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In this all-new novella from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Midnight Marked*, *Merit*, *Ethan*, and the rest of Cadogan House crew discover that not all undead creatures are kindred spirits...

Vampires generally aren't afraid of things that go bump in the night, but Merit and Ethan are extra jumpy after a recent attack by a dark sorcerer. So when they learn that someone is messing with graves in Chicago's cemeteries, stealing skulls and snatching souls, they fear that their powerful foe might be back for even more magical vengeance.

But after a specter begins haunting Cadogan House—and targeting vampires—they realize that their being taunted by an altogether different sort of monster. A ghoulish villain straight out of the Windy City's urban legends is on the prowl—and he won't stop until he's killed again...

Includes a sneak peek of *Blade Bound*, the epic final novel in the *New York Times* bestselling Chicagoland Vampires series.

Phantom Kiss Details

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Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

PHANTOM KISS is the last novella set in the Chicagoland Vampires world. Because of this, I was really expecting something soft and sweet, a beginning to the end so to speak. However, Chloe Neill doesn't just take the sweet route with this story. She actually gives readers a mystery that is unique and highly interesting. I have a lot of respect for authors who provide a solid storyline in novellas like Chloe Neill does, and this one is a great one.

It looks like something is stirring the cemetery and Merit and Ethan suspect that a specter might be on the loose. Although this story is less than a 100 pages, it still packed everything I love about this series into the tight word count. There's great banter between all of the characters. There's a good amount of romance between Merit and Ethan, and the mystery subplot stands alone very well, making for a very well-thought-out story.

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Robin says

After attending their engagement party, Merit and Ethan receive a phone call from a necromancer. Someone has dug up a grave in an old Chicago cemetery. When they arrive, they find that the skull is missing and a ghost has been called up. Merit follows a trail of dirt to the cemetery gate. She also finds a group of Ghost Hunters who say they felt the heavy magic and have come to investigate. When Ethan and Merit return to Cadogan House, they discover that the ghost is now haunting their wine cellar...and it is not happy.

This is a novella in the Chicagoland Vampires series. It didn't take long for Merit to figure out who was raising the ghost and why they were doing it. Only one more book to go in the series. I'm going to miss these characters. My rating: 4 Stars.

Once Upon a Twilight says

Considering Phantom Kiss is a novella, a stepping stone between each full installment, I can say I thoroughly enjoyed it--which isn't something I say very often with novellas. Though shorter in length than the rest of the series it didn't lack the drama, excitement and usual quirky humour from my beloveds at Cadogan House.

Ethan and Merit are one of my favourite couples, like, ever. Phantom Kiss was a welcome bonus because I got a taste of all the characters I'd come to know and love before the release of Blade Bound, the closing book to the series (totally not ready for this series to end).

Phantom Kiss dips its toes into the details of frantic wedding planning and a very narked ghost--both very different from the usual vampires, shifters and occasional Fae (that's if you forget about the stray Angel, wayward sorceress and other occasional paranormals). It was refreshing and delightful seeing the group

spooked by a ghost.

The plot fast-paced, eventful and a rewarding read, I would definitely recommend this as a read to those fans of the series. Newbies, this urban fantasy series isn't one to miss.

<http://www.onceuponatwilight.com/2017...>

Ferdy says

I didn't think Merit and Ethan could get any more insufferable, judgy, irritating and up themselves. But they did. Can't forget to mention them being total martyrs and snowflakes. Also, trite dialogue and generic story.

RachelW (BamaGal) says

Not sure what the point of this short story is; it's pretty much a fluffy bit of filler. A little wedding planning, a little sex, and a little ghost hunting with Scooby Doo and the vampire gang. This is the kind of short bit of story that authors usually put up on their website for a free read. If you read the summary, that's really all there is to the story. Strictly for hardcore fans of the series.

Cyndi says

Merit and Ethan are in wedding planning mode, meanwhile someone is trying to raise a ghost in the cemetery. What horror have they called and how will Merit and the gang stop it? She can't use her katana against a ghost! ?

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Reviewed by Annie

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Alex is The Romance Fox says

Merit and Ethan,

one of my favorite vampire characters from Chloe Neill's fabulous Chicagoland Vampires Series, are back in a short novella and book #12,5 in the series.

Despite being a quick read, we do get to see the romantic side of their romance...their upcoming wedding plans.....such fun to see her family trying to take over!!!!

We meet up with most of the series characters - which was a total bonus for me. The plot revolves around a ghost and the two embark on solving the mystery with the help Annabelle, the necromancer and the CPAN (Chicago Paranormal Action Network), which is run by Merit's grandfather.

I am not that crazy about the short stories that the author's throw in between full length books.....why they do this I have no clue!!! But I did enjoy this one.

Can't wait for the next instalment.

Beth says

I'm torn about the ending of the Chicagoland Vampire Series. PHANTOM KISS added a fantastic adventure to this series that will be ending with the release of BLADE BOUND on April 25, 2017.. When you love a series you never want it to end; I truly love Chicagoland Vampires.

