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Seventeen-year-old Camille Kennecott has finally found true happiness. Her twin sister, Emily, has returned home after years of self-inflicted seclusion within the austere confines of Bethlem Hospital. Nathaniel Strider, the boy who has captured Camille's heart, has tamed the beast within him and joins her whenever he is not living his dream as a sailor on the open sea. And her guardian, Dr. Bennett, has graciously carved out a space in his scientific laboratory for Camille to spend her day experimenting with herbal remedies. When Dr. Bennett receives a plea from a colleague to visit Transylvania and help deal with the werewolf problem, Camille is thrilled at the prospect of traveling to this exotic place. But the darkest form of treachery has boarded the ship with them, and it is not long before Camille faces the chilling possibility of losing everyone she's ever loved.

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Karla says

Great sequel to Camille. I enjoyed this book a lot. It was nice to see all the interactions between Nathaniel and Camille, they were so cute and lovable together, I just loved reading about them. In this story, they go aboard a ship to Romania and encounter trouble on the ship. With everything that I was reading and the fact that Italy was mentioned, I guessed that vampires were involved but nope- for some reason I associated vampires with Italy and I was wrong, but I wouldn't want to spoil the good parts so I'll leave it at that.

Good book, well written, and I loved the introduction of the new characters. Can't wait to read the rest of the books to come.

Fallon says

I really enjoyed Camille (the first book of this series) and was excited to read book 2 and continue on the journey of Camille's life. I figured Emily would be a fun and quirky addition to this story and we already know the chemistry Strider and Camille have. This story takes the whole gang out of London and puts them on a boat to Transylvania. I read that I thought, "Oh No." but we don't get too cliché with the story...However it was lacking the charm of the first book, or rather lacking in the sense of dread that something bad would happen. Granted Camille was put in very dangerous situations multiple times, as soon as she was free of one she'd be thrown in another, but there was always a sense that everything would be alright. I never had a sense that Camille was ever in danger, and Emily was not in this story near enough. The mystery of the brothers they meet was quite obvious and where they were supposed to be 'scary' or rather mysterious or ominous I was just apathetic to. The love interest to Emily was obvious too but we don't see what goes on there so again there's is apathy. I really liked Lucien I think he would have been a great character to develop more, but he became just a passing character. I did like the story, it was quick and a fun read, but it just didn't hold the magic of Camille and the story didn't feel as genuine, even though it was entertaining.

Caro says

Heart of the Huntress, sequel to "Camille", which I loved, was an interesting read.

We follow the story of Camille (the werewolf-hunting heroine), Nathaniel (her thug turned werewolf boyfriend), Emily (Camille's sister who's finally out of the mental institution) and Dr Bennett (their Guardian, who is, by the way, a scientist specialized on lycanthropy).

The four set out to go to Transylvania this time, in order to help Dr Bennetts acquaintance, Dr Francklin, who seems to have a werewolve problem.

They embark on the Duchess, with Nathaniel as a sailor and a few not so nice Transylvanian boys, who might be planning something...

Heart of the Huntress begins a few months after Camille left off and tells a second episode of Camille's life. Unfortunately, this is also what it feels like. Even though there were snarky remarks, breathtaking action and romance, topped off with intrigue and the exploration of Transylvania, I found the book lacking in charm. It was drawn out tightly, trying too hard to impress and to increase the reader's interest by introducing new characters that wouldn't have been needed.

While I found that Arkos was a nice addition, some parts of the story just felt a bit forced to me.
For example (view spoiler)

While the first book was excellent, Heart of the Huntress could have been better. The characters all seemed to fall flat in this sequel.
I still would like to have another sequel in order to see how this turns out.

Sunny B says

Meh.
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skipped some parts in the middle, skimmed through most of it, quit at 81%, just not into it.

Courtney Wyant says

I loved the cover to this book. I mean Camille had a beautiful cover but this one is just swoon worthy. I believe I know who the creator of the cover is- Tess's daughter, Nikki, who was mentioned in my interview with Tess. Find it here. Nikki has given me a glimpse of the *sigh*, most amazing, swoon-worthy, so want to marry book boyfriend. Now I really like the blue dress, Camille, is wearing and it really sets off the cover. All I have to say is - You rock at making the best looking indie covers ever, Nikki.

I have been waiting months for more of the delectable Nathaniel Strider. Okay this swoon-worthy male that is an ex-werewolf. Now here's the thing, my Nathaniel is back with a huge load of muscle. Yes he is still a romantic at heart but no longer a player because Camille is back with Nathaniel.
So Nathaniel sets off on a ship to -Oh goodness I forgot where- somewhere a good bit away from England. He is on a ship and has to ignore Camille for his reputation. If a guy said that to me I would knock them upside down with a frying pan like in Tangled. Then they have some problems- I must not say anything else in case I may leak out spoilers.

