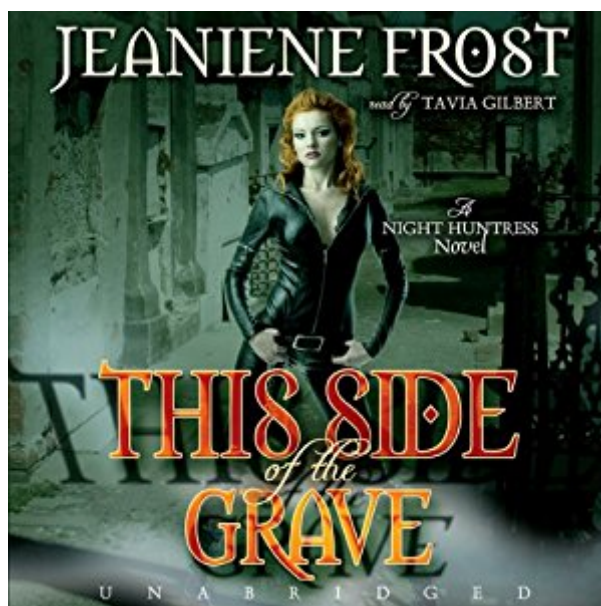


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Synopsis

Danger waits on both sides of the grave...Half-vampire Cat Crawfield and her vampire husband, Bones, have fought for their lives, as well as for their relationship. But just when they've triumphed over the latest battle, Cat's new and unexpected abilities threaten to upset a long-standing balance. With the mysterious disappearance of vampires, rumors abound that a species war is brewing. A zealot is inciting tensions between the vampires and ghouls, and if these two powerful groups clash, innocent mortals could become collateral damage. Now Cat and Bones are forced to seek help from a dangerous "ally"-the ghoul queen of New Orleans herself. But the price of her assistance may prove more treacherous than even the threat of a supernatural war-to say nothing of the repercussions Cat never imagined.

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Customer Reviews

If I had to name one thing that makes this whole series stand out from other vamp series it would be Cat. And. Bones. Okay, I cheated a little, that was actually two things, but really they go hand in hand. They are inseparable and they are just fabulous. I mean really, is there a vamp out there that is as sexy, hot and naughty as Bones, while still being sweet and loving and caring? I think not. And trust me on this one, if there is one thing that Frost can write, it is a good hot leading man that will make you sigh and wish he were yours. It has been awhile since I have read a book from this series sadly but with the last book being released I knew this was a series I just needed to pick right up again and finish. It has been way too long without a little Cat and Bones in my life. I love their dynamic. The way they interact, the way they fight and best of all, the way they love. And even though

I love this series, I can't help but think this book was missing a little something that was present in the other four. Maybe it is because I waited so long in between reads or maybe it is just me but it felt like something was...off about it all. We still get Cat being as fierce and kick butt as ever and Bones being his charming self. We even get Mencheres and Spade, Vlad and even a bit of Ian but it felt more strained than normal, more forced. The humor wasn't all that the past books have been and even the dynamic between all the friends felt different. Gah, I am so bad at this because I really can't explain what was wrong with it. The tender scenes between Cat and Bones were as wonderful and hot as ever and the fighting like always was kick butt (no one knows how to write love scenes and fighting scenes like Frost) but yet, something still felt off. It may even be that once again we lose someone important in this one and that saddened it a little for me. I'm not sure. But, I am really hoping with only two books left to read in the series, I am feeling better about the next one.

I want to affirm that I'm a huge fan of this series. So - I've read TSOTG and have to admit I was disappointed. I loved the first 3 books - 5 Stars. The 4th was a 4.5 for me. It was exciting, I was devastated when Bones and Cat had their big fight (their make-up btw was sexy fantastic) and with the whole Cat/Gregor thing, but DFAEG lost a 1/2 star because I wasn't crazy about the whole Marie/ghost/ghoul thing. TSOTG is more of the Marie/ghost/ghoul scenario. But what I was most disappointed in was the lack of any depth from the side characters (ok, Ian got 1 good line) just token appearances from Spade, Ian, Cat's mom, Tate and the boys. Vlad had an ok part in this one and Mencheres sorta. They all seemed to be a bigger part of the other books, more dialog. Possibly the reason for that is the side characters in this series are so loved that they even warrant their own books. Maybe that's why we didn't get as much of them in this book. Also the Cat/Bones relationship although solid in this bk seemed kinda luke warm to me. I just didn't get as connected a feel to this book as I have with the others. And Chapter 21 had NOTHING on Chapter 32. (I actually have a Chapter 32 t-shirt!) I realize Cat/Bones are married and thank gawd also Cat has finally learned a few things when it comes to her relationship with Bones, but it seemed things weren't as spicy in this story. I was most intrigued about the preview for the next book (One Grave At A Time) at the end of the bk than I was with this one. Was it just me? I love this series and am anxiously awaiting One Grave At a Time.

3.5 stars. I am not really disappointed, but this book didn't make an impression on me, not as the previous one. Bones and Cat understand each other and they are really a couple. It was a surprise that Cat was really taking into consideration everything Bones told her in the past and she was

never going behind his back to achieve her immediate goals, thus making it harder for the author to build a gripping plot, in my opinion, but I appreciated that. I felt though that the emotions didn't run very deep. Bones and Cat's domesticity is cute, but I didn't feel the urgency and the passion of the previous books, it was more told than shown. There were also moments when it was like the characters were just going around, moving from one point to another almost aimlessly. There were not moments when I really felt the characters were in danger and they had to do something exceptional to solve their problems. Maybe it's because the villain in this book was a coward in the end. Then there were things that were just left like that: ***spoiler*** Justine's enlistment in Cat's former squad; the young mute ghoul Cat saved; I think Dave, who infiltrated the ghoul, just disappeared ***end spoiler***. In short, there were things which happened and took Cat away from the real action, when the action and plot could have gotten more interesting. It is still an enjoyable series and it's very easy to read. As sheer entertainment goes, the book accomplishes its mission, but the previous books had a few very intense moments that this book unfortunately lacks.

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