Black Dawn: The Morganville Vampires by Rachel Caine

Another Fantastic Book!

My Personal Review:
First Impressions: The Morganville Vampires series is a long-standing favorite of mine. I've read all of the previous eleven books before I began number twelve, Black Dawn. It is such a fun series and entertaining series, and I wish that someone would turn the series into a television show. Rachel Caine is a talented writer who is definitely one of my favorites. I'll pretty much read anything that she comes out with. I believe that Black Dawn was originally supposed to be the final book in this series, but from what I hear; Rachel Caine decided to write three more books after this one which makes me happy! It is hard to let go of a series that you really love!

First 50 Pages: I also seem to have a difficult time reviewing Rachels books because I hate giving away spoilers, especially with books that are part of a series. Like always, Ill try to keep this review short and sweet without too many spoilers for all of the people who are dying to get their hands on this book. If you havent read The Morganville Vampires series yet, you are missing out! Book eleven, Last Breath, ended with a major cliffhanger. One thing I really like about all of Rachels books is that they seem to pick up right where the last book left off. That holds true for Black Dawn, with the continuation of the Draugs invasion of Morganville.

Characters & Plot: This poor town of Morganville has been through so much! Every time that things seem to be okay and everyone is content, something comes around that disrupts everything. Unfortunately for Morganville and its vampire occupants, there are new creatures in town and everyone needs to leave as soon as possible. The people are fearful of these creatures, called Draugs, because they want to take over the town and get rid of the vampires. Draugs are nasty creatures that come from beneath the water and they dont mix with vampires. One bite from a Draug will bring a very slow and painful death to any vampire. Poor Amelie, the towns founder/leader has been bitten by a Draug and is suffering. Her second in command is Oliver, who is trying to hold everything together. Some people have chosen to flee Morganville and others remain vowing to stop the Draugs from ruling the town.

Black Dawn also is told from varying points of view between the main cast of characters. Some people have complained about this, but I personally enjoy it much more than the way the earlier books were written. It gives
each book a little bit of variety and each POV is very important to have in order to move the plot forward. I like that all of the different POVs in Black Dawn give insight into what each of the characters are feeling and experiencing. It makes for some very interesting character growth, especially the character, Shane. I always suspected he was jealous of Myrnin, or insecure about his relationship with Claire, but I didnt expect him to be as jealous as he is. Olivers feelings about Amelie are also showcased and he cares much more about her then he lets everyone else see or know about. Rachel Caine did a fantastic job weaving everyones different POVs together and it had a nice flow. For me, it wasnt confusing at all.

Since Black Dawn was supposed to be the last installment in The Morganville Vampires series, I expected a huge battle or showdown between the vampires and the Draugs. When things finally began to heat up and all of the big events started to happen, I have to admit that I felt a little bit let down. I dont know if Rachel went back and edited this story after she decided to write three more installments, but the way everything turned out in Black Dawn wasnt quite as powerful as I had hoped it would be.

Final Thoughts: Each of The Morganville Vampires books include so many side-plot lines that is it difficult to include everything that happens to short review. In Black Dawn, all of the varying POVs make up a great storyline and do a lot for character advancement. Even though I was a little bit disappointed with the climax of the story, the ending was unexpected and wonderful as usual. Im such a huge fan of this series and Black Dawn I think stands out over the rest because it was interesting to see how the series might have ended (although I am sure there were changes made as per Rachels decision to continue writing more books). Two thumbs way up!!

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