So every person in love with Nathaniel fear not because the handsome rouge every female who has ever read Camille is back. I will say that there is another guy- not like Nathaniel hot but like a highlander in being huge. Yes Camille often referred to him as a giant. Yet I found him very attractive in the mental picture I found in my mind.

Also, there is Camille's sister, Emily, who has taken a part as a major character in this book. Yes she is no longer timid and shy. I like her sarcastic voice and I found her a really enjoyable character. ((PS I think she found her on little love in this story *wink, wink*))

So if you have not bought Camille go purchase you a copy now and once you devour it, go get you Heart of the Huntress. It's only 2.99 and so worth it. Also I ask you to especially recommend Heart of the Huntress to book friends. Tess said if she got a good, positive response she would write a 3 book.... People, I need a third book, I may not make it without a third book. Just keep that in mind ;)

Ashley Mayer says

Tess Oliver has a special place in the list of my favorite authors. Her book *Camille* was the first e-book I ever purchased for my kindle. I fell in love with the author and book immediately. I've made it my priority to read every single book written by Tess Oliver, and I'm slowly making my way through the list.

I loved the first book, *Camille*, and I was ecstatic when I realized it would be a series. *Heart of the Huntress* was fantastic. I didn't believe it would be possible but I loved it even more than the first book. Camille and Nathaniel are together, and Nathaniel has been living his dream of working as a sailor. Dr. Bennett has agreed to travel to Transylvania to help with the werewolf problem there. The four of them; Camille, Nathaniel, Dr. Bennett, and Emily, all board the ship that Nathaniel has been working on to make the journey. Nathaniel and Camille are forced to act as strangers in order to keep Nathaniel's good standing with the crew. It isn't long before everything starts going wrong, and a young maid is killed by a werewolf. It seems like the trip was a bad idea and it may be impossible for anyone to return home alive...

This by far, is my favorite book by Tess Oliver. Camille is stronger than ever, though she does tend to lean more on Nathaniel. Nathaniel is amazing. He is crazy in love with Camille and proves it constantly by actions and words. This story is great, the characters are amazing and the ending was perfect. I truly hope this will not be the last book, because I am not ready to let go of Camille and Nathaniel!!

Christy says

Camille and her family head to Romania to help Dr Fredericks, another scientist/hunter, with the werewolves in the region. Disaster plagues them pretty much from the beginning and an evil plot threatens Camille's happiness.

Overall I enjoyed this book. It was a light read and it was nice to kind of catch up on what happened after book 1. There were a few draw backs for me however. Camille's constant back and forth of "he loves me, he loves me not" through the first chapters was a little annoying. It seemed like she went back and forth every couple of pages for the first half of the book. Also, the way time was indicated was perplexing. What happened over a course of x amount of time, read like it was happening in y amount of time. (view spoiler)

I did like getting to see Emily and John a bit more, and despite Camille's internal ups and downs, she and Nathaniel seemed pretty steady. It was also nice that the author kept things pg. At one point I thought things were headed into a more adult territory but they didn't which was refreshing.

I think this was a pretty good follow up to *Camille* and I would recommend it.

Jennifer Polys fowler says

Camille and strider make it through the full moon and he seems to be cured. Bennett finds him a job on a ship which takes him away from Camille. Bennetts cure is being sought after by a village over seas because they have a werewolf problem of their own. so they all leave to help with their problem, one problem though, the werewolves in power there also want Camille to destroy her so the don't lose their power. on their journey strider is accused of attacking a lady on board, the ship goes down, and all hell breaks lose.

Marsha says

(4 stars) "Heart of the Huntress" is another wonderful read from Tess Oliver. Months have passed since the ending of "Camille." Nathaniel went out to sea and has returned. Camille has kept her promise to him by pretending to be a boy when she roams the streets of London. However, this particular morning, her disguise does not seem to be working too well as a stranger seems to be following her every step; but, disappears just as quickly.

Camille manages to return home and back into the arms of her love, Nathaniel. Dr. Bennett announces that he is planning to hire Nathaniel's Captain to take them on a trip to Transylvania to assist his friend, Dr. Frederick with a werewolf problem. Dr. Frederick is greatly interested in Dr. Bennett's research in transmutation. Before the voyage, Camille, Dr. B and Emily will attend a dinner at Capt. Sharpe's home where they will meet other passengers who will be going on the voyage. At this dinner, Camille meets 3 brothers, The Taksony's and one of them was the stranger who had been following her. She has the strangest feeling that this is not a good sign and that these odd brothers are more than what they seem.

