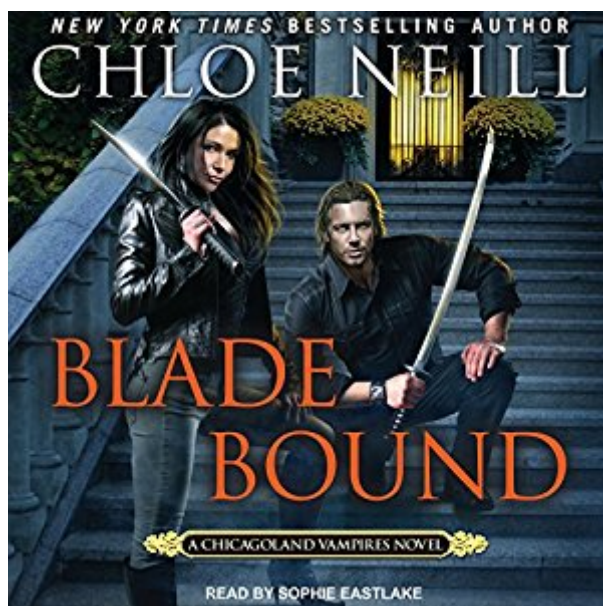


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Blade Bound: Chicagoland Vampires Series, Book 13



Synopsis

Since the night of her brutal attack and unwilling transformation into a vampire, Merit has stood as Sentinel and protector of Chicago's Cadogan House. She's saved the Windy City from the forces of darkness time and again with her liege and lover, Ethan Sullivan, by her side. When the House is infiltrated and Merit is attacked by a vampire who seems to be under the sway of dark magic, Merit and Ethan realize the danger is closer than they could have imagined. As malign sorcery spreads throughout the city, Merit must go to war against supernatural powers beyond her comprehension. It is her last chance to save everything - and everyone - she loves.

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Customer Reviews

I was so excited for Blade Bound! There were certain things I was dying to see and to have answers to. I'm glad that we still got new story to go along with the loose ends we had so it wasn't just a wrap up book, but its own installment, with the series ending bits mixed in. Merit and the supernaturals of Chicago must deal with the sorceress that previously got away on them. She is back and has cooked up a huge plan to retaliate against the city after she lost everything she had worked so hard for. Honestly, I still wasn't completely 100% on her end game. Did she want to rule the city? What exactly did she want from everyone? But her plan gets way out of her control and Chicago ends up trying to clean up her mess. As always, we get some great adventure with the gang as they fight to save the city. Hopefully this time proving to the citizens of Chicago that all the bad that happens in Chicago is not the fault of the vampires. We see Merit go through a few phases in this book. She is her brave self, but we see vulnerability to her

as well. I love that she was able to share that with Ethan and they work through things as a team. They have really developed a great relationship. Blade Bound wraps up this era of the Chicagoland Vampires very nicely. We had things we needed to tie up, like the wedding, a loose sorceress and a prophecy, plus whatever new baddies showed up in this book. I think all of those things were dealt with nicely and we have a good, clean finish to Merit & Ethan's tale.

I'll be watching closely for more info on the spin off to see if it is something I'm going to dive into. I'm guessing it will, if it gives me the chance to see one of my favorite couples again. Chicagoland Vampires was a great series for me. It was full of fun, snark, action and adventure. I'm sad to see it end, but am completely satisfied with how it ended. It was sigh-worthy with a tear of happiness or two. I received this book in exchange for an honest review from the publisher.

First I would like to address the scurvy guy on the cover. For not quiet a decade I've been reading this series and the main male character is Ethan Sullivan Master Vampire of Cadogan House Chicago, think the most elegant alpha male in existence, whom wears Armani and can swing a swords without breaking a sweat. The book cover is the total opposite of Ethan and it made me cringe. The dude looks like he hasn't bathed in years and looks nothing like the dapper Ethan described in the series. Guess the cover designer never read the books. I hate endings, and this last book by Chloe Neill of her Chicagoland Vampire series is no different. Yes, the book is a completion but not having a future Merit adventure to read makes me sad. In this book a little more than a year has passed for Neill's Chicago Vampires since the series started, but for me the conclusions of the series has been not quiet a decade of being in Vampire Merit's world; which is full of vampires and other supernatural creatures. I put off reading and reviewing this book for several months. I finally relented and decided to 'Listen' to the book instead of reading to put a distance between me and the last book. Yes I added degrees of separations to try to lessen the pain of the conclusion of one of my favorite series. Neill writes some of the best urban fantasy in during the run of this series, and the urban setting of Chicago set this book up as the premiere vampire series of the last decade. The book is a good bye and the plot is not as mysterious as the previous books in the series, as this book was an extension of the last book in the series, and anticlimactic as a series conclusion. This book isn't the best of the series, but Neill's quiet good is better than most authors best effort.

My Review: Overall: 4.5 Performance: 4.75 Story: 4.5 The end of this series. I've looked forward to this book so much, but at the same time I've dreaded it because I wasn't sure if I was ready for this

series to end. But the author really did an amazing job with how she ended the series. This series has always had this unspoken character in it...Chicago. And Chicago plays a HUGE roll in this book. And I kind of love that Chloe Neill did that because she took this amazing series and just made it epic for the end. I loved that. So this book...it features the wedding. All the good things are happening for Merit and Ethan...and it is good. I love how they've grown and evolved throughout this series. For their relationship, they are in such a GOOD place. They love and respect one another and that comes through in everything. It's everywhere else in their lives that keep having issues. But they stay in a happy place, so I'm okay with whatever happens as long as that continues. Also, there was a HFN resolution for Jonah in this one that I kind of loved, too. And I really don't want to say anything else about it, because this is the finale. I don't want to spoil anything about it. You need to know it's going to be good. It's a great finale. All the various story lines are taken care of. All the characters show back up. Everything is tied up with neat little bows and where things go in the very end are better than brilliant. I'm happy. And note...if you listened to this in audio like me, message me. There is a single page in the back of the physical book that isn't in the audio about things to come and you WANT to know what it says! I promise...I'm so excited.

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