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Enter a world of fierce wolves, stunning magic and romance...

In the final installment of The Tale of Lunarmorte, Caia is caught between the most powerful beings in her world, and they are all desperate to use her for their own means. While Caia struggles to find her purpose, tragedy strikes close to home, and time runs out.

Now she must decide if she will join the extremists she was trying to destroy... or bring them all down on her own terms...

## **Blood Solstice Details**

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## From Reader Review Blood Solstice for online ebook

### Tami says

SPOILERS!!

While this book had the potential to be great, it wasn't quite as good as the 2nd book, River Cast.

So, we discover who Reuben is. a 2400 year old Vamp who was not only around when the War began, but was part of the reason why it started. And I have to say I like him even more now than before, kinda the bad guy or not. We learn more about Saffron and her past and I have to say, I love her too.. I forgot to mention her in the other reviews, but I actually like her. Bitchiness and all. She knows what she's doing and she's good at it. She acts like a bitch, but it seems more like there's an underlying hurt causing it, which is KIND OF mentioned in this book. I'm also sure that that underlying hurt's name is Kirios.. ;) ...

Well... The war continues. Caia learns more about the war and how it started from Reuben, and just how far back it actually goes, as well as what is needed to 'end' it. As her powers grow so does she. She's quite strong for only 18. And I have to admire her for all her choices she's made through out this book. Lucien is still an idiot. Even moreso in this book than the last. He and Caia have reconciled, but Rose is still an issue, being forced to stay with The Pack for protection since she fought against Marita. She KNOWS Lucien and Caia are together, but she still tries to attach herself to Lucien. And Lucien doesn't want to be jerk enough to make her stop. He says that if Rose is in love with him it doesn't matter because he loves Caia and that there's nothing between he and Rose. However, I seem to remember how CRAZY JELOUS he was of Sebastian for being madly in love with Caia, even though she didn't love him back in that way. Uhhh.. hellooo? Ass hat.. I got really upset about his treatment toward Rose vs. his treatment of Caia. I couldn't believe he kicked Caia out of the pack for deciding to do something he said he would support her on. THEN, the way he treated Caia when she discovered Rose's betrayal. I mean seriously? I was actually rooting for Reuben in this situation. I was hoping that Caia would LIKE Reuben enough that maybe a small spark would flare. Enough at least to cause Lucien to 'See the Light'... No such luck.

Ok.. so there's lots of fighting and personal growth in this book. Alexa and Jaeden become close, but the circumstances causing that are tragic. The Pack is continuously facing one dramatic and traumatic event after another until finally they are forced to leave. This also causes Caia to make the decision that forces Lucien to kick her out of the pack. Jaeden and Ryder go through a rough patch, but she finally comes around and allows him close again, and boy do the sparks fly. STILL LOVE ME SOME RYDER!!! lol...

Caia finds a reason NOT to help Reuben with his way of stopping the war and figures out another way to accomplish the same thing. She speaks to the Prophet to confirm it would work, then brings her plan to the Council. The Council reluctantly agrees to her plan and drags her into a blood oath to ensure she does as she's promised. Lucien discovers the real reason behind Caia leaving with Reuben to do as Reuben asked her to do and sends for Caia to ask her to come back. Caia answers Lucien's call and returns to The Pack and tells them all she's discovered thus far. She didn't take out the Septum (the thing Reuben wanted her to do) but found another way. In my opinion, she went back to Lucien too easily. He should have had to work harder to make her come back to him. He DID banish her, after all. BUT, they've been through a lot already and she decides she'd rather have him by her side than not. Understandable.. slightly irritating, but understandable.. SO.. She takes out Marita and the Council lives up to their end of the bargain and then Caia has to uphold her end of the blood oath following that.

