

RAISED AMONGST OPULENCE AND HALLOWED HALLS, SIMEON LIVES IN FEAR OF THE VAMPIRE KILLERS THAT SLAYED HIS FATHER. BUT WHEN SIMEON DISCOVERS HIS LIFE IS BASED ON A MURDER AND A LIE, HE MUST CONFRONT THOSE NEAR AND DEAR TO HIM!

PRaise FOR A BLOODY SECRET:

"AN ASTONISHING SHIFT IN A STUNNING CAREER... A BLOODY SECRET WILL SHOCK LONG TIME DESMOND FANS!" - QUILL NIGHTSHADE, FLITTER-MOUSE PUBLISHING

"MY JAW WAS ON THE FLOOR... 'Desmond's DONE IT AGAIN!' - THE PACIFIC POST

"TWIST AFTER TWIST... THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN TO ANY NAY-SAYERS." - GLOBAL LITERARY

A BLOODY SECRET



EVER SINCE HIS FATHER KRISTOPHER DIED, SIMEON HAS LIVED IN FEAR OF VAMPIRE SLAYERS. HE FOLLOWS HIS MOTHER'S WISHES AND STAYS WITHIN THE CASTLE WALLS.

ONE STORMY NIGHT, SIMEON FINDS A FANGED SKULL TUCKED AWAY IN A DISCREET CRYPT - AND REALIZES HIS FATHER'S MURDERER MAY BE CLOSER TO HOME. HIS MOTHER ALWAYS SAID, "BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER." COULD THIS BE THE LOVING MANTRA OF A TENDER MATRIARCH? OR THE SINISTER WARNING OF A

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