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Halloween in New Orleans is usually a treat. But for Sabina Kane and the rest of Team Awesome, this year's celebration has its share of nasty tricks. When Brooks's new waitress goes missing, the Changeling asks Sabina to help him find her.

The problem? The missing mage is one of Adam Lazaru's old flames, and having her show up in their lives is giving Sabina heartburn. Plus saving her may also threaten the fragile peace Sabina's achieved for the Dark Races. Luckily for Adam's ex—but unlucky for her kidnappers—Sabina Kane isn't easily spooked.

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Stacey West says

Seriously Jaye has yet to write even a novella that I don't like and I'm by no means a fan of novellas. No joke everyone needs to read her books right now!

Tanya Davis says

It was so good to be back in the world of Sabina Kane. I truly missed Team Awesome.

Sabina is completely immersed in the life of being head of the dark races and is struggling to find time for a personal life. In Rusted Veins, Sabina gets a small break, with the exception of a minor tiff between the werewolves and the fae, from her daily responsibilities. She must, however, deal with a blast from Adam's past. Despite all she's been through, Sabina does still deal with some insecurities. She has not become this cold, emotionless leader you might expect from someone dealing with all the races problems.

Of course, my favorite character was in top form throughout Rusted Veins! Giguhl has been totally taken over by fatherhood, and the duties of a demon father will make you laugh out loud. Not to mention the names Giguhl and Valva have given their demon children. As always, the comic relief provided by the demons balances out the darkness that always makes up the conflict in the story.

I know that Sabina's character now has a whole new position and some jobs need to be delegated to the people who truly are responsible for disciplining their underlings, but I kind of missed Sabina's hands on approach to dealing with the bad guy.

Overall, this novella is a must read for any Sabina Kane fan. It was so much fun!

Margaret says

Rusted Veins takes place a year after Blue Blooded Vamp. Sabina Kane is now the leader of the Dark Races and is travelling the world mediating their disputes. She's just arrived home in New Orleans for a break when her friend Brooks asks her to help find a missing waitress from his club. The search forces her to take a few more meetings with supernatural leaders and brings her conflict with the local vampire leader to everyone's attention.

The narration jumps right into typical Sabina snark, in her recounting of her recent trip and reuniting with her extended "family." We get to check in with almost everyone from the series and meet Giguhl and Valva's kids. When the missing girl turns out to be Adam's ex, we also get some typical Sabina relationship angst.

The mission to rescue the girl turns out to be pretty straightforward. The conflict with the vampire leader isn't really resolved and leaves the whole thing feeling unfinished to me. Sabina's a diplomat now, so he has

to solve problems by talking and going through the proper channels. I appreciate getting to see her adjusting to her new role, but I really wish she got to kick some ass.

Nevertheless, fans of the series will relish the opportunity to revisit the things they love about Sabina and the gang. I certainly won't forget those demon babies any time soon!

Tricia says

a fun look at what is going on with Team Awesome after Blue-Blooded Vamp, patiently waiting for more!

Marsha Hubbell says

Any definition of “snarky” should include bestselling urban fantasy author Jaye Wells and Sabina of the Sabina Kane Series. Sabina is powerful and snarky – sarcastic, disrespectful, irritable, short-tempered, irascible, mocking and great fun to read. Although Ms. Wells’ newest novella, *Rusted Veins*, takes place in New Orleans during Halloween, it’s a book to be enjoyed any season. Sabina has to join hands with her Team Awesome and quell her snarky tendencies to help find her true love’s former fiancée. Along the way, she meets up with a few vampires that are not her biggest fans, fights her own growing jealousies and need for violence, and takes the reader on a roller coaster ride mixed with humor and danger. There’s a quote attributed to the writing of Jaye Wells: “Either you’re ready to reap this freaky-assed harvest – or you’re not.” For fans of urban fantasy, we definitely are!

Echo says

While it was nice to read more about Sabina and the gang, this didn't really add anything to the story. No new character reveals, no surprises about life after goddesshood. Felt a lil more like a writing exercise than a true novella.

Theresa says

Sabina Kane 5.5 (her last story: sob.)

I probably should have re-familiarized myself with the previous books. Due to the long time since the last book, I was a bit confused for a while. If you haven’t read the rest of series, even though there are some explanations, you’ll probably be confused also.

Sabina has just returned from a long trip to Europe to handle some Dark Races Cabinet business and is looking forward to alone time with Adam, when she has to attend a meeting for some American cabinet business that involves the fairies and werewolves fighting over land in the Blue Ridge Mts. Then Brook’s new worker goes missing. Oh, goody. It turns out it's Adams ex-fiancé: Candence.

Needless to say, Sabina’s not real happy with this, especially having to help find and rescue her. There are

some tense moment between them including Candence's journal showing up..

There's a lot of Sabina-style sarcastic humor and oddball antics. Such as Gighul and Valva's demon children trying eat everything in sight. It's a great story, but it leaves you wishing it wasn't the last we'll see of Sabina and her gang. (Please no, Ms. Wells!

Fave scenes: Valva getting dinner for the kids. Also Candence waking up.

Teshai says

soooooo..is there going to be more books written with these new characters? what will happen when the weres move close to the fae?

Amy A says

It was nice revisiting Team Awesome for a quick story. Rusted Veins of course takes place after the last book in the series Blue-Blooded Vamp. Sabina's new job as head of the Dark Races keeps her busy, so when she finally gets home, all she wants to do is spend some time with Adam. It's easier said than done when one of the waitresses at Brooks' bar goes missing and it turns out that she's an ex of Adam's.