Caia comes up with an interesting way to finally bring an end to the 'War' after the Trace Magik is gone. a serious battle, old school style. Meet somewhere and fight until one side kills all of the other and the battle is left on the field. **CRAZY FIGHT!!** Could have been better. I would have liked to see more about the Council fighting. They're supposed to be pretty powerful, and catching more of them in action would have been nice. Same goes for the Midnight Council members. Anyway.. Finally something bad happens that really pisses Caia off and in one fail swoop she takes out ALL of the Midnights. sigh... Through out this whole series Caia is always saving Lucien, while Lucien is busy protecting someone else. He never really seems to be as protective of her when she's in actual danger as he is possessive of her when she's around other males. He doesn't seem to have much faith in her decisions and during all the battles in all the books he leaves her to fend for herself. For being such a strong Alpha, this just seems stupid to me. Sure he has to put the safety of his pack first, but she is his MATE, and should be putting her slightly above everyone else, especially in times of actual battle. He's always there when she wakes up after a battle from either being hurt or over exerted, but he's never there to keep her from going down in the first place...

anyway, everything after that was somewhat boring. I wasn't real impressed with the ending. For a Trilogy, it left a lot open for another book. I did however, enjoy the scene with the Gods..

This book was good and had a great story line. Book 2 in this trilogy was my favorite though. Overall it was a really good series.

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### **Britt says**

The entire Lunarmorte trilogy was absolutely amazing. I will definitely be recommending it to anyone and everyone I know that enjoys paranormal romance as much as I do. And this trilogy has easily become one of my all-time favorites.

The storyline was amazing, the characters were amazing, and the love story was AMAZING. Lucien and Caia's love was so passionate and I felt my heart aching with them so many times throughout the book. I admit I wasn't a big fan of the reverse love triangle and was quick to become angry several times, but thankfully Samantha didn't put too much emphasis on it and I was able to get over it. ;)

By far one of my favorite werewolf stories, and one of my favorite stories period!

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### **Amy says**

As much as I loved the first two books in the Lunarmorte series Blood Solstice was my favorite! It was so well written and sooooo very much going on! Reading the Lunarmorte series was my first introduction to Samantha Young and I have not only read more of her books because of how awesome this series was done but I eagerly look forward to all her future works! She is such an excellent writer with an excellent imagination and brings everything and everyone in her stories together so well and always leaves me happy and satisfied with the story read as well as looking forward to more!

There has been so much going on in the first two books of The Tale of Lunarmorte and so much more to come in Blood Solstice! Caia and Lucien and all their friends have had their lives turned upside down. With loved ones lost and everything they've all grown to believe brought into question. Now it's time for answers

and solutions. I don't want to give away anything for those who haven't fully read Blood Solstice yet as the surprises are a big part of the enjoyment of the story. Blood Solstice, just like the first two stories in the series, was captivating from beginning to end. So many things going on, things answered and explained, people surprising you with their involvement in everything and our dear friends struggling to deal with it all and do the right things. It is an excellent ending to the series although still leaves things open for a follow up :)

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### **Natalie says**

This is the final installment in the Lunamorte trilogy. Caia is coming to grips with her power and stepping into her role as a leader. As usual, there has to be some disagreement between her and Lucien that could separate them forever. I don't really get it. Young does this in all of her novels. It always seems that something really minor causes this huge rift that we have to deal with.

I do like the books though. They are pure escapism. Samantha Young's worlds are unique and fresh. I like how in her paranormal books she focuses more on the humanity of her characters, instead of the supernatural side. She has some great characters too. I love Reuben and Saffron. Also, she is great with the element of surprise. I'm never quite sure where the story is heading and that is refreshing.

There is a happy end and Samantha Young doesn't feel the need to kill off multiple main characters, which is also appreciated. I hate it when authors do that. Killing characters does not make it more "realistic." It's just depressing. I don't read books looking for reality, I read books to escape from my own.

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### **Anna says**

WHAT AN AWESOME FINISH TO A FANTASTIC SERIES!! Goodness, I finished a few hours ago and I still have this completely satisfied feeling.

