

The Lonely Vampire

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Rating: 4 stars

The prologue gives readers the back story. It is 1578 in Gheorgheni, Romania.

“A GRAY MIST lingered over the horizon of the rural town in the Szekely Land in eastern Transylvania. The light was changing in the sky. At first glance, it was a peaceful-looking scene. But the sounds of low moaning traveling through the air evoked something else — menacing, threatening. Because these spooky sounds were not coming from the grazing sheep in the yards of the farmhouses.”

Readers meet Ileana Vladislava, a vampire, as Claymor, a werewolf, takes part in the massacre of the vampires in the area. After destroying the vampires, however, he “caught the scent of vampire in the air near the forest,’ upset that one had escaped him.

Chapter one brings readers to 2017 in Newcastle upon Tyne, England meeting Myrna Ivester and her friend and roommate Siobhan Mulcahy, leading into the rest of the story with Ileana, that escaped vampire, today at Wightwick Hall. Lonely, but still surviving, she keeps herself hidden from Claymor while annoyed by a prying neighbor. Lorraine and Arthur Krag, the neighbors, provide the right touch of comedy as well as the tension added to Ileana’s safety with Lorraine’s snooping.

A chance encounter at the library between Ileana and Myrna has Ileana tempted to risk everything for Myrna after being alone and isolated for over 400 years.

Readers will connect with Ileana and Myrna in this fast-moving folklore horror style novel feeling their needs, fears, and search for happiness.