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The god of light has met his match.

But whose life will the red serpent claim?

Killing the queen of New York City has added a million new responsibilities to Shara Isador's list. The former queen's Blood must be dealt with before they turn thrall. The queens Keisha Skye coerced into sibling relationships must either be formally sworn to House Isador or freed. Though Shara can't in good conscience allow anyone into her house who took part in the rampant torture in which House Skye indulged.

While every single day, Shara feels the weight of the red serpent coiled around her throat. The goddess's gift grows heavier with every passing moment. If she doesn't act, the serpent will consume everything she loves. But if she goes after Ra as promised...

Someone she loves very much will die.

Any of her Blood will gladly pay that cost, but Shara loves them too much to even consider losing one of them.

Who will survive the epic showdown with Ra, the god of light, and will this be the end of Shara Isador's story?

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# From Reader Review Queen Takes Checkmate for online ebook

## Raj says

One the best RH series of 2018 and one that you never want to see end.

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## Kay says

This book had my emotions running rampant. I cried, laughed, got angry, cheered, and held my breath. This by far has been the best book of the series. I was able to reminisce about the other books while waiting for what would happen next in the present. I can't get enough. The sex scenes were OMG steamy!

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## Calm Your Pits says

This is an amazing continuation to Shara's story and I am so glad it ended the way it did. I am excited to learn more in the next book and to read all the novellas along the way too.

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## Dark Erotic Books says

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## Amber Bryant says

Wow!

Best book by far!! Loved it!!! Shara is so alive and just an amazing character can't wait to read more about shara and her blood!

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## Annabel Lee says

The series is great, I can't imagine myself no longer reading another book of it. I love Sarah, she's gorgeous, loving vampire, protective when it comes to hurting her beloved ones even though she lived almost her life

alone, she finally figured out that she's worthy, and lovable.

"What she takes, she loves, and what she loves, she keeps for all time."

Her blood, ohhh I can't choose a favorite because each one of them has something special about him. The books are all great and amazingly put together, they made me dying to read more because the story of Sarah and her Blood is simply amazing.

What I loved also, was the idea of accepting "who you are", especially if there is a dark side. In fact, we are the only one who can accept that special side of us when no one could understand. Also, the idea of embracing the love of others and the idea of friendship and loyalty. Those are beautiful points I myself witnessed in these books and it made me glad to come by of such one.

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### **Tiera McMillian says**

A thrilling addition to the series as Shara plots her way to Ra for a showdown! I can't believe the series must continue farther to show how Shara handles the Triune.

Shara takes sibs galore after her showdown with house sky increasing her power yet again. Her next mission to take down Ra. With the help of a surprising new blood and killer of queens she learns even more about Ra's hatred and depravity. With her secret weapon/sacrifice Shara resurrects yet another ally to battle Ra with.

I had to spoiler mark this because I completely disagreed with what happened after Shara uses the red snake. I get her wanting to keep all her blood but them agreeing to all die together was just not a good idea in my book. If it had been the actual end of Shara's story then maybe I could see this but what if she has a daughter? What then if she gets killed then all her blood dies with her and the baby is left alone just as she was. Seems completely irresponsible considering she knows how hard it was for her. I feel like something else should have been planned or something in the future should fix this bargain. Despite loving the book and her devious cunning mind while she has plotted out Ra's demise the bargain really put a bad taste in my mouth.

I guess her being given Isis resurrection powers is gonna need to come in handy jic because if not they are all dead.

I appreciate the authors note at the end where she covers all the loose ends and tells her readers more is in store for Shara!

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### **Adrianne says**

Oh where do I even start!

This series has dominated my life, my dreams and basically my existence for the short period it took me to read all of the books.

It's just too good to be true, the balance between erotic parts and the actual mythology of the story is

PERFECT. I love fantasy, but it seems that these days it is easier to find an interesting YA fantasy than an adult one. Don't get me wrong, I love a slow burning YA romance that ends in innuendos and first base, but a girl needs more once in awhile to properly function in the real world.

This series has got everything you can imagine: FM, MFM, MMFM, and even MFFM at some point I believe. Well, any possible combination of Fs and Ms that your perverted and kinky mind can conjure is HERE!

But putting all that aside, I fell in love with the characters. Shara, the Vampire Queen, calls her Blood, her lovers/partners/protectors/family/knights, one after one and each of them has got a complicated past and an interesting story to tell.

She draws on the strength of her ancestors, goddesses that ruled before her and the power of her Blood to overcome unimaginable obstacles and defeat her enemies. At the base of this series we experience the journey of a simple girl, that learns to love unconditionally after losing all the loved ones she ever had in her life. She finds a new family, and her only goal becomes to protect them at any cost.

This conclusion to the series was beautiful, exciting and unpredictable. I do hope we will get more stories about Shara and her family, since I don't think I could ever grow tired of reading about them.

*What she takes, she loves, and what she loves, she keeps for all time. Long live House Isador!*

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## **Amber Hamblin says**

**Perfect !!!!**

OMGERD!!!

The snark in the book is unreal, we get more time with all the bloods and even gain one!

Ra is battled in this book & the way Shara defeated him was pretty dang smart. The sadness of what she had to do was almost overwhelming but it was needed. The deal that everyone is worried about finds its balance and that gives everyone a chance to breathe deep.

