

= Dangerous Girls =

Dangerous Girls is the first novel in the Dangerous Girls series by R. L. Stine . First published in 2003 , the novel was followed by a sequel , The Taste of Night , in 2004 . Dangerous Girls has won awards , including the ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers and the New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age .

In the novel , Renz , a vampire , bites Destiny Weller at Camp Blue Moon . Afterwards , she and her twin sister Livvy return home in Dark Springs with a craving for blood . Destiny 's father cures Destiny , but is unable to cure Livvy , who , together with Ross , changes into a blackbird and flies off into the sky .

= = Background = =

At the time of publication , R. L. Stine was 59 years old and had already authored over 330 books for children and young adults , including the Fear Street and Goosebumps series of books . Published in the 1990s , both his Fear Street series , which was oriented towards young adults , and his Goosebumps series , oriented towards children , were successful , with the Goosebumps series selling more than 300 million books . Stine had both series on hiatus while writing other novels .

Living in New York City , Stine recalls walking a dog in a park , when the title for the novel flashed into his mind . He says he started thinking of what the ' Dangerous Girls ' would be , thought of vampires , and " sort of went from there . " Stine was excited about the book as it gave him the chance to write for teenagers again . Stine did research to follow existing vampire lore but admitted to adding " good vampires " who would restore victims .

Dangerous Girls was first published in 2003 by HarperCollins Publishers in hardcover . On August 31 , 2010 , it was published together with its sequel in the book Bitten .

= = Plot = =

During summer break , at Camp Blue Moon , the vampire Lorenzo " Renz " Angelini sinks his fangs into the throat of sixteen @-@ year @-@ old Destiny Weller . Afterwards , she and her twin sister Livvy return home in Dark Springs with a craving for blood ; they feed on a rabbit 's blood and Destiny sucks blood from a package of liver . While at the house of a family friend , Coach Bauer , the sisters meet Marjory Bauer , another vampire . Marjory says she is undead and the Restorer can restore their life .

At Dark Springs High School , in Renz 's office , Destiny talks with him and decides he is the Restorer . She asks him if he will help her and her twin . He says that he will come and take care of her at the senior overnight . Back at her house , Destiny greets her friend Nakeisha Johnson , who tells her Renz was left out of the camp yearbook and there are no photos of him . From this , Destiny determines that Renz is actually a vampire and not the Restorer .

During the senior overnight , Destiny meets Renz , shoves a wooden tent pole through his body and kills him . Her father appears , and tells her that he is the Restorer . He cures her , and they go and find Livvy and her friend Ross Starr at the edge of a grassy clearing . Livvy tells Destiny and her father that she has been immortal since camp , and that she and Ross exchanged blood . Livvy and Ross change into blackbirds , and fly off into the black sky .

= = Reception and sequel = =

In 2004 , Dangerous Girls was selected as a New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age and listed as an American Library Association (ALA) Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers . The paperback edition was published in 2004 (ISBN 0 @-@ 06 @-@ 053082 @-@ 0) and listed as a 2005 ALA Popular Paperback for Young Adults .

Rachel Manija Brown of Green Man Review stated that there is nothing new or original , poignant , or interesting about the novel and that it is " just lifeless , cranked @-@ out pages by a writer on

autopilot . " Kimberly L. Paone from the School Library Journal wrote that the novel had little character development and predictable story lines and that there " are a few surprises , but nothing particularly innovative . "

Publishers Weekly described it as a " fast and breezy vampire tale punctuated with a few nasty shocks " and stated that " Stine sends his characters through the details of a plot that is basically all chase . " Pittsburgh Post @-@ Gazette 's Karen MacPherson stated that Dangerous Girls " moves along at a fast clip , powered by short chapters with cliffhanger endings and weirdly interesting characters . " Sarah Sawtelle from Teenreads.com commented that it was a bit slow at times , but it was one of Stine 's best books .

A sequel of the novel , The Taste of Night , was first published in August 2004 by HarperCollins Publishers as the second novel in the Dangerous Girls series . When asked if there will be a third Dangerous Girls book , Stine stated the series ended with the second one .