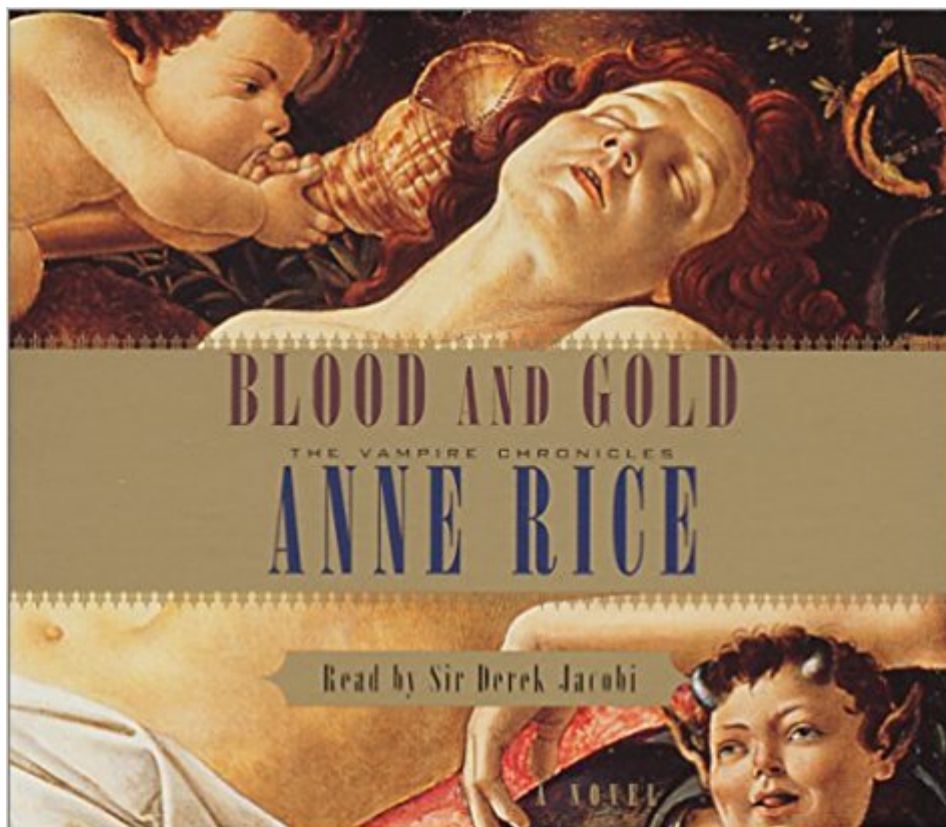


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Time heals all wounds, unless, of course, you're a vampire. Cuts may heal, burns vanish, limbs reattach, but for the "blood god," the wounds of the heart sometimes stay open and raw for centuries. So it is for Marius, Anne Rice's oft-mentioned and beloved scholar. We've heard parts of

his tale in past volumes of the Vampire Chronicles, but never so completely and never from his own lips. In *Blood and Gold*, Rice mostly (but not entirely) avoids the danger of treading worn ground as she fills out the life and character of Marius the Lonely, the Disenchanted, the Heartsick--a 2,000-year-old vampire "with all the conviction of a mortal man." Plucked from his beloved Rome in the prime of his life and forced into solitude as keeper of the vampire queen and king, Marius has never forgiven the injustice of his mortal death. Thousands of years later, he still seethes over his losses. Immortality for Marius is both a blessing and a curse--he bears "witness to all splendid and beautiful things human," yet is unable to engage in relationships for fear of revealing his burden. New readers to the Chronicles may wish for a more fleshed-out, less introspective hero, but Rice's legions of devoted fans will recognize *Blood and Gold* for what it is: a love song to Marius the Wanderer, whose story reveals the complexities and limitations of eternal existence. --Daphne Durham --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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The vampire Marius is by far my favorite version of a vampire. I lose myself sometimes imagining his palaces and where those who must be kept are housed. And I imagine great things. By far my favorite vampire chronicle (Memnoch the Devil is a close second)

I am a lover of the story of Armand . This book sheds light on his every mysterious and powerful master revealing relationships, and events , more importantly some explanations.

I love Anne Rice. This is my favorite novel from her. i would give 6 *

Love Anne Rice's writing. Love the vampire chronicles. Have the series in both bound book and e-book form and have read the series often!

This makes book 17 for my year and I've fallen in love with her all over again. If love to find out what happened to bianca and I'll be honest I've kind of lost respect for Marius. He's always seemed so level headed and I wouldn't think of him holding on to a grudge for so long but I'm interested to see where she goes next. Off to buy the next book.

I loved this book!!!!

I've read the book before but I lost it in the ether of time. Got it again, sadly not hardcover like the prior, but it is a great price. Adore this book, its one of my favorites. Not for the faint of heart, certainly not for kids, and its not Twilight-era vampires. Think serial killers. Not sparkly saints.

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