



## Caressed by a Crimson Moon

*Amanda J. Greene*

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

# Caressed by a Crimson Moon

*Amanda J. Greene*

## **Caressed by a Crimson Moon** Amanda J. Greene

Consumed by madness and tormented by dark memories of blood and death, Hadrian Lucretius, King of the Validus Clan, has returned after living in self-imposed exile for nearly three hundred and fifty years.

To maintain peace with the vampires, Eva Maldonado is offered as a sacrifice to the crazed vampire king by her father, the alpha of the Silveria Shifter Pack. Hadrian's reputation is both legendary and lethal; he is ruthless, bloodthirsty, lusty, and soulless. When Eva arrives at the ancient fortress high in the Carpathian Mountains, she is shocked to find a ravaged man with dark burning eyes filled with loneliness and dangerous desire.

Would she be his lover...or his prey? His savior...or his victim? Would Hadrian lure her into madness or would their perilous passion be their redemption?

## **Caressed by a Crimson Moon Details**

Date : Published January 27th 2013

ISBN :

Author : Amanda J. Greene

Format : Kindle Edition 388 pages

Genre : Paranormal, Vampires, Romance, Paranormal Romance, Fantasy, Shapeshifters

 [Download Caressed by a Crimson Moon ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Caressed by a Crimson Moon ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Caressed by a Crimson Moon Amanda J. Greene**

---

## From Reader Review Caressed by a Crimson Moon for online ebook

~\*~Princess Nhya~\*~ says

### 4 out of 5 Stars

Alright, now I was going to just give this one 3.5 half stars but I must say that the last 3 chapters and epilogue convinced me otherwise.

This story intrigued me right out of the gate. It has the mystery the substance. The beautiful but fearfully wounded soul of a hot lead hero and the perfect balance of beauty, grace, innocence and strength in the lead heroine.

What did wear on my nerves a bit, was that these two spent way too much time in their own heads and not quite enough interaction with each other for the 1st half of the book. This made the process of getting to know them and watching them come together seem tedious at times. Their thoughts, concerns, and fears became quite repetitious and this caused the story to slow down for me. However, when they finally do get the ball rolling Hadrian and Eva's chemistry is white hot. Off the chain intense with an added layer of the sweet, pure, consuming romantic type of love you want and need to see between these type of characters. But I do wish there was more info concerning Eva's parents. Especially her father. His motives etc.. You will see why. This angle I felt was left in the wind some where. I wished it were fleshed out more. This one has a great ending and a very interesting lead into the next book.

This was a very sexy, erotic, entertaining read, and I would recommend it. Happy reading :)

---

### texxie-PRUFreads.blogspot.com says

Originally reviewed at <http://prufreads.blogspot.com/>

**My rating: 5 out of 5 stars**

**"A feral beast haunts this castle and...that beast is me."**

**~Hadrian Lucretius, mad Vampire King of the Validus Clan**

**\*\*Please note ARC provided by author in exchange for honest review\*\***

Eva Maldonado is a disgrace to her Silveria Shifter Pack. As the bastard half-breed daughter of their alpha Arsenio, Eva is seen as an abomination and is often beaten and starved simply because of her parentage. When Arsenio is challenged by Black Knight Falcon Kenwrec to hold up his end of the peace treaty between his pack and the vampires, the answer is an easy one. With his own dark motives, he sacrifices Eva who is now to be a ward to the 'mad king', Hadrian Lucretius.

[image error]

King to the Validus Clan exiled himself over 300 years ago, unable to keep his throne. His mind is as shattered and broken as the windows and mirrors, whose reflection he can't seem escape. His descent into madness has been a painful one. Memories and visions of torture and blood lust accompany the voices and blood curdling screams inside his head. Hadrian is damaged, lethal and while no angel, he's fallen, to his knees, broken.

*Caressed by a Crimson Moon*, the 3rd installment of the *Rulers of Darkness* series, made my heart hurt. There are characters that you follow and sometimes, just sometimes, there are characters that you *feel*. You feel their pain, their anxiety, self loathing and triumphs. Hadrian was that character for me. Ms. Greene ripped his heart, mind, body and soul wide open, leaving for you, the reader, no emotion untapped. The wordplay flowed effortlessly, keeping me drawn in and anxious for more.

