

# Joe Vampire

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## Synopsis

Joe is trying to build a life with Evelyn, his immortal and bloodthirsty lover. Living with her seems safer, and saner, than his troubled, drug-addicted teenage years. But can Joe cope with the strongest addiction of all?

## Long description

Joe has really turned his life around. With help and support from his girlfriend Evelyn, he has conquered his addictions, left foster care, finished high school and is ready for college.

As much as Joe longs for normality, his life is never going to be that way. After all, his girlfriend is a vampire, and she wants him to become one too. That's a bit too much commitment for Joe. And other members of the vampire community, some of whom refer to him as a snack, won't leave him alone.

Things begin to unravel for Joe when he tries to help a friend cure himself of his many ailments with a vampire's blood. When things go badly Joe blames himself and turns back to his old addictions for succor. But can Joe cope with the strongest addiction of all?

## About the Book

*Joe Vampire* was originally written as a series of short stories and published on the Vampires listserv in 1997, where it won a Golden Fang award. It follows the adventures of Joe Cheney, who was first introduced in *Evelyn's Journal*, as he navigates adulthood and tries to decide if he will join Evelyn in vampiric immortality.

## 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*.

Gardner has a B.A. in English and Classics (Greek & Roman studies) from the University of Windsor, and a Master's degree in English from the University of Waterloo. She wrote her Master's thesis on *The Vampire in English Literature*.

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