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**(This novella is now called *Smolder*, and has been revised and expanded with new content. It was originally published as *Smoldering Nights* in 2012. Start the *Underground Encounters* series today!)**

Nike loves visiting the goth club Vamps—she can exchange her firefighter uniform for a slinky fantasy outfit. There she runs into the man she'd been admiring from afar at a rock-climbing gym. He's been the star of all her sexual fantasies, so is it any wonder they end up in his private room upstairs? Just when things begin to heat up, Michel's enemies appear.

Michel isn't an ordinary mortal. And someone from his past is on the hunt for vengeance. Michel and Nike are forced to run and hide out in a coastal cottage in Maine. They can't resist their attraction and spend the nights exploring each other's bodies while trying to sort out how they feel. Can they overcome their differences while evading the predators chasing them?

## Smoldering Nights Details

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### Deb says

Omg! What a vamp-a-licious PNR must read, full of action, suspense & smoking hot romance :D Ms. Carlisle always brings a fresh new storyline, with well defined characters & fantastic attention to detail that keep readers engaged & turning pages, then leaves us craving more ;) I highly recommend this & any of her other books and can't wait for more :)

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### Jada Ryker says

Seek Heat in Smoldering Nights

In Smoldering Nights, by Lisa Carlisle, Nike exchanges her firefighter uniform for black leather and heads to her favorite club, Vamps. When Nike recognizes a hot guy from a rock-climbing gym, she wishes she wasn't wearing "a laced-up black leather dress that exposed a lot of cleavage and was tight enough to show a pimple on her behind" and he didn't render her as "speechless as a zombie"...

When the club is assaulted from the outside, Michel leaps into battle and Nike puts her firefighting training to use. When she helps Michel evade his enemies, Nike finds herself on the run...with a man who is not human and whose life is at "stake"...

On a cold winter's night, seek heat in Smoldering Nights. Ms. Carlisle's excellent storytelling brings Nike and Michel to life, leaving you hot and bothered by their hot adventure. With deft changes in the points of view, the story offers additional depths to plumb. Set your smoke alarm off when you dive into the heat of Smoldering Nights.

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### Tina says

This one was as great as the first!

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### LIA Kh. says

not bad. too short tho. 3,5 star

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### Sheryl says

This will make you want more and more! Characters are spellbinding.

I am voluntarily leaving my honest review of this book.

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## **BJ says**

2.5. stars - they meet, hookup, defeat an evil OM and yes, they are so mad for each other, she knows she can't wait to be his. Well I know it's fiction, but the lack of depth to the characters and plot was annoying. For instance, we get silly names - hers is Nike and I'm still not sure if it is pronounced the same as the sports brand? She 22 and a firefighter, and just to add to this exceptional situation, to not only be a female fully qualified firefighter by 22, she gives all women firefighters and extra kudos by calling her team leader to get time off because the H is so hot and she's mad to spend time with him. Really, we fought for equality and this story line makes me ashamed if this is what this generation thinks is acceptable. Please put some effort into creative plot devices, a ethical heroine might have some consideration for her colleagues.

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## **Christina says**

3 Stars - 3 Flames

If you didn't already know, this novella was published back in 2012, with multiple books in the series. I thought it's important to mention that off the bat before you read my review...

Nike is a firefighter. She works hard and needs to let off some steam from time to time in order to keep herself feeling normal. So one night, like many others, she goes out to a club with her co-worker to have some fun. But when she sees the guy she's been crushing on from the gym there, she's immediately nervous and shy. Not at all like the woman she is at work. And once she lets her guard down, things completely turn...literally.

Michel is the man from the gym. He's also the owner of the club Nike and her friend are currently dancing at. Michel has had his eye on Nike for some time now, and it looks like he's finally got enough courage to speak to her. Too bad an old friend/enemy has chosen that exact moment to find him, vying for revenge.