Before laying eyes on Falcon, Eva had never actually seen a vampire before. That doesn't mean she hasn't heard the rumors, the stories of the monster, the mad king who will drain her, slowly, painfully. Is Eva escaping one hell only to be thrown into another? There is no slow burn here. The whirlwind begins almost immediately and can I just say, by chapter 4...yeah, that. There are secrets and revelations, tests of willpower and all consuming passion that is raw, sensual and downright primal, making for a thrilling ride.

Fans of the series will be thrilled to get a better look at Hadrian and Falcon's 'bromance' and what lays ahead for my favorite Black Knight. Silvie is a fiesty little witch who is quite the puppet master and appearances by other characters that together, help make this series what it is, and is coming to be. This is, by far, the best of the series to date and with an intriguing ending, leading to book #4, this series h. The Rulers of Darkness and the Black Knights at their side make for a dark, sexy, lethal clan you'll want to sink your own teeth into!

For more, visit [amandajgreene.com](http://amandajgreene.com)

---

### **Sofia T. (♥ Dimitri Belikov) says**

*“I do not want you to leave. Please...tell me what I can do to...make you stay. I will do anything...Gods, Eva. I cannot lose you. Please, tell me what I can—”*

*“Just ask me, Hadrian.”*

*“Will you stay?”*

3.5 Stars

The third book in the Rulers of Darkness series tells the story of Hadrian and Eva. I enjoyed their story but there some times that I felt that things (situations between the main characters) were repeated...

Despite that fact, it was easy enough to be captured by this book.

In this book we get to see characters from the previous book of the series such as, Dimitri and Kerstyn, Dorian and Victoria, Sonya, Falcon, Silvie and last but not least Gannon...

So, so far so good!

And in case you're wondering why I gave this book 3.5 Stars, the answer is simple!

This book is a cliffhanger!

I think (strongly believe) that the next book will be about Sonya and maybe (pls be pls be) Falcon?????

~~But I really don't know since~~

I was wrong...(Thank God!!!!)

Apparently we have a title..

### **Caressed by Shadows**

Sonya and Falcon's story - Release date to be announced.(pityyyyyy)

Here's what the author said at her website:

UPDATE: I will be revealing the cover of Caressed by Shadows (Rulers of Darkness #4) on August 2nd, along with the book description, book trailer, and tentative release date.

First paragraph of Caressed by Shadows:

The humans knew nothing of the world they lived in, blissfully ignorant of the creatures that surrounded them, vampires, shape-shifters and witches. Each appeared to be no different than their mortal counter parts. Falcon was one of those creatures, a vampire. His lungs expanded, filling with useless oxygen and his heart beat with a steady pulse that heated his flesh and colored his cheeks. Oh, yes, his kind could blend in seamlessly amongst their prey, their victims easily seduced by their otherworldly allure...

Plus some teasers:

Teaser #1: <http://www.amandajgreene.blogspot.gr/...>

Teaser #2: <http://www.amandajgreene.blogspot.gr/...>

Teaser #3: <http://www.amandajgreene.blogspot.gr/...>

I can't wait for August 2nd.....

First posted on: <http://sofialovesreading.blogspot.gr/...>

---

### **Guylene says**

Probably my favorite of the Rulers of Darkness books. So much angst and pain. Hot brooding vamp, abused and confused shifter girl with an obscure background. They struggle to fight their attraction - but to no avail. What is meant to be is meant to me. She is the only one who can soothe his beast and he is the only one she

wants.

---

## **Carin says**

Caressed by a Crimson Moon is the 3rd in the Rulers of Darkness Series, It can be read as a stand alone novel.

Amanda J Greene has done an excellent job in world building for her Rulers of Darkness series. She integrates many different paranormal species into her world and provides you with the information to understand how they are unique and what binds them together in the world.

