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Faerie Blood: An Urban Fantasy Novel (The Changeling Chronicles Book 1)



Synopsis

I'm Ivy Lane, and if I never see another faerie again, it'll be too soon. Twenty years after the faeries came and destroyed the world as we knew it, I use my specialist skills to keep rogue faeries in line and ensure humans and their magically gifted neighbours can coexist (relatively) peacefully. Nobody knows those skills came from the darkest corner of Faerie itself. When a human child disappears, replaced with a faerie changeling, I have to choose between taking the safe road or exposing my own history with the faeries to the seductively dangerous head of the Mage Lords. He's the exact kind of distraction I don't need, but it's work with him or lose my chance to save the victims. It'll take all my skills to catch the kidnappers and stop Faerie's dark denizens overrunning the city -- but if the faerie lords find out about the magic I stole last time I went into their realm, running won't save me this time... *Note: this series is adult urban fantasy, not a young adult. Contains swearing, violence and sexual references.*

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Customer Reviews

Sweet, cute fairies who flutter around have nothing to do with this fast-paced story, where danger

lurks around every corner and a bloody war threatens to rage. The setting is modern Earth about ten years after a magical rift opened up, allowing fairies to stream in and wage war. It ended and the rift was closed, but fairies and other magic survives. Ivy is a woman in her mid-twenties, who works as a sword for hire with the goal to destroy the last evil fairies left on Earth. She has an attitude and a sharp tongue, but then killing trolls and other pests is a dangerous job. Despite this hard side, she's surprisingly likable--a woman trying to get by. Ivy might have her sharp edges, but there's an underlying sense of fragile as well. She holds her own as best she can...she has no other choice. But even she knows that it might not always be enough. This last characteristic is what really pulls in, making her easy to root for. Although there are grabbing fight scenes and a wondrous cast of creatures, the plot has the layers and intrigue almost worthy of a crime novel. Children are missing but the questions of why, who and what are well hidden. The deeper Ivy digs, the more twisted the truth becomes making it impossible to guess where the whole story is going. And with deadly magical creatures ready to pounce on her, this is a mystery with high tension and stakes. The writing flows naturally, making it easy to fall into Ivy's world. The parallels with our modern day life bring add a nice touch of realism, making the contrasts with fantasy that much clearer. The side characters have personalities and goals all of their own, bringing them come to life even though the entire book is told from Ivy's point of view.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review. *Faerie Blood* is a great Young Adult Urban Fantasy book filled with action, magic, supernatural creatures, awesome characters and a fast paced storyline. From the first chapter this book had my attention, it start action packed with hints of a dark past and I wanted to know more. It only gets better from there on. Someone's kid has disappeared and Ivy accepts the case. Then the Mage Lord gets involved and things get even more interesting. The story has a fast and steady pace. The story is direct enough that its easy to follow, but it also turns out soon there is more going on than the characters thought. And something bad has happened to Ivy in her past, enough hints are dropped at the beginning to make me even more curious about what exactly happened to Ivy. I really enjoyed this book and already can't wait to see where the second book takes us. There are some interesting twists at the end, and some action packed scenes before the book got wrapped up nicely with just a hint of what we might see in the next book. Ivy is a great main character, she is headstrong, isn't afraid to say what she means and she's a bit too reckless and stubborn at times. She runs into danger without a second thought and thinks she can do everything alone, while sometimes she could use a little help. She cares a lot of about her best friend Isabelle, but she never opened up about a dark event in her past. I liked Ivy as

a character, although I had wished she had opened up to the Mage Lord earlier, but I can also understand why she doesn't. I liked seeing the banter between the mage lord and Ivy and there's even a hint of romance, which totally worked for me.

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