I LOVED the action of this book, I didn't think it could get much better in terms of action and suspense and romance, but Blood Solstice took over and wouldn't let me go. I was so involved in the plot that even though I saw how much everyone loved the book and the ending, I still was heartbroken when Lucien died and was crying with Caia when she thought he was dead. That was probably my favorite scene, when she was having a panic attack after the battle because she thought she'd have to live without Lucien, and then all of a sudden she hears, "Breathe Caia..." goodness he took my heart with him as well.

In terms of characters, I really started to like Caia in this book. I liked her in the other 2 books but I really started to cheer for her in this book. I loved how self-sacrificing she was and how much of her heart she put on the line for everyone else, I really connected with her. Another first in this book, was how much Lucien annoyed me through the beginning and middle of this book. The lack of trust almost caused me not to like him completely because I was just so tired of hearing it. It took me a while to step back and look at their circumstances and understand his motives, which I'm still slightly leery of, but I will admit that by the end he was pulling on my heartstrings again (as mentioned in above favorite scene!).

Still a SUPERDUPER fan of Jaeden and Jaeden and Ryder. I LOVED her character and I LOVED how loyal she was, even after she blackmailed Caia. I LOVED Vanne. I never paid much attention to him in the other

books but boy was I a fan after the truth came out. I also LOVED the hint of future romance with Marion and Vanne (thank goodness Marion was OKAY!) and Reuben and Saffron.

I loved the epilogue with the goddesses, it was a really really entertaining and unexpected concept that Samantha Young added in at the end.

Overall one of my favorite reads this year, I love Samantha Young's writing and will definitely be reading more from her VERY soon.

A great 5 star rating :)

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### **Prerana says**

3.5 stars

I definitely liked this book, but there were some things that were quite bad, which lessened my enjoyment.

1. Caia was FUCKING fantastic. I thoroughly enjoyed her as a character, and even though she's 18, she was a very strong MC.
2. Lucien was the equivalent of the sole female in an action movie. Simply there for eye candy and adds nothing to the plot.
3. The battle was funny.
4. It was still not written very well, which dampened my interest in the book as a whole.
5. Is the epilogue leaving room for more books? Because I don't know how to feel about that.
6. Reuben was a fucking blast. Saffron was a fucking blast. They both needed more page time.
7. Marita was a useless villain.
8. Still don't know half the people in the pack. Who is related to whom?
9. At least there was a popping battle. I love war.
10. Mating still makes no sense to me, but I rolled with it, so it was okay.

Yeet, yeet. Overall not a bad book and not a bad series at all. It was more or less enjoyable.

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### **Curly Carla Celebrity Readers says**

<https://celebrityreaders.wordpress.co...>

I don't like this cover either. I don't really get what it has to do with the story itself. And honestly this story took a wild turn for me. The ending was underwhelming to say the least. I just couldn't wrap my head around how easy it was for her to beat the big bad. And we never find out what her 'special' power is. That was a huge loose end that needed to be tied up IMO.

So let's see, you would think after ALL the trials and tribulations Caia and Lucien go through, they would have a strong relationship. But nooooo, surprise surprise, he still doesn't trust her to be able to take care of herself and respect her decisions. Not that Lucien is the only one who suffers from stupidity, Caia is an idiot about the whole situation. Sorry to be mean about it but this series started out so good and just went downhill for me making me really angry and maybe a bit bitter as well.

Although I will say that once again, Jaeden and Ryder's story saved this book from being a total loss for me. I felt her pain, I felt his anger and hopelessness. They had such a traumatic experience that I cried. I cried a lot at that one part. You know which I mean Lenore, right? Anyway, if it wasn't for the side characters in this story I may have DNF'd this book, which is sad because it's the last book in the series.

I don't really have much else to say about this story, as a whole it was good, this last one just was a bit irritating for me.

