous, but it is there. The story kind of mandates it. If you can handle that and hang in there with the plot, read it. It's a rollercoaster, alright, and well worth riding.

Chris Craig says

After reading *Blood Roses* I was excited for the release of *Morning Stars*. If you enjoy a book that throws a little bit of everything at you, you need to read Jason's new novel. This book has tension, suspense, betrayal, secrets, heart ache and pain. New characters come into the girl's life. Whether they are evil or good, in some cases, is yet to be seen. *Blood Roses* and *Morning Stars* are not specifically vampire novels. Both books are

more of an adventure through life of two young women adapting to their new identities and abilities. The only downfall to this book is the story doesn't end and we have to wait for number three to be released. I highly recommend this book!

Michelle Thielke says

I really got into this second book in the series now that I had gotten most of the M names straight. It just kept getting better and better! A great twist of vampires, magic and science. Not your typical vampire story. Totally recommend if you're looking for something different in the paranormal world of books.

Donna says

I was waiting patiently for this one to come out and I was not at all disappointed. I didn't think that the story would get any better but how wrong I was! Jason does an amazing job of gripping you by the arm and pulling you into the journey of his imagination.

If you read the first book "Blood Roses" then you are familiar with our two favorite characters Mads and Mars or as they like to call themselves M & M!!! We get a better idea of how complicated things can become when learning about ones family. This just applies even more so for the girls. They find out some very powerful truths about who they really are and what their destiny will lead them to. The author goes into more detail about who and what the girls really are and they are learning that they are more than what they at first thought.

But of course with that knowledge comes danger, a danger that know no one was expecting, and from someone that is trusted among the family. Which makes this journey more interesting and much more emotional.

If you haven't read this series yet, you're missing a fantastic read. Can't wait to read the next book. Great job, Jason!!!!

Carmen says

After reading Blood Roses, I knew I was going to have to finish this series. It is such a unique take on vampires. There are a lot of explanations in which the author uses the Bible. For example, where vampires come from and many more. I am a Christian and at first I was like hmmm should this be offensive to me? But honestly, it was not, I thought it was pretty neat to read about things I knew were not true. That might confuse you but to me it was interesting to see how he could use the Bible to explain something that is fiction.

My very favorite part of this book was the fact that I made a little stink about all of the M names and then in book 2 Marissa makes a stink about it too. Considering that I didn't like Marissa because she is an immature brat, it made me laugh at myself.

When I finished book one, I had some questions [1. What is going to happen with their adopted parents? and their birth parents? 2. Are Wilhem and Saturnus good or bad? 3. Do the girls find true love interests? 4. Is Corelis dead?] and only one of them have been answered. I am 80% sure that Wilhem and Saturnus are good. And guess what? I have finished book two with a few more questions! But they are spoilers so if you haven't read the book then don't read my questions. 1. A third sister was mentioned but then put on the back burner,

what's her deal? 2. Why does Marissa want Adrian, Marcus, and Chez? 3. Where the heck is Chez? 4. Please tell me Marissa is not dead! <- I know that's not really a question. I do not like her, she's a brat but I'm sure she is supposed to be a brat. I do not want her dead for real though!

When's the next book coming out? I wish it came out yesterday. I'm ready to see what else is going to happen. And I do not want this to be a trilogy, this could go on for a few more books.

Read this book, it's interesting and no one is safe.

Annie Page says

Won on Goodreads

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The writer had me a little confused by the names some many starting with M and seen to me hard to keep up with who was talking at first I got the hand on it

and it became a very enjoyable and a different vampire book that was quick refreshing

Marissa and Madeline are twins and on there 16 birthday they are told that there parents did not give birth to them but an ancients Magic vamp and his wife

gave but uses Marlana eggs and sperm of Wilhelm's because euvampies cannot get pregnant and had them adopted. That they are euvampires and don,t need to fees off of blood a lot but these go side way as Marissa goes crazy and a battle of an old

enemy of Wilhelm destroys Marissa for crimes she did not commit.

Roxanne says

I received this as a Read for Review copy, which I was very nervous about as it is my first ever attempt at reviewing. I can only hope that my review does this book justice. Having read the description of the novel in a Read for Review post and discovering that it was the second in a series I immediately bought the first from Amazon. I fell in love with the story, and having finished the first in the series, Blood Roses, in a mere few hours (which actually involved me being unable to put the damn thing down!) I began reading the second. Once again I was subjected to the often inconvenient and, to my housemates, hilarious consequences of being unable to put down the book.

Such a gripping and enthralling read! Such great character development! Such a beautiful exploration of magic, vampires, religion, language! Oh dear, I am writing in fragments. Alas, the pure magic of this book, nay, this series, has me unable to simply write out its merit; I am practically singing!

I laughed, I cried, I shouted to the words on the page. I was, to put it mildly, a nuisance to everyone around me, for which I apologise, although I rather think the hilarities of my actions while glued to the page and yet still needing to eat would make up for the odd outburst!

I would write more about the story, but I am afraid I would be forced to include spoilers, which I am loath to do, especially in this case. Suffice it to say this book is amazing. If you like vampires, magic, or even an entertaining exploration of our language (and many others), this is the book for you.

I cannot recommend this book any higher.

Purpinkrose says

You know when you read a Jason graves book, your going to lose hours you'll never get back, in a good way. So this is the first warning with this book. Ok guys , the supplies need to come out, do not disturb sign, lockable room, comfy place to sit, and most importantly ear plugs. Settle in guys this is going to be good.

For those of us who discovered the amazing talent of Jason Graves with his first book, Blood roses, I have been eagerly awaiting the sequel Morning stars. And boy this didn't disappoint. I have read this at every opportunity, tea breaks, cooking tea, during lunch break, in the car(not while driving) I couldn't put it down. I have consumed this book in one sitting.

This book starts were it left of in Blood Roses. I loved everything about this. I love all the characters, there is not one thing about this book I didn't like, sorry I did, I didn't like that it finished..... I screamed during this book at a certain part. Jason seriously, I was like no you've got to be kidding me.

Ok guys for those who follow my reviews, this is a bit different to the reviews I normally do. Telling a bit about the story then saying why I liked it. You guys know I don't do spoilers, I hate reading spoilers for a book I'm desperate to read. I literally can't say anything about this without fear of giving away the slightest thing. So this is what I am going to say.

All the characters from Blood Roses are in this and a few new ones. That's it. That's all I can tell you. Except YOU NEED TO READ THIS NOW.

Jason you are truly blessed with a fantastic gift in the way you tell your stories. I love the style of the writing, the science and history in the book, I believed everything about this book.

Jason thank you for another compelling and enthralling book.

This one gets 5/5 stars and 5/5 for movie moments

Tanya Johnson says

Morning Stars is a continuation from "Blood Roses". In this book, you wil find that Marissa and Madeline are struggling with being a vampire with Madeline not wanting to accept it and drink the blood. Marissa is still quick to snap and want to fight those who confront her. There are secrets to be made, secrets to be uncovered, truths to be shared and of course the typical bad guys.

I truly enjoyed the second book as much as the first. There were so many questions that I needed answered from the first one and I felt that I got those in this one although now I'm faced with a few more questions that will have to wait until book 3.... Yes that's right, there will have to be a book 3. The girls each are unique but thrive off the other and bring a certain energy to the book. I absolutely love the attitude that these girls have and will say whatever they are thinking no matter whom they are talking with. The story moved along great, I didn't feel like there was any lags in it. There was the perfect amount of action and was placed perfectly throughout the book .

Definitely a must read and if you haven't read book 1, you need definitely need to start there :D