Annnnnnnnd, this is where I become disengaged with the book. The build up to this moment seemed good, but then all of a sudden, there is an explosion, vampires, fighting, gargoyles and a huge fire. Don't get me wrong, it was entertaining. But then we're thrust in to this instant romance with desire and lust while being chased by an enemy. Only to be easily found, easily killed and then.....it's over. What? Wait. Did I miss something? Sigh....

All in all, an entertaining novella. But not sure if I'd be interested in picking up the rest of the series, even if they are short.

\*I received this book from the Jeep Diva in exchange for my honest opinion.

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## **\*Avonna says**

Check out all of my reviews at: <http://www.avonnalovesgenres.com>

SMOLDER by Lisa Carlisle is the revised novella start to her Underground Encounters paranormal romance series which was originally released in 2012 as Smoldering Nights. I love Ms. Carlisle's various series, but this novella still lacks the depth of character and originality I look for in her books.

Nike is a firefighter who loves to let off steam with her best friend, Maya on the dance floor of Vamps, the local goth night club. On one of their nights at the club, she sees the man she has a crush on from her rock climbing gym. He has a French accent, a gorgeous body and beautiful eyes. She cannot believe her luck when Michel asks her up to accompany him to a private room upstairs, but she is about to get an education in other creatures that coexist with mortals.

Michel is a nightwalker. He does not know what draws him to Nike at the club or the gym and he knows he should not get involved with a mortal, but he finds her irresistible. When he gets Nike to agree to accompany up to the private rooms, they are attacked by an old enemy right when things begin to get interesting.

Michel and Nike go on the run. The attraction is too much to resist and they begin to explore their sexual attraction and also begin to wonder if it could become more. Can they have a future or will Michel's enemy find them once again and destroy them both?

This novella was a very quick read and a good introduction to the Underground Encounters series. Nike is a strong heroine who can stand on her own which I loved. Michel is sexy and a dream, even with the fangs. There just was not enough depth to the characters due to the shortness of the story, it was very predictable and it ended abruptly. If you have not started this series, it is a fun intro and the sex scenes are steamy, hot and well written.

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## **Aimarel says**

### **I love it...**

A Vampire, a Human and Fire what more can you ask for? I fell in love with Michel at soon as I read he was a Vampire. I love the bloodsuckers. If you add that he is French and has friends of others species in the supernatural world besides his own. WOW! Nike, the name of a Greek goddess, a beautiful firefighter by day and party girl with common sense that's definitely an unique combination. What more can he ask for? I sincerely hope she becomes a day walker can grant him the gift by sharing their blood. I love their story.

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## **Lisa books says**

### **Vamp**

A club run by a Vamp guarded by gargoyles catches fire and a human firefighter finds love with a Vamp.

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## **Cornelia says**

“Listen, buddy, I just saw a wall blow up, a man whom I was kissing sprouted fangs and jumped out a window, and now two men, if they even are men, are after me. So cut the crap. Who are you? No, what are you? Why are they trying to kill you? And what the hell is going on!”

After hard work as a firefighter, Nike and her friend Maya take a girl’s night out at Vamps, a hot goth club. There Nike spots the hot, mysterious French hunk from her rock climbing gym, Michel, who is also the owner of Vamps. Suspense an action ensues as a man, who has been after Michel for many, many years, blows up the club to try to kill him.

“Lisa Carlisle has loved vampire stories since she was in third grade, when she had a crush on Dracula.” Smoldering Nights is the first book of her Underground Encounter series. The point of view in Smoldering Nights and the Underground Encounters series is interesting and unique. The author uses first person point of view but switches it from hero to heroine by listing a header per scene or chapter as to which one she’s using.

I loved this slick, sexy, paranormal romance and its engaging characters. The book has both steamy love scenes and fast action with riveting suspense. I highly recommend Smoldering Nights.

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## **Linda says**

The Debut of Lisa’s Steamy New Underground Encounters Series!

