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Mixed Blessing (Mixed Blessing Mystery, Book 1): A Romantic Urban Fantasy & Murder Mystery Series (Kindred)



Synopsis

'His whole body jerked against mine, his arms tightened and a low growl mixed with a decidedly sexy moan came from the back of his throat. I could tell he was having an instant response to my biting him, I could feel exactly where his mind had taken the moment to. I gasped at his reaction, thinking this was having way more of an effect on him than me. And then the taste of his blood hit my tongue.'

Working as a bartender at the most popular club in town, dating a handsome, sexy and ever so slightly mysterious Englishman, Georgia thought her life was finally going somewhere. Then one night a rogue vampire caught her unaware, introducing her to a night time life she never knew existed. Trusting no one and finding it hard to forgive the one man who could have warned her, but didn't, Georgia fights to retain her humanity. All the while fighting her attraction for the one who let her down. But with some hard and fast rules, an iron will and determination, plus abilities that make her a commodity to any who traverse the night time world, Georgia must find a way to remain true to herself and not give in to the seduction of the Dark. But the Dark is so appealing and her vampire-within so strong. Can Georgia resist temptation, in all its glorious guises and still be true to her Light-filled side? As she'd say, this really sucks!

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Customer Reviews

Mixed Blessing is a spin-off of the Kindred series, starring Georgia. She's a newly turned vampire, but she is special. She isn't just a vampire. Due to Lucinda saving her life she is something a little different. And now, she's having to learn to fight her Dark side, and figure out how to be a vampire on her own due to pushing others away. But when she gets the chance to use her gifts for good, she decides to help out anyway she can. But this opens up her secrets to people who shouldn't know, and now she is in danger. This book was okay. I liked it, but it wasn't as great as I was thinking it would be. I'm also a little annoyed with the love triangle thing going on. Not only that, but the cliffhanger ending has freaking left me hungry for more. I did however like the plot line over all. And I really do like Gigi, even though she can be a major jerk off at times. I also loved her and Samson together! I hope that pans out as well. Now, I must wait for the next one to be out!

I enjoyed this book. The characters are well fleshed out, even if the heroine is a little angsty at times... she is also angry, feisty, determined to do "the right thing", and apparently a prophesied vamp. Go figure. The villain is also multi-dimensional, but I thought we could have seen more of him. I really enjoyed this book, and I recommend it for young adults and up.

I have just finished reading all eight Kindred books and now this one. I have laughed, cried, and become totally involved in these books. I don't remember the last as time I got so wrapped up in a series of books, their stories, and their characters. I would highly recommend them to anyone who loves paranormal romance books. I am going to read this whole set again...something I haven't done in years. Nicola Claire is a wonderful author with a true gift for telling a story you can wrap your mind around and fall in love with! I am so looking forward to more from her.

This was so good, I can't wait for the next book. A newly turned vampiress get to experience powers she inherited from her sire by investigating a murder. What isn't there to like about that? Lots of paranormal mystery that keeps you interested. You really get to know the main character, this is her book. The book was good. On personal preferences, I didn't like was that she didn't choose a mate, I really wanted her to choose. I can't wait to see who she does choose. I also wanted to get to know the other characters more. Like I said those are just my wants, the book was good! I gave it five stars because it was good.

I really liked this spin-off of the Kindred series. Which you have to read first in order to understand

this book. I read the 9 books of the Kindred series and 3 books in the Elemental Awakening series. This book was very different. Those books were sex, romance and a supernatural story. In that order. But this book had no sex and very little romance. The story was about a newly turned vampire playing detective in a murder mystery. It was different and refreshing. Nice to know that this author doesn't always follow the same formula. The reason I gave the book 4 stars instead of 5 was that the heroine's reasoning for being so angry and the reasons for her refusing any instruction and help in her new life just didn't make sense. She refused to talk to those who saved her life and wanted to help her. And then felt heart broken and betrayed when she didn't know something about them. I found her inner monologue unreasonable and a bit stupid. But once I got past that, I still liked her and would like to read more of her adventures.

Mixed Blessings by Nicola Claire While horror is my first love when it comes to the different genres, I must confess to having developed a recent taste for werewolves/human romance novels. It's my guilty pleasure what can I say? I have now discovered I also quite like vampire/mystery novels as well! At least the ones written by this author. The story revolves around a newly turned vampire named Georgia, or as her friends call her Gigi, and part of her problems in this novel are accepting her new fate. But some of her problems were also uniquely human. Things I could relate to as well. Things I could understand. Maybe that's what made Georgia so darned likable. I finished this book in less than a day, once I started the story it just wouldn't let me go until I had no more words to read. This was a bittersweet moment I can tell you because while I wanted to know the conclusions. I also wanted to remain in Auckland and see what could possibly happen next. I'll wait anxiously until book 2 comes out. The story and the characters are so well written I felt I was fly on the wall, so into the story that I might have been a part of the story myself. Its those rare books that make you regret that you've come to the conclusion. This was without a doubt one of those books! Initially, with so many characters I thought I would get lost in the story, just as I worried about figuring out the vampire lingo. But I needn't have worried as the author explained throughout the story....reminders if you will, of what the words/phrases meant. Not just a love story, not just a mystery, not just fantasy. This book was all of that and more. This book was thoroughly enjoyable! Without a doubt, this will be one of the books I'll be rereading over and over again! I was offered the opportunity to read this book for free in return for an honest review.

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