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He had everything under control until she crashed into his afterlife...

Fledgling vampire Jonathan Kerr has just met his match.

Not even his past life as a former Marine and FBI agent could prepare him for the battle against the monster inside him, struggling to take hold. After an old nemesis of the Senary surfaces in Brooklyn, unleashing chaos and terror in the battered borough, Jon sets out to take him down. Instead, he ends up with far more than he bargained for when he clashes with the beautiful half-vampire hybrid, Lawan Knight.

After escaping near death and suffering unspeakable horror at the hands of vampires, Lawan trusts no one, regardless of species. In between bouts of drunken stupor, her only goal is to exterminate all those who've wronged her, including every member of Jon's vampire bloodline. But Jon's soulful eyes and quick smile crawls under her skin, transforming her black and white world into a hazy shade of gray.

As the days rapidly grow darker, Jon and Lawan turn to one another, but their inner demons threaten to tear them apart. The only way either of them will survive is if they overcome their greatest fear--

Love.

Book 2 in The Order of The Senary Series

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From Reader Review Black Bullet for online ebook

Ingrid Thomas says

A must read if you like dark, paranormal, on the edge of your seat romance with a great cast of characters!!!!

This is the second book in the Senery series.. It can be read as a stand alone but I really recommend reading it in order.

Jonathan James Kerr, US Marine Corp... ended up dead.... or as a vampire but with a conscience and a soul.

The only weapon the humans have against the growing vampire population is one they don't even know it exists. The one family that can actually compete against the vampires are hybrids. Half human, half vampire. And their mission is to rid the world of the vampire population. The Knight family.

Jonathan isn't exactly family, but he was a very good friend before becoming a vampire, and now, he is a weapon for the Knights, a friend, a brother in arms. But he is tortured because of the beast inside of him, because maybe it would've been better for everyone if he had died.

During one hunt at night, John is suddenly surrounded by vampires, and in the mix of all the chaos there is a woman that entered the fray, unfortunately, she wants to kill him.

And what is so special about her??? She is a Hybrid... The Knights didn't know she existed! Or did they?

Lawana, has had to face the world alone, having escaped what she believed to be certain death, only to be tortured, used and abused within an inch of her life by vampires. Her only resolve and motive to keep on living is to hunt down all the vampires or die trying. And in the meantime, drown her sorrows in alcohol.

That is until she meets a very special, very soulful vampire, that even though he has black eyes, they are not empty, they show emotion, conscience... but how can that be? She has been deceived before, she will not fall for it again!

They are irrevocably drawn together, one wanting to avoid at all costs the vampire with a conscience, and the other trying to get close to the only human that can actually make him come out of his depression.

Can they overcome their distrust, and learn to love and rely on each other even after all the bad things that has happened to them?

As I said it in my last review, L.D. Rose has that ability to play a movie inside your mind, her descriptions very well elaborated, with no fluff that makes your mind wander.

The story is dark and gripping, and harrowing at times, and you end up wondering if it will ever get better, if they'll be able to surpass their obstacles... but in the end, I know it sounds cheese but LOVE CONQUERS ALL.

I love the curvballs that L.D. Rose throws, (*****spoiler alert***** if you do not want to read skip to the last paragraph*****) when Lawana is kidnapped by the big bad vampire, and John goes after her like a bat out of hell, and suddenly crashes with the ambulance.... Well that scene was amazing in my head.. And you guess that he will get to her in time... and nooooooooooooo!!!!!! I will not say any more, but wholly molly, I love it when you can surprise me.

So... in conclusion...**READ THE BOOK.!!!** I simply cannot wait for the next one!!!!

Even though I loved the book, and I do plan to keep on reading, there is just one little detail, very personal if you will, that made some noise in my head... there are some references to God, or religious artifacts that made me squirm in my seat, even though I'm not a religious fanatic.

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I was given the book by the author in exchange of an honest review.

Natalie The Biblioholic says

In BLACK BULLET, L.D. Rose's writing is as strong as ever. There wasn't as much world building in this one because the heavy lifting was already accomplished in Book 1. I strongly suggest that you read *Releasing the Demons* before tackling this story.

My review of *RELEASING THE DEMONS*

Jon Kerr was once a former marine and FBI agent until a bullet to the heart took him out. Thanks to a vampire bite he suffered before his death and his hybrid besties, he's given a new life - as a leech (vamp). What no one counted on was his sire insisting on sharing his head space, threatening to take over his consciousness. Not to mention his sire's twin, Regin Ramsden, is back in town, giving new meaning to the words depraved and deadly.

