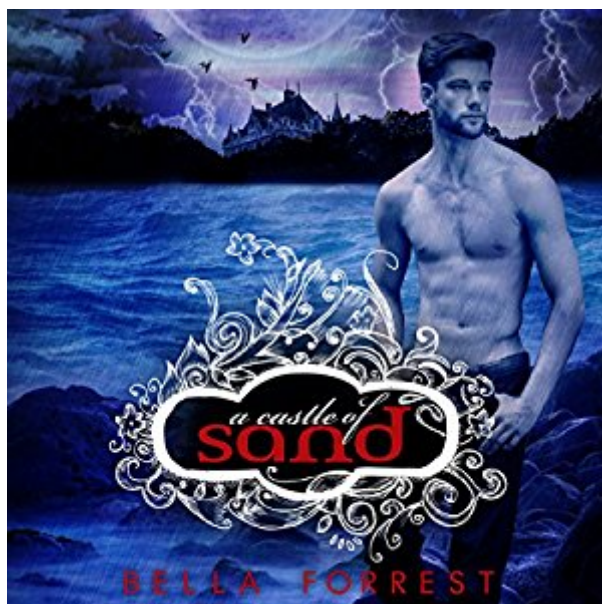


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Customer Reviews

The series fell apart in this installment. Sofia and Derek are together and happy, so the author throws in a whole lot of nonsense to try and add some conflict into their relationship. The part that really made me stop reading however, is when Derek's father sexually abuses and kills several women in front of him, and then tells Derek that he is doing the same thing to Sofia. Both Derek and Sofia completely accept that he is "using" her by having sex with her, and he decides to stop until they are "married." Wait a minute, raping abducted girls and then murdering them in cold blood is

exactly the same as consensual sex between two people who love each other? Seriously? Derek's father proceeds to call Sofia a whore over and over again, and Derek's decision to stop having sex completely reinforces the idea that it's true. Sofia is relieved to hear that they will no longer be having sex because she is afraid that he will get tired of her. As if she has a limited number of uses before she's all used up. Come on. That is messed up and Forrest should know better. I also didn't like how the romantic sex scene between Derek and Sofia is incredibly vague and G rated, while the rape and assault is detailed in full. There is even a part where Forrest writes that they went into the shower to "sleep together." I am imagining them drowning in some sort of narcoleptic fit, because I guess the author doesn't have the balls to say the word "sex?" At least not where it concerns her shy and virginal heroine. A few chapters later she doesn't hesitate to give a detailed illustration of a snuff film with these 'throw away' women. I understand that I am reading a book about vampire sex slaves and its going to be a little depraved.

BELLA FORREST HAS DONE IT AGAIN and has given us a book that clearly will keep you on the edge of your seat. So much action and suspense, with the many twists and turns to keep your head spinning. I absolutely love how this series is panning out and the story just gets more riveting and exciting as we read along. And, just when you think you have all things figured out, Bella throws a curve ball and has you stumped as to what to expect next. Keeps me definitely wanting more and hanging for the next instalment. Derek and Sofia have so much going for them, but are faced with so many challenges along the way, in order to be together. With hunters forever out to get them, vampires wanting to be rid of Sofia and the constant threat of the villainous and evil King, Derek's Father, Gregor Novak, you would think that they were being put through the ringer and back. And they most definitely were. Anytime we found Sofia and Derek having a moments peace together and trying to work through their relationship something or someone would get in their way. My heart went out for the them and I couldn't stand the pressures they were going through. Not only from outside forces, but also within themselves i.e. struggling to comes to terms with how they were going to be together as human and vampire. So many questions were brought to mind while reading this and you feel for both Derek and Sofia. All that mattered was that they loved each other more than anything in the world and would do anything for one another, including laying their own lives, yet there was this constant threat of immortality standing in their way. I'm really nervous and eager at the same time to find out how this will unravel itself within the series.

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