

Love at first bite

The Crimson Woman
by Patricia K. McCarthy

I must admit I would never have read this type of book if it were not for my longtime friendship with the author and a recent conversation with a customer at a local bookstore.

A new adult vampire saga, "The Crimson Series," (recommended for 18 years or older) has emerged from the most unlikely of places: The nation's capital of pinstripes and buttoned-down politics. The third installment in the trilogy, "The Crimson Woman" by Ottawa author Patricia K. McCarthy, is shockingly good fun.

Ordinarily, I prefer non-fiction but with vampire mania wholly seducing our tweens and teens, I took the plunge and survived. McCarthy's crimson world bleeds with sensuality, grisly black humour and charming characters that make for a real-life reading experience.

Vampire fiction is not everyone's taste and this is where McCarthy's hypnotic writing style works. I was hooked from the first chapter, which took me on an emotional roller-coaster ride all the way to the daring conclusions.

And like any self-serving vampire, in the end you will betray your loyalties, despite every inclination otherwise.

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