On the voyage many trials and tribulations will be experienced by all of the parties. Camille must find more inner strength than she has ever had to previously. As a matter of fact, it is wonderful to see how her character grows from the first book to this. Initially, when I discovered that Camille and party would be traveling to Transylvania, I thought I knew what was going to happen. I am pleased to say, that Ms. Oliver keep me guessing and I was pleasantly pleased at the outcome. Additionally, I had originally stated that I wanted more action in the first Camille book and there definitely was much more in this book. It is a wonderful book and I truly enjoyed it. I can also see the possibility of a spin-off book involving Emily and Arkos. This could be quite entertaining as well. Pick up the series. You will not regret it.

JennRenee says

Tess Oliver did it again for me. I loved the first book, Camille, and I love the continuing story. I really hope there are more to come in this series.

The hunt and the science continue in Heart of the Huntress. Camille, Nathaniel, Dr. Bennett and Emily are off to Transylvania and are in for the ride of their life. There are others out to harm the traveling four.

So let me start with I love ALL the CHARACTERS in this book. Camille and Nathaniel are just wonderful. I love their banter, their relationship, and the fun they have together. The feel of their relationship is easy, fun, and real. I love them together. I also love Nathaniel. What I would give to have him in my life! HOT HOT HOT.... OK back to the characters. Dr. Bennett is great, he is caring and intelligent and just a tad bit crazy. The one who really go to me though was Emily. What a great new addition. She was in the first book, but very little. Now she is living with her sister and is she AMAZING. She is sooo funny, honest, and so witty. She had me cracking up most of the book. I just love her. There are some other new characters too, so new werewolves. I will not mention any names though so you that you will have some surprises.

The story is continuing on from the first where there is now somewhat of a cure to a werewolf bite. Camille is still trying to find a better cure, as hers is not the full cure. Nathaniel comes home from a life as a sailor, and Dr. Bennett gets invited to Transylvania by another scientist who is interested in the Dr. Bennett and Camille's findings. The ship takes sale and so does the betrayal, danger, and mystery.

I really hope there is more to come. I love reading the story behind these wonderfully lovable characters.

Vee ?Under Mountain Books? says

Just before I started blogging about books, I stumbled upon a book called Camille. I hadn't read a book by a Self Published Author before but I loved the idea of it and started reading it anyway. From the first page it had me completely hooked, and I left a rather rubbish 5 star review (well, I was new to the blogging world!). Turns out, shortly after my happy babbly review, Camille became more popular in the blogging world but even after a year, there was no sequel to be seen! But I can happily say that now, there is one and it is definitely worth the wait.

Heart of the Huntress picks up a few months after Camille left off. I'm happy to say that a new character joins the team - Camille's sister, Emily. I loved Emily's character through this as I felt like I could relate to her more, particularly her sarcastic streak! She definitely is the star of the show in my eyes and I'm glad Tess brought her out of Bethlem. Of course, Camille, Dr Bennett and our older Artful Dodger, Nathaniel are back too. Having been at sea for a while, Nathaniel's naturally gained some muscle but he's still the Nathaniel we all know and love. Camille herself is up to her usual tricks, dressing as a boy to go out and buy food for her family and worrying constantly, whilst Emily is busy painting and Dr Bennett is... writing about Lycanthropy or something.

This time the scooby gang are off to investigate some strange werewolfy goings on over in Transylvania, asked over by three rather odd seeming Taksony Brothers. Camille and Emily happily prepare for the trip, not knowing what lies ahead – lies, storms, lashings, separation - and a little bit of seasickness! The second half of the book seemed to be a slightly slower pace but much more enjoyable. I enjoyed the introduction of two new characters and learning the Taksony Brother's secrets! The ending was very quick paced yet still managed to squeeze some humour in somehow and as usual, the ending left me wanting more! So I think Tess will be pestered for a third book... perhaps having Emily's point of view this time?

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Mitch says

There are a few things wrong with this book, but it's still a fairly good read on the level of its predecessor, Camille. The problems? First, I have to include the obligatory there are some editing problems comment: missing quotation marks and commas, word choice, spelling, maybe a hyphen or two here and there, though the errors never rise above a minor annoyance. Second and more importantly, as I'm writing this, there are only 11 reviews and 67 ratings for this book here on Goodreads, while Camille has a whopping 174 reviews and over 1000 ratings. I know Camille's been featured on quite a few blogs as an example of not all self published books sucking (I know it's surprised more than a few people) and this book is 2 bucks more expensive, but seriously, get the word out that there's a sequel and it's pretty good too.

