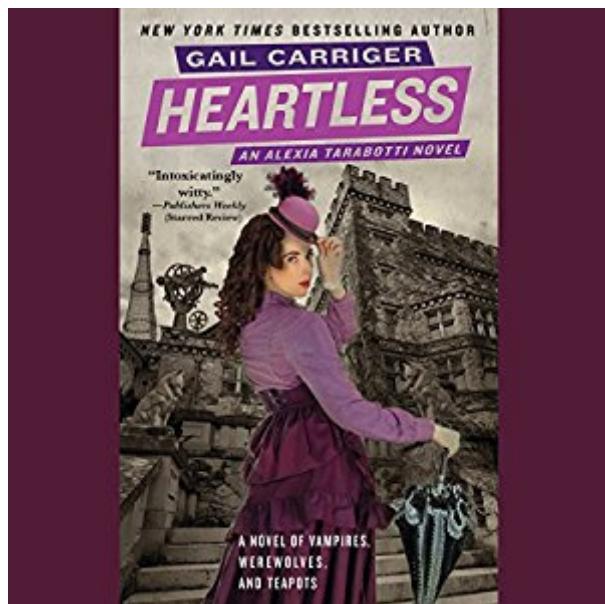


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Heartless: The Parasol Protectorate, The Fourth



Synopsis

Lady Alexia Maccon, soulless, is at it again, only this time the trouble is not her fault. When a mad ghost threatens the queen, Alexia is on the case, following a trail that leads her deep into her husband's past. Top that off with a sister who has joined the suffragette movement (shocking!), Madame Lefoux's latest mechanical invention, and a plague of zombie porcupines and Alexia barely has time to remember she happens to be eight months pregnant. Will Alexia manage to determine who is trying to kill Queen Victoria before it is too late? Is it the vampires again or is there a traitor lurking about in wolf's clothing? And what, exactly, has taken up residence in Lord Akeldama's second best closet?

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Customer Reviews

-Book Description: 4-Cover: 2-Plot: 4-Creativity: 4-Grammar: 4.5-Simile Use: 4 (minimal usage)-Description: 4 (well balanced)-Show And Tell Balance: 4This is the fourth installment in the Parasol Protectorate series, in which we find Alexia in yet another taxing situation. This one is one that no one could of expected, least of all, Alexia. She finds herself pregnant, abandoned by her husband and under attack from the local vampire hive. Throughout the book she's fending for her life, trying to figure out how it's possible she's pregnant and pining over the fact that Conall has abandoned her and doesn't trust her enough to know she's been faithful. This novel is almost as delightful as the previous novel, but I had a harder time getting through it. Sometimes the balance of show and tell became a bit burdensome. I did like that we got to see a bit more of the secondary

characters of Lyall and Biffy and the background of Alexia's birth and being soulless rolls out nicely. Overall, it was an excellent read.

Heartless was not as good as the other books in the Parasol Protectorate series. It didn't seem like a whole lot happened in this one. All the characters are there and stuff happens just nothing super exciting. The last third of the book was the most exciting. And of course Alexia and Conall's baby is special which was interesting. Overall, nothing new was brought up about Alexia's father or her Soulless state. The characters are just as funny and entertaining as the other books, but for this one, the story wasn't as exciting as the others. 4.5 out of 5 stars for great characters and writing.

*NO Spoilers for Heartless. The Good: YES! For all that I wanted more Alexia and Maccon interactions, Heartless was full of it and it was perfect! The Plot was also brilliant and had me guessing until the end. The Bad: I feel like everyone treated Alexia badly at some point, excluding Maccon, he was amazing! I also wasn't a fan of the Ghostly interruptions, I didn't really find them necessary. The Awesome: Gail Carriger has such a sofisticated and delightful sense of humor. I can think of many instances where she had me laughing out loud. From Alexia talking to the Infant-inconvenience to her giving birth, HILARIOUSLY AMAZING! Originally Posted at Welcome to Larissa's Bookish Life [...]

I enjoyed it. In this book, Alexia must unravel and stop a plot against the queen, while dealing with one of her sisters suddenly appearing on her doorstep to live with her, all while being nearly ready to give birth to her first child. It's full of a lot of nonstop action that is mostly predictable, but the book is still enjoyable and well written. I'm looking forward to the next book in the series as it takes place after the birth of Alexia's child. Given that until Alexia agreed to allow her child to be adopted and raised by a vampire, the vampires were trying to kill her to prevent the birth, I'm curious as to what frightens them so about the child.

Parasol Protectorate 4 Alexia's due date is fast approaching, but she still has a full plate. Ghosts are warning of danger to the Queen, the vampires are still trying to kill Alexia to prevent the birth of her baby, Biffy is still struggling with his metamorphosis, and Lyall reveals something painful from his past. And then there is Madame Lebouf who is working herself to the bones on something her aunt doesn't approve of. This one really mixes things up in the werewolf and vampire communities. Westminster Hive and Woolsey Pack may never recover. Another delightful tale, but I still don't

understand why the romance between Akeldama and Biffy couldn't continue, even if it is an unusual pairing. So is a marriage between a werewolf and a preternatural, but it works. Once again we're given humor, romance, the paranormal, and a dollop of Victorian steampunk. 4.5 out of 5.

I adored this books ending but I missed the earl in this. I felt he was not in it as much as I wanted. Can't wait to read the next one.

I liked it. I am currently reading the last one of this series

I was introduced to these books by a friend and absolutely love them. They are totally tongue in cheek humor with a neat spin on Victorian England. Well worth a read. Especially if you are into the steam punk movement.

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