The hormones are raging this book and it was all done rather nicely, it just sucks bc it seems Shara has been on her period since the beginning.

\*\*\*spoiler\*\*\*

Since there is going to be another book, maybe there will be babies!!!! Who knows, only our amazing Queen!

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## **Puna says**

Wow!!! This book was bloody amazing! I loved every single sentence. I'm a huge fan of this series and a

huge fan of Joely. I've been waiting for this book for a long time and it didn't disappoint. I don't want to give too much away or spoil anything for anyone but....everything works out! I was very scared after the last book but I trusted Joely.

Shara's Blood does get bigger so it was awesome but even though this was, I believe, the longest book, it was very fast paced. More so than usual, I missed the small, cute moments between Shara and her Blood. That's why the ending made my day. Thank you so much Joely! I can't wait to see what comes next! I can't wait to see what happens with the Princess of Unicorns.

Long live House Isador!

Overall: 5/5

I received an ARC copy of this book to review.

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## Oceans says

I loved this one, review to follow

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## ♥Bibi's Book Blog♥ says

What do you do, if you've just taken out the queen of New York City and her demon'ish offspring? Do you take time to relax? Replenish your strength? Or do you set out to kill an immortal God? Well, if you're *Shara fucking Isador*, you do the latter.

Sometimes you find a series that start out strong, but as the series continues some of the books feel like fillers while you're waiting for the final show down. This couldn't be further from the case with Joely's *Their Vampire Queen* series. Not only get each of the books get longer, they get stronger - both the characters and the plot.

Shara has finally had enough of the sun gods tyranny against her and every queen. So, she sets out to take him to end his reign of terror. But before she can give it her full attention, she needs to find someone who can hold ~~Skye Tower~~ Isador Tower for her i NYC, so she can return home to her nest in Eureka Spring. The list of potential candidates is short. And getting shorter by the minute, as she and her Blood comb through all of Skye's sibs. Because Shara fucking Isador doesn't want anyone who revels in torture and pain, to stay. With her Blood, Gina and her newest Sib, she takes on yet another Sib. One that has high probability of holding NYC for her. Especially when her long lost Blood, Lance, joins her. That's right, we meet Gwen the white enchantress already in *Queen Takes Checkmate*. And let me just add, as a side note, meeting Gwen made me even more excited for *Queen Takes Camelot*.

With Isador Tower being in safe hands, Shara can turn all her attention towards forming a plan of how to

take down the Lord of the Sun, Ra. But while that's all good and well, Shara has no idea how to do it. And on top of that, the red serpent weighs heavily on her mind. She knows she has to use it, but she also knows the cost is great. No gift offered from a god or goddess comes free, and the price of using this one is, the death of one of her loved ones.

This in itself is almost enough that Shara doesn't want to use it. But this vampire queen knows she has to put duty ahead of herself.

Throughout this book I was on pins and needles! Waiting for the book, I've run through each of the Blood, to consider what it would be like to lose any of them. And I'll admit, I couldn't imagine any of them not being with us anymore. Not even her mother's former alpha, her newest Blood or any of her 2 new sibs. So, I was both excited and anxious to see how Joely would deal with this. And let me just tell you, she doesn't disappoint! Not even a little bit.

With each of the books I'm reading in this series, I'm pleasantly surprised by how much work Joely puts into the character development. I know I've in a previous review said, that all things seem to come relatively easy for Shara. Yes, there's been a lot of pain involved. But it's still been like the path reveals itself as she walks it. This is no different in this book, but I've come to realise something I didn't think about with the others.

Shara's path was already set, by her mother and those around her. But not only that, Shara hasn't strayed from the path the Great One has blessed, which is why it looks like everything just falls into her lap. Because when you have a goddess on your side, things just tend to run smoother.

One more thing I want to discuss, is the fact that this book isn't the last one. Yes, you heard that right. Originally, this was meant to be the grand finale. However, Shara and her Blood wasn't ready to be over and done with, so Joely will continue this epic series in 2019.

**So, here's to the former virgin Queen, may she find a way to deal with the Triune in the sixth book.**

*WARNING: This book contains detailed sex scenes with M/F, M/M, M/M/F, F/F scenes, along with a strong adult language use, so I wouldn't recommend this series if you're easily offended. If not, I personally think it*

*suits the world created here, and I don't find it cheesy or forced!*

Do you like reverse harem? Have you read this series, or anything by Joely Sue Burkhart? How do you feel about vampires, myths and bloody romance? Comment and let's chat.

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**Nicole Luiken says**

Not the last book after all. Yay! This one has the final battle with Ra, saving the Triune for later. Sex, blood, magic.

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**Jessica Robbins says**

\*I received a free copy of this book which I voluntarily chose to write an honest review for.

Wow just wow!! Just when I think Joely cannot blow my mind anymore she proves me wrong with a story that is so truly incredible that I could not have even dreamed of it. House Isadore is truly amazing and I cannot wait to see what impressive feat they come up with next as the power is off the charts by this point. If



you like vampires, power, and poly relationships then you so have to try these books!!! I loved it so I give it 5/5 stars.

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### **Ashley Shannon says**

#### **Heart pounding!**

Another action packed and full of smexy times!

Shara is a bada.s.s main character.

She does so much in this book.

I never wanted this story to end but I couldn't stop reading.

I'm so glad to know this isn't the end.

Joley's writing is smashing.

5/5!

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