Laurell K. Hamiltons legions of eager fans will be pleased to see Cerulean Sins), the eleventh novel in her Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series, which is set on an alternate Earth where magic works and vampires and werewolves are real. When a sinister stranger tries to hire the magically potent Anita Blake to raise the dead, she finds herself embroiled in the search for a vicious, supernatural serial killer, and also in the clandestine international politics of the vampires. And as she becomes more deeply enmeshed in cruel plots and counterplots, her tangled personal life only becomes more demanding, more wrenching, and more erotically fraught. With ten previous books in the Anita Blake series, Cerulean Sins is not the place to start. Though author Hamilton artfully reveals the backstory in small doses, the numerous returning characters and the complex history will overwhelm most newcomers (and even the most devoted fans may find that the backfilling slows the pace). Also, the characters frequently stand around talking and psychoanalyzing one another, which makes for static stretches unlikely to hold a new readers attention. Newcomers should start with the first book, Guilty Pleasures. --Cynthia Ward

I have been an avid reader for over 40 years and the paranormal, alternate universe stories have always captured my interest. Laurell K Hamilton has created the most amazing, complex and original culture for vampires, werewolves and other preternatural creatures that I have ever read and, in my opinion, she is the person most responsible for creating the urban paranormal genre as we know it today. This is my favorite book in the Anita Blake series which is saying a lot, but it's the culmination of a building love story from the first ten books and you will lose the best part of the story if you don't read those first. Many Laurell K. Hamilton fans did not like this book because the early series was not sexually explicit and starting with Narcissus in Chains, the book before this one, the series took a very sexually charged direction. But for me, Cerulean Sins was not
about the sex, but about the relationships between Anita, Jean-Claude and his former lover, Asher and about trying to save the ones you love. Jean-Claude is the sexiest, smartest, most manipulative, vulnerable, iron willed vampire in literature. Anita is a complicated, cynical, strong alpha female with abandonment issues. Jean Claude woos her over ten books using romance, guile, honesty and whatever other tool he can find. These books are witty with some great one liners and contain complex, well developed characters who grow over time. They are a mix of mystery, romance, and horror and the paranormal which at the time they were first published, was an unheard of combination. If you like urban paranormal, you will love these books.

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