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Borders® Advises Stephenie Meyer Fans What to Read While Awaiting “Breaking Dawn”

“Twilight” Series Fans Can “Quench Their Thirst” with Several Vampire-Themed Titles While Awaiting August 2 Book Release

ANN ARBOR, Mich., July 17, 2008 – The expert buyers at Borders know that “thirsty” fans of Stephenie Meyer’s “Twilight” series are searching for other books that they can sink their teeth into as they await the August 2 release of “Breaking Dawn,” the fourth and final book in the wildly popular series. So, with a little more than two weeks until “Breaking Dawn” hits shelves, Borders has issued a recommended list of titles – now available at Borders and Waldenbooks stores as well as Borders.com – that will help readers satisfy their immediate cravings for a fantasy.

For customers age 13 and older:

- **“Twilight,” “New Moon” and “Eclipse”** by Stephenie Meyer – The first three books in the wildly popular “Twilight” series about the paranormal love affair between human heroine Bella and her preternaturally beautiful vampire boyfriend, Edward, and the problems – and adventures – that ensue in their worlds.
- **The “House of Night”** series by P.C. Cast – The story of 16-year-old Zoey Redbird, a fledgling vampire who must come to terms with her powers, is told in three books: “Marked,” “Betrayed” and “Chosen.”
- **“The Darkangel”** trilogy by Meredith Ann Pierce – “The Darkangel,” “A Gathering of Gargoyles” and “The Pearl of the Soul of the World” comprise this popular series about the adventures of Aerial, a brave servant girl who becomes a captive of – and later falls in love with – the Darkangel, a vampire of astounding beauty and youth. (Available in select Borders stores and online at www.borders.com.)

- **“Blood and Chocolate”** by Annette Klause – Chronicles the story of Vivian Gandillon, a passionate teenage werewolf who falls in love with sensitive, and very human, Aiden.
- **“Silver Kiss”** by Annette Klause – The story of Zoe, a teenager stricken with anger and fear as she comes to terms with the impending death of her mother, who meets Simon, a brooding vampire seeking revenge for his own mother’s death.
- **“City of Bones” and “City of Ashes”** by Cassandra Clare – These books chronicle the colorful adventures of Clary Fray, a demon-slaying human.
- **“Vampire Kisses”** series by Ellen Schreiber – The romantic adventures of goth-girl Raven, a vampire-crazed teenager who tries to make life more exciting in her hometown, which she’s dubbed “Dullsville,” are told in “Vampire Kisses,” “Vampire Kisses 2: Kissing Coffins,” “Vampire Kisses 3: Vampireville,” “Vampire Kisses 4: Dance of the Vampire” and “Vampire Kisses 5: The Coffin Club.”
- **“Demon in My View”** by Amelia Atwater Rhodes – This tale tells the story of high school student Jessica Allodola, whose characters in the vampire tales she pens come alive. When they learn that she’s spilled their secrets, they come after her with vengeance and adventures ensue.
- **“Evernight”** by Claudia Gray – This is the story of the gothic romance that develops between Bianca and Lucas as they conspire against forces at their school, Evernight Academy, a secluded boarding school tucked away in the woods where the students are just too perfect.
- **“Bluebloods”** by Melissa De La Cruz – The plot of this story revolves around a group of privileged Manhattan teens, students at the posh Duchesne School in New York – who must contend with the newly acquired knowledge that they are actually vampires with a violent heritage.
- **“Frostbite”** by Richelle Mead – Book two of the “Vampire Academy” series, this title focuses on likeable Rose Hatheway who must contend with boyfriend troubles and deal with a massive Strigoi attack at St. Vladimir’s Academy. “Vampire Academy” was the first book released in this series.
- **“Night World,” “Vampire Diaries” and “The Secret Circle”** series by L.J. Smith. This prolific writer has penned over a dozen novels within these three series featuring haunting tales of witchcraft, black magic and vampirism. Her books are characteristically populated with unusually beautiful young people, human and supernatural, facing the age old conflict of good and evil.

Titles for adults:

- **“The Host”** by Stephenie Meyer – Melanie Stryder, the brave young heroine in Meyer’s first adult novel, is forced to live in a world taken over by an alien species that invades the minds of humans. In this gripping tale of love and betrayal, Melanie refuses to surrender as she searches for the man she loves.

- **“The Historian”** by Elizabeth Kostova – An intricately plotted, suspenseful historical mystery spanning five centuries, revisits the age-old Dracula tale through the eyes of a young narrator searching for the truth behind Vlad the Impaler to help understand the mysteries surrounding her own family.
- **“All Together Dead” and “From Dead to Worse”** by Charlaine Harris – Books seven and eight of the popular “Southern Vampire Mysteries” series, the stories focus on Sookie Stackhouse, a likeable Louisiana cocktail waitress with telepathic abilities caught in the treacherous and unpredictable world of vampires.

“The level of anticipation for ‘Breaking Dawn’ is amazing,” said Borders Group’s Children’s Category Director Diane Mangan. “Since the first book was published in 2005, Borders and Waldenbooks stores have sold over one million copies of Stephenie Meyer’s Twilight series and we expect ‘Breaking Dawn’ to be our biggest book of 2008!”

To celebrate the release of “Breaking Dawn,” more than 900 Borders and Waldenbooks stores across the country will host exciting in-store book release parties beginning at 9:30 p.m. Friday, August 1 and culminating at 12:01 a.m. August 2 when the book officially goes on sale. The Borders and Waldenbooks parties, themed “From Twilight til Dawn: A Night with a Bite,” will treat customers to an array of fun activities including costume contests, trivia contests and lively debates on themes from the book series. In addition, customers who attend the in-store book release parties at some Borders stores will be among the lucky ones to view clips and other footage from the upcoming feature film, “Twilight.” Customers may pre-order copies of “Breaking Dawn” prior to July 27 at Borders and Waldenbooks stores or online at www.BordersMedia.com/Meyer for pick-up at the parties.

Those awaiting the release of “Breaking Dawn” can see Stephenie Meyer on video discussing the upcoming book as well as her bestsellers “Eclipse” and “Host.” These programs can be seen online at www.BordersMedia.com/Meyer, where fans will also find a live book countdown and more information about this exciting title.

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