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The Vampire's Mail Order Bride: Nocturne Falls, Book 1



Synopsis

Welcome to Nocturne Falls, the town that celebrates Halloween 365 days a year. The tourists think it's all a show: the vampires, the werewolves, the witches, the occasional gargoyle flying through the sky. But the supernaturals populating the town know better. Living in Nocturne Falls means being yourself. Fangs, fur, and all. After seeing her maybe-mobster boss murder a guy, Delaney James assumes a new identity and pretends to be a mail order bride. She finds her groom-to-be living in a town that celebrates Halloween every day. Weird. But not as weird as what she doesn't know. Her groom-to-be is a 400-year-old vampire. Hugh Ellingham has only agreed to the arranged setup to make his overbearing grandmother happy. In 30 days, whatever bridezilla shows up at his door will be escorted right back out. His past means love is no longer an option. Not if the woman's going to have a future. Except he never counted on Delaney and falling in love for real. Too bad both of them are keeping some mighty big secrets....

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Customer Reviews

I loved it. It was total fluff (which I don't normally read but sometimes it is really nice to read something less demanding on the reader). I have already been looking for information on the next one in the series and it's only been released a week. The characters were reasonably well developed and the world well built. None of the plot devices were overly drawn out and certainly not taken to a level of "this is getting too stupid, I'm stopping now." (There have been many a sitcom that didn't last an episode on my TV because they have done this). I really enjoyed the other stories I've read by Kristen Painter (her contributions to the Sin City Collectors and House of the Rising

Sun) so that's why I was willing to take a chance with this book. I'm really glad I did.

Delaney James needs to get out of town after witnessing a murder at her job in New York. As she escaping the scene of the crime, she stumbles into an open business called Eternamate. She reads through a client file matched to a Hugh Ellingham in Georgia. Delaney figures Georgia is a good place to be at the moment. She calls the potential match and tells her that the bachelor backed out of the arrangement and the agency will contact her with another match. So, Delaney arrives under a false identity pretending to be Annabelle Givens. Hugh is a 350+ year old vampire. He is still mourning the death of his wife, Juliette. She did not survive being turned, Hugh has dated many women in the small community of Nocturne Falls but the relationships don't last very long. Hugh has yet to find anyone worth committing to again, and his grandmother has decided its time for Hugh to settle down. She is the one that contacted Eternamate to send Annabelle to town to see if she and Hugh will hit it off. Hugh's latest ex, Piper is determined to cause a scene every time Hugh and Delaney step into town, plus Delaney's boss has sent men to Nocturne Falls to find and eliminate Delaney as witness to the crime. Vampires, Werewolves, Witches and Gargoyles fill Nocturne Falls-this is a good light read, lots of humor, no graphic sex scenes, kinda (Twilight-ish with the whole bite me thing) but good.

Honestly an amazing story! Had a hard time putting it down! I did feel a little Twilight nostalgia with the whole 'I don't want to turn you..' 'But it's my choice..' thing going on throughout. And the ending was really quick! What happened to/with the Mob Boss?That being said, I got hooked on Kisten Painter's books a while back with her House of Comarre series.. And like that series this one shows great promise! I can't wait for the next one come out!! Thank you for another great read!!

I have read other books by this author, but this one is by far my favorite. I pre-ordered it and CAN NOT wait until the next book in the series comes out. This book is a fun, quirky romance and I'm all about that! I seriously want to move to this town!!!!

I "cackled" my way through this book. I was laughing so hard that my husband want to know what was going on. Love the book and the town of Nocturne Falls. Use to live in a similar small town where everyone knew everyone.... Funny good.

This was not my first trip to Nocturne Falls, I stumbled upon a short story earlier this year in an

anthology and I knew that I needed to investigate further. Delaney James headed back to work one night after leaving her apron there and witnesses a brutal crime. While escaping, she stumbles into a storefront which houses a dating service. She makes a snap decision and takes on the identity of one of the women that is being sent to Nocturne Falls. Showing up early with some clothes and her cat, she takes the place of the bride to be. What she didn't know, is that her intended is a centuries old vampire who doesn't know that his grandmother set this all up. Once there, she keeps the charade as long as she can. Her intended, Hugh, has secrets of his own and neither is willing to open up at first. When Delaney's old life suddenly comes back to haunt her, will Hugh step up and protect her? I was intrigued from the start. I love these kind of stories, part paranormal, part comedy. The town of Nocturne falls is full of mythical creatures, from Vampires, to Witches, Werewolves, to Gargoyles. I can't wait to explore more of the town and the characters.

This was a cute read. It is not a short read but not a long read, in between. It is a clean read. Heroine is in big trouble. She witnessed a murder and now the mob is after her. She needs to hide fast!!! By coincidence she finds some type matchmaking agency that is willing to take her and hide her. Except they don't know that is what she is doing. She thinks she will hide it out but did not bargain finding love. Hero is a nerdy studies type. He is not really interested in dating or finding that special someone at the time heroine is contracted. However, he has dated and in the story there is even an ex that causes problems between the couple. Oh, did I mention he is a vampire and is like centuries old? Well his grandmother is tired of waiting for his happy brooding, bachelor to commit, and blackmailed him to accept agency match for him. I don't think he saw the heroine coming or he might have run before she got there! The two main characters' journey to their HEA was fun to read at times, but they had several obstacles that included secrets that need to be aired out before they can find their HEA. I enjoyed reading how outspoken the heroine was and I thought was a good match for the hero. She spoke up against him, his family and his ex. She had backbone, which helped balance the couple out. The hero could be a little brooding at times. Don't blame him since his family had a way of driving him crazy. It was funny. The book was a safe read. I enjoyed reading it, sometimes a bit silly but that was what made it fun to read at times. Thought author did a good job of lightening up the heavy topics. Secondary characters added to the story. I would recommend. It is a stand alone book but part series.

What a fun read, completely different from Kristen Painter's other books. Looking forward to reading

more about Nocturne Falls. Handsome vampire included, what more could you want!

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