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Lisa Carlisle has re-released her 2012 Smoldering Nights re-titled as Smolder with additional new content. It’s novella-length and serves to introduce her Underground Encounters steamy paranormal romance series which is slated to feature sexy shifters, thirsty vampires, wicked witches, and gorgeous gargoyles. This opener is the story of Nike, a female firefighter named after the Greek goddess, and Michael, a vampire nightclub and rock-climbing gym owner. The story is told from the hero’s and heroine’s alternating POVs.

Nike lives a stressful life as a firefighter, works off the pressure at a rock climbing gym and releases her inhibitions every chance she gets via music and dancing at Vamps, a local, underground goth club. On one of her club visits, she happens to see Michael, a hot hunk from the gym she’s been drooling over. He has a French accent, a body to die for and eyes that she could lose herself in.

Little did Nike know, but Michael has been fantasizing about Nike too but has been fighting the attraction because he holds a dark secret. This evening, the temptation offered by Nike is too much for him and Michael asks her to join him in a private room upstairs. Nike is ecstatic. Little does she know that she’s about to get a quick education on the supernatural elements who secretly co-exist with mortals.

Michael is actually a nightwalker and the owner of Vamps. Just as things between Michael and Nike get

interesting, an enemy seeking revenge against Michael launches a surprise attack on the club. Nike's firefighting instincts kick in and there's a lot of fast-paced action in this scene as the gargoyles defending the club fight back. During this interlude, Michael's enemy scents Michael on Nike and realizes that Michael cares about her, thereby making her his target also. Michael and Nike are forced to run and fall instantly in love and lust. Is there a future for them? You'll have to pick up Smolder to find out!

Michael and Nike display some delicious chemistry. Michael is sex-on-a-stick with fangs and Nike is an independent, strong heroine. Their sex scenes are hot, steamy and well-written.

Lisa is a favorite author of mine. Unfortunately, this tale was just too predictable for me. The characters needed to be more developed and the story lacked the fun, imaginative quality that I've come to expect from Lisa's books. That said, I did enjoy Smolder, but it's not one of my favorite reads from Lisa. However, I look forward to where Lisa will be taking this series as I do enjoy paranormal romances.

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### **Ana says**

This new series by Ms. Carlisle is going to rock like all her series do, but this is going to be even better because there are all types of Paranormal characters in this one and I love it !

Nike is a very independent girl, she is a firefighter by day and by night she unwinds by going to a very exclusive underground club with her co-worker and bestie Maya called Vamps. On this particular night she encounters the man she never expected to meet up there, the one that takes up all her fantasies and dreams. The hunk that works at the rock climbing gym she looks forward to visiting so she can drool.

Michel is a vampire, who thrives on giving the paranormal as well as humans a place to unwind....Vamps is his baby and he so looks forward to seeing the gorgeous beauty when she makes an appearance there in all her enticing attire, quite different to the gym clothes she wears to his rock climbing club, yes his gym.

Very soon Nike will achieve her fantasy while discovering that not all around her is what she thought. She is introduced to pleasures beyond her dreams and a world she never knew existed.

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### **Ashley says**

This was ok. This ended abruptly and could have used a little more work. I think it would have been better if there had been more romance/relationship after the attack on Nike, instead of just abruptly ending it.

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### **Lena Loneson says**

Smoldering Nights is a very fun, hot read. It had me hooked from the opening setting: a club called Vamps, with drinks on the menu that had names like Dorian Gray. Definitely fit with my sense of humour.

This book hits the ground running. The lust and action start off immediately, with our heroine Nike (named

after the Greek goddess, not the shoe) at the club spotting French hottie Michel from her rock-climbing gym. (As a climber myself this detail thrilled me.) They get hot and heavy in a private room, until some creeps attack...and the supernatural element takes over.

What I really loved about Smoldering Nights were the heroines: Nike and her friend Maya were some seriously badass women, fire fighters who jump in to help when an explosion rocks the club (caused by Michel's Nightwalker enemies). Nike doesn't shrink from the paranormal or from love, demanding answers from Michel as they're on the run. Because of her strength, I fully believed their passion and her determination to help Michel overcome his past. Great characters and a great story.

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