Caressed by a Crimson Moon is the story of Mad King Hadrian and a shifter half breed named Eva. We journey from the jungles of Brazil to the mountains of Estonia as we follow the story of Eva being sent as ward to the King to cement a treaty to the coronation ceremony of King Hadrian retaking his throne. The story is rich in detail while trying to maintain a bit of mystery as it unfolds, we find that things aren't always as they appear. Eva is far stronger than even she thinks she is and Hadrian has plenty enough reason for his madness but Eva sees beyond the demon and into the soul of the man.

This is also an erotic romance with plenty of heat and tender moments as well. Eva and Hadrian burn up the sheets or really with the claws they have shred the sheets through the better part of the book.

I found the dialog in parts of the book to be repetitive and at times a little prosaic but over all it was a good read.

---

## **Tracey says**

I dived into this book one cold Sunday afternoon and finished it at 1.10 am, had to see how it finished!

Eva and Hadrians story pulled me in very quickly and I loved how most part of the book was about their developing relationship, the sexual tension was something else.

Eva is a half-breed, badly treated by her father's pack. Now she's being sent off to live with a vampire a mad vampire at that!

“A monster haunts these halls, little one,” he hissed. “A bloodthirsty, half crazed demon that likes to make snacks out of little ladies like you.”

Hadrian has been in a hiding from his pack for a long time, he has many demons messing with his head. He has decided to come back to civilisation and reclaim his throne, just at the same time a new ward is coming to stay - Eva.

As I said the story focuses on Eva and Hadrian and the many issues surrounding them, there is a back story to the vampire world they live in, but this book can easily be read as a standalone.

Eva is a tough cookie and goes after what she wants. Hadrian is so guarded, he wants Eva very much but he

keeps disappearing when things heat up between them, yes its frustrating but it certainly builds the sexual tension.

“Vampire,” she bit out as if it were a curse, “I want you to take me. I want you to drive your cock into me again and again. I want you to make me come so hard I scream.”

“Eva,” he rasped. “Last chance.” He towered over her, a dark warrior king. Her dark warrior king. “I intend to have you.”

I have to say Falcon is very likable as a character, he isn't a king but wow his story would be amazing.

I really enjoyed this book, loved Hadrian and Eva and glad they got there happy ever after.

4.5 yummy vampire stars

---

## **VampireNovelFan says**

### **If you want hott, it's got hott**

The third Rulers of Darkness tale presents us with a new hero and heroine. For centuries Hadrian Lucretius, Vampire King of the Validus Clan, has been cursed with dark and violent memories of his past. He's practically earned the reputation of the seven deadly sins all wrapped into one. Eva Maldonado, daughter of the Silveria Shifter Pack's alpha, has been offered to him as a gift in hopes of maintaining peace between vampires and their kind. Whisked away to the secluded fortress high in the Carpathian Mountains, Eva senses more beyond his frightening veneer. And he senses more beyond her broken spirit. Drawn to one another like moths to a flame, will they be each other's saviors or ultimate undoing?

You definitely get what you expect based on the synopsis and the cover. I felt like this one teetered on the erotica line a little more than its predecessors which felt more like your usual paranormal romance. The chemistry between Eva and Hadrian is very strong and the love scenes are well done, if gratuitous after a while. There's a lot of unresolved sexual tension that may become frustrating for the reader, but that's become the norm in this genre. I liked the appearances of characters from the prior novels. Though a paranormal romance, it allows everything to tie in to the current story a bit better.

When it comes to this series, I think the first one remains my personal favorite. I enjoyed the regency feel and I felt like the focus leaned more towards the story and plot progression. I'd likely rank this one second though. Their secluded setting provided a similar feel.

This is quality paranormal romance. The writing, atmosphere, the angst, and the dynamic between the hero and heroine are all quite good. It's just a matter of your tastes and your mood. I'm urban fantasy fan first so other details tend to catch my attention and I find myself wanting those fleshed out and explored more. Greene presents a supernatural world that can be pretty complicated between the various species all vying for control.

The books are standalones, but you definitely see glimpses of potential lead characters for the subsequent novels. I look forward to the sequels.

\*ARC provided by the author.

\*Review also posted to Amazon.

---

## Deelylah Mullin says

Caressed by a Crimson Moon brings the reader a fabulous continuation of the Rulers of Darkness series. Ms. Greene brings her characters to life, and allows the reader access to the inner thoughts in a way that respects both the reader and characters. Hadrian, the hero, is DEFINITELY on the list of favorite heroes for 2013!