Lawan is a hybrid. Separated from her brothers as a young teen, she's forged a life for herself out of her own pain and destruction. She has more than a few bones to pick with the Ramsdens after they tortured her to near death and has a rigid hatred for ALL leeches. Until she encounters the one vamp with warm obsidian eyes and a kind soul - Jon Kerr.

There's plenty of action, angst and bloodshed. This author doesn't seem to cut any corners when it comes to giving a story all she's got. She gives us the entire guts, glory and mayhem that make up this series and it leads us on an extraordinary journey. She captured the feelings of these characters so eloquently and each touch had a profound effect on how I interpreted each scene. She allowed her characters to be naked in body, mind, heart and soul and I couldn't help but be equally captivated and enamored by both their brokenness and fluidity. I have no clue which characters I'll meet next, but this author now has a new dedicated fan and if it's anything like what I've read so far, it will be a must-have experience.

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Whispering Stories says

At this point I'm prepared to bet that this series is just going to get better with each new book that the author releases. I love L.D. Rose's writing style and the way she makes everything play out in your head like a less trite and PVC squeaky version of the Underworld film series. There's plenty of violence and fighting scenes in this instalment, with blades, guns and good old fashioned face punchery and Rose doesn't miss out a single necessary detail.

This book picks up shortly after where we left off in the first book: Releasing the Demons. Jon is now some variation on a vampire and is working with the hybrids to protect humans from the vampires without moral qualms about who they feed on. While he's hunting down these vampires and trying his best to come to terms with his new state of being, he comes across Lawan.

Lawan likes to stab things that come too close to her, as a result of the trauma she suffered at the hands of the villains of this book. She's a survivor by nature but the abuse she's suffered has left her struggling with drug and alcohol dependency to drown out the worst of her memories, while she tries to revenge herself on the man who hurt her.

She and Jon form an instant connection, though I was a little disconcerted at how quickly she seemed to overcome the worst of her psychological trauma. I know it's necessary for the story to progress and to demonstrate how they're teaching each other to trust again.... But I felt that there could have been a little bit more resistance in the process.

What I particularly loved about Lawan as a character was that she was both a victim and a hero in equal measure – she wasn't being rescued by the menfolk at every turn and she did her fair share of rescuing, but she had endured unimaginable suffering before this story began.

This series has now taken a step away from the Black Dagger Brotherhood style and come into its own and I LOVE IT. Not as much as I love Oscar the cat, who you'll meet when you do the right thing and start reading this book, but it really is outstanding.

The hybrids all live together in a secure compound, the dynamic between them all is fascinating and I think keeps the story together better than just focusing on a single couple to the exclusion of all else and is why I can say that this series has taken a place in my heart above the Black Dagger Brotherhood *gasp*.

If you're a fan of paranormal romance, vampires and violence – this is the book for you! I would recommend reading the first book in the series first as it fills in some of the gaps and is also another book to read!

Reviewed by Nia on www.whisperingstories.com

Monique says

OMG...another great story featuring The Order of the Senary! I read this in one day/night on my desktop, it was that damn good! Another action-packed paranormal drama featuring two very broken, angry, yet beautiful main characters: Jon - the hot half-Italian, former Marine vampire, and Lawan - a rare female vampire hybrid of Asian decent, and one kick-ass chick!

I fell in love with these two. I love strong, complicated and sensitive characters, and they fitted the bill perfectly. Like Blaze from 'Releasing the Demons' Jon and Lawan were good, realistic examples of how one deals with and overcomes the horrific chapters of their lives, with the resulting PTSD issues.

(I could tell right off the bat that these two were made for each other: Jon would frequently visit his grave, and Lawan lived in an abandoned church. They both had to be on holy ground...lol)

Besides being re-introduced to the awesome characters from the first book, this book had the perfect balance of action (with the required dose of gore and violence), twisted vampire villains, humor, one particularly beautiful love scene (with a few others that didn't take over the story), and an awesome black cat named Oscar.

I'm looking forward to reading more of this series for damn sure!

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

The Romance Book Disciple (Samantha) says

Link to full review below! Really different PNR with a dystopian twist! If you want your vampire stories on the darker side, this is a great pick! See full review on The Book Disciple

Georgia says

Review can also be found in Chill and read

Black Bullet, the vampire turned former FBI agent Jonathan Kerr is still out there, fighting the Vampires by the side of the humans and hybrids, continuing the job he started when still in the agency. He is under the Order's wing, staying with them, fighting with them, making his life tolerable with them.

