

Evelyn's Journal

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Synopsis

Evelyn is young, beautiful and rich. Finding a man to love should be easy. But being a vampire, and wanting to bite every man she gets close to, complicates matters.

So does being stalked by the vampire who made her what she is, who has specific ideas about how Evelyn should behave and whom she should love.

Long description

It's cold and dark and Evelyn is in the morgue. In a drawer. She doesn't know how she got there, and Tammi, the morgue attendant who hustles her out into the night, doesn't have time to answer questions.

Evelyn has been robbed of the gift of immortality her absent lover promised her, and plunged instead, alone, into the night-time world of the vampire, where she must learn to survive alone.

Freed from mortality, Evelyn also feels freed from convention, morality, and law. Her first act as a vampire is to secure the house and fortune of the family who rejected her. Then she sets out to look for love.

Evelyn finds that love is a difficult thing when you are a vampire and physical closeness leads to hunger as often as desire. When her vampire lover returns and shows his true nature, Evelyn realizes she is not, and doesn't want to be, a monster.

Note: contains sex, violence, a feisty heroine, all the good stuff.

About the Book

Evelyn's Journal was originally a serial novel published on the Vampires listserv in 1996-97, where it won a Golden Fang award. Someone on the list made a comment about all vampires being exotic, titled, ancient, and mostly white and male, so Evelyn was created to be the opposite: young, black, conservative and inexperienced. The book, originally in journal format, detailed her quest for love and belonging.

Author Bio

MJ Gardner is a web developer by day, who lays in bed at night and wonders, *what if....?* Her stories have been published in *Mad Scientist Journal*, *Luna Station Quarterly*, *Plan B* and *Saturday Night Reader*. She published her first novel, *Evelyn's Journal* in 2015 and the sequel, *Joe Vampire*, in 2017. She also writes a movie review blog called *Movies Off the Beaten Path*.

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