With that out of the way, again, this is a very worthy sequel. Camille had a better beginning, what with a midnight romp through a werewolf haunted graveyard carrying a large cat in a cage, but even if there's no way running through London in the evening can match the creepiness/absurdity of that opening (even with a weird stranger stalking and the basket of fruit), Camille's somewhat snide voice as a not-quite-proper Victorian lady more interested in science than etiquette in the middle of this supernatural mess comes through as effectively as ever. Strider is pretty much the same, while Dr. Bennett and Camille's sister Emily receive some deserved and interesting character development. For the most part, the new characters in this

book, particularly two of the three Taksony brothers, are also interesting and add to the plot. And as in Camille, the scientific descriptions are interspersed breezily through the narrative so they feel like a natural part of it rather than filler or interruptions to the flow of the book.

My biggest complaint with Camille was its pacing; I felt that the story was too quick and, more importantly, the ending was rather abrupt after the climax. This book doesn't have that problem, the voyage to Transylvania was neither too fast nor dragged, and in fact, the important events are spaced enough that the ending feels more natural. The tradeoff though is a slower section in the Transylvanian village which, though necessary to the plot, felt somewhat out of place, weirdly slow and a bit insufficiently emotional given what happened to the ship (view spoiler).

Overall, like Camille, this book is an effective mix of Victorian horror and steampunk. Three and a half stars (rounded up).

Catarina says

This book just made the series better. It picks up with Strider returning home from months at sea and takes off. Camille and her uncle are still chasing werewolves but this time their chase leads them to Romania to investigate some strange occurrences.

I love Strider and Camille's relationship. He does everything he can to protect her and Camille does the same for him. And now that they have decided to pursue each other we got to see the relationship grow, and it was great.

Camille. She is just as smart and quick-witted and headstrong as ever. This girl gives Strider a run for is money and its awesome.

Strider. Just as strong and protective as ever, and its good to know that just because he is trying to make something better of himself he hasn't lost his edge, he was still the guy Camille and the readers fell in love with.

I love this book and I loved what happened for Camille's sister and really hope there is another book to see what happens her, Camille, and Strider. Where should you reading this? Cuddle in with it on a rainy day in your favorite reading spot.

♥ Rebecca ♥ says

This was as good as the first book. This time, Dr. Bennett is invited to Romania by a colleague to help deal with the werewolf problem there. So he and Camille, her sister Emily, and Nathaniel all head out on a ship. The first half of the book is set at sea, where Camille uncovers many secrets, about the three mysterious Taksony brothers on board, as well as the real reason Dr. Bennett was invited to Romania. And things only get worse once they reach their destination. This is clearly on a grander scale than the first book, which didnt leave London. With higher stakes and more adventure.

I had hoped Camille and Nathaniel's relationship would have developed further than it had, though. There were still a fair amount of romantic scenes that I really enjoyed, but they were no more intense than the scenes in the first book. Nathaniel thinks far too highly of Camille for him to let anything happen. Even

though he grew up on the streets of East End, he treats her like a true gentleman would treat her. So, I think the only way this series can end is for them to get married. I don't know if any more books are planned in this series, but I really hope so. The first two books so far had completely separate and self-contained adventures. There could easily be more excitement waiting for them once they return to London. Besides, I hope to see Arkos again.

Melody says

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Camille and Dr. Bennett haven't had much of a chance to hunt werewolves in London anymore. Every since stopping Nathaniel's transformation they seemed to have stopped the spread on the werewolf gene. One day Dr. Bennett receives a letter from a fellow underground scientist in Transylvania, Dr. Fredericks. Wanting to discuss more of his discoveries he, Camille, Emily and Nathaniel set sail for Romania. Camille isn't having the best of luck on board. She has to pretend not to know Nathaniel because it's the ship he works on and because of their different stations. As if that wasn't bad enough. To add to her misery there's a man on board who stares at her as if she were something to eat and some horrid woman just accused Nathaniel of attacking her. To her horror he's beaten and chained in the cargo hold. Just when she thinks things couldn't get worse, a terrible storm has just caused their ship to start sinking. A sheep farmer, from a local Romanian village, finds her injured and alone on the beach. Camille knows he isn't telling her something but can't quite figure out what.

I liked this book but not as good as the first one. I'm not against a romance but at times Camille and Nathaniel were nauseating. I mean she can't hardly go an hour without seeing him or she goes off the deep-end thinking he's gone back to his old ways. I liked the setting of the story and the new characters that were added. At first I was thinking there would be vampires, since they're going to Transylvania, but I was wrong.

Camille can be strong when she wants to be but at times she comes across as weak and insecure. Emily is defiantly the more level headed sister and is constantly having to remind Camille how Nathaniel feels about her even though it's very obvious. Nathaniel still seems like the ideal guy to me. He stays faithful to Camille, even though his handsome and women try to convince him that it's okay to cheat, he turns them down because he only has eyes for one woman. His thoughtful, kind, and strong.

The ending left me wondering what was going to happen with Emily and Arkos. I don't know if there is a third book but if so I will be reading it.

I like the cover but like the first one, the font annoys me. I like the font that reads "Huntress" but not the other one.