The thing is that when he turned, he somehow kept his consciousness. The monster however is still there inside him, growing stronger in his subconscious. The battle between them is fierce! It gets even worse when he meets Dama de noche, that beautiful smell that makes his heart move. Lawan.

Lawan Knight is a lost hybrid. She is found by Jon, fighting the Temhota just like him. There is hate in her eyes. Hate against all vampires, especially those that have the Temhota mark on them. She has every right to, as she has been tortured by the Gemini. Now she is after revenge. It is her life purpose and nothing is going to stop her until both Gemini are swept out of the face of the earth.

"Black Bullet" is the second book of "The Order of the Senary" series written by L. D. Rose. It is one of those series that will become a favorite! The world the author has her story going on, is a sort of dystopian future earth, New York so far in the series. The Vampires have taken over most of the city and people no longer walk in the streets after dawn. Only that, the monsters do not hesitate breaking into houses and killing humans for their blood supply or just for fun. The world is not safe anymore.

To help humanity defend themselves against the monsters, the United States of America government had created hybrids, with supernatural powers. But even they, are not enough. Both books in the series are fast paced action books, with a hint of romance in them to spice up the story and make it roll. The vivid descriptions make it more real. The storyline is great! It is a true page turner!!

Ari says

5 *dama* stars

This is the second book I've read by Linda, and like I said in my last review, I was really pleased with *Releasing the Demons*. It painted the perfect world. OK! OK! Not so perfect world about what would happen if vampires were to happen. Where the last book spent it's time building the world, and merely introducing the characters, this book spent it's time building the characters and thickening the plot.

This story revolves around Jonathan Kerr, the "black bullet", the vampire who hunted his own kind, and the seventh 'secret' member of the Order of Senary, and his beloved love interest, and also the love interest of his not-so-beloved dead sire- Lawan Knight. And when I say revolves around them, I mean that they are the main plot story, but there are minor ones too- like Regin and Alek's plans, Jon's relationship with the rest of the Knight brothers, and his sister and a little sneak-a-peek into what exactly happened the night he was turned. When I say a peek, I really mean that. So little! (At this point I just need Kasen and Veronica's story, because what the hell!! So much back story and you just keep hush hush on it Rose!!! I don't likes you berry mush *pouts*)

OK. Well, when I said in my last review that this book was almost better than the last one, I really meant it. Rose's writing was brilliantly strong, and just like the last one, it had science! And I ♥ science.

Jon, despite being saved, has a lot of resentment towards his team mates for saving him, and trapping him in a life as the very creature he abhorred, and Lawan hated the entire world because she felt like everyone had betrayed her- the humans by creating her and then discarding her, and her brothers by abandoning her. Both their growth from self-hatred to love was seriously well portrayed.

What won me over in this book however, was the fact that the characters had so much depth to them. We get to see inside Jon's mind as his sire threatens to take over his psyche, and we get to see Lawan's fear of well.. any kind of human (and not so human) touch. Not that I blame her. She had every right to be wary of a hot-friendly-neighbourhood vampire that kept stalking her. Especially after what had happened.

Which brings me to Jon's sire and his brother- Taylon and Regin.

I kind of don't get what their end games were. Regin can sense that his dead brother grows inside of Jon, because of the blood connection, so he wants to wait until Taylon completely possesses Jon, and Jon becomes Taylon, and then what? They had to know that Roman was a very powerful psychic, and just as easily as he had kept Jon from going insane after Taylon's death, he might have been able to exorcise Taylon out? Right?

Also, I am a bit confused about Taylon. I don't know what to think of him.

He wasn't as evil as Regin, but never really stopped Regin from hurting Lawan. And he apparently loved Lawan, because he definitely let her go. So.. then he tries to kill her? What? I mean I get that she killed his brother in the end, but it was pretty obvious that they were going to torture her. So was the loving her part a lie? Am I really that gullible?

Oh goddammit, I really am that gullible, aren't I?

Fuck.

