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Hound's Bite (Ivy Granger, Psychic Detective Book 5)



Synopsis

PRG Reviewer's Choice Award finalist for Best Urban Fantasy Series. Ivy Granger thought she left the worst of Mab's creations behind when she escaped Faerie. She thought wrong. In a cruel twist of fate, Ivy has unleashed a powerful horde of Unseelie beasts upon her city, turning her homecoming into a potential slaughter of innocents. Now Ivy must gather her allies to fight a reputedly unstoppable force--The Wild Hunt. Will the training Ivy received in her father's court be enough to save her city, or will Harborsmouth be forced to kneel before the Lord of the Hunt? She is willing to risk her own life, but some sacrifices come at a cost worse than death. When an ally is bitten by one of The Wild Hunt's hounds, Ivy must face the possibility that winning this battle may mean killing the one person she has come to love most. Hound's Bite is the fifth full-length novel in the award-winning Ivy Granger urban fantasy series by E.J. Stevens. The world of Ivy Granger, including the Ivy Granger Psychic Detective series and Hunters' Guild series, is filled with action, mystery, magic, dark humor, quirky characters, bloodsucking vampires, flirtatious demons, sarcastic gargoyles, sexy shifters, temperamental witches, psychotic faeries, and snarky, kick-butt heroines. The Ivy Granger series has won numerous awards, including the BTS Red Carpet Award for Best Novel, the PRG Reviewer's Choice Award for Best Paranormal Fantasy Novel, Best Urban Fantasy Novel, and finalist for Best Urban Fantasy Series.

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Customer Reviews

Hound's Bite is the fifth book in the Ivy Granger series by E.J. Stevens. If you haven't read the first four, I highly suggest you do. Ivy's life has progressed a lot during this series. She's had a lot of growth and discovered a lot about herself. This knowledge has not come without a price. She's been put through hell, and sometimes for nothing more than accidentally doing some things she didn't know she could do. After Birthright, Ivy comes back knowing a lot more about her heritage and what she can do. Now she should be able to navigate the supernatural world with fewer mishaps. Despite how long Ivy, Ceff and Torn were in Fairy, only a week has past in the human world. Ivy left Jinx without a word so she is expecting some backlash from that. Problem is, Ivy isn't given time to do anything like explain herself. Ivy returns to the human world, and finds out she's been followed. The Wild Hunt has followed her from Fairy and the possibility of total war and destruction is very real. Ivy and her friends are on the run right from the start. She goes straight to her long-time friend and local witch, Kaye. Kaye's been acting strange since her powers have been rejuvenated and Ivy is really concerned. She needs Kaye's help to stop the Wild Hunt and plans to worry about Kaye later. Nothing ever goes as Ivy plans. She gets hit with problem after problem without relief. I always leave these books out of breath, like I've run a race. The action never stops and there are so many ups and downs you are basically on a roller coaster from the word go. I love how strategic Ivy is, and how everyone looks to her for a plan. She knows a lot of people and how to include them in her plans.

I really like the Ivy Granger books. She's matured a lot over the course of the novels and, while I loved the earlier books, I'm glad that she's gotten over her tendency to whine. Hound's Bite starts with Ivy, Ceff, and Torn returning from Faerie. To them a year has passed, but for everyone else only a few days have gone by. Unfortunately, when they came through the portal the Wild Hunt came through with them. The hunt wants to kill everyone in Harborsmouth. It's very difficult to fight against the Hunter and the hounds since anyone who is bitten by a hound becomes one and is enslaved to the will of Herne the hunter. Ivy rushes to the Emporium to consult with her friend Kaye. Kaye has changed quite a bit since she died and came back to life and Ivy is very cautious around her. Kaye asks Ivy to bring her something of the Huntsman to bind him and keep him from blowing

his horn and starting the battle. Ivy now knows that she isn't human at all, but sidhe and is slowly growing in power. I liked that she didn't get a new power every time she got in trouble, but just got better at using her existing ones. As with all Ivy Granger books there are a lot of characters, interesting complications, and great action. There was one passage at the start of the final battle that really caught my attention. "Not only did we rush headlong toward those gaping, slavering, teeth-filled jaws, we did so with smiles on our faces . . . Hunters pounded swords against shields as we ran and dark shadows arced over our heads as bowmen launched a volley of arrows at the hounds." Can't you see the chaos of battle and hear the sounds of the swords pounding on shields as well as the whistle of arrows?

(RabidReads.com)**There may be spoilers in this review due to it being book 5 in the series** Oh Ivy, what a situation you've gotten yourself into this time! Ivy Granger, paranormal detective extraordinaire, has just come back from her latest adventure-literally minutes before-when she realizes that The Wild Hunt has followed her through the portal from Faerie. She's back in Harborsmouth after what was a year for her, her fiancé Ceff (the Kelpie King), and Torn (the lord of the Cat Sidhe), only to find that in the human world it's only been a week. It's right before dawn and they have only until dark of that same day, before the leader of the Wild Hunt, Herne, will blow his magical horn signaling the start of the battle. It's a battle to take over Harborsmouth (just the first step to take over much more) and to rid the world of Ivy, while they are at it. It seems Ivy's mother-that's a whole other story-has backed the Wild Hunt with her magic and now she wants rid of Ivy. Ivy is new to her full powers and it's growing steadily. She's not about to let The Wild Hunt take over anything, much less kill her. After all, this is Ivy we are talking about! Ivy wears me out-in a good way. She is a total bad ass and is seemingly never sits still. I adore her character and she is definitely one that grows with each book. Even though she has gone through everything that happened to her in Faerie and has just returned to Harborsmouth after a year, she doesn't rest, eat, or even go to her home. She's pulled immediately into the action, along with Cleff and Torn. And Cleff and Torn had an even worse time of it while in Faerie. A good friend of Ivy's (and a witch), has now become pretty insane with power.

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