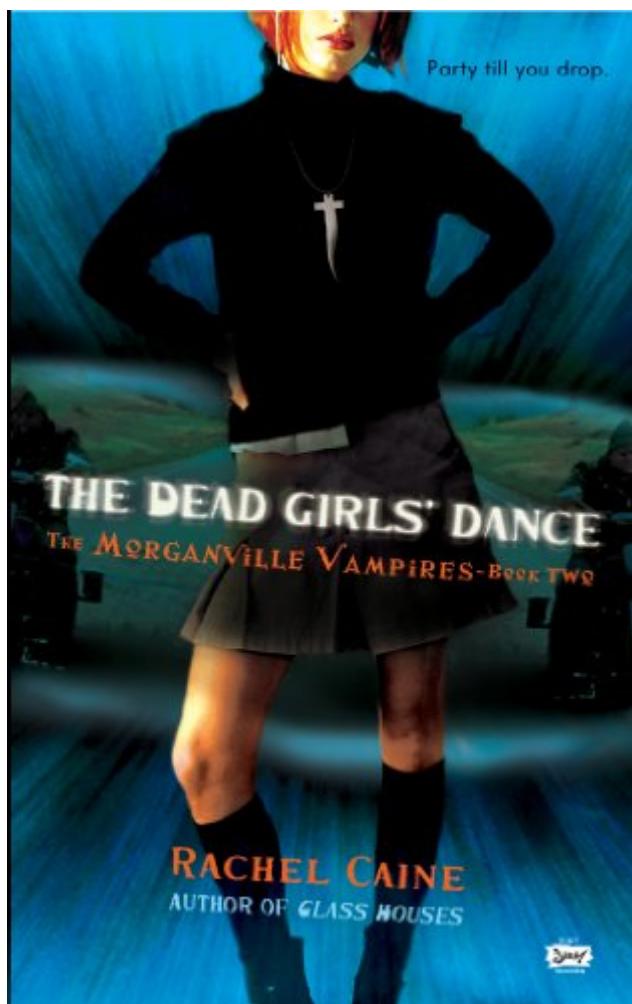


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# The Dead Girls' Dance (Morganville Vampires, Book 2): The Morganville Vampires, Book II



## **Synopsis**

Claire has her share of challenges. Like being a genius in a school that favors beauty over brains; homicidal girls in her dorm, and finding out that her college town is overrun with the living dead. On the up side, she has a new boyfriend with a vampire-hunting dad. But when a local fraternity throws the Dead Girls' Dance, hell is really going to break loose. Watch a Windows Media trailer for this book.

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## **Customer Reviews**

4.5/5 stars(RabidReads.com) Second in the Morganville Vampire books, The Dead Girls Dance continues the story of a brilliant sixteen year old girl that has found herself smack in the middle of a hotbed of vampires in her small college town. Claire may be a nerd, but she's feisty as they come. She gets involved in all the vampire drama, and does it willingly at times. Her reasoning usually had to do with protecting her friends/roommates. And with this book, you realize her loyalty knows no bounds, even to the detriment of her own self preservation. After the horrible cliffhanger from the last book, I really wondered how the beginning of this book was going to be handled. I don't want to give away the ending from last time, so I will just say that the author did just

what I thought she would, and I was extremely happy with that. And while we are on the subject of cliffhangers, the ending to this one while a bit shocking, didn't upset me near as bad as the first book did. It did however make me buy the third, and I am reading it now. These books are incredibly addicting! Claire is just the best character. She's smart to her core, but in the end she is really young. The events in the first two books have caused her to grow up more than a little and fast. She's got her first real boyfriend now, Shane, and she actually lives in the same old house with him and Michael, the owner, and Eve, the pretty goth girl, with a thing for Michael. Michael, Shane, and Eve all grew up together in Morganville, so they have always been aware of the vampires that run the town. That doesn't make them happy about it though. The villains from the last book are still causing havoc, and now Shane's vampire killer father has come to town. Havoc is the word here for his dad-or crazy-take your pick. His presence causes all kinds of grief for not only Shane, but all of the rest of the main characters as well. Monica is the head of the mean girls in town. Her father is the mayor, and all kinds of horrible, so she comes by it honestly. It doesn't help that she is psychotic, and has it in for Claire. So we have a wonderful central character, Claire, surrounded by her three close friends. Their house off campus is surrounded at times with vampires, or police that are owned by vampires. And now with Shane's father around, things are even worse than in the previous installment. They can't seem to get a break-especially Claire. I loved seeing her find her strength and it's all about her friends and keeping them safe. She stands up for what she knows is right to the point of possible death-or worse. The book was extremely well written, and the pace is fast when it needed to be-action, life or death moments-and a bit slower when it needs to be-the blooming romance of Shane and Claire, or the family dinners of the four-so I thought it was just perfect. The Dead Girl's Dance refers to a fraternity party held every year on campus. This is Claire first time going to a frat party, and can I just say that after reading this, if you are a college student and get invited to one, well I would really think long and hard before going! It's not exactly fun in this version! Highly recommended to urban fantasy fans, paranormal readers, and anyone that just likes a good and exciting YA story. Very entertaining to say the least! FYI-It's advertised for ages twelve and up, and I personally would change that to ages 15+.

Wow! Just when I think Claire's story couldn't get any worse, Rachel Caine surprises again. My heart was racing right alongside Eve's and Claire's as they battled through the urban vampire political warfare of Morganville. I love the characters. They are so real with Eve's goth makeup, Claire's schoolgirl innocence, Shane's

domestic and heartbreaking history, not to mention Michael and all of his complications. I can't wait to read on! Other reviews can be found on my blog - my blog is viewable under my profile if you click on my name. doesn't allow links in reviews.

I think this book was better than the first one. It continued right where the first one ended. Michael, Claire, Eve and Shane are still living together in the Glass House. Now they are protected by the Founder, Amelia, an ancient vampire (probably the only one who can make new vampires) There is a power struggle going on in Morganville between the vamps: Amelia is part of the elder council, but she has also opposition (Oliver and his children). Also, Shane's father and his bikers came to town determined to kill the vamps. We learn more about Shane and his past, as well as what has happened to his family because of Oliver. We learn more about Michael and how he turned to be a ghost. We learn more about Eve and her family, too. Claire is still the same, no change in her character after all that happened to her in the book #1. She is still the one looking for happiness, going where she shouldn't go alone, fighting her own fight even if winning seems to be impossible, believing that she can make a change in Morganville.

I wanted to read this one because I really enjoyed the characters in the first one and just had to know what would happen with that ending. This one gives more on the romantic front for the girls and it was nice to get some real clarity there because I was going back and forth, But I really enjoyed it and the romance went into some steamy territory that I really liked. Claire continues to be a character I admire for her strength as a person, her determination for her education, as well as loyalty to the others in the house. She goes through great lengths in order for their safety and she ends up in some pretty dark places because of it. We find out a lot more about the founders and their motivations. There are also mixed alliances and people that they thought they could trust that amounts in a lot of action as well as everyone to think a third time about what they are doing and who they are trusting, because in a town where vampires rule, they are already thinking twice of they wouldn't be alive. This one has a lot of action as well, and it all builds to an ending that left me ready to read the next one right away. No second book syndrome here, it kept me glued by continuing character growth, new twists, the romance, and shocking choices that I've yet to fully grasp the implications of. Bottom Line: Great second book, dials up the romance.

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