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### **Tiffany says**

Wow, I am surprised this book has an average rating of 4 plus! I started off really enjoying the series and the characters. But this last book started to ruin it for me. The romance between Caia and Lucien really started to bug me in this book because they really are quick to be dishonest and distrustful of one another. Really? If you are really truly in love with a person you would believe the best not the worst when something doesn't make sense (like when Caia gets kicked out of the pack). And Lucien publicly humiliates Caia when he kicks her out. Isn't she his mate, his other half? I just felt like they were twelve and petty instead of a young couple in love. If you don't have trust for one another then you don't have a real adult relationship.

There were so many reasons that kept them apart and by the end I just wanted to give up on them. Especially when Lucian lets Rose be around him all the time and even lets her kiss him. Yes, Hollywood seems to believe that when someone catches you off guard and kisses you that you would take a few seconds to realize what is happening and step away. Not so my friends! Have you ever had someone you didn't want to kiss try and kiss you? Well, you know that it's not hard to turn your cheek or pull your head back even a few centimeters to make a difference! If Lucien really was in love with Caia he wouldn't have let Rose, his ex, be around him in private situations unless he was secretly waiting for her to kiss him. I mean come on, she hinted at them getting together so many times is he really that stupid? I don't think so! So sad that this book didn't hold up to the others!

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### **Kathy Horsman says**

Having read the entire trilogy now, I'll start by saying that I LOVED THEM ALL!!!! Blood Solstice had everything from epic battle to heart-break to powerful moments of emotions. The thing I liked most about these books are the character and world definition. It gave a clear picture of what was going on, to characters that were developed, in a world that was whole. Blood Solstice also answered a lot of the questions the entire

trilogy had posed (with the exception of the Epilogue obviously), not leaving me with 10,000 questions and no way of answering them!!! As much as I had hoped it would change, I still can't seem to like Lucien but at least this book wasn't as bad as the first two when it came to him. Overall I would encourage everyone to read these books and I really hope the rumor of more actually comes true!!

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### **Jess says**

It was cool. Not bad. It went a little bit as expected; not very surprising, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. I really loved Reuben of all people. I thought his relationship with Caia was really cute and he played a big part in the end. Speaking of the end, that last epilogue-thing with the Gods was unnecessary. I liked the *3 years later* flashforward, but the information about the trace was not needed. It leaves something to be desired. Almost like a lead-in for another book... but, we all know this is the end. So, unless there will be Book 4, that last tidbit was pointless, and slightly annoying.

But, other than that, it was a pretty good end to a really cool series!

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### **Laura Holland says**

I loved this book...Out of the whole series this has to be by far my favourite! There were far too many 'put in the freezer moments' lol but i think that's why i loved it so much! It meant to me that i had fully got attached to these characters! Now i have to admit i was probably a little to upset that Caia didn't go and do some serious ass whooping on Rose **ESPECIALLY** when it was discovered what she did! This is just an epic book from start to finish! I have to wonder though, is there going to be a spin off series!? I friggin hope so!!!

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### **Elise X a.k.a Ryder's Pet X says**

??????\*Might contain spoilers\*??????

*This review is purely for me and does contain spoilers and lots of facts from the book to keep myself in the know at all time. It's also incredibly long and really detailed.*

#### **Second re-read: 15.05.2018**

We're back with my last re-read of **Caia 'Cy' Ribeiro** (18), the hybrid of half a magik, a witch and half lykan and her Pack Leader and mate, **Lucien Líder** (24). The book is filled with action, heartbreak, betrayal, manipulation, friendship and love. It kinda has it all. **However, I, of course, have lots to complain about that I didn't remember/that didn't bother me before.** Like for example the ending. It's too open, and I feel like we get no closure. One of the reasons I keep checking out **Samantha Young**'s website to see if there any gifs for us of this world. This series should've had more books to fully give it the ending it deserves.

