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BLOOD IS THICKER THAN SLAUGHTER

Con artist-turned-radio-station-manager Ciara Griffin hopes to settle into a normal un-life as a fledgling vampire, with the help of her immortally hot fiancé, grunge DJ Shane McAllister. But she has bigger problems than finding a sane blood donor and a new home for those boxes of mac 'n' cheese. Ciara's best friend mourns her like she's dead instead of undead, and her own maker clearly wishes she'd never been born (again). Worst of all, the WVMP crew calls a Code Black: hippie vampire DJ Jim has murdered a pair of humans—humans who share Ciara's true last name.

That's when trouble rolls out the red carpet, straight into Ciara's life. At Shane's first live concert, Ciara finds herself face to face with her Irish Traveller cousins, a not-so-welcome family reunion that might hold the key to Ciara's anti-holy blood. Jim's spiral into madness makes Ciara an unwilling prize in his deadly feud with Shane. As Ciara clings to what's left of her humanity, she'll need her new vampire strength—and old con artist cunning—now more than ever.

“Let It Bleed” (WVMP Book 3.5) includes the bonus short story “Thief” (WVMP Book 3.1), starring Ciara's 16-year-old cousin Cass. “Thief” steps inside Ciara's mysterious birth family, whose relationship with vampires is anything but simple.

## Let It Bleed Details

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## From Reader Review Let It Bleed for online ebook

### Mello ♥ Illium ★Harry★ ?Myrnin? Torin Ichimaru says

This was a pretty good novella. Definitely needs to be read before reading book 4 in the series. I can tell that it's a segue between events.

Oh man, Jim. I should have known that he'd end up this way, but I wasn't expecting this. Why in the hell is he so obsessed with Ciara, anyway? He said they have a cosmic connection. Talk about crazy talk.

I like that she was able to meet some of her family members. Even with what she kept from them, it seemed like they forgave her in the end. She did come through from them. It would be nice if she got to see them again, but I doubt it.

I hope Ciara gets to kick Luann's ass, though. What a horrible thing she did. Sold out her daughter.

I hated the spat between Ciara and Lori at the station, but I'm glad they were able to get past it. I wouldn't have been able to forgive David if he really kept Lori and Ciara from hanging out.

My favorite moment, though, was Ciara doing the puzzle with Monroe in the station.

After reading this, I have to jump right into the next book.

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### Teresa Mary Rose says

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I love novellas. I love taking little mini journeys into some of my favorite literary worlds. I love the extra information a reader can gain from them and I love that reading them in one sitting is practically nothing and I love the escape they provide for a few hours. Normally novellas are not a necessary part of a series, however that is not the case with Let It Bleed. This novella is an integral part of the series and the events of this book will definitely have ramifications on the outcome of the final book. So WVMP fans, don't skip this one or do what I sometimes do and go back to the novella once you complete the series. This novella contains numerous turning points. Ciara is still awesome and Shane is still my favorite. Nothing really new there. Ciara is trying to settle into life as a vampire and life with this makeshift family. The problem is, Jim is getting out of control. When people from Ciara's past mix with Jim's crazy it just leads to trouble. And not the good kind of trouble, the bad kind. Jim isn't the only trouble, humans can cause trouble too. David needed a smack in the head, Lori as well, but David more so. I felt like David acted more like Lori's Dad than her husband with him trying to tell her what to do. There was no reason he should suggest Lori and Ciara take a break. They are best friends and best friends don't take breaks, even when circumstances are less than convenient. Gahhh he was being a butt. Anyhoo, I feel better now, mini rant over. As a whole I loved this novella. It moved along at a good pace and still managed to contain mystery and drama and action and sexiness within a lot less pages. After this I cannot wait to see what Jeri has in store for us with the final book.

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## **Lisa Kessler says**

Loved this novella!!! It even made me cry twice! Yow!!!

Now I need to read the final WVMP book! Now...

If you love vampire series, this is definitely one to pick up!!! (But start with Wicked Game)

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## **Andrea says**

Ugh. There is honestly not much I can say about Let It Bleed without spoiling the story. I'll just say...things happen. BIG, BIG THINGS. There's death (!), blood (duh), sexy times (YES!), and most of all, Shane and Ciara. These two -- they're my favorite. The risks they take for one another, the team they have formed into, the pure love they share. I just can't... I love them. Oh, and just when I think I can't possibly love Shane more, he goes and plays an acoustic version of "Everlong". Only fans of the series understand what a big deal this is.

The story on how Let It Bleed came to be is very cool, and goes to show that Jeri Smith-Ready is honestly one of the best authors to her readers. You can find it on her website, linked above. What makes Let It Bleed so cool is that, even though it is novella, it is actually a part of the series story line. You can not skip this one, or you will be lost when you start Lust For Life.

Let It Bleed made me laugh, cringe, swoon, and cry. I loved every moment.