That being said, how did Neill pack so much into PHANTOM KISS? Neill did skimp, it has all the characters we've come to love, just the right of steam between Ethan and Merit and a fun and exciting plot with a twist. A Ghostly adventure to devour.

I received this ARC copy of *Phantom Kiss* from Berkley Publishing Group - InterMix. This is my honest and voluntary review. This book is set for publication Jan. 17, 2017.

My Rating: 5 stars

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Reviewed for:

Sara Kate says

Man.... Such a little teaser this novella is! I have really loved The Chicagoland Vampire series by Chloe Neill. This series has been such fun and I love the snarkiness of this series between the characters. I'm pretty sad that this series is ending in April. I'm very curious how she is going to wrap this all up in one more book.

This novella definitely will quench your thirst for now until April gets here. It's classic Merit and Ethan coming to the rescue after they get a phone call about a grave being desiccated and the skull missing of who they think was a thug for Capone resurrecting his ghost. Which was such fun to throw in a little Chiago history with the mafia. They find out things are not as they seem and work together to fix things in the mist of celebrating their wedding shower.

I'm very much looking forward to see what Chloe Neill has in store for Ethand and Merit as this series comes to an end in April.

Sarah says

As a huge fan of the Chicagoland Vampires series I love it when **Chloe Neill** writes these novellas to help tide us over until the next full length book releases. **Phantom Kiss** was a great way to slip back into this world and it definitely left me more eager than ever for the April release of **Blade Bound**.

Merit and Ethan's evening starts with a wedding shower organised by Merit's mother and sister and ends with a trip to a cemetery to investigate a freshly disturbed grave. Frankly I'm not sure which of the two events is more terrifying but the fallout for the open grave has far more serious consequences. I don't think we've seen much ghostly action throughout the series so that was a nice change of pace and I thought it was hilarious to see how the Cadogan vampires reacted to the idea that the house may be haunted.

As always I thoroughly enjoyed seeing Merit and Ethan working together and we get to see all our favourite familiar faces like Mallory, Catcher, Jeff and Merit's Grandfather. We also get to spend more time with local necromancer Annabelle which was great, I really like her character and hope we'll see more of her in the final book.

I'm so sad that this series is coming to an end but I have very high hopes for Blade Bound and can't wait to see Merit and Ethan get their happily ever after.

Source: Received from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

Sharon ∞👉 is an emotional book junkie 👈∞ says

I would've been happy with just the steamy scene between Ethan and Merit but I guess their "adventure" with a serial killer ghost was a little interesting too.

This is just one step closer to the end of one of my all time favorite paranormal couples and I don't want it to end! :(

Carmel (Rabid Reads) says

Reviewed by: Rabid Reads.

***** CONTAINS SPOILERS FROM PREVIOUS BOOKS *****

This was a great little side tangent to the regular series, and offered a more intimate glimpse into Merit & Ethan's romantic life than what we tend to get in the full-length books. PHANTOM KISS opens with Meredith throwing the happy couple a bridal shower which was a hoot because 1- We all know how much the Sentinel *loves* shindigs—one of the reasons why Sullivan appointed her as the House's social chair—haha! And, 2- Some of her uppity family is still peeved about her being a vampire. So, naturally, drama-drama-drama!

The story then takes on a heavier tone with its ghost plot line, and the potential for the final big bad to make an appearance. I enjoyed the historical aspects of this short; Chloe Neill is a pro at incorporating all things Chicago into her novels, and in this one we get some of Capone & O'Banion's henchmen engaged in a ghostly turf war. Ok, kinda, not really, but if I told you who's at the heart of this mystery I'd be giving away the punchline. Annabelle, the necromancer, was also in attendance, so I was happy to see her again, and the CPAN (Chicago Paranormal Action Network) folks were stereotypical however, they did force Cadogan House's Master to give Luc permission to add some new gadgets to his arsenal which was cute.

PHANTOM KISS was one of the better novellas that I've read in recent months. It included most of the characters that CHICAGOLAND VAMPIRES fans just can't get enough of, didn't contain anything vital to make it a one-click must, but it was a value add that few will want to miss, and of course, the sneak peek at the last installment will ensure that you are counting down the days until April 25th if you haven't started doing so already. **~4.5 Stars**

Jennifer says

“Who doesn't love a good ghost story?”

Phantom Kiss is a great novella that perfectly compliments the near closure of Chloe Neill's [Chicagoland](#)

Vampires series. It has sexy romance, humor, mystery, action, suspense, history, magic, ghosts, vampires (of course), and preparations for a certain couple's upcoming nuptials...Ms. Neill fit a whole lot into 90 pages of fast-paced entertainment. If you follow this series, don't miss this gem!

My favorite quote:

"Most of us rarely rise to our full potential."

Louisa says

This short story was awesome! Having the wedding shower party (I think) and then dealing with ghosts, this was so fantastic! Can't wait for Blade Bound!