Fine! Let me talk about the person I freaking loved- Roman. Because really- psychic, extremely smart, and also kind of aloof? My heart is melting. I kind of had a hard time picturing the goat like rectangular pupils, but I think I can work with those too. If his book is the next one, then I needed it yesterday, or the day before preferably. Plus that exorcism scene? Oh-mah-fucking-gawd! Best. Scene. Ever. It was so bloody fucking good! Only way it would have been better was if it was from Jon's perspective instead of Lawan's because I would have loved to hear more of the snarky bitchisism between Jon and Taylon, as Roman tried to kick him off Jon's mind. Now that, would have been gold. Pure. 24 fucking karat. Gold.

Also the whole Dama de Noche thing with Lawan? I approve of that. Very interesting indeed.

Ugh. OK let me bring this back to some semblance of a review- I loved this book. Really did. Jon's and Lawan's past were really well portrayed, as were their connection. If Taylon truly loved her, it would explain Jon's initial attraction to the female hybrid. But, I also felt their love for each other, as it gradually grew. Um.. so yeah. Rose is really really good, and I really really need the next book, because what the hell! Give it already! And like I said last time, this series is definitely fulfilling my need for a good vampire series with some kickass characters.

Do I recommend it to everyone?

Hell the fuck yeah!

"She's luring me out, baby boy. She lures us all out, even you."

Jen Davis says

Part of me wishes I had waited longer to try this series because then I would have more books to glom through at once. I picked this up right on the heels of *Releasing the Demons*, and now I am sad I have to leave this world. LD Rose is one heck of a writer.

If you like your PNR dark, then you should definitely give this a try. (Though I advise you to start with the first book in the series.) The vampires in this book are not sparkly or shiny. They're not misunderstood or romantic. They are killers. They believe in torture. And they will do anything to get what they want. Or who they want.

Our hero is Jon. We met him in the last book. And despite what I just said about vampires, John is a special one. He is a singularity. It really wasn't explained why in the first book, but here we learn exactly what makes him so different. He still has his soul. But this is not what he wanted for himself. Part of him wishes he would've died the day that he turned, but as he meets our heroine, that all starts to change.

Lawan is a hybrid. But she is not part of the group that has already been introduced. She has been living on her own under the radar for years. And as miserable and tortured as Jon is, she is even more so. She endured horrific torture at the hands of two vampires. She wants no one in her life as a result. But when her path crosses with Jon's, there is no turning back, at least for him.

I appreciated the fact that the author did not rush to create a relationship between these two, especially a physical one. Lawan is a hot mess, but she should be in light of her history. It's really quite gratifying to see Jon break down her walls and for her to break down his. They are both so very damaged. But together they

start to rebuild.

There's not as much time spent with the supporting characters in this book as the last, or at least it didn't seem like it. I want more of the other hybrids. But we do get a little deeper glimpse of Rome. He is fascinating.

A few little niggles, in that some small things didn't entirely make sense. For instance, how Veronica's big news worked with the earlier information about the hybrid physiology. Or why exactly John's sire haunted him the way that he did, at least in the physical sense. I needed a little bit of explaining there.

But the writing is just fantastic. It put me right inside of the story. The characters had depth and was totally invested in them and in their romance. Now I want more. It looks like there was a fair amount of time between the first two installments. I hope there is not so long of a wait for book 3.

Rating: B+

**Review copy provided by author*

Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says

Graphic, intense, and action-packed! Dang! This story started off with a bang! This novel starts the story off with events that shaped the main characters. There are transitions between past and present and it is through these transitions that we understand the history that has brought the characters of this installment to the point that they are at. It is also where we are first introduced to Lawan Knight. We are able to learn about the catalyst that has turned her into the hybrid we know today. Let me just tell you that those scenes with Lawan were, as a woman, horrific and nightmare inducing. They made me cringe and shudder with horror!

The setting for this story is in a dystopic New York City. Over fifty years have passed since the Insurgency where the Vampires crawled out of the shadows and started a hostile takeover. Most of Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, and all of Staten Island and New Jersey had been taken over. Millions of people had been killed as food and for fun and now human beings are an endangered species. The Temhota are the largest vampire army that residing in NYC.

The order of the Senary are a covert order that are a branch of the United States government tasked with the goal of keeping the vampires from spreading. The order is comprised of hybrids. Hybrids are being that were created as an experimental merging of human and other. Many of these hybrids has special skills like pyrokinesis, psychic capability, shape-shifting and more.

