



Universe story: Vampires, witches, action from the get go, excellent world building. Too bad that the main series is YA, because I wouldn't mind to continue this. 4/5 stars. *A Haunted House of Her Own: Ghosts, The Shining Lite, Psycho and Roald Dahl having a date...* Ok, but not exactly a new idea. 3/5 stars. *Learning Curve, An Otherworld Universe story: Vampires.* Too short to do much of anything, pretty pointless. 2/5 stars. *The Screams of Dragons, A Cainsville Universe story: creepy little story, in which all the grown-ups spectacularly fail a small boy. It leaves many open questions at the end and I am not sure what the point is supposed to be.* 3/5 stars. *The Kitsune's Nine Tales, An Age of Legends Universe Story: Japanese mythology, feudal Japan. Nice idea, again too short to be much of anything, hardly more than plot bunny.* 2/5 stars. *Last Stand: different take on zombies. Short as well, but a clever, little story.* 3/5 stars. *Bamboozled, An Otherworld Universe Story: Werewolves in the Wild West. Good story, plot and characters.* 4/5 stars. *Branded, A Darkness Powers / Darkness Rising Universe Story: Post-Apocalypse. Humans hide away from the outside in fortresses...* The writing feels a little dry, but it is pretty plotty and twisted for a short story. Not bad, but I did not really like the overall tone of it. 3/5 stars. *The List, An Otherworld Universe Story: Humorous snippet with vampires.* 3/5 stars. *Young Bloods, An Otherworld Universe Story: Vampires. Another super-short one.* 2/5 stars. *The Door: Post-Apocalypse of a sort. Again disappointingly short.* 2/5 stars. *Dead Flowers by a Roadside: Ghosts. Seriously? Too short,* 2/5 stars. *Suffer the Children: A backwards village in the Canadