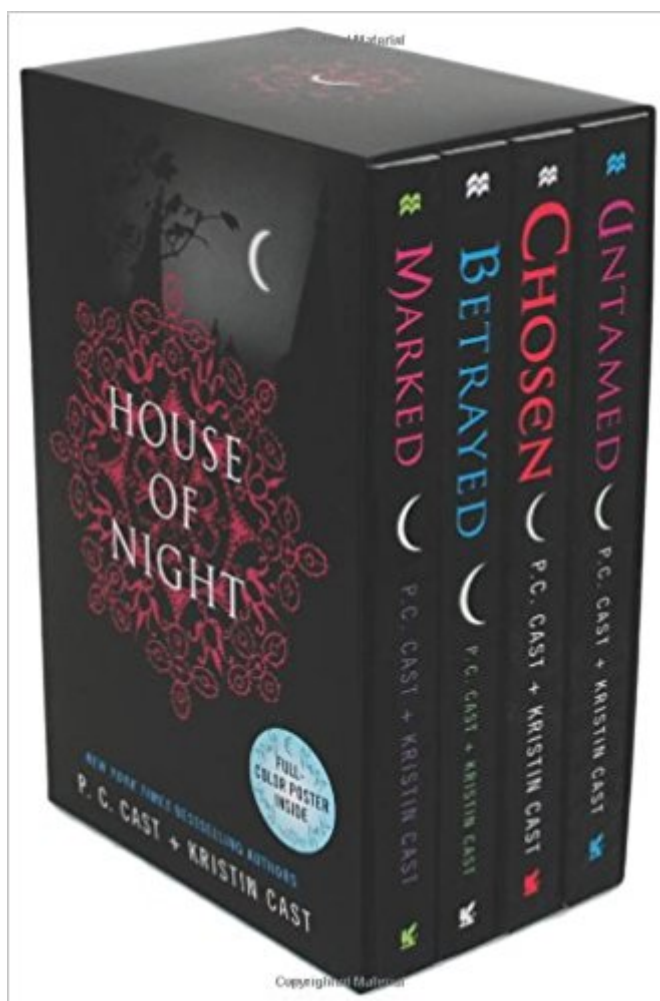


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# House Of Night, Books 1-4 (Marked / Betrayed / Chosen / Untamed)



## Synopsis

The House of Night is a thrilling, New York Times bestselling book series that follows 16-year-old Zoey Redbird as she is "Marked" by a vampyre tracker and begins to undergo the "Change" into an actual vampyre. She has to leave her family in Broken Arrow, OK, and move into the House of Night, a boarding school for other fledgling vampyres like her. It's tough to begin a new life, away from her parents and friends, and on top of that, Zoey finds she is no average fledgling. She has been Marked as special by the vampyre Goddess, Nyx. Although Zoey has awesome new powers, it's hard to fit in when everyone knows you're "special." As Zoey tries to make new friends and maybe find a hot boyfriend (or two), she comes up against all kinds of evil, from the perfect-looking, super-popular girl with not-so-faultless plans, to the mysterious deaths happening at the House of Night and all over Tulsa. Things at the House of Night are not always what they seem. Can Zoey find the courage deep within herself to find the truth and embrace her destiny?

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## Customer Reviews

• The Casts have put a very interesting new spin on vampire lore. The action is fast paced and absorbing, interspersing light moments among the intensity. When you reach the climax of the tale, you'll be on the edge of your seat. Though this is labeled a young adult novel, I strongly suspect adults of any age will enjoy it. • Huntress.com on Marked • The Casts, mother and daughter,

have written a delightful book that's aimed at teens but will be enjoyed by readers of all ages. The trials of growing up are presented in the new and original context of a vampire society, and they're woven into a thoroughly entertaining story. Zoey is a dynamic and spunky heroine who has an amusing and realistic voice. She's surrounded by secondary characters who are just as engaging. The dialogue is sharp and the references to real people and pop culture add to the story. This promises to be a highly addictive series.

• Romantic Times on *Marked* "A fantastic, fun-paced read."

• RomanceJunkies.com on *Marked* "Marked is one of the best coming of age stories to come out of Oklahoma since S. E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*. It teaches about the beauty of being a social outcast, friendship, and finding your own inner spirituality."

• The Beltane Papers on *Marked* "Readers will identify with many of the characters, especially the protagonist." | A good choice for those libraries serving fans of the occult!