Jon once a human man was mortally wounded at the end of book one but his human mind and soul was bound inside a fledgling vampire hybrid and unbeknownst to others he was not bound alone. Jon who hates vampires is not thrilled about what he wakes up as. He has anger towards Rome and Shaul who were responsible for his binding. Accepting of his responsibility within the order Jon goes about life killing vampires. Unfortunately, there is also a presence within his mind that he is able to dismisses that is until he meets Lawan Knight. From the moment she leaps onto the pages Lawan has Jon fascinated and the voice within his head also starts to take a greater role.

Lawan Knight is a female hybrid, a rarity as all the other female hybrids had been exterminated. Not only is she the only known female but she has a special ability that makes her a prized possession in the wrong hands. Having been the victim of countless horrors at the hands of the Gemini Twins, Regin and Taylon

Ramsden, Lawan lives for only two things revenge and intoxication. She is a complete badass! Taylon had been essentially killed in the previous book only Regin remains and it is for him that Lawan hunts.

I loved the struggle that takes place within Jon. It adds such an interesting twist to the overall plot. In the beginning you dismiss the thoughts that he has as just that, thoughts, but once the nightmares and clear voice starts to come through it adds a “what the hell” element. It adds a creepy vibe to every interaction between Lawan and Jon. It is also a secret that Jon guards closely. Love it!

What I loved about this story was that it brought me in from the start. The writing is fantastic. Every emotional high and low that the Author intended was spot on. I felt a variety of emotions coursing through my body while reading this book. The vampires are definitely the villains and Regin is the biggest villain of them all. His character is one that you can absolutely feel yourself hating. The pacing was fast and the action kept you on the edge of your seat. I found the relationship that developed between Lawan and Jon to be believable. There is not what I would call a romance between these two characters but there is an attraction that leads to some pretty hot sexy times. I liked that the Author developed the attraction the way she did, given Lawan’s experiences anything different would have taken away from the story and made it a bit of an eye-roller.

What do I wish was different? Hmmm, maybe “different” is not the correct term, more what do I wish had been better developed? The supporting characters. I enjoyed every single member of the Order and they were developed but they all had a “lone ranger” feel about them and I wish that we would have been able to see more of them in action. They were a team and acted as one but there were some characters that felt like strangers even within the team and that took away the cohesive feeling for me.

The ending is very satisfying and I think it is very appropriate. I can say that I enjoyed every minute of this story and although some of the scenes made my stomach a bit nauseous I still found the writing fascinating. Can this book be read as a standalone? Yes, the Author does a great job in the beginning of bringing you current from the events of the previous book. If you read them in order it would make the characters and premise more familiar but I was able to pick up what I needed to from this book. If you enjoy dystopian fantasies, don’t mind gore and can live with vampires being true villains then I highly recommend this book to you!

Thank you to Author L.D. Rose for this eARC of Black Bullet

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Anniek says

Jonathan died. People said goodbye to him at his funeral, but what they don't know is that he woke up as a vampire. Now Jon works together with the Knight brothers and helps them to take down the bad vampires. Vampires who show no mercy to anyone and who have done unimaginably cruel things to others. Jon is different because when he turned his soul remained whole. He still knows who he was and remembers everything about his former life. When he has a violent run-in with a female hybrid, Jon can't get her haunting eyes out of his head. He wants to find her again and show her that he's one of the good guys. What would happen if his soul is not the only thing that made it back?

Lawan lives alone. Vampires tortured her and left her for dead. In the hospital the horrific things that were done to her came to the surface. Lawan has never been the same since. She hides in her own sanctuary, which is an abandoned church. Vampires can't come onto holy ground, so she feels safe whenever she's at the only place she calls home. Lawan knows about the hybrid brothers. She once lived with them in the same compound. Lawan is out for revenge and will not rest until she has exterminated every single Temhota vampire. To her Jon is just another vampire, but when she learns about him fighting side by side with the Senary, Lawan must open her eyes to the fact that maybe there are still some good men left. Will Lawan be able to let other people get close to her again?

Jon has always lived by the honorable code of the marines and the FBI. The day he died was the day his human life ended and his vampire life began. Jon is an intelligent man and an incredibly skilled fighter. He went on several missions and is a reliable soldier, someone people want to have on their side. I liked to read about how this big badass man meets his match in Lawan. She kicks his behind and he has to pull out every trick in the book to get on her good side. Jon is protective and he will do anything to keep his loved ones safe, which is something I admired about him.

Lawan has been on the verge of death, but came out even stronger than she already was. She can hold her own like any man and she's a force to be reckoned with. Lawan also has a softer side that she keeps hidden. She has a cat that she takes good care of and I liked that I was introduced to the woman behind the hybrid. I loved her way of thinking, she's really smart and she has a great sense of humor. I'm in awe with this beautiful woman, who still finds the strength to take back what was taken from her.

