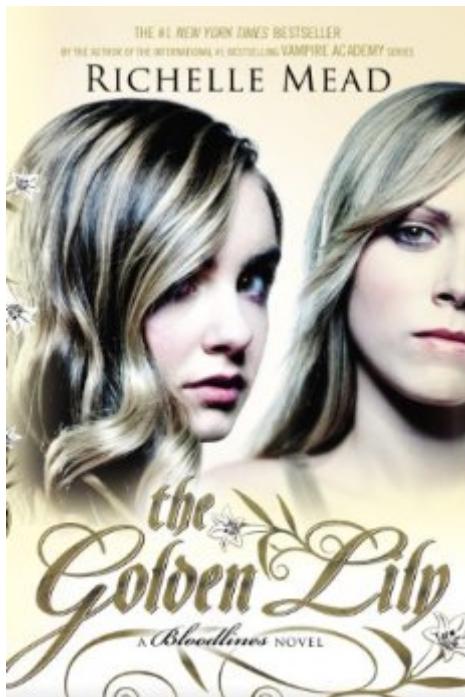


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The Golden Lily: A Bloodlines Novel



Synopsis

The second thrilling installment in Richelle Mead's Vampire Academy spinoff series, *Bloodlines* Tough, brainy alchemist Sydney Sage and doe-eyed Moroi princess Jill Dragomir are in hiding at a human boarding school in the sunny, glamorous world of Palm Springs, California. The students--children of the wealthy and powerful--carry on with their lives in blissful ignorance, while Sydney, Jill, Eddie, and Adrian must do everything in their power to keep their secret safe. But with forbidden romances, unexpected spirit bonds, and the threat of Strigoi moving ever closer, hiding the truth is harder than anyone thought. Populated with new faces as well as familiar ones, Richelle Mead's breathtaking *Bloodlines* series explores all the friendship, romance, battles, and betrayals that made the #1 New York Times bestselling *Vampire Academy* series so addictive. In this second book, the drama is hotter, the romances are steamier, and the stakes are even higher.

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Customer Reviews

I picked up this book on the release date and proceeded to finish it in three hours. Despite the fact that I was supposed to be cheering on my brother at his Little League game. And I regret nothing. If

you have not yet heard me fangirling about this series yet, well, you're about to. Because *insert fangirl squealing here*. I'll admit, I wasn't a fan of the idea of these books at the beginning. After all, in the VA series Adrian and Sydney weren't really that big in my mind. I was a hardcore Dimitri/Rose shipper and found Adrian cute but in the way. Sydney I just didn't find particularly interesting with Rose at the front and center. *Bloodlines*, I have to admit, was good. *The Golden Lily*? BETTER. I liked Sydney in *Bloodlines*. I loved her in *The Golden Lily*. I liked Adrian in *Bloodlines*. I LOVED HIM IN THE GOLDEN LILY.*Mild spoiler warning*Adrian turned into such a different person in this book. In the VA series especially, he was a big clichÃ© of a slacker dude. In *The Golden Lily*, though, he really comes into his own. The depth that he shows and the personality past the snark and slacking was utterly amazing. Plus, it didn't feel like this sudden turn around. Mead made me believe that this was really under there all along. I will never give up on Dimitri because HELLO SEXY but Adrian?HELLO ADORABLE MARRY ME NOW.I was really not expecting the Sydney/Adrian scenes to go like then did. I especially didn't expect Sydney to get a boyfriend. That in itself was awkwardly adorable, but again DUDE IN THE WAY OF THE REAL LOVE. Mead, you love to torture us so. Adrian's attempts to hang out with Sydney through subtle ruses was way too overt coupled with Jill's apparent "crush" on Sydney, though.

After facing death by stogoi, Sydney is now back to her normal life, or whatever pass as normal with her latest mission. She poses as Jill's sister (a moroi princess in hiding) along side with Adrian & Eddy (her supposedly brothers) and Angeline (their fictional cousin). Along with the merry gang are former stogoi Dimitri & Sonia, trying to discover why stogoi restored by spirit magic can't be turned again. At first look it seems to be all fun but things gets complicated when a band of human attack Sydney and Sonia, wanting to kill the latter because "she's an evil creature of the night". What a mood killer!If you remember, *Bloodlines* had been a bit of a let down for me, but I'm happy to report that I think *The Golden Lily* was better! To my dismay, Jill still won't be in danger in that book, which honestly bothers me because the whole mission was set to protect her from vindictive moroi who might want to kill her to remove Lissa from the throne, but this latest installment brought a lot of interesting elements to the table.Let me start by talking romance because surprisingly there's a lot of it! Jill's relationship with Eddy's roommate Micah evolve, to Eddy's dismay because he's in love with her, but Eddy isn't left out as new comer Angeline has it big for him. The whole situation would be hilarious if it wasn't so pathetic. Poor Jill is completely blind to Eddie's affections and his broken heart is hard to bare. On the other hand Angeline won't miss an occasion to rub herself against him, oblivious to his disgust toward the whole thing. I could really picture his

discomfited expression, holding back eye rolls because it wouldn't be professional. This love square (?

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