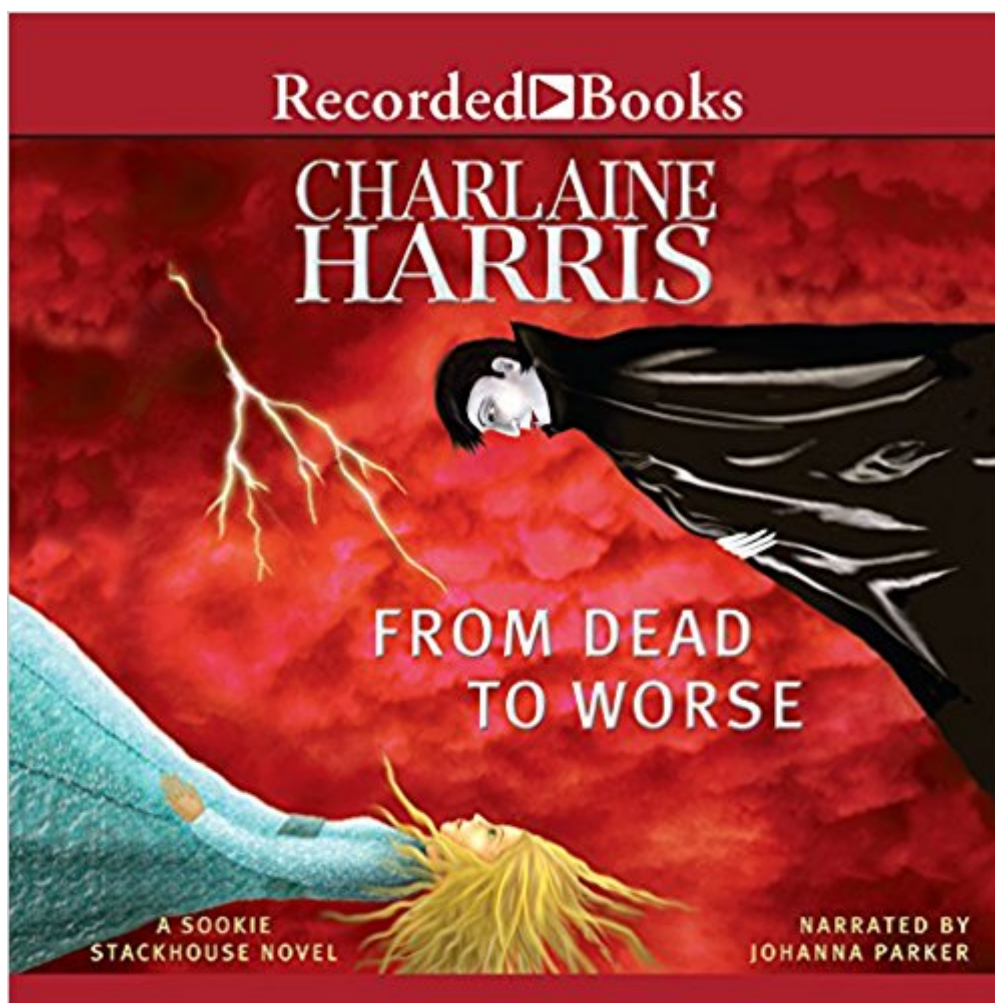




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Synopsis

After the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina and the manmade explosion at the vampire summit, everyone-human and otherwise-is stressed, including Louisiana cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse, who is trying to cope with the fact that her boyfriend, Quinn, has gone missing. It's clear that things are changing-whether the weres and vamps of her corner of Louisiana like it or not. And Sookie-Friend to the Pack and blood-bonded to Eric Northman, leader of the local vampire community-is caught up in the changes. In the ensuing battles, Sookie faces danger, death, and once more, betrayal by someone she loves. And when the fur has finished flying and the cold blood finished flowing, her world will be forever altered.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Harris outdoes herself in this pivotal eighth Sookie Stackhouse novel (after 2007's *All Together Dead*), packing the story full of romantic tension and supernatural action. Having barely survived a catastrophic vampire hotel explosion, Sookie's back at work in Bon Temps, La., serving vintage blood and waiting tables at Merlotte's, a vampire bar. Participating in a friend's wedding and fending off the advances of her vampire ex-lover, Bill, and her blood-bonded pal, Eric, leaves Sookie chafing over the recent lack of communication from Quinn, her weretiger boyfriend. When a violent Were power struggle erupts as Vegas vampires attempt to take over Louisiana from disgraced queen Sophie-Anne, Sookie dives into the middle of it, determined to help her shape-changing, blood-drinking friends. Harris provides many fun twists, most significantly Sookie's meeting with her

fae great-grandfather, Niall Brigant, which paves the way for a shock ending that will delight longtime fans. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

