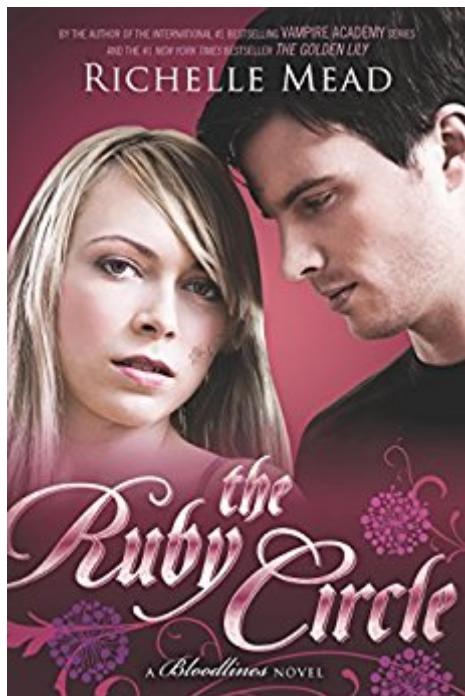


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The Ruby Circle: A Bloodlines Novel



Synopsis

The epic conclusion to Richelle Mead's *New York Times* bestselling *Bloodlines* series is finally here...Sydney Sage is an Alchemist, one of a group of humans who dabble in magic and serve to bridge the worlds of humans and vampires. They protect vampire secrets—and human lives. After their secret romance is exposed, Sydney and Adrian find themselves facing the wrath of both the Alchemists and the Moroi in this electrifying conclusion to Richelle Mead's *New York Times* bestselling *Bloodlines* series. When the life of someone they both love is put on the line, Sydney risks everything to hunt down a deadly former nemesis. Meanwhile, Adrian becomes enmeshed in a puzzle that could hold the key to a shocking secret about spirit magic, a secret that could shake the entire Moroi world.

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Customer Reviews

This conclusion to the *Bloodlines* series has a little bit of everything. That was one of the problems I had with it. The book felt over stuffed with loose ends being tied up. I love Mead's work but this felt

rushed and fragmented. I also felt that the alternating voices did not serve this book well. Over 2 series these characters have developed a lot of dimension; I was always aware of the unwritten pressure to get this wrapped up as I was reading. Sydney, Adrian, Rose, Dimitri and Lissa will always be characters that created an indelible impression on me. I guess the best I can say is that this wasn't the worst finale I could imagine. Mead was still doing the writing so that makes in leagues above many other genre authors. It just wasn't amongst my favorites in either series.

I had hoped this would be better than the last and a fantastic end to the series as Vampire Academy but I feel like it missed the mark. The story line especially were all tied up in pretty bows and not many were left hanging but it didn't have the same excitement as I had hoped. I did pin point what I haven't liked for the last few from this one. Adrian's need to exhaust all his spirit or to power through when he's drained. He doesn't care what happens to him, just that people need him. Which isn't so bad but he refuses to listen to reason and I finally figured out that it drove me nuts. This doesn't look like the end for the VA world. Even before I read the note in the back I had a feeling things weren't done. While it may be a while as Mead takes break from this universe, we will see another series. And I'm not sure that will be one I will try out. We'll see. I'm not as sad as I thought I'd be after finishing this series. I'm a bit relieved. It doesn't compare to the Vampire Academy series. But I crossed the finish line and finally read the last two books.

Fantastic ending for a series that brought so much joy into my life. People might shame me for saying this but I honestly liked this series better than Vampire Academy. I think its because I felt more connected to Sydney she had to work through insecurities and become the confident woman we all love and it was awesome to get to see her change throughout the series as we all change when getting older or living through experiences that make us better people. I thought her relationship with Adrian was PERFECTION they had crazy amazing chemistry and just in general became the other half to each other. Someone in another review wrote for Mead to give us the book we deserve, but seriously she did a DAMN good job and I ended the book feeling very satisfied. After all Richelle Mead is the boss at writing multiple books in a series and still making her readers want more out of that world.

If you are a fan of the series, you already know how wonderful this author's books are.... if you haven't read the series, I highly recommend starting with the Vampire Academy books first. This series can certainly stand alone without knowing the VA book history, but a big part of the fun for me

was getting to see bits and pieces of the lives of those characters from the VA series. I am so very sad that this is the last book of this particular series, but couldn't be happier with the way it ended. I can't wait to see what Richelle Mead comes up with next!

The Ruby Circle is breathtaking, gripping, exciting and a perfect conclusion to an amazing and captivating series. With Jill missing and their love exposed, Sydney and Adrian won't let anything stop them from doing whatever they can to find Jill from whoever has her as they fight for their lives, make shocking discoveries, and fight to stay together. This book is filled with mind blowing surprises, groundbreaking discoveries, intense scenes, romance, and action and has the most perfect ending a series ending can possibly have. My emotions went into overdrive. OMG I loved this book and now I'm sad that it's over but it was great. There are two main plots in the Ruby Circle, one being the search for Jill who has gone missing and Sydney and Adrian are willing to risk everything to find her. Sydney and Adrian are forced to stay at court for their own safety from the Alchemists, but they are more worried about Jill, so when a clue shows up, Sydney and Adrian didn't waste time forming a plan. Sydney and Eddie go in search for clue after clue leading them closer to finding Jill, all the while avoiding the Alchemists. That search leads them and eventually Adrian, Rose, Dimitri and other allies to Jill and who has her, leaving them with a new challenge to rescuing her. The second plot is where Adrian finds himself on an incredible discovery regarding spirit, one that will change their world. While Sydney is searching for Jill outside of Court, Adrian remains as her cover story but hopes to eventually join her. He finds himself in a groundbreaking discovery on spirit. Nina, another spirit user, is trying to find her dhampir sister Olive who has not only disappeared but has made it difficult for Nina to find her through spirit. Eventually Adrian learns the truth about Olive and he and Sydney, Rose and Dimitri go in search for Olive themselves. What they find is both incredible and impossible but when spirit is involved, I guess anything is possible. Here are a few teasers worth mentioning. Dimitri's father is relieved. A character dies. A number of characters from past books make cameos. Overall, the Ruby Circle was beyond amazing with mind blowing, jaw dropping surprises and discoveries, passionate romance and intense, heated action. I loved this book. I am saddened to see the series end but it has been a wonderful journey. Richelle Mead is an amazing writer who has captivated me with this world of magic, romance, friendship and adventure. I fell in love with the characters, the romance, the plot and plan on re-reading the series in the future.

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