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Bo Blackman is not adjusting to her new life as a fledgling vampire particularly well. Drinking blood sickens her and, despite her new enhanced physical skills and the attention she's receiving from Lord Montserrat, she's desperate to find a cure. When her illegal search takes her to the door of Fingertips and Frolics, a small family-run magic shop, she becomes embroiled in a dangerous game of tit-for-tat with murderous consequences. To complicate matters further, she's forced to also take on a case of apparent kidnapping. But with no ransom demand and a client she despises, it may be more of a struggle to solve than she realises.

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Leanne Crabtree says

It's been about 2 years since i read the first book and this has been on my to-read list since so when i was given a 2 month kindle unlimited subscription for nothing--Thanks Amazon--i had to get this. Only I'd forgotten pretty much everything that had gone on.

I am very intrigued by the Bo and Michael relationship progression and the Midici issue so i am sure I'll be reading the rest of the series soon.

Celeste says

In my opinion, either Bo needs to build a bridge and get over it, or she needs to drown, either way the whining needs to stop.

I'm surprised that Bo and Micheal's 'relationship' is so patently unbelievable. It's obvious the author is trying to push them together as a couple, and from Helen Harper's other series' I know she's capable of writing relationships I can wholly get behind. But this is just not working. Maybe it's because Bo is such a bitch?

Tami says

Still not sure what's so special about Bo. She seems quite stupid and immature to me.

It was an ok read. But I was missing heat and a kick-ass heroine.

CoullCat says

New Order starts off six weeks after the first book finished. I'm not going to give a rundown of events or the plot, that's what the book synopsis is for, but I am going to say that the second instalment in the Bo Blackman series was as good as the first.

Bo spends the first part of the book finding her feet, she's dealing with PTSD and having her life be completely out of her control. Then, once Bo takes matters into her own hands, we get to see a bit more of that steel in her backbone. I love that Harper has included aspects of PTSD after the events in the first book, many authors seem to forget that their main characters are human and have to deal with human emotions. The fact that Bo is not coping initially, just makes her more relatable. I also like that Bo's investigation skills are getting better as she gains experience, something that is also very lifelike and believable.

The relationship between Bo and Michael heats up slightly but, true to any good urban fantasy novel, things are still moving fairly slowly. The world building in New Order is really good, and we get to meet many new characters in the world of Bo Blackman - many of whom, I feel, may go on to play a bigger part later on in the series.

I'm definitely enjoying this series so far and am going to delve straight into book through.

JadeShea says

New Order begins with Bo trying her best to deal with becoming a vampire. She's not exactly taking it so well. Not only is she having weird hallucinations, but she also is tired of being confined to the Family house until she can go out in daylight. When life becomes too much for her she does her best to get out. But Bo has some other problems to deal with as well.

This book was really good. I loved seeing how being a vampire didn't completely change Bo. And how she was trying her best to find a way to fix it. I also loved the fact that Michael and Bo seem to be getting closer together. Those two will be an awesome couple. This one was filled with action, lots of drama, and a woman who is newly changed but is trying to find her way out of it.

Katie says

SPOILERS

This is the second book of the Bo Blackman series. Bo is having a terrible time adjusting to life as a vampire and desperately wants a cure to vampirism. She deflects from the family to go off on her own. At the same time she has PTSD from having seen her entire office slaughtered. She has a few investigations in this book including needing to find her sanguine friend's ex, figure out everything going on w the 'neo-druid', frolic, who promised to look into a cure and is connected to magix (another mystery), and deal w a kakos daemon. Naturally, everything is connected. SHE , Connor (her human bloodbag), arlo & Peter (both sanguin) are going to be starting up a business to deal with human\vampire relations.

There is a lot going on in this book with her wanting to be independent, Michael Montserrat wanting her safe (can't wait for something to happen there!), Her numerous investigations, X the kakos demon (whom I found intriguing), starting a new business, trying not to die, and everything else that I can hardly keep it all straight to talk about. It is definitely a new world order the way things are going: humans fear the vampires too much, witches are joining between white and black, magix has vampire ability draining handcuffs, and more. There's no sex but there's a stolen kiss or 2. No romance. Little to no cussing. Some fighting. For some reason I just feel meh about the book though, I just couldn't get wrapped up in it for some inexplicable reason. It's still a good read!

Mary Hartshorn says

I really liked the first book and just had to read the next installment. As much as I like this series, there are really just some times I want to reach in and smack Bo. Great series either way since I just could not put it down.

TP says

Well this series started out good.