[A] deliciously fiendish; increasingly riotous series. [A] delightful Southern vampire detective series. [A] I love the imaginative, creative world of Charlaine Harris! With an audacious wink of her eye Harris creates a world that is both a weird possibility and a wild ride. The Anniston Star (AL) "Charlaine Harris; Rocky Mountain News; Fans of Laurell K. Hamilton's Anita Blake; should cotton to Sookie Stackhouse; Publishers Weekly; A style that's much more fun than Anne Rice; Monroe (LA) News-Star; A thoroughly engaging series; Locus --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Dead Until Dark by Charlaine Harris is first in the Sookie Stackhouse vampire mysteries. I had heard about these books but did not pick up one until I had become hooked on True Blood, the HBO series based on the Sookie Books. So then I had to join the Sookie Stackhouse Reading Challenge, hosted by Beth Fish Reads. Sookie Stackhouse is a young woman working in a bar in a small town in Louisiana, Bon Temps. Vampires live among humans, "out of the coffin", since the invention of a synthetic blood product. Sookie is a bit different from others as she has a "disability", she can hear people's thoughts. Then into the bar walks Vampire Bill and Sookie can't read his thoughts. She is immediately intrigued and after saving his life, and then he saves hers, they begin dating. Of course, no one approves, especially as women have been getting murdered, women known as fang-bangers as they sleep with vampires and let them suck their blood. Not only does Sookie have to deal with the trials of dating a vampire, but now someone is trying to kill her! Sookie is a great character, strong and independent and sassy. Bill is a very sexy vampire, despite some obvious flaws- he does occasionally feed on human blood. I'm not one for vampire fiction. I don't think I have read a vampire book since trying to read Anne Rice's Interview with the Vampire, which I did not finish. But I enjoyed this book and will be soon starting the next one, Living Dead in Dallas. It was a light and fun read, not a heavy plot, but still enjoyable. I'm not sure I will read all nine in the series, but I will keep you updated!

I admit, I was drawn to Charlaine Harris' work by the HBO series True Blood. What a pleasant surprise her work is. The characters jump off the page and the story winds slowly and steadily. It was a fun and easy read. I plan on reading this series. The world she shows is unique but not juvenile. Fantasy fun for grown ups.

There was lots of humor without entering the camp grounds, & plenty of fast paced action (suspense & erotica alike). I'd recommend this to anyone that enjoys things with a sense of levity. Bonus points for those that have ever lived down south- There are so many subtle references you'll get a kick out of.

It may not be classic literature, but this book and the entire Sookie Stackhouse series is incredible. Once you start reading, there's just no stopping. Not only is it difficult to put an individual book down, but once you finish one you absolutely have to read the next one right away. It's just an incredible and engrossing story. And I think part of that is the idea of an entire supernatural world outside but within our own normal and occasionally boring reality. The thought that just outside your door could be a world full of vampires, shapeshifters, werewolves, fairies, actual demons and angels is so enticing especially for those that desire that magic and fantasy to exist in the real world. This book and the whole series is a wonderful escape into the exciting world of Sookie Stackhouse, as she discovers an almost unbelievable supernatural world right within her own humdrum (but not for long) life. From Sookie's first encounter with a vampire to the many adventures she has along the way, this series is absolutely worth taking the time to spend in her crazy little world.

If you're hooked on the Sookie books for the mystery, you'll be sadly disappointed. However, at this point in the series, I think that many readers (like me) are simply hooked on the characters and the unfolding story of Sookie's magical life. This is a fabulous background book and supplies a lot of answers to the ongoing questions I had been developed. Some of the story lines are furthered. We find out more about Sookie's brother Jason and Crystal, Amelia's character really seems to come more to life in this book, the Weres become a more prominent part of the story and the vamps aren't far behind. Some parts of Sookie's life are resolved (think Quinn, the weretiger) and others are brought to light, like Niall's role in Sookie's life. As always, you'll find this novel full of action and adventure, romance and routine. It all comes together to continue the rather crazy life Sookie has been leading over the past several years. Although some of the other reviews have complained that this story is choppy, it needs to be to fit everything in. There is a lot that happens here. Although, I

do have to say that there wasn't too much of a mystery in this installment. It was still a lot of fun!

It's really hard to find things to say when reviewing a series all at once so some of my reviews might be short and sweet that being said. I have to rate this book in my top 5 favorite of the series. The story-line progressed pretty quickly and I like always enjoyed the characters but there was just a couple moments I may not have cared for as much. Potential Spoiler Beware; Like I said I may not have thought Quinn was suited for Sookie, I didn't care for how she just broke up with him the way she did. I can completely understand why but I did feel she was being a bit selfish. Another part was I do like Jason but man I didn't care for him when it came down to the punishment. He should have done it not Sookie and Arlene boy am I really beginning to if I haven't already despise her. One thing I can say I am surprised just how fast of reads these books are, I don't find myself skipping any parts even though I may not care for how the story is going.

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