I think one of my favorite aspects of Caressed by a Crimson Moon is the utter self-loathing both Eva and Hadrian have for themselves. I mean, -zero- self-esteem for these two! The transformation of each character, while incomplete by the end of the title, was a fabulous glimpse at mending a wounded psyche. I think that I enjoyed watching the inner turmoil of each character change and morph as much as I enjoyed the interaction between the characters. HEAT INDEX: 4.5 out of 5. However, this is because anticipation and the 'pre-game show' is extremely erotic.

One of the things that I felt was interesting about Caressed by a Crimson Moon was the sparse cast of characters. Seriously. We had Falcon, Hadrian's friend and second-in-command. There was a chef and a butler. We caught glimpses of Dorian and Dmitri, as well as their mates, as well as Sonya, and the Shaw Healer-in-Training. Not a lot of characters. There was no movement for the other characters, except at the end – Sonya and Falcon – I'm guessing they'll be the axis for the next title. And... I. Can't. WAIT!!! I adore Falcon almost as much as I do Hadrian. Fans of Nalini Singh's Psy/Changeling series, Gena Showalter's Lords of the Underworld, and J.R. Ward's BDB are in for a treat – this Rulers of Darkness title seems to blend them together in a manner that is simply delicious!

Eva is a truly interesting character. Raised to believe that she was half jaguar shifter and half human, Eva has always felt like an outcast to her jaguar clan. When her mom died, Eva was immersed in the world of her father, and their pack didn't have any use for remaining current & relevant in technology. She was also treated as though she were an abomination, and says so in Caressed by a Crimson Moon. She endured nine years of abuse-by-neglect, at the hands of her father. On the other side, Eva called herself a half-breed, and dismissed her thoughts as unimportant. She felt she wasn't deserving of happiness because she had been made to believe so for many years. This was totally evident in the way she thought of herself, and the way she didn't believe that there was any way that Hadrian would want her. I found it interesting, after a major event for her character, that she still didn't believe that Hadrian felt anything for her. I must admit, there were several times I wanted to tell her, "Suck it up, Buttercup. The self-pity thing isn't working for you." Fortunately, it seems as though she hopped off the Pity Train by the end of the title, when Hadrian needed her support. Yay, you!

Hadrian. Rawr! He's awake and ready to lead his clan through rebuilding and keep the peace. Since he was in self-imposed exile for 350-ish years, Hadrian is a bit behind the times when it comes to technology and social trends and norms. However, he's ready to kick-ass and take names later, if that is what needs to happen! When I found out **\*\*why\*\*** Hadrian is so morose, my heart broke for him. Feeling responsible for someone's death is never easy. Much more difficult when that someone is your TWIN BROTHER! I'm glad I felt like that was resolved by the time we reached the end of the story. I don't think I could have handled the continuation of that storyline. What I'm not entirely cool with is the demon which is Hadrian's vampire. Previously, vamps were created by a bite. Although, Hadrian is possessed by a demon, and it was implied

that the demon caused the vampirism. That part of the plot confused me a little, but it was easy to take the leap of faith and simply go with it. \*\*VampBard, shut up the constant analysis and enjoy the damn book!\*\*  
Long story short, the demon played nice, and Hadrian got his anger issues under control. As matter of fact, his middle name should be CONTROL. The compassion I had for Hadrian throughout the title was immense. I cried, people. Giant, crocodile tears, when I found out why Hadrian hated himself so much. Another round of tears when Hadrian 'said goodbye' to his brother. Seriously. I've warned you. Have tissues at-the-ready. Ultimately, this vamp who felt himself unworthy of love discovered that the true meaning of love is to accept someone as they are, and not expect change as a condition of a relationship. This is one of the reasons I fell in total lurve with Hadrian.

Caressed by a Crimson Moon is my favorite Rulers of Darkness title to-date. The third book in the series has me chomping at the bit for the next installment.