***"You're allowed to cry, Caia. She meant a great deal to you, to everyone. In this war you will see a lot of death, and feel much grief, but you have to let yourself feel it. If you stop allowing yourself to, you will start to stop caring about why you are fighting this war in the first place."***

Now to another problem, Lucien and Caia's relationship; I feel like they take one step forward, and two steps back. This I remember didn't bother me the other times I read it, but now.... I just couldn't enjoy the book fully as it felt like the couple was on repeat for the whole series. **It wasn't enough of them acting as a Alpha Mated Couple**, of them being together *properly* and fully. Also, Jaeden was a problem to as well, if you read, you know; she became a person I'd hate normally. Though I never did have love for her... Reuben was also a problem for me; I didn't like how powerful he was, and how weak it made Lucien seem. I need my man to be the strongest, the most powerful, and **I barely felt anything from Lucien at all**. The balance of the couple wasn't there; if you have read my other reviews of the series, you'd know what I'm talking about. Overall, it wasn't exactly a bust, but the rating - as well as for the other re-reads of this series - has gone down. I needed more and I didn't get it.

*She raised her eyebrows, looping her hands around his neck and wriggling provocatively.*

*“Looks like I've just been promoted to Alpha then, huh?”*

*Lucien made a face. “Well the job is yours if you want it, but I should warn you that the contract is bull crap. I've received none of the perks that were promised.”*

*“Perks?”*

*“Oh, you know... a lifetime supply of beer and foot massages, a harem of women to bathe and clothe me etcetera...”*

*She snorted and pulled back from him. “Harem of women?”*

*He grinned unrepentantly. “Did I mention my sense of humour is greatly underappreciated?”*

### **Other characters:**

*I've put these in a spoilers tag simply because it's a long as list.(view spoiler)*

### **Deaths:**(view spoiler)

*He threw her a distasteful look. “Uh...meaning,” he imitated her, “That Caia like totally isn't*

*like a self-absorbed bimbo. She only like totally mashed people into pulp when someone else is in like total danger."*

**"I don't say like and totally that much, O-K!"**

**Quick basic facts:**

**Genre:** - (Young Adult) Paranormal Romance.

**Series:** - Series, Book Three.

**Love triangle?** - (view spoiler)

**Cheating?** - (view spoiler)

**HEA?** - (view spoiler)

**Favorite character?** - Lucien Líder.

**Would I read more by this author/or of series?** - Sure.

**Would I recommend this book/series?** - Sure.

**Will I read this again in the future?** - Probably not.

**New Rating** - 3 stars.

**Re-read 26.03.14**

Man, I'll miss this series..

I want more! I hope, really hope, that Samantha Young will write more book for this series. Like 3.5 books.. Just more, so we can see how the future is now, and if Caia is pregnant. I mean, wouldn't that be perfect? A little of Lucien and Caia's around? But, how we gotten it? Noooooo... :S

Crap, I'll really miss these characters.. It's been an honor, Caia and Lucien! I sincerely hope we meet again.

**New rate: 4.5 stars.**

**First read review:**

'Blood Solstice' by Samantha Young was awesome! :) I love it, and I couldn't stop reading this book. As soon as i started reading it, I couldn't stop until I was finished with it.. Like with the whole series :P I give this book 4 stars :) I loved the story, and got really surprised a lot of time ... also really shocked! Samantha had me hooked :P ! I'm sad that I've finished the series.. wish there was one more book where we can see, perhaps a little Caia and Lucien baby running around .... Well we can always wish right?! :D

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**Remarkable Reads says**

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This book picks up right where the last one left off, with Caia kidnapped by none other than Reuben. It turns out that our favorite vamp is actually Kirios a 2,000 year old second generation blood sucker, who witnessed the start of the war between daylights and midnights. He has been waiting a long time for Caia to be born and finally bring this pointless war to an end, the only problem is she does not agree with his methods. Now Caia must make a choice that will have a huge impact on all magical creatures, while battling to save her pack along with the council from the clutches of Marita.