Black Bullet is the second book in The Order of The Senary series and it's mind-blowing. L.D. Rose does not spare her main characters. They have gone through the most horrific events and this book isn't for the faint-hearted. She gives her readers the chance to look inside the minds of the evil as well as the good guys. I think that's an interesting angle. I found myself using every minute I could find to read another paragraph. I carried my kindle everywhere. I have been hooked on this series ever since Releasing the Demons and I can't wait to find out what more L.D. Rose has in store for us.

Siobhan says

Oh. My. Word.

It is official: I have another series addiction. I feared such would be the case when I finished Releasing the Demons a couple of days ago, but after reading Black Bullet I know without a doubt that I will be jumping on each and every book that is realised in this series. Seriously, The Order of The Senary is promising to be a truly mind blowing series. I could rant and rave about how addicted I am, but the short and simple explanation is that I'm well and truly in love.

Whilst I'm being short and simple about my feelings towards the series, I'm not going to be short and simple in explaining why I enjoyed this book. Releasing the Demons had me writing up a lengthy fangirl review, and the same is going to happen here. I would apologise, yet it's a book that requires gushing.

As with Releasing the Demons, Black Bullet is a great paranormal romance set in a dystopian style future where vampires and hybrids run amuck. We're giving the same main group of characters from the first book, along with being introduced to some new individuals. The way in which the story is told means the book works perfectly fine as a standalone novel and you can enjoy it in such a way should you wish; however, I would recommend you do read the prior book. There is an underlying story that seems to be playing a prominent role in where things are heading, and I'm sure a lot of things we get to see are suggestions of

where the series will head in the future. I don't wish to say anything specific, but if things are heading where I'm hoping they're heading, we're in for some real action packed books in the future.

More action packed than this one – and trust me when I say Black Bullet was filled with action.

From the get-go, the story is moving forward. I admit that it took me longer to be pulled into Black Bullet than Releasing the Demons, but once Black Bullet had pulled me in I found it even harder to put down. There's a massive internal debate as to which of the two books are my favourite, and I'll come back to that shortly, but all in all I think Black Bullet had more action than Releasing the Demons. Both are high-octane action stories, both pull you deep into the world, yet Black Bullet seemed to pack a harder punch. There was more fighting, there was more shooting, there was more guts and gore – it just seemed to have a little bit more. Every scene was infused with some kind of action, ensuring your heart was pumping. It didn't help that every chapter left with you wanting more, making it impossible to put the book down. So yeah, all in all, there's so much happening in this one.

Back to my debate regarding which of the two books I loved the most. This is liable to become a bit rambled, so I apologise in advance. I blame all the emotions the two books have brought about.

First off, both books are very strong four-star ratings. They're both flickering around the four-point-five line, leaving me positive that one of the future books will pull a five star rating out of me. Trust me when I say those things are hard to receive. I haven't given a five star rating in months, and I really did consider it with this one. It just wasn't quite there, much in the same way Releasing the Demons had me contemplating a five star rating. However, they had me contemplating for two very different reasons.

You see, part of me favours Releasing the Demons because I loved the chemistry between the main characters. They were wonderful, and I'm so glad I got to see more of them in Black Bullet. Honestly, my face lit up whenever they made an appearance. I honestly cannot remember a couple I loved as much as those two. However, I loved the way in which the romance developed within Black Bullet. It took me a while to fall in love with the couple, but when it happened it hit me so hard. It was the kind of punch you cannot dodge, hitting you right where it hurts the most. Their romance developed in the way I love: it was slow going, it had ups and downs, and there were so many emotions infused that I'm sure I'm still dealing with the backlash. By the end of the story, I started to question whether they were my new favourite couple. They're close, I'll admit that, but they don't quite beat the couple from the first book. That being said, I favour their story. Now can you see my problem? I'm a ball of mess when trying to decide which couple I love more. I love them both, for very different reasons.

It's not even a case of the romantic storyline being the reason for my love: it's the overall storyline. Releasing the Demons was a wonderful storyline, offering everything I could ask for. It was dark and gritty, it was full of action, it had emotions on both ends of the spectrum, and it had a cast I fell in love with. Black Bullet takes all of these things and amplifies them. The storyline is just as dark and gritty, if not more so, filled with troubled pasts and present ghosts. As I've already said, the action doesn't let up. The emotions are so raw, and I've already mentioned my emotional backlash. The cast is even better because we get to find out so much more.