---

### **Jonel Boyko says**

Greene takes her world of vampire kings and true mates to the next level with this one. She weaves this into a seamless and gripping tale that I won't be able to forget. Suspense & romance vie with lust & self-doubt in the perfect combination to keep you hooked. Being a visual author, Greene makes it very easy for her audience to picture each and every aspect of their surroundings. It is so easy to picture yourself right there alongside the characters.

I love how we get to meet the shifters in this instalment. For once, they aren't the good guys, nor are they the bad guys. They are a very culturally bound group that will definitely spark some controversy. Half-breeds are also different here. We (as readers of paranormal stories) are so used to shifter DNA being dominant that the way Greene develops it is surprisingly riveting & extremely well done, it not only makes her characters stand out, but draws you to them.

This was an exciting & exhilarating story that I definitely couldn't put down. I can't wait to read more from this riveting author.

Please note that I received a complimentary copy of this work in exchange for an honest review.

---

### **Samantha (Book Lover's Cozy Cafe) says**

Caressed by a Crimson Moon

I was given this book in place of an honest review. This is the third book in the "Rulers of Darkness" series. This story takes place surrounding Hadrian the Vampire King who threw himself into exile, because he was going crazy; and Eva a halfbreed shifter. Eva was the bastard daughter of the Alpha of her shifter pack, taken nine years ago after the death of her mother. She was treated poorly because of her halfbreed lineage. Hadrian who has just recently came out of exile and is preparing for his descent back into his clans world, wants to honor a treaty made three hundred and fifty years ago with the shifters, has Falcon go and claim what is rightfully his. The alpha isn't thrilled about this scenario and refuses to send one of his pure looks daughters to the mad king, so instead he sends Eva his halfbreed daughter, in hopes that the mad king will take care of his dirty work for him. Instead of Hadrian killing Eva like the Alpha was hoping for, he finds something else in Eva.....hope.

As the other two books I have read in this series this one didn't fail to suck me in. However, this one was just a little different than the others. Because one: There is something more to Eva that meets the eye; two: instead of some huge raging battle being prepared for throughout the book, the big battle is actually the battles that Hadrian has to face about himself, and the secrets that are unfolded with Eva. Now don't get me wrong there is a battle scene in this book, but it's pretty bleh compared to the others. However, this book adds a few more pieces that will be unfolded in further books, that of course will keep you hanging on the edge of your seat and keep you wanting more. It sure has me, and I cannot wait to read more of this series.

---

## Stephanie G says

Hadrian has been battling his inner demon for centuries but with the help of his second he has been fighting back the darkness and trying to make himself the king his people need to lead them.

When Eva arrives at the castle everything changes. Just her close proximity threatens his sanity. He is drawn to her but his inner demon wants her on a deadly level that may endanger her life. Even though his mind tells him he should stay away he can't. There is just something about this luscious woman that draws him, soothes him.

Eva after her mothers death she was taken to her fathers pack, but being a half breed she was abused and beaten on a daily basis since the moment she arrived. So when the vampire knight showed up and demanded a daughter from her father she was not surprised when he offered her the half breed to the knight to be a ward of the mad vampire king.

Excited to finally leave the pack but worried about the rumored crazy vampire king, Eva was not going to let this get her down she would escape first chance she got and live a free life. But once she met the vampire king she was soo enthralled by him the thought of leaving him caused her actually pain.

Every time Eva thought she might be getting threw to Hadrian, he would pull away and act like he didn't want her, but his body told her he did. He reacted to her on the same lust filled level she reacted to him. Some how she must convince him to let down his guard and kiss her.

This story was excellent, I think it is my favorite so far of the series. It is unnecessary to have read the first two before this one to enjoy it. The first two would give you're background on other mentioned characters but is not necessary to understand and enjoy.

The heat that flows between Eva and Hadrian is soo extremely hot one might think my kindle would explode. They have such a magnetic pull towards each other, one that Hadrian tries so hard to ignore which only makes the attraction all the more hot when they come together.

The overall story is entertaining and fun. I enjoyed the whole story from start to finish. I had a hard time putting it down to do normal day to day stuff. My only complaint is that I wish that the reasons behind the pack alpha taking Eva were explained a little better, i felt a lot of questions went unanswered. The mystery behind her heritage wasn't explained enough for me. Then the ending was so abrupt it left me hanging on for more. Either way I would recommend this book whether you have read the first two or not.

