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A Shade Of Vampire 3: A Castle Of Sand



Synopsis

The highly anticipated third book of the "A Shade of Vampire" series!"Bella Forrest never ceases to amaze me! ... A Castle of Sand is the best yet, in my opinion... Once I started to read this story I couldn't help but be captivated, the world Bella Forrest has brought to us is EPIC." - Lady Amber's Reviews ...What Sofia has with Derek feels like a sandcastle; temporary and something that the waves of life and time will soon ruin...Since the return of Gregor Novak, the island has turned several shades darker. His hatred toward Sofia and thirst for fresh blood lead to a brutal war igniting between father and son.Meanwhile, the hunters are gaining formidable strength and resources by the day; they know that the safety of The Shade hangs entirely on its ability to remain hidden from them.And a sinister secret lies in wait for Sofia within the bowels of an Egyptian desert ... a secret that threatens to crush her sandcastle much sooner than she could have expected.Scroll up and click the buy button now...Note: Derek Novak and Sofia Claremont's story is only a 7 book series. It completes in Book 7: A Break of Day, and the characters embark on entirely new adventures from Book 8: A Shade of Novak.*Beware of spoilers in the reviews below that are without spoiler alerts*

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Customer Reviews

This book is written from 5 points of view—Derek, Sofia, Ben, Claudia, and Lucas. For the most part it sticks to Derek and Sofia, but to add a little bit of a mix to it we do get quite a bit of insight from Ben. Then there are a few chapters where we get inside of Lucas and Claudia's mind, which was a nice addition. This was my absolutely favorite line from any of the books so far: Let the sandcastle collapse. In its place, I will build a fortress—one that waves could never destroy. —Sophia This book gave me so much anxiety. I was holding my breath through every event and as soon as I thought we had made it through, another crazy event happened and I found myself holding my breath again. This happened through the WHOLE book. It was one stressful event after the other, but it was amazing. I couldn't put the book down! Some of Sofia's choices in the book are quite puzzling. Yes, the question of whether or not Derek will turn her into a vampire does finally come up in this book. The circumstances under which Sofia is unexpectedly reunited with her mother AND her father are extremely intense and super heartbreaking for her. The good thing is that seeing them is not the most important of her worries. In the end of the book we find out that Sofia is the immune and I am NOT thrilled about this at all! All I can say is Forrest better have some trickiness up her sleeve for this season of book because I really don't want to end up disappointed! Derek has many troublesome moments in this book. One of the most frustrating things to read about is how Derek lets his father get under his skin. Adoringly, he's not scared to take on anyone or anything when it comes to Sofia. To be honest, the things that he will do for Sofia is amazing. Painstakingly, Derek takes on so much physical abuse in this book. Some of it is very noble and some of it is punishment, but ALL of it is extremely heartbreaking. The book ends on yet another cliffhanger and I was left screaming that Derek BETTER NOT actually listen to Reuben's request or I will FLIP OUT! (Can you tell how emotionally invested I am in this series yet? ;)) I'm glad we are able to follow up with Ben in this book after the heart shattering decisions he made in the previous book. We learn that he is convinced he's doing everything in Sofia's best interest, but the readers know better and eventually Ben does come to his senses! The only question now is, is he in too deep to change his mind? My heart jumps with glee to find out that Ben does finally make his way back to Sofia! I won't say how or why, but I'm so glad he did because we get to see a completely different side of Ben than what we have been seeing this far. This in itself is extremely relieving and short lived. He actually tells Sofia that if she is team Derek Novak, then so is he! I was so shocked to know that those words actually came out of Ben's mouth! Towards the end of the book we learn that all of Ben's choices were not in vain and his contacts actually prove

to be lifesaving! Lucas. I hate to even talk about him because he betrayed his family in the worst way possible. He committed the ultimate betrayal and for what? Nothing worth it, I know that much. All I know is I wouldn't want him to be a family member of mine. If I didn't hate Lucas before this book, I sure as heck do now! The best and worst part of the book had to do with Lucas however. I couldn't even enjoy the fact that Lucas had been taken care of because of what he did milliseconds before that. I found myself on the verge of tears reading this scene. It was so hard to read. During Claudia's chapter we find out she does have a heart (soft spot) after all! Who would've guessed that? I know I wouldn't have. However, she does play a crucial part in this story. I swear Claudia is just like a sour patch kid! She can't do something nice without doing something bad to offset it. Claudia becomes intent on turning Sofia at the most inconvenient time where no-one can help her. That's not the Claudia we saw just a few chapters before. Now the biggest worry is, was Claudia successful?!

This is the third installment of A Shade Of Vampire and I can't get enough of these books. I laughed, I cried, I could feel the pain the characters were feeling. That's how fantastic Bella's writing is. She takes you right into the story. Once you start reading the books you're not going to want to stop. Bella Forrest has become my favorite author. She's Brilliant. Love you Bella!

Did you have to kill off Ben I felt his character give the storyline a possible strong friend to both Sofia and Derek in the long haul sense. I still cried upon his death and understood the need to eliminate him. Worthy trilogy and looking forward to the next novel.

Even though I've only read the third book to this series that has many, many more books in it, I have definitely enjoyed each one that I have read and look forward to reading the fourth book. I would definitely recommend this series to my friends, but considering that I got a late start in reading this series, I'm pretty sure that my friends already know about A Shade of Vampire Series and are enjoying it as much as I am.

Sofia and Derek are back on the island together and trying to work through the ups and downs of their complicated relationship. Life is starting to boil over for everyone. There are so many unresolved relationships that it is comical at times. Sofia talks of sandcastles and how they are temporary and eventually washed away. She sees her relationship with Derek as a sandcastle that will eventually fall apart. She can find hope for everything else but in her eyes their relationship must

end at some point. Because Derek is a vampire and she isn't. Then there is Gregor. Gregor is Derek's father and he is driven by an eagerness for power over The shade. He hates the loyalty that most of The Shade's vampire population shows for Derek. Once Derek's father is back on the island he shows an instant dislike for Sofia and ridicules Derek and his choices. He is even more hateful toward Derek personally because he has been seen as a leader of the shade while Derek was in the enchanted sleep. Gregor and Lucas are both driven by jealousy of Derek's power over The Shade and his affection for Sofia. We get a slight look at Sofia's mother and father's story in this book as well. Ben has joined the hunters as he said he would and he finds himself questioning what is right and wrong. This addition does provide a glimpse into the workings behind the hunters and another vampire clan. A few characters do meet their end in this book and I can't say that I mind that they are gone. There is more bouncing POVs with the newer characters as well. It seems that the shifting POV is used to lengthen the books because some of it is practically pointless and does not add to the story.

Continue on the journey with Sofia and Derek in this third installment. In this book a lot happens and Sofia learns a terrible secret about her life. Its enough to destroy her if she lets it but is she strong enough to fight it? Will Derek and Sofia's love be able to help her out of this new situation? Derek's father returns to the shade and does not like what he's found. He is angry with his son for the choices he's making and might just start a war between them. Will Derek go to the ends of the earth for her and fight his father, or will he give up Sophia and realize that his father is right? This book was amazing and well written! Loved it!

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