In fact, one of my favourite aspects is the development of the cast.

We were introduced to the group in the first book, but they really came alive in this one. I'm not sure whose story I wish to read next, as I'm in love with all of them. There are a couple I'm overly interested in reading about, in understanding better... but I think the one I want most will be held off until the end. I feel as though that will be the story that wraps everything together nicely. The fact I'm even looking that far ahead shows how much the characters developed in this one – they all became so much more in this one, allowing me to contemplate where the future will go for them. I doubt all my theorising is correct, but whatever

happens I know I'm in for the long run. I need to know where this series goes; I need to know how every character's story plays out.

I just need more. More of everything this series is offering.

Honestly, I really could go on forever about this one. It's wonderful. I'm already anxiously awaiting the next book, eager to see whether I'm going to be given that five star read I feel is sitting just beyond the horizon. Because, seriously, this one was so close to that five stars. The emotions, the development, and the addiction I experienced – my words cannot do the book justice, especially when I'm doing nothing more than spilling my fangirl heart all over the place.

The only reason it didn't quite get that full five star rating is because it took me a while to be pulled in. Yes, it was an interesting story; however, it didn't quite grab me as quickly as the first book did. Moreover, I still feel as though there is some explaining to be done. There was a lot more explaining about the world in this one, yet I'm still missing answers to some very big questions. Part of me believes things will slowly be revealed throughout the series, yet certain parts of me wish the answers were there just so I could better understand the world.

Just two tiny things, showing how I really am harsh when it comes to holding off my five star ratings. In fact, I'm sure most will give this a five star rating – especially when anyone who enjoyed the first book is bound to absolutely adore this one. I cannot stress enough, it's a brilliant addition to the series and I cannot wait to see what comes next.

Sign me up to reading book three as soon as possible, because I need more!

So, the short of it: I'm a fan, and you can be sure of more fangirling from me when the next book is released.

As a final note, I would like to thank the author for allowing me to read this in exchange for a review. Book one gave you a fan, and book two has pushed me over into the land of obsession. Well done!

Lady Heather says

"5-Never give up on something you can't go a day without thinking about Stars!"

I don't really read dark, edgy paranormal romance, but the synopsis for this book and the first book in the series (Releasing the Demons) had me curious and intrigued.

I'm so glad I took the chance and agreed to read and review this book!

This is an urban fantasy/paranormal romance.

The world the author has created is where the Vampires have made themselves know to the human race and now they want to rule.

Millions were killed during the initial insurgency.

The Vampires rule the night and the human spend their time coping with the loss from the nights and fighting the Vampires in order to survive.

In order to combat the Vampires, the Government experimented and created genetic hybrids (half human-

half vampire) that have special "gifts" that make them superior to even the vampires.

The hybrids are thought to have been destroyed because of the uproar about the genetically modified embryos, so they remain as a secret black-ops project known as the "Order of the Senary".

This story is about Jon Kerr, a former marine, FBI agent and now a "*vampire, but not a vampire*" who was saved by the Order because of his former work with them while he was an FBI agent, and it's also about Lawan, the only female hybrid left alive.

Their story is tragic, dark and edgy but oh so worth the read.

I loved it!

This arc has so many possibilities and so much potential.

I can't wait to read the next book in the series!

I'm so thrilled that the author reached out to me and asked me to review for her!

"I voluntarily read a copy of this book which was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review."

Avril says

Really, really loving this series.

Michaelene says

I'm hooked on this series.

It was a great day when I discovered L.D. Rose's The Order of the Senary series. I was dying to get my hands on the second book, *Black Bullet*, and I knew it was going to go on my keeper shelf. This paranormal world of vamps and hybrids keeps on growing, making this author my newest paranormal go-to.

Lawan lives much of her life alone as a rare female hybrid. Trust doesn't come easy for her, and when a vampire who's not quite a vampire shows her kindness, she's definitely on guard. But there's something about Jon's quiet strength and persistence that piques Lawan's curiosity.

Jon has never quite come to terms with what he is. Each night, he hunts vampires with his Knight brethren, but the night he meets Lawan his life tilts on its axis. An enemy, all the while, waits in the shadows ready to tear their lives apart.

Did he just call her 'Law?'

Did he just call her stupid?

