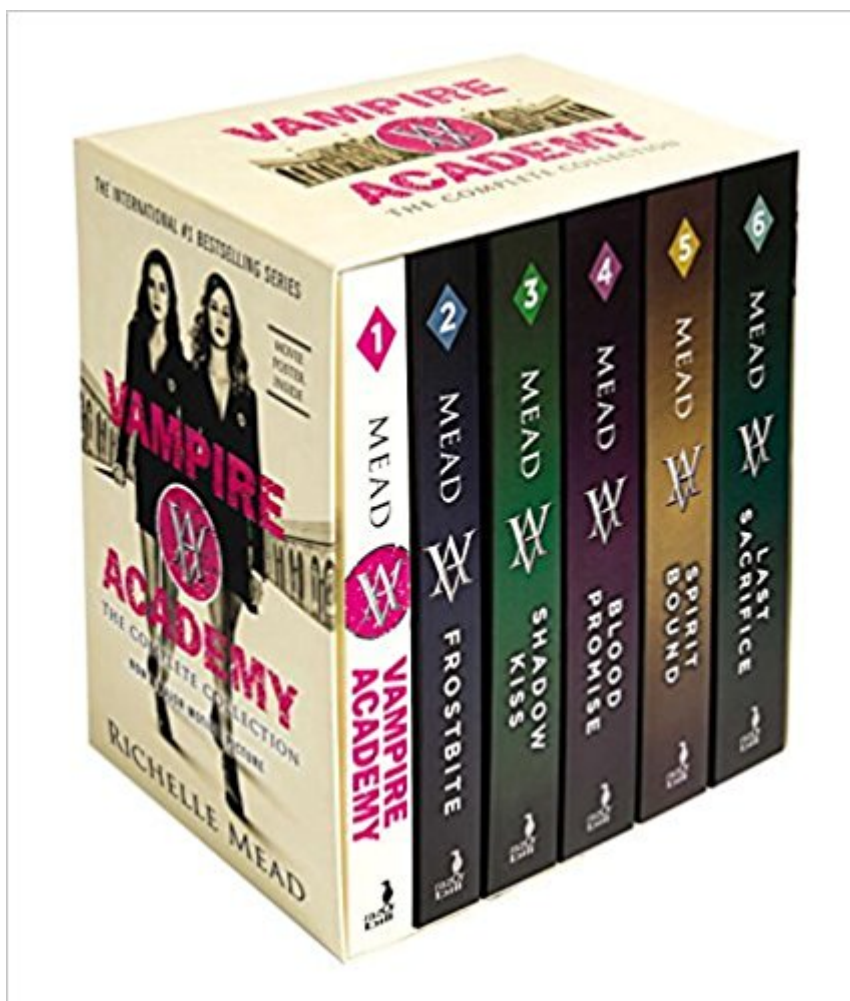


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Customer Reviews

Book set is in great condition. The price was great for a set of 6. Some are saying it's cheaper to buy individually but if you do the math and factor in shipping your not saving much if not at all.

I was a little late to the show when it came the Vampire Academy Series, I purchased a box set and spread out the Rose and Dimitri goodness for about a year. I have to admit that it was the film adaptation that inspired me to pick up this collection of books. The tongue-in-cheek witty one liners

and kick-ass heroine had me sold instantly. The film didn't get that much praise, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. I loved the silliness and mythology of the world, though it was easy to see where it failed. There is so much information in every book in this series, that the movie could not include it all in order to help drive the plot forward. I also did not get the chemistry from the couple on screen that I did in the novels. Richelle Mead is a master of plot. The novels just kept getting better the further I got into the series. My favourite being *Blood Promise*. What starts as a typical smart-mouthed teen, Rose really develops into a selfless warrior. I did want a little more from the end of the series though; there were many questions I did not get answers to, but I'm wondering if it will get explored further in the *Bloodlines* series. An attractive boxed set that gave me many, many hours of fun entertainment and solidified Rose as one of my favourite heroines. Glad to have it in my library collection.

