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This was the beginning to Love is Darkness until the eleventh hour. For me, this scene has always been where the book started and how I envisioned the characters being introduced.

So why did it get taken out? Because it is Jack's story, and the Valerie Dearborn Series is about Valerie. It's the story of her life and her journey, with Jack and Co. along for the ride. This scene confused that.

But everyone who read this first beginning loved it. They loved knowing how Valerie and Jack met. They wanted to see his first tragic encounter with Marion and liked understanding what makes him tick.

If you have not read my Valerie Dearborn Series (Love is Darkness and Love is Fear), please do so before reading Love is...The Beginning – because it won't make any sense otherwise.

Love Is The Beginning Details

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Amanda says

This was a nice introduction to Val and Jack. I'm definitely looking forward to the series. This should be pretty exciting!

Marie says

This story was ok, but didn't add a whole lot to the series.

Debbie Chittenden says

Jacks story is heart wrenching. It truly is devastating how he ended up with Nate and Val. Nothing like living with the utter guilt if knowing that you may be responsible for the death of your parents. It's no wonder he is on a rampage to kill Marion.

Steph says

Love is the Beginning is a super short snippet removed from Love is Darkness and offered to the readers as a way to understand the fury and passion behind Jack's desire for revenge. I always liked Jack and this short only reinforced my opinion of him.

Fans of the trilogy will have to decide if they want to pay 99¢ for a peek into his past or not. I'm not sorry I did, but think it would've fit well as the trilogy opener even if "*it is Jack's story, and the Valerie Dearborn Series is about Valerie.*" Makes sense and I'm happy to have Caroline's reason for leaving it out. However, Valerie is also introduced, though her part is small, we get to see her reaction to him.

Charlie says

I kind of feel robbed with this mini book - its 32 pages and I paid 99p for them? really, what was I thinking? yeah its a nice lil prequel chapter into how Jack met Valerie and her dad but really it should have been included in one of the books as a bonus. Also Val is a bit of a different character here actively taking part in her dad's hunts and not bitching as much about it as she does years later in the first and second novels so a bit of a character contradiction here. All the feels for poor Jack though he has a ton of guilt the poor kid. i'd have prob given this more stars if I hadn't had to pay for it but its by no means a book or even a mini book

Michelle novelsontherun says

This is a great little back story into 13 yr old Jack and the night his family got wiped out.

Val is almost heartachingly blaise about what her father does, at the age of 10 yrs old. Picking through belongings, like it is such a natural every day thing.

In this small novella, I really felt Jack's loss. His family were loving and tight. His life destroyed. You can see where this anger and revenge has stemmed from. How he could choose no other life but to join Nate in his vengeance.

Val was almost selfish at the tender age of 10 in her quick summation that Jack would be her salvation. Her way of getting out of the family business.

I enjoyed this back story, a great little bridge between Love is Fear and Love is Mortal.

This is the sympathy vote for Jack ...until.....Love Is Mortal . Then that vote may or may not count.

Michelle

Rosamaria says

Love is the Beginning is Jack's story, it tells you how his family die and how he met Valerie and her Dad and the moment he decided to become a part of their family. Even though this is a short story it was great to read it because it gives you the opportunity to learn more about Jack and the background story of Jack and Valerie's relationship.

Jeanie's Kindle says

Jack's tragedy

This is how Jack met Val and became a vampire hunter. Who killed his parents and why. The way he became a brother to Val.

Amanda says

This was a very short story about how Val and Jack met. I read that this was going to be the first chapter of Love is Darkness and I think it would've been a great first chapter. I'm not sure why the author decided to cut it? I think it had something to do with this story being more focused on Jack and that Love is Darkness is about Val but I wouldn't have cut this... This story was a great way to introduce you to the characters even Marion & Lucas. Im glad I read it but wish I'd read it before starting the series...

Lorre says

This is the story of how Jack ended up being with Valerie and Nate at the age of 13.

I really loved this! Marion killing Jack's parents was a life changing event for Jack and shaped him into what he became so reading this short story about what happened back then was great!

Krissy P (Kris) says

Good novella about the death of Jack's parents, his first encounter with Marion and how he met Nate and Valerie.

Debi Domby says

Nice prequel

I read to read this after at least the first Val Dearborn book & it should be Makes more sense. I enjoyed it... Story's a quick read & seeing how it started is interesting

Tiki says

This is an important piece to the puzzle for this trilogy..... I read the first 3 chapters in book one, before I realized this short was available. I stopped bk1 and read this...SO glad I did. It's really important in order to understand Jack.... This tells his tragic story when he was 13, and the event that happens when he meets 10yr old Val and became part of her family.

Novels On The Run says

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Kim Chappell says

This is a great short story. It tells you everything most wanted to know about how Jack's parents died. We all knew Marion was responsible, but didn't know the details. It was great to know about Jack and his parents, but to know why he ended up with Nate and Val.