Fuck him. Fuck him and his fucking vampire face.

Lawan has to be one of my favorite heroines this year. She's tough-as-nails, but hidden away in her psyche, she's got as many demons to fight as her male counterpart, Jon, does. More, even. But there's such a fighting, passionate spirit that resides in Lawan that's just waiting to get out. Like in the first book of this series, there are some dark, dark scenes. My heart just kept breaking for Lawan. Being such an emotionally-

driven story, I couldn't help but be 100% invested.

Then there's Jon. He's got the sweetest, dreamiest soft side. His makeup is a little different than all of the other hybrids in his brotherhood, and it's diabolically clever how his past seamlessly fits into the storyline. Jon is drawn to the sadness in Lawan's eyes but also her indomitable and kickass presence. The guy can't help but be drawn into it. Into her. In his own off-handed way, he could just drive Lawan batty, and I was rooting for Jon so hard.

Never give up on something you can't go a day without thinking about.

There aren't two more characters deserving of happiness, but the obstacles ahead of them are out of this world challenging. I gasped out loud at least four times while I was reading. All of these twists kept cropping up and completely blew my mind, barreling the story in a different direction. I wasn't expecting them *at all*.

I can't tell you how many times I was all, "What?!", "No way!", "Such a good twist!"

The world we got introduced to in the first book developed phenomenally in this one. You may think you know the enemy, but there's always something else around the corner. There's so much depth and so many different end games to consider and everyone's separate abilities and identities. I also loved getting reintroduced to the other Knight hybrids. The camaraderie is perfection! They bust each others' balls but they also have each others' backs, and there's hints that there's more darkness coming our way. I can't wait to see what L.D. Rose will throw at her readers in the next book.

I recommend *Black Bullet* so hard! If you're looking for a paranormal romance you gotta use that one-click digit and pick up this series! The writing is completely engrossing, the characters are diverse and dynamic, and this world just keeps on giving. I'm dying to get my greedy little hands on the next installment.

5 Plot-Twist-Heaven Stars

I voluntarily reviewed an arc via the author in exchange for an honest review. Reviewed by Michaelene from Alpha Book Club

Mette says

So.....The paranormal genre is not my typical genre, but once in a while, a book comes around that I just have to read. A book that intrigues me so much that I can't keep my hand off it. And L.D. Rose's *Black Bullet* is just that kind of book.

Black Bullet blew my mind, and it was impossible for me to put the book down before I had licked the last drop of blood from the very last page.

That's right! I lived myself so much into the story that I almost felt like a vampire myself. I felt the pain, the hunger, the lust, the angst and the love. A love so tender and beautiful that it was absolutely breathtaking.

Jonathan Kerr was bitten and died, and when he woke up, he had become the very monster he had spent years hunting and killing. It was like waking up in his worst nightmare, and he struggled every day to come to terms with what he had become.

The only light in the dark was that he now could come real close to the vampires he was hunting.

Together with a group of hybrid vampires (half vampire/half human with special abilities) he tries to make a difference and free the world of the evil that is threatening humanity.

Lawan Knight was one of the last female hybrids. All the rest was terminated after she escaped the facility. She had been through hell. She had been tortured and played with and all she had left now, was her need for revenge and Johnny Walker. That was until she clashed together with Jon and beat him to a pulp. He wouldn't accept her rejection and came back for more, and this is how the most beautiful love story started to unfold.

My Lord! L.D Rose is such a brilliant writer. I usually do a little dance when I come across a writer that really rings my bell and believe me. L.D. Rose rang my bell like a buoy with a bell in the perfect storm. The way she digs herself into the very souls of her characters are just mesmerizing, and she made me fall completely in love with both Lawan and Jon. These are two broken souls that never thought they could ever find love and yet she gives them light in the darkest hours.

The universe L.D has created is just magic. The horror, pain, angst, fear, friendship, passion, lust, and love lies in every line of the book, and the intensity of it all ties a perfect bow on a breathtaking book. I was captivated and hypnotized by her words and I devoured every single one of them.

Black Bullet is written as a stand alone, and I read it as one. But had I known what a gifted writer L.D. Rose is I would have read the first book Releasing the Demons in her The Order of the Senary series first.

To the fans of paranormal books, this is a must read. To the fans of dark romance, this is a must read. I could go on and on, but my main advice is; just read it, guys. And give me a high five if it blows your minds as it did mine.

Thanks to L.D Rose for this thrilling advanced copy.