There are things in Richelle Mead's writing that I don't like, but using the basis of Romany Vampire Myth as the basis of her story I found to be extremely refreshing. You are going to have those that say "Well, that is NOT how it is with vampires - all vampires are undead, all vampires can not go out in the sun, all vampires can not eat food, all vampires do not cast a reflection". To that I say - sorry, folks, but you are just following the mythology that Bram Stoker made popular. The mythology that Hollywood made popular. Google vampire mythology and you will find that all cultural have different takes and angles on the myth. Add to that, there is something call "ARTISTIC LICENSE" - which means that the person writing the book and change the story to what ever THEIR imagination wants it to be. Nothing is set in stone. As far as Richelle Mead's writing, there is one thing I think she needs to invest in - a Thesaurus. She uses the words "snark", "badass" and "hot" way too often in her books. I'm sure there are more repetitive I could pull out, but I'll leave it at that. Instead of saying snark all the time...how about sarcastic? or smart ass?...something other than SNARK. Is that even a word??! Okay, yep, just looked it up - it is a word in the urban dictionary, so it is barely a word...oh, yeah, there is the other word she uses a lot - YUP.....who uses the word "yup" in a sentence? or even will text the word "yup"? Not me, but characters in all of her books it all the time. I don't think I've ever uttered the word "yup" once in my life. Yep, maybe, but never yup. Okay, I know I gave this a 5 star and I'm pointing out stuff that really bothered me (and not done with that yet) - I believe that the story itself, the characters and the premise deserve a 5. I read a LOT and this author actually had me with one story line plot saying "Okay, didn't see that one coming" That hasn't happened to me in years. You become very invested in the characters and really start to care for them, which is why it really ticked me off how she handled the love live of Rose and Dimitri. 6 books

she has to throw their love life this way and that way, but we as readers only get to experience their happiness for MAYBE a chapter. That really ticked me off. Ticked me off to the degree that I logged into her website and send an email via her contact (which is a system she encourages). I also felt that more detail should have been given to combat training and combat itself. All the details were really skipped over.....There really wasn't any meat to those parts. I've read Mercedes Lackey's Valdemar series and she has done phenomenal detail in regards to how the combat training was done and when combat happens without taking from the story. In fact it ADDS to the story, give it more depth and volume when you can picture it in your mind step by step. Instead of being given a generalization as Richelle Mead does when she describes combat. In closing, don't expect this to be your typical vampire story, it will not be. It is very different. Take a minute to Google Moroi and Strigoi and you will learn about the Romany vampires myths - which are pretty cool. I know I've brought up a lot of negative points. I will have to admit that I've been reading one particular author for quite some time now, so I'm used to her rhythm of writing, so when I read another author in the same category of fantasy, I have a pretty high expectation. Richelle Mead comes close to that expectation.

I absolutely love this series! I feel like this series really helps anyone who feels kind of like an outcast and that no one else can relate to them. Also, Books came in perfect condition, no tears or rips.

The series is excellent and a wonderful read for older teenagers and adults. I wouldn't recommend this series for younger children due to the profanity and sexual situations, but it isn't inappropriate for older children. The reason why I gave this series 3 stars instead of 4 or 5 is that the delivery method isn't desirable. It has all the books in one giant Kindle book. Sometimes I like to read a different book in the series at a later date and the set-up of this package makes it difficult to locate it efficiently. I think if they were to fix this then it would be an excellent purchase.

Tape was wound around the box set box. I assume this was to make sure the books didn't fall out and bump around inside the box. This was a really bad idea however, as the tape was put directly on the books, which are made of paper. Paper rips when you try to remove tape. I am very disappointed.

I've put off starting this series, simply because I assumed it was written for preteens - and it was!

But the story and the characters are so well done that anyone would enjoy it. It literally sucks you into the story, and you find yourself reaching for the next volume as soon as you lay the last one down. And I've made some great deals on , but the box sets are one of the best. Like Laurell K. Hamilton and Kelley Armstrong, Richelle Mead has her own shelf in my library.

This is by far my favorite series I have read thus far. Sure there are some dry moments as with any book but there was way more to it that kept me reading. I have read quite a few books by other others with this same vampire versus the world and this one kept me wanting more the entire time. I cannot wait to read more of this authors pieces of art in the form of words. The way she described, in detail, the way someone looked or the senory painted a beautiful picture but did not bore me the way most other authors would have. I just started the succubus series written by Mead and I am picking up the same feeling of edginess, drama, and action this series had. Richelle Mead is by far my new favorite author.

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