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## **Cathy says**

This is a really fun novella and a significant piece of the WVMP puzzle, so if you're a fan of the series (and you should be!) make your way to the author's website and download the story, at very least before you read the 4th book in November 2012. It's free, so there's no reason not to do it. This is a big transition story, it's the one where Ciara deals with her new situation. And her friends deal with it too. Some well, some not so well. Plus they're all dealing with their normal levels of craziness too. Again, some well, some not so well. And some of the not so well hits the fan. And as usual, Ciara gets to help clean it up. It's a great story. Plus Dexter the vampire dog is in a lot. I love that dog.

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## **manda-rae says**

The WVMP Radio series is one of those urban fantasy series involving vampires. While it's not super popular (I haven't seen a whole lot of people besides me picking it up), it has one of the most peculiar and different takes on the vampire legend. And I have to say this, I do not care for the main character, Ciara. From her annoying name to the annoying things she does in the books that I would never do, I just don't care for her. However, I love the other characters and the story. And there's humor. Also, the titles and chapters

are named after various songs; it's super creative. In other words, I think it speaks volumes if an author can keep you reading a series even though you don't care for the protagonist.

This book is a short story that progresses Ciara's story without giving us the grand finale. While I don't want to go into too much detail, I will say Ciara struggles with her life status change. And it's not just her who has to adjust, her friends have to cope with losing the life of a loved one without really losing the loved one. And we get to experience it with some humor and action mixed in.

While this novella definitely doesn't give you the satisfaction that a whole book would, I feel it prepares you for the next one. I've definitely got my curiosity and excitement up for the final book which comes out in a week.

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### **Jacque says**

This is a free novella that is available on Jeri Smith-Ready's site. It is a VERY substantial novella with about 125 pages. This is not just an extra scene, but an ESSENTIAL part of the story. It bridges the gap between the third and final book in the WVMP radio series.

There is A LOT that takes place in Let It Bleed. If you decide to skip directly from Bring on the Night to Lust For Life, you will be doing yourself a real disservice. Two characters are murdered, four new characters are introduced, and a main character is essentially removed from the series. I'm sure some of these details will be discussed in the final book for those who did skip the novella, but I can't imagine she will provide even a fraction of the detail.

There were a couple of events that substantially changed the relationship between Ciara and her maker, Monroe. I don't think they will ever have the type of relationship Shane and Regina have, but they are establishing a more friendly relationship.

This book also contains Vital Fluid's first performance. Vital Fluid is Shane's new three-man nineties cover band and they totally rocked. More of Shane and his musical talents are always welcome.

I can't thank Jeri enough for advising me to read this before starting the final book in the series.

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### **Jaime (Two Chicks on Books) says**

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### **Angel says**

It was worth the wait!!

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## Steph Su says

In an unprecedented move, Jeri Smith-Ready publishes an essential piece of her WVMP Radio series in an e-book novella format. Longtime fans of this urban fantasy series, including me, have been eagerly awaiting LET IT BLEED. The verdict? While a refreshing dip back into the WVMP Radio world, LET IT BLEED's novella length does make it feel a bit rushed and incomplete.

As ever, Ciara's witty narration carries readers' enjoyment of the story, but—and this may just be me—I wonder if the series may be suffering from the literary equivalent of the “Moonlighting” curse—that is, now that the main characters have gotten together and are getting married and all that, some of the tension that drew me through earlier installments of this series is gone. LET IT BLEED expands Ciara's story to include more troubling conflicts and revelations, but it feels a little bare in some places, as if the story is trying to juggle too many of these conflicts, revelations, and sideplots, with the result that the pacing is uneven and the resolution abrupt.

I would've liked LET IT BLEED to be longer, so as to give space for the plots involving Jim and Ciara's family to be given more space to develop. LET IT BLEED was a complete story structurally, but I didn't have the same emotional investment in it as I had with earlier installments. Still, I am no less a fan of the series, and excitedly look forward to the final book, Lust for Life. There are, in my opinion, few protagonists who can compare to Ciara for paranormal resourcefulness and wit, and I'd follow her through anything to the ends of the earth...or the end of the series, since that seems more likely.

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## Shelley says

\*Genre\* Urban Fantasy

\*Rating\* 4.0

\*Review\*

Let It Bleed (WVMP Radio # 3.5) is a nice little bridge that covers the gap between what happened in Bring on the Night and what will happen in Lust for Life. If you haven't read this series before, uhm, why not? It has everything UF fans love. Really awesome characters, romance, suspense, mystery, and yes, humor. I would seriously recommend reading this series in order (Wicked Game, Bad to the Bone, Bring on the Night, and of course, Let it Bleed.)

Ciara (KEER-ah) Griffin is a former con artist who turned into a marketing director for the radio station WVMP. She was even the one who conned the phrase the Lifeblood of Rock and Roll. Ciara has had a rough patch recently. She was exposed to a deadly form of the Chicken Pox, and instead of dying, she was transformed into a vampire, something her fiance Shane was totally against. She also has a severe case of OCD now that she's a vampire.

