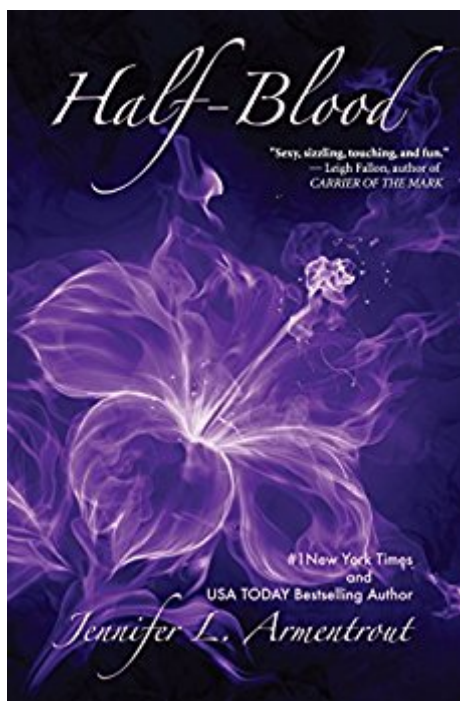


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Half-Blood: A Covenant Novel



Synopsis

The Hematoi descend from the unions of gods and mortals, and the children of two Hematoi-pure-bloods-have godlike powers. Children of Hematoi and mortals-well, not so much. Half-bloods only have two options: become trained Sentinels who hunt and kill daimons or become servants in the homes of the pures. Seventeen-year-old Alexandria would rather risk her life fighting than waste it scrubbing toilets, but she may end up slumming it anyway. There are several rules that students at the Covenant must follow. Alex has problems with them all, but especially rule #1: Relationships between pures and halves are forbidden. Unfortunately, she's crushing hard on the totally hot pure-blood Aiden. But falling for Aiden isn't her biggest problem--staying alive long enough to graduate the Covenant and become a Sentinel is. If she fails in her duty, she faces a future worse than death or slavery: being turned into a daimon, and being hunted by Aiden. And that would kind of suck.

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Customer Reviews

After reading the synopsis, I was eager to read HALF-BLOOD and discover this interesting world

which looked to be a UF novel of a hybrid vampire-Greek god race. While the mythology set-up was interesting, within 25 pages of reading, it became clear that something kept me from liking this book too much. And what would that be? This book seemed to be a direct clone of the first VAMPIRE ACADEMY book. This was noticeably in the first *25 pages* and grew more and more pronounced as the book progressed. Now I understand that in the world of UF and YA vampire novels, a lot of mythologies and ideas overlap, but this was no mere coincidence. There were literally plot lines and direct phrases lifted from VA. I couldn't believe it. Here are the startling similarities: (**warning: spoilers if you have not read Vampire Academy or Half-Blood)*Girl is 17-years old, of a halfie race that is considered a lower caste than the superior pure race above her who have power to wield the four elements.*The halfie race retains incredible physical powers that allow them to battle an evil vampire-like form of their race, who are immensely powerful and drain the blood of the pure and half-race. Young halfies are trained at their race's society-run boarding school, where they train to be deadly guards/protectors to the superior race and slayers of the evil race.*Girl has been on the run from the school officials for several years due to an unclear danger there. She is caught by a hot older guy belonging to the elite group of guards and brought back.*Girl is almost expelled by headmaster/mistress, but is vouched for by previously mentioned hot guard, who agrees to train with girl every day to make up the years lost in her training.

The Good! I have a big attachment to the characters. I find Alex sassy and strong willed and Aiden paired with her is very fun to read. He seems all rule-following and stern on the surface, but we learn a great deal more about him. The side characters were all wonderful as well and JLA gave them very in-depth personalities. Since Alex doesn't fully trust anyone around her (except Caleb), it's entertaining to try and figure out who's on the up-and-up. I'm invested in how things turn out for everyone. I'm a very big fan of Greek mythology, and in Half-Blood, we get a new look at an old concept. I was used to demi-gods (here they are referred to as pure-bloods or Hematoi), but the addition of half-bloods, daimons, and Apollyon is incredibly new. I also thought the pairing of half-bloods and pure-bloods being restricted was an interesting development. There is a lot of action and the plot moves at a good pace. We get a mixture of character development with action and intensity, and it's blended very well. JLA's sense of humor is on display in this series as well. I laughed out loud quite often while reading. The romance and tension aspect was also on full display. The Bad! OK so if you have read Vampire Academy, it's very hard not to notice similarities between the two. Once you get through a few chapters though, Half-Blood stands on its own as a unique installment though you may draw references to characters and circumstances known and

loved from VA throughout the rest. The Romance LOVE the tension here. It's the forbidden love with Aiden a pure-blood and Alex a half-blood. Aiden is so protective of her though and you can feel the want in the air. Then Seth comes on the scene and you know he's going to be a contender as well.

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