

# Love Bites



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From Publishers Weekly

A prequel of sorts to Sands's paranormal comedy, *Single White Vampire*, this lightweight romantic romp shoots for the easy laugh and often misses. The allure of vampires lies in their strength and seeming invulnerability, but Etienne Argeneau, this book's bloodsucking hero, is curiously incompetent when it comes to dispatching a crazed mortal named Pudge who's intent on lopping his head off. Twice, Pudge manages to injure Etienne to the point where he ends up in the morgue under coroner Rachel Garrett's care. But when Rachel gets in the way of attempt number three, Etienne rescues her in the only way he knows how-by turning her into a vampire. The story moves from mildly amusing to ridiculous when Rachel, in denial, insists that she's merely having a "wet dream" involving a sexy man who thinks he's a vampire. There's little tension between Etienne and Rachel, sexual or otherwise. Instead, Sands stretches the plot with conflicts stemming from minor misunderstandings. Her attempts at hip dialogue also fall flat (at one point, a 200-year-old vampire compliments Rachel by saying, "You're a happening chick, dudette!"). Those who enjoyed Sands's previous paranormal comedy of errors may eke a little enjoyment from these pages, but this isn't something vampire fans will want to sink their teeth

into.

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From Booklist

The second in Sands' deliciously sexy comedic series featuring the charismatic Argeneau clan (following *Single White Vampire* [BKL S 15 03]) is a delight. This time the focus is on Etienne, a successful computer game designer who has become the target of a homicidal maniac called Pudge. The first time Etienne sees Dr. Rachel Garrett, it's in the hospital morgue where she removes a bullet from his apparently stilled heart. She doesn't recognize him when he is brought in again a week later as a charred corpse. Astounded to find a heart beat, she shields her "patient" from an axe-wielding Pudge, who attacks her instead. When Rachel regains consciousness, she discovers that Etienne has made her into a vampire to save her life. Rachel has to stay with Etienne to learn to control her teeth and drink blood, which she finds extremely unpalatable. Add one sexy cousin and a page-turning climax, and readers will be highly amused, very satisfied, and eager for the next Argeneau tale. Diana Tixier Herald

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