Let me start off by saying OMG! after the shocking ending to the last book I was more than eager to start this one and see what on earth was going to happen to Caia, and her pack. I could not have been more surprised to find that Reuben was the one who kidnapped her and has been behind the scenes the entire time waiting for the day when she would be born. I love that Samantha literally takes us over 2,000 years back to the past where we follow Reuben's journey and see how the war actually started and what part the Gods played in creating the trace that led to the existence of two separate coven's. It was quite interesting to say the least.

This book is very fast paced with non stop action and excitement which I am thankful for because I am so tired of authors dragging out events (just get to the point already!) Right away we have a battle in the beginning of the story where lines are drawn and former enemies become allies and former allies become the enemies. Then just when you think our characters will have some time to breathe and relax after fighting for their lives tragedy hits, and the pack is consumed with grief over their horrific loss. When I was reading this part I literally started to tear up, because I couldn't believe what had happened. Most authors tend to be shall we say a little skeptical about killing off some of their characters, but its refreshing to see that Samantha is not afraid to take that step and do drastic things, (even if it is sad) it only adds more to the story and helps build up our other characters.

Caia truly became a leader in this book, she did what she had to do in order to protect those she cares about even at the risk of not being with the one she loves most. I feel so proud of her and her will and determination, her journey from the beginning was filled with secrets and heartache but she conquered everything in her path and became to say it bluntly very KICK ASS! Jaeden also became a very dear character to me and I was so sad at all the pain she kept having to go through, and incredibly happy that she was also able to overcome all her demons and be the best she could be.

This series really takes you on an emotional journey, it makes you feel everything from shock and despair to overwhelming joy and relief with plenty of action mixed in to keep you eager to get to the next page, and that is exactly what I look for. This book especially took all of those elements and made them even bigger until you kept wondering how much bigger it could possibly get. I can honestly say that I fell in love with series, Samantha does terrific job keeping readers engaged keeping each story exciting and suspenseful, there is not a single dull moment. This book wrapped everything up beautifully but the ending leaves you thinking that there is more to come. Which luckily for us there is!

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## **Sheri says**

### **Emotional Explosion**

The build of emotions from book 1 and 2 blew up in my face. Everything was intensified. My adoration and respect for some, my hatred and rage for others....it all escalated to the point that I felt short of breath. This third & final installment in the Lunarmorte series was superb in every way.

It jump starts with Caia's captivity and never slows down. We see her rise above again and again. Lucien, Lucien Lucien. I almost felt the need for a shiny new Lucien sized pelt hanging on my wall. Let me just say, he's one lucky wolf.

Jae & Ryder steal the show more than once and I was internally bleeding for them, pleading with my kindle...'fix this, oh Gaia please fix this!?!'

Rose...my mouth feels dirty just uttering her name. She brings out this suppressed need to draw blood. I truly wanted to throttle her!!

Oh dear goddess the grief, the joy, the shock... I was an emotional wreck. But I was a satisfied emotional wreck.

Epilogue was a tad puzzling. Mythological sprinkle for a potential spin off series?? We shall see....

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### **Shadi \*\*\*save your ratings use disclaimers\*\* says**

I wish I could say I loved this trilogy. It had all the key elements to be a great ya romance novel except the romance part.

There is couples in these books but between the dishonesty, drama and border line cheating on the male leads part just made it very distasteful as a romance. Even at the end Lucien did not believe his mate about his ex lover. Yet she not only believes him about not kissing his ex along with several other idiotic things he does, she starts a relationship with him again to have herself kicked out because lucien wouldnt believe in her.

When you are rooting for the obnoxious 2400 year old with no mention of romance to step up as the male lead there are issues.

Lucien was a very bad male lead, he reminded me of a petulant 12 year old most of the books. I kept waiting for him to step up and act like a mate. To the very end he did not.

That aside if you like to read about a strong woman coming into her own this is the trilogy for you. Just dont expect a mate that is equal to that strength because he was not.

Like I said I was disappointed in the characters but she has a great storyline. I hope in other books she cultivates her characters a bit better.

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