This was just a really quick read and while I was happy that Jaye Wells ended the series when she did, I appreciate little snippets like this showing the readers what is going on with the characters since the end of the main series. I hope she does more things like this in the future.

Melissa Hayden says

Sabina has matured! She still has a stubborn streak, but she's learning. Wonderful to see the cast all over again.

FULL REVIEW

Sabina is returning home from her duty filled European trip. A home town that livens up at Halloween, New Orleans. Halloween is just days away. Gighul gets the night away from home and wants to hang with Sabina and Adam, like the old days, at Erron's for dinner. Erron shares news that his concert won't happen on Halloween after what his psychic bassist saw. And Brooks rushes in late with terrible news of a missing waitress who had a date with a vampire two nights ago and hasn't been home since. Brooks is terrified for the girl as she once was into drugs and, well, vampire! Gighul and Adam are ready to go find Candy, but Sabina isn't as gun ho especially after she learns the girl is an ex of Adam's.

I don't want to say too much and give the story away. I enjoy this world and seeing these characters again.

I was a little surprised to see Sabina was living in New Orleans, then not so much with the friends she made here and the thinness of the veil between life and death - with her connections and all.

Sabina. Oh I loved the evil and wicked Sabina. The saucy woman ready to draw her gun and shoot first. Sabina has grown and changed with the position she has inherited. And the people around her have loved her and it shows. Sabina seems to be managing well as head of the Dark Races Cabinet. Sabina has matured! She still has a stubborn streak, but she's learning.

We hear, see, names we are very familiar with. Michael Romulus, Queen Maeve, Rhea, Maisie, and yes Adam. Then we have the one and only Gighul. But there are so many more that are present in this short read. It's amazing how Jaye was able to bring such a cast together in a quick read.

It is so cool to see them all again. To see where they all went and became. They are all still the same feisty bunch we meet but time and life has taken each to a new level in their lives.

Definitely read this AFTER you finish the series up. The first page tells you how it all ends and the way things are now for everyone.

Sabrina Roy says

Likes seeing the characters again but pure fluff.

Ami says

3.5 stars

I enjoyed Sabina Kane series so much, it was really fun to be with Sabina and the whole gang again. Being a novella, the story was not complicated. We had a missing female mage, Cadence -- who used to be Adam's ex-lover -- and Sabina, Adam, along with (my favorite demon character) Gighul, formed a search & rescue team, especially when they found out that Cadence was involved with drugs.

I loved reading about the 'after-the-end' life -- like Gighul and Valva and their kids (although imagining Gighul and his teats and him feeding the kids was NOT a pretty imagery *lol*); I even enjoyed Sabina still being jealous and grumpy about Adam's history with Cadence. And of course I loved how Adam calmed her. It was nice to see Sabina still being hot-headed, and not mellowed just because they have their happy end.

The only reason for me to stop giving this a 4-star was because I felt quite disappointed with how Sabina dealt with the 'villain'. I guess I was a little blood-thirsty, and I wanted to see Sabina kicked this villain ass all the way to Hell. But instead, she was being a good diplomat and let Nyx deal with him? What's up with that, Sabina?!

All in all, **Rusted Veins** was still a nice Halloween treat...

Jessica (a GREAT read) says

Jaye Wells' Rusted Veins is the perfect little read for Halloween and I finished it in one day naturally! Hey, it's a novella, it's short to begin with! *smiles*

Sabina and the gang are back! This takes place awhile after Blue-Blooded Vamp and things are going pretty good for Sabina. She's working on the council, as is her sister. Life is just good. Then upon returning home, she expects to spend some much needed time with Adam. But then a big problem lands in their lap and Adam feels obligated to help since it involves his ex-girlfriend. Sabina still has a few minor insecurities over this matter and wondering if Adam is going to leave her, but they quickly work through that issue with that much needed lovin'!

Then Team Awesome is off to find and rescue Cadence. But as it turns out, Sabina is going to have to talk with another vampire ruler in New Orleans, and let's just say he isn't Sabina's biggest fan either. Finding Cadence is going to be a lot harder than she thought!

I loved returning to Sabina and her world! Truly loved every moment of her kickass series! The action, the romance, the snark, the characters...just everything! We get a nice little taste of that everything again in Rusted Veins! And it's in New Orleans!! Where RT 2014 is going to be held, so it was fun just to walk the streets of where I'll be next year! I always find it fun to read a book based in a place that I've visited or plan to visit. It's just a fun feeling, like you get when you see a movie being filmed in a place you live in or have visited numerous times.

Rusted Veins is a fast little Halloween read but is filled with lots of good ol' fashion Wells' fun and and snark! Gotta love the snark! And Gighul too!

Overall Rating 5/5 stars

Lorre says

Loved the glimpse we got of Sabina's life as the ruler of all dark races. And it was great to see just a peek of Gighul and his 6 demon children. If only there could be a novella some day about Gighul and his 6 kids. That would be funny. A girl can dream...

It was the first series I've read from Jaye Wells but it will certainly not be the last.

Cathy says

It was nice to visit with Team Awesome and get a glimpse of "what happens next". It was worth the 99¢ I was able to get it for but I have no idea how much it normally costs. My impression was that the three novellas from the series were all on special and that the normal price will be higher. I'm not sure it would be worth much more, though fans will be tempted to get it just to see the characters again and see what their lives are like after the end of the series. There isn't much substance for diehard fans other than a pretty

amusing glimpse of their home life with Giguhl's wild kids. But it was an OK little story. Not a \$3 story.