I'll be totally honest here, I was aghast at the fact that Smith-Ready turned Ciara into a vampire. She's not really the vampire type if you know what I mean. She absolutely hates to be bitten, which vampires love to do to each other during sex. She also has this crazy anti-holy blood that can heal holy water burns on vampires which may or may not be working now that she's a vampire.

Now that she IS a vampire, she's part of the WVMP Code Black crew and therefore misses out on her best friends wedding thanks to crazy ass a loon Jim who just happens to kill two humans who are linked to Ciara's past. Then, to top everything off, family she didn't know she had decides to come and look for her because of

events that happened surrounding her father and mother.

I am seriously impressed with Smith-Ready in her willingness to put together this novella on top of everything else she is doing with her YA series. This may have taken longer than she liked, but it was definitely worth the wait for me.

I am sad to see this series end after book # 4, but at least it will go out on a high note. I love Shane and Regina. I love the fact that these vampires are stuck in the year that they were made, like Shane and the fact that he was changed by Regina in 1995. I love the fact that Smith-Ready normally uses song titles as Chapter titles. I enjoyed watching Ciara and her maker finally coming to grips with the fact that she's a vampire and thus will be sticking around for awhile.

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### **Yodamom says**

This little novella has so many pivotal actions in it I was short of breath ! Truly amazing addition to the series. If you read this series you do not want to miss this book. Of course Dexter,(vampire dog) one of my favorite characters got his four paws in. The WVMP gang is there and they are in for a rough ride. There is romance, blood, visiting extended family members ( can be the scariest of all, LOL), totally bonkers friend, a wedding, broken bones, stakes through the heart, a lot of blood and finally a connection. Phew, all that is one tiny novella.

A special thanks to Jeri Smith-Ready for allowing me to review this. Your imagination curls my toes every time.

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<http://www.jerismithready.com/books/l...>

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### **Ami says**

The story continues right from the event of book #3, Bring On The Night. Ciara has only been turned into a vampire and it is now the wedding day for her (human) best-friend, Lori, and her (human) boss, David. Except a call from Jim, saying "Code Black", changes everything ...

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I only found out from another reviewer that this novella was supposed to be a full-length book, except the author was only contracted for 4 books. So instead, she decided to make a free novella in order for everything to tied up neatly in upcoming book, Lust for Life, coming in November 2012.

I actually followed this at first when it was still a series installment on Jeri Smith-Ready's website. I forgot about it when the project seemed to be postponed. Only now, I noticed that the novella was ready. As it is written by the author, this is a very important novella in the WVMP Radio series. It doesn't act as stand alone, it bridges the event in book #3 and upcoming book #4.

The "Code Black" ends up strongly related to Ciara's family background ((view spoiler)) and Ciara meets long-forgotton family members. What surprised me most of all is the quick turn-about that makes (view spoiler) a bad villain. I didn't see that coming when I started this series. I wonder what that will mean for the last book; it is quite a significant event.

As fast-paced as it is, since it is a novella, I think there are still things that are yet resolved. But, I'm sure book #4 will tackle these issues perfectly. To those following this series, this novella is a must read!

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### **Roberta R. (Offbeat YA) says**

**Excerpt from my review - originally published at Offbeat YA.**

**Pros:** Original take on the overused vampire theme. Interesting, mostly tridimensional characters.

**Cons:** Abundance of gore. A graphic sex scene. Nonetheless...slightly boring.

**Will appeal to:** Those who like this series...duh.

So, well - the cat is out of the box. I was extremely careful not to spoil anything in my review of *Bring on the Night* (the previous chapter of this series), but since the very blurb for this one is a tattle-tale, there's no point in being cryptic anymore. So Ciara got vamped in the end. And as those who read *BOTN* will already be aware, it only beat to be truly dead. She had to make a choice between relinquishing her life or losing her humanity, and she painfully did. So now she has to live (err, un-live?) with the aftermath of that.

A necessary premise to my review. This novella was originally intended to be the official fourth installment in the saga, which meant getting its own paperback status. But for reasons that the author herself states here, it came out as a free-download novella instead. While I can only commend Jeri's decision, and thank her for the hard work poured into a no-profit (to this date) project just in order to comply with her own trade honesty, I have to be honest myself on the other hand. I didn't find *LIB* nearly as exciting as the rest of the series so far. Maybe it was to be expected, given the rough path this story had to travel *and* the unusual format. Of course, many of my fellow readers have enjoyed it nonetheless. Me, not so much. [...]

**Whole review here.**

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### **Ashley - Book Labyrinth says**

Let me start by saying that if you haven't read this series yet you are **MISSING OUT**, big time. Absolutely love the characters, and the plots are always incredibly interesting.

This is a pivotal instalment in the series, and it leads up to the final book, *Lust for Life*, which will be released this fall. So many great moments in this one, which I can't mention without being spoiler-y for the series, and there's crazy jaw dropping action as well.

Basically: love, love loveeeeeee, and I can't **WAIT** for the final book to come out (it's already pre-ordered. Oh yes, that's how excited I am).

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