Although there were a lot of parallels to the "highland magic" series which i read first. Female investigators like Veronica Mars in a magical world. A feisty young female character, who thinks she is the rescuer of the world. Sadly both were too Stubborn, too independent and lying constantly by omission or not so apparently good reasons. The author did not manage to write a constantly engaging story in both series. The concept wasn't bad and it is a good woven net of cases and stories to solve with a strong backbone story to go along. But the humor for example fell flat and barely made me laugh in both books. The stories are both stretched out too long and i was left dissatisfied at the end with both books.

A love story in the background, her being scared of getting hurt. And the romance drags along through the entire series before anything substantial happens if it happens at all, which lacked big time for me and felt like pulling a tooth.

The first 2 books were a nice read, book 3 was at the limit of my patience, then it went fast forward into boring and annoying, i scrolled through book 4 and 5 only to not loose the hang of it and finally read book 6 fully again.

The finale wasn't that bad, but i missed the love from the author. The ending was disappointing and uncaring.

LIA Kh. says

The review will be short as I am impatient to get into the next number.

1. The case in this stories is either so ordinary or so plain.
2. Bo too focus to herself about being a vampire, she doesn't accept and doesn't satisfied with current situation, why don't move on??
3. According to point number two, it lead to the her relationship with Michael. Nothing happen, no improvement, full with bullshit to herself, and it pissed me off so much, I wanna slap Bo so she had a consciousness over her own feeling!

It's 3,5 star for this one.

Gemma says

Great 5stars

Another amazing book, can't wait for the Next. I love Bo`s adventures I think she's an amazing vampire even if she doesn't. Much love to Helen

chucklethescot says

Don't read this review unless you have read book one 'Dire Straits' or aren't planning to read the series! The whole review centres around how the last book finished so it will spoil book one for you if you read any further. You have been warned!

Bo is not coping well at being turned into a vampire to save her life, and everyone rallies to try and help her. Michael wants her to run a liason office for House vampires who need help with problems, giving Bo a bit of freedom from being stuck at the House. She is determined to use every chance to research for a possible cure for her condition, which does not please Michael. I understand that Bo does not want to be a vampire and is pissed at how things turned out but at some stage you have to quit moaning and try to deal with it. Hearing the same complaints over and over do get annoying after a while and it was the main reason that I stopped reading Chloe Neill's vampires series. Use the whinging time to train and learn and make the best of a bad job!

Michael and Bo are becoming as annoying as Ethan and Merit in aforementioned vampire series. There is constant angst, fighting over stupid things, Michael being an arse and not listening to anything Bo had to say and then yelling at her for keeping secrets from him, Bo being a pain because of her vampire angst and pushing everyone away...it was frustrating and annoying. And I still can't see any chemistry between the two of them.

The other big problem with this book is the very dull side story of Bo's investigation. Stephen was Arzo's best friend until he ran off with Arzo's love Dahlia. Now Dahlia is missing and Stephen wants her found, and Bo decides not to involve Arzo. This story was dumb and pointless. Stephen was a complete asshat, Dahlia was a cheating bitch and this pair broke Arzo's heart so I couldn't care less what happened to either of them. Plus Bo is avoiding Arzo so we don't see much of him and he is my favourite character. We also don't see much of my other favourite Beth, because we are constantly dealing with Stephen! We got more of O'Shea in the book but this time he was seriously annoying and that bugged me.

I also do not like the way the author gives each chapter a title that hints at what is about to happen. I don't want the author giving me plot spoilers while I'm reading the darn book!

Arrgghh! The things I liked so much in the first book were all missing in this one. Characters I liked were underused, characters I hated were dominating the story, there was too much moaning and fighting and no solid plot to hold the book together. This was very disappointing and I feel no urge to read the next book in the series which is a shame after enjoying book one.

Steph says

Bo was a tad bit frustrating in the beginning, but it was understandable considering how things went in DIRE STRAITS. I'm really enjoying this series and looking forward to more. I do enjoy Ms. Harper's writing.

Marianne says

3.5 ?

Relina Skye says

"New Order" is the second novel in Helen Harper's "Bo Blackman" series. Bo has a hard time accepting that she is now a vampire. Her freedom is limited, and she has to drink blood directly from a human in order to survive. Unwilling to accept her destiny, she does everything in her power to find a cure for being a vampire. She's even willing to leave the safety of her Family to do so. Thrown into another round of PI work, Bo continues to rely on O'Shea and Rogu3 to help her out while keeping Michael at a distance. Overall, I enjoyed reading this novel. Bo continues to stay true to her character while developing her morals in a new direction. This novel is action packed and filled with puzzles for the main character to solve.

Arlene says

I loved the books, I love the reader... Some times I wonder if Beau is going to ever get realistic, and think and plan.. But I love the story line anyways.. :)
