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Silver Staked (The Blood Borne Series Book 1)



Synopsis

"All hail the queens of Fantasy!" From NYT & USAT bestselling authors Shannon Mayer and Denise Grover Swank comes a new vision of supernatural suspense. Only these two authors could deliver two such complex heroines and their undaunted courage in a tale of unexpected twists of fate. Escape into the city that never sleeps and where nightmares live in the darkness with "Silver Staked". My name is Leah, and I am a Cazador. Trained to hunt and kill vampires over 300 years ago, my training became essential once I became one of those monsters. The underbelly of the supernatural world has begun to bleed into the human world and journalist Rachel Sambrook, is asking too many dangerous questions. Unwittingly, she's revealed a conspiracy I had hoped would never become a reality; using vampire blood for human experiments. As I attempt to contain her, she's by my side as the truth of just how deep the darkness goes is exposed. Unfortunately, the consequences have also brought forth the creatures that hide around every corner; thirsty for flesh. The only question remaining is which one of us will survive the inevitable blood bath ahead? SILVER STAKED was previously released under the title "Recombinant"

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Customer Reviews

I received this book in exchange for an honest review. I really enjoyed this book and I think it will make a great series. It was a fun and exciting read. I didn't know what to expect from a book with two authors but it really worked well. I loved how there were two separate personalities that came through in the story and text. Their perspectives really worked well together. I also like how both characters had some flaws which made them multi-dimensional and believable. I love complicated heroes/heroines. My only complaint was that some of the "baddies" were a little predictable. Others, I'm excited to see where they go. I love a good villain almost as much as I love a well-written hero.

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review. I am a HUGE fan of anything Denise Grover Swank writes and this book just cements that she can write any genre and nail it. I haven't read anything by Shannon Mayer before, but I do have many of her books sitting on my Kindle waiting to be read. And they are now being put at the top of my TBR list. I was hooked from the beginning of this book. It is an intense, intriguing, fast paced story that had me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't read it fast enough....I just had to know what happened next. It is a twist to the usual vampire/supernatural stories out there. The lead characters, Rachel and Lea, are both strong independent women who can kick some serious butt. The story will keep you guessing as to what is really going on and who and what to believe. Fantastic start to the series! I am now anxiously awaiting the second book of the series.

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. Let me first start off by saying I have never read a vampire novel before (nope, nothing), but since Denise Grover Swank was one of the authors, I knew I had to give it a try. Since I don't have a good point of reference to this genre, I will say that I really enjoyed Lea, the Vampire, and Rachel, the journalist, and how the story followed them on their own paths and then together as they set out to stop some serious evil going down. I appreciated the back stories of the characters, the supporting cast (some of whom we know will probably show up again as the series continues), and the action and excitement that came with the storyline. I was definitely surprised as to how much I really did enjoy the book (being from this genre) and how much I am looking forward to the next book in the series. I know Lea and Rachel have a lot more evil to take down and I'm glad I am along for the ride!

Where is the next book??? Blood Borne series Volume 2, Replica on April 15, 2016. I need to mark my calendar because I need more of this series. Recombinant: I found this book to be quite a fast read after the first few chapters. (I became reluctant to have my husband quit fishing.) If he did that, I'd have to turn my phone off, along with this story, and reengage with the real world & was soooo close to finishing & in the thick of the drama. I was completely wrapped up in the very descriptive action coming into & out of the army facility. It was wonderful - I love any story set in an abandon military facility. I could picture it...sometimes referencing Resident Evil imagery for some parts...and it felt very real & moved quickly for me. The rocky acceptance of trust and true friendship between Lea and Rachel bodes for some really great Vampire, and other beastie, butt-kicking in the future! I can't imagine what the public will think when Rachel decides to spill the beans on the news... Her home has already been burned to the ground, her best friend turned Zombie & had to be killed. What will they take from her next? And Lea goes to Iraq ALONE to the original facility where Dr. Stravinsky is playing 'Mr. Potato Head' with inmates, trying to create super soldiers & stealing vampire blood for testing. And he REALLY wants to get his hands on the blood of the Cazador.

I received this book from one of the authors as an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

I've read most of what Shannon Mayer has written (and loved it) and this book introduced me to Denise Grover Swank, which prompted me to download some of her other novels. There were two lead female characters who were both strong and take charge, but very different in personality. Each character was written by a different author in alternating chapters. I loved how the two authors put this story together. Having each author write a different character made for a consistently different mode of speaking and thinking. I loved both Lea and Rachel. I'm always a sucker for a strong female character who doesn't need to be saved or doesn't wait to be saved, and this book delivered twice over. Recombinant was great in that both characters suffered from separate internal dilemmas regarding each other and other issues relating to different characters and the government's *œmen in black*. It made the story that much more interesting. The teasers regarding the vampire council and the second vampire hunter kept me hooked, along with the budding friendship between Lea and Rachel. I'm dying to find out what happens next and how the story evolves.

This is a fantastic collaboration from two fabulous authors. I loved the action, the characters and the story. Both Lea and Rachel are smart, headstrong and feisty, they make a great pair of heroines

both fighting for the safety of all humankind. Both Shannon and Denise did a great job with these characters, they really played well off of each other and what may be ones weakness is the others strength. This book was fast paced and was hard for me to put down, I wasn't sure who the baddie was! These two strong ladies really kick ass... both the authors and their characters and I really look forward to the next book and getting more info on what made Lea and Rachel who they are. I was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review and I can honestly say I loved it!!

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