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Not all Vampires drink blood...

More cunning and intuitive than the other wolves in his Family, Faolan has never had a problem killing their Vampire enemies. Yet even he is unprepared for the two Changelings—newly turned Vampires—who attack him one day during his patrol. The Changelings make no move to kill Faolan, and puzzled by their strange behavior, he flees. Before the wolves can determine the cause, Faolan is attacked again.

Faolan barely has time to parry the Vampire's blows before he is ripped from his wolf form. Cowering as a human, Faolan waits for death, yet the Vampire inexplicably spares his life—but her action comes with a price.

The Vampire claims she does not drink blood. Instead, she has vowed to kill her nemesis, Hunter, an elusive vampyre with special abilities responsible for a tragedy the Vampire refuses to disclose. She compels Faolan into joining her on a week-long journey to acquire information from Hunter's retired executioner. Faolan's father forces him into going, and after the Vampire saves his life, Faolan realizes that the two of them will be partners for much longer than seven days.

Faolan and the Vampire are bound together by a force older than any of them can imagine, and only they can hope to defeat Hunter. However, the Vampire has not been entirely truthful. What is she keeping from Faolan? And will he be able to learn her secret before both of them are killed?

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Betty says

I like her earlier work better. That being said I still enjoyed the book. I'm not too sure of the direction change. I prefer the Greek parthenon over the Native American parthenon. It could be just because I know more about the Greek.

Kelly Knapp says

I was extremely impressed with this book, partly because of the age of the author, but also because she managed to give our myths neat little twists. the Characters are interesting and well-balanced. The action is intense and feels real (as much as any vampire/werewolf story action can feel), yet there is just enough romance and down time to give the reader time to catch his/her breath.

The plot is beautifully structured, without being set to a specific formula; the reader is never sure what is coming next, what twist is ahead. In addition, much of the conflict began long before the protagonists in this story ever met. They must overcome forgotten memories, changable fate, as well as the evil being hunted.

Emma is a strong, independent female character struggling with unimaginable pain. She is caught up in multiple conflicts, but the focus is on the vampire responsible for murdering her family. Faolin is her perfect foil, yet he is also her greatest support.

Miller has managed to show, using some sophisticated and subtle techniques, rather than tell the reader about the Characters' personalities. At times, we are unsure for whom we should be routing, as Emma and Faolin meet and get acquainted. However, as they search for the vampire called "Hunter," the reader knows exactly for whom to route.

Miller has intermixed themes, but freindship, trust, betrayal, revenge, and love are all presented and examined, but are done through a enervating, captivating, well-written story that any vampire or werewolf enthusiast should thoroughly enjoy.

If there is one problem with this book, it's that the ending is too much of a cliffhanger. Clearly this is not a stand-alone book, but part of a longer series (a trilogy perhaps?) Therefore, I felt like it wasn't entirely complete, as though it ended in the middle of the battle, instead of after it had finished. I feel that series should have a "pause?" at the end of each story or battle, but here it just stops. I could not make any recommendations without developing a spoiler, therefore, I have said enough on this point.

Overall, I can give this book a solid 4.5 stars and recommend it to older teens and adult, alike. I look forward the the sequel and to seeing Miller's writings as she matures from great to brilliant. And, I have little doubt but that she will become a brilliant writer.

Jessica says

This looks like a very interesting book I would read and enjoy.

Summary

Not all Vampires drink blood...

As the reluctant wolf heir to the Lyall Family, Faolan is no stranger to killing Vampires. But even he is unprepared for the two Changelings who attack him one day during his patrol. The two young Vampires make no move to seriously harm Faolan, and despite his confusion at their odd behavior he manages to get away.

Shortly thereafter he is attacked by a mysterious Vampire. However, instead of killing Faolan, she coerces him into joining her quest to kill the elusive vampyre, Hunter.

But can Faolan trust her? And why is he forced from his wolf form whenever he fights this Vampire? Faolan will have to work quickly to discover her secrets before both of them are killed...

Catie Bello says

Vampires and werewolves are a popular subject of books currently, but in *Retribution*, it's taken to a whole different level. Faolan, the next in line for head of the werewolf Family, is seen among his Family as one of the greatest vampire killers. Something odd is happening in their forest, and they don't know what it is until Faolan is attacked, but not harmed, by the Vampire. This vampire, though, is different from all other vampires. She doesn't drink blood. She has a mission that she needs Faolan's help for—a mission to kill vampires. The task the Vampire needs assistance with is killing the head vampyre, Hunter. She only wants Faolan for a few weeks, as the first part of her plan, and his family agrees to let him go.

Retribution has everything you could want in a teen fiction novel. There's action, and I'm talking lots of action, and real action too, **NOT** that pent-up-something's-going-to-happen-but-nothing-happens kind of action. There's a little bit of romance, to balance out some of the action of course. The book has so many surprise twists that keep you on the edge of your seat, and some of which completely blow your mind.

There came a point where I literally couldn't put the book down. I *had* to know how it would end. I gave this book 5 stars because of all that goes on in this book; it keeps you thoroughly entertained. It's definitely one of the best vampire/werewolf books I've read in a while. So my advice, read this book. You won't regret it. The only thing is that at the end, you'll be begging for more.

Kayla Eklund says

Retribution was quite different from the usual werewolf and vampire young adult novels. It had an original plot unlike anything else currently written. I liked how Faolan, the werewolf, and Emma, the vampire, teamed up even though they were natural enemies. I really liked all the characters, even the villains. Every character was well written and had fun and interesting personality quirks that made the reader like them, even when the reader was supposed to hate them. The ending of the book took me by surprise. It wasn't the usual happy ending that you find with most other young adult books. The book left off on a cliffhanger, so I'm really hoping that the author writes a sequel. I would recommend Retribution to paranormal fans looking for a break from the same old story and plot line.

Avry15 says

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First and foremost, let's talk about the cover. Although I really loved the artistic design, this book would be better with a more improved one, that would make it look really paranormal.

As the summary says, "Retribution" is about werewolves and vampires. I know a lot of teens out there are bored with these same themes, but believe me this book had taken a different level on this genre.

The plot was well-thought of and the writing keeps you hooked with the book. Most of the conflicts happen even before the main characters met, so it's hard to tell what evil hides in their adventure and who's really behind it.

The characters felt real as far as paranormal goes. Ms. Kelsey Miller did a wonderful job in showing as each of her characters distinct personalities, rather than tell. I also loved the poems as prologue and epilogue, behind the words lies so much of what the book contains.

I never felt bored even in just a second. There's always action lurking around, lots of it and something real too that the story doesn't feel force. There are surprises, twist and turns in the story that I never saw coming. One second you thought it was over, the next a series of another conspiracy and a greater conflict would show up, that would leave you wondering what would happen next?

Although, there's just a bit of romance in this book, it was enough to give us break of the never-ending thrills and suspense that this book presents. But then, like any other teen, I would have want to see this romance blossom into something deeper in the next book, if ever there is, although I'm sure the author is working on it.

Speaking of a sequel, the author left us in a great cliff-hanger. It's right when, I don't want to put the book down but have too, because I'm on the last page. Can't wait for the sequel to "Retribution".

"Retribution" is one of the best books I've read concerning werewolves and vampires. I was thoroughly impressed and entertained whenever I turn the page. Friendship, love, trust, revenge, betrayal, myths and action, "Retribution" gives you a captivating, entertaining and refreshing story any paranormal enthusiast would surely enjoy.

