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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

The romantic horror genre reaches a new level of complexity in this novel, which manages to be simultaneously thought-provoking and blood-curdling. Kerry becomes the unwitting accomplice of an attractive, mysterious boy on the run, only to discover that he is a vampire. Can she trust her feelings for someone so alien to her? Or has she been "seduced by the glamour of evil"? An ALA Best Book for Young Adults, this was called "a tingly thriller" by *Horn Book*

From School Library Journal

Grade 6-10?Kerry Nowicki, 16, never dreamed that vampires lived in her little town of Brockport, New York, let alone that she would become involved with a handsome one named Ethan. When she makes a latenight trip back to the laundromat to retrieve her little brother's stuffed bear, she interrupts the murderous plans of a vigilante committee that claims Ethan is one of the undead. Kerry tries to help him, so they assume that she is a vampire, too. When the two young people escape, Kerry's brother and father are kidnapped in retaliation, and a complicated game of cat-and-mouse follows. During the often harrowing experiences that follow, Kerry proves to be an intelligent, level-headed young woman. She recognizes the danger of her attraction to Ethan, but knows that she must trust him to help find her family. Ethan maintains the cunning and duplicity that readers might expect from a vampire. The plot is lively and intriguing, with an unexpected twist at the end. Readers might be tempted to compare this novel to Annette Curtis Klause's The Silver Kiss (Delacorte, 1990), since many of the elements are similar. But the heroine of that story acts from a different motivation, making the books much different in terms of plot, theme, and tone. Companions of the Night should attract a loyal following of its own.?Marilyn Makowski, Greenwood High School, SC Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From **Booklist**

Gr. 7⁻¹⁰. In a compelling story that has more in common with *The Silver Kiss* (1990), by Annette Curtis Klause, than it does with Hahn's recent *Look for Me by Moonlight*, 16-year-old Kerry Nowicki finds herself caught up in a life-and-death chase after she helps an injured young man escape from some men who claim that he is a vampire. And that, it turns out, is exactly what he is. Can she trust Ethan Byrne not to kill her or turn her into a vampire as they search for the man who assumes she, too, is a vampire and has kidnapped her father and little brother? Readers will want to believe in Ethan's honesty as much as Kerry wants to, and Vande Velde carefully maintains the suspense by allowing Ethan to remain an enigma until the end. Kerry also is believable as she alternates between fear and feistiness because her only alternative is to cooperate with Ethan if she hopes to find her family. Full of tension and familiar vampire lore--and with a touch of romance--this should find a wide YA audience. *Sally Estes*

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