• Library Journal on *Marked* "From the moment I stuck my face in this book it hooked me! Totally awesome new take on vampires! Marked is hot and dark and funny. It rocks!"

• Gena Showalter, author of MTV's *Oh My Goth*, on *Marked* "Cast reeled me in from paragraph one. I snorted and giggled through the whole thing, and devoured it in one sitting."

• MaryJanice Davidson, New York Times best-selling author of the *Undead* series, on *Marked* "The Cast and Cast team is back and stirring up deep trouble in their beguiling supernatural world." | The issues faced by these teens are not child's play, and the stakes are life and death. This is extremely craveable reading!

• Romantic Times on *Betrayed* "Some would find it hard to write the sequel to a great book like *Marked*, but the Cast women obviously didn't have that problem. I laughed, sighed, and definitely cried. I thought that I knew where this series was headed but the authors took me completely by surprise. Congrats to P.C. and Kristin Cast, on a fantastic job. Bring on *Chosen*!"

• Night Owl Romance Reviews on *Betrayed* "It does not matter if you are male or female, this series will enthrall you." | Authors P.C. Cast and Kristin Cast are a dangerous writing duo with poisonous pens. Highly recommended.

• Huntress Reviews on *Betrayed* "Betrayed continues the House of Night series in a chilling fashion. PC and Kristin Cast once again prove their talent in telling a tale filled with all the normal teenage angst compounded with becoming a Vampyre....If you liked the first book in the series, you'll love this one!"

• Paranormal Romance Reviews on *Betrayed* "P.C. and Kristin Cast make a fantastic writing team. This enchanting tale is filled with non-stop action, strong relationships, and sweet blossoming romance. Whether you're a teen or an adult who loves a great paranormal read, this is a series not to be missed."

• Darque Reviews on *Betrayed* "This highly addicting series offers a unique twist on the standard vampyre story and is sure to please a wide variety of readers. Although she is a vampyre, Zoey Redbird's journey is one for every teen. Her voice is genuine and ...

captures the sincerity and frankness of a teenager in search of a new home and a place where she truly belongs. The emotional portrayal of Zoey's trouble and tribulations enhances the quality of these books. True to life, she struggles with issues of trust, loyalty, love, sexuality, and identity and moves through a myriad of conflicting emotions from happiness to confusion to grief. These books will have the reader laughing hysterically and sobbing unreservedly sometimes all at once. •

• VOYA (on Marked and Betrayed) • Teenage issues can seem like life or death, but in this haunting series, House of Night, that's really the case. Through Zoey's eyes readers are led into a world that's getting more complicated by the minute, where friends and enemies can switch positions in a heartbeat. The remarkable Cast duo continues to build a world that you won't soon forget! •

• Romantic Times on Chosen • Chosen, The House of Night series book 3, is like the cream in an Oreo cookie holding the two ends together. This story is gearing up for the final showdown between Zoey and Neferet and mother and daughter team, P.C. and Kristen Cast are setting the stage perfectly for this....Again, P.C. Cast is an auto-buy author for me and this series is also on that auto-buy list. •

• Paranormal Romance Reviews on Chosen • You have a set up that feels a bit like X-Men meets Harry Potter meets Interview with the Vampire all told in a voice as engaging and spirited as anything recounted by Meg Cabot. •

• JanuaryMagazine.com on Untamed • This is a series that should not be missed! •

• EnchantingReviews.com on Untamed • Untamed is a fast moving and adventure filled read, with engaging characters and just a touch of romantic chemistry to keep fans guessing. This is a well-written young adult series that should easily appeal to both teens and adults. •

• Darque Reviews on Untamed • The mother and daughter writing team have created a believable world with characters that you can't let go of. The story is addictive and the cliffhanger ending in this installment has me wishing the months till March will fly by! The fifth book Haunted will surely be another great book in this amazing series. •

• ParaNormalRomance.org on Untamed • Move over, Stephenie Meyer. •

• People on Hunted • Zoey Redbird's first-person adventures take on added danger and importance in the latest House of Night release. Forced by circumstance to grow up quickly, Zoey's emotional and spiritual evolution is fascinating. The Cast duo breathes life and vibrancy into the characters and makes each one an integral part of the saga. Awesome and unforgettable as always! •