- Athena

---

## Juliana Chen says

Love this book... and the previous one about Dimitri.. :)

Hadrian Lucretius the 'Mad' King of Validus Clan, in process of reclaim his Throne after 350 years of self-exiled (not to forget about his handsomeness and his steel hard body.. the word Mad just evaporating :D)

Eva Maldonado, the half-breed of Jaguar Shifter and more.. being the lowest of the pack for the last 9 years, become an offered sacrifice by his own father to fulfilled the old pact between the Pack and the Validus Clan.

Their first encounter was kinda hot and bothered.. When Eva's Drive made the first appearance without her concious (and I really liked their second and so on encounter).

I really loved how the developed their connection, revealed how Eva is basicly his redemption, his destined eternal partner in any sense. Eva being the straight forward one about their connection, she is one braved girl.

Sometimes it ticked me how Hadrian tried to pushed Eva away with his false sense of her wish to be free.. And his reaction about their bonding, the mark on their wrists, was priceless..

I just glad that they found their misunderstanding right in time.

The whole story about this vampire clan just exciting... their long existence, their long lonely life, finally fulfilled with the new found love in their true mate...

And there always a good feeling and blissedful relieved when at the end comes HEA

---

## Coral says

Plot: 3/5

Characterisation: 4/5

Prose: 3/5

How much I enjoyed it: 4/5

---

## Natasha says

Caressed by a Crimson Moon is the 3rd installment of the Rulers of Darkness series and my first novel by author, Amanda J. Greene. I hoped to read them in order because I had a feeling they were going to be good, so I'll just have to go re-read the series so I can get the back story and I can enjoy this how it was fully intended. Either way, I'm thrilled to have started this series, finally.

Eva's a half-breed shape-shifter who was taken to live a tortuous life with her father and his pack at the age of 17 after her mothers death. How she was treated was horrid. Beaten, humiliated and looked upon as nothing. A life of being degraded and left empty.

So when her no good "father" practically hands her over as a sacrifice to a vampire who's reputation is lethal,

she leaves without a fight. Better than staying under her terrible fathers rule. Right?

Hadrian, who is referred as the 'mad king' is the definition of a tortured hero. He's been fighting his demons for centuries and it's left him half mad. I know I say this a lot, but he's definitely my new favorite male character. I can't get enough of him or this novel!

"His gaze turned sharp then his eyes narrowed. The temperature of the room dropped as shadows descended upon his face.

"Perhaps I'm not making myself clear," he said, his voice hard. "Or," his gaze traveled over her, studying her from head to toe, "you want me this way, on the verge of losing control."

She swallowed hard. His heated, predatory gaze fixed on her as his voice deepened. Dangerous sexual intent burned in his eyes as he downed his liquor, savoring it as if imagining it was her blood. His eyes roamed her body. A pure masculine smile softened his features, as his fangs grew longer.

Eva gasped. God, she wanted this vampire. She had to use every ounce of her rapidly depleting self-control not to throw herself at him.

"Danger," he grated past his fangs, "it excites you."

I fully enjoyed her writing style and the world Ms Greene has created. I have to remark on the Beauty and the Beast feel to the novel. The Beast in the West Wing, which is off limits, \*winks\*, the french 'butler', the library.. etc. I really enjoyed it!

All the characters were fitting and flowed well. I loved the secondary characters, especially Falcon and Sonya. I'm already begging for their story. She really knows how to leave you hanging! \*winks\*

Over all, a fantastic read! I highly recommend this emotionally charged novel to all paranormal romance lovers. I'm going to be reading book's 1 & 2 asap. I want more and I bet you will too!

---

## **Marishka says**

[ end of chapter seven beginning of chapter eight. He went to a brothel to try to sate his lust for her because she was his ward and a virgin. Eva and he had touched(felt her up a little all above the belt, and rubbed against each other) more than once at this point but nothing further. As soon as he entered the brothel he lost all desire - and his erection. He picked three and not one could bring his desire back. He had watched them pleasure themselves and each other but

---