• Romantic Times on Hunted • The Cast duo has done it again! These ladies appear to be an unstoppable force within the world of YA literature • Teenage readers will be drawn to Zoey's everyday, angst-riddled life. Not only does she need to save the world, Zoey needs to solve some major vampire/human boy drama. These stories are surreal, yet shockingly accurate when it comes to teenagers and their lives. •

• TeensReadToo.com on Hunted • The most masterful part of the

writing lies in how the authors take on serious issues sex, peer pressure, bullying, parental alienation, religion, and substance abuse and weave them into the text. It is a refreshing perspective that doesn't feel like preaching.ââTulsa World on HuntedâœI absolutely loved this bookâ|. I enjoyed the story line very much and thought that the authors had correctly portrayed the mind of a teenagerâ|. I would recommend this book to vampire fans and anyone who would enjoy a wondrous fantasy story.ââTeen review on Flamingnet.com on HuntedâœAn exceptional vampire taleâ| P.C. and Kristin Cast do a phenomenal job.ââDarquereviews.com on HuntedâœHunted is an appealing supernatural thrillerâ| The exciting storyline is filled with teenage angst as Zoey struggles with choices that would cause PTSD in most adultsâ|. This fine entry casts a strong spell on readers.ââThebestreviews.com on HuntedâœA richly nuanced standoutâ| Even when she's confused, even when she's embroiled in teen-angst, Zoey's choices, delivered in fresh first person, seem believable. Even better? They seem smartâ|. This series has dark themes and subject matter, but the Cast team delivers them with sparkling dialogue, wry humor, and realistic characters driven by genuine humanity.ââFictionistas.blogspot.com on Hunted

P.C. CAST is an award-winning fantasy and paranormal romance author, as well as an experienced speaker and teacher. Her novels have been awarded the prestigious Prism, Daphne du Maurier, Affaire du Coeur, and other awards. She lives in Oklahoma. KRISTIN CAST has won awards for her poetry and journalism. She also lives in Oklahoma where she attends the University of Tulsa as a communications major.

The set came in perfect condition, not a scratch, scuff, tear, rip, or stain to be found. The poster on the inside of the boxed set was a bonus I hadn't expected. As for the books themselves, while they certainly have potential to be great books, it's just not my cup of tea. I find the protagonist to be far too whiny and a Mary Sue as the books go forward. Her background cast of friends and foes are all incredibly stereotypical (the flamboyantly gay best friend, the "country bumpkin", the polar opposite in looks and background but are somehow almost the same person besties, the evil slut, the idiot jock, etc.) The writing also sounded almost like an adult trying to talk kid speak and it failed miserably. I wasn't a fan.

I recently purchased the series for my sister. I read these in high school and I loved it from beginning to end. Even if the end of the series was when I turned 22. Its a great series for teens that are obsessed with vampires especially if they haven't let Edward Cullen go. Its a good series to

introduce them to a completely different breed of vampire. And it gives them something to relate to. Being young teens in high school with boy trouble and drama and trying to make it through the change without dying and saving the world before bedtime.

This series was really hard for me to get into. I mean, REALLY HARD. I'm not a 15 year old teeny-bopper so the ridiculous slang that is thrown into every sentence threw me off a little bit. It is defiantly written in an immature way. But, the story line underneath it all is interesting enough to keep me reading. I'm now in the second book of the series and it has gotten better, even though they are constantly re-capping what has happened in the first book, which is annoying. Again, the story line is interesting and keeps me guessing, so if you're in for a true endeavor, read this series.

I'm an adult male, which puts me way outside the target demographic audience of teenage females. But I got hooked on book one of the House of Night books and now enjoy the series. They put a very different spin on the standard vampire yarn, sort of a Hogwarts/Sixteen Candles thing with many creative and occasional grim twists. The trials and tribulations of our young "vampire" are well-written and a darn fun read!

It's an ok read. Characters were under-developed in my opinion and the writing was a bit immature. Perhaps it's meant tweens only. There's more books in the series and I am not invested enough in the series/characters to pick up the next one.

My 16 year old seems to like them. The packaging it comes in is convenient .

Was disappointed it did not come in the actual box set. It was just the four books but still great.

I'm an adult reading this embarrassing enough as that is. But putting that aside..this series has kept me intrigued enough to read the first four books and I will continue to the fifth which I believe didn't have as good of reviews. But I will judge that for myself because I have to know how this story continues. I love series books because they last longer ;)but so far loving the characters ..I am surprised by the darkness and maturity in some ways but in others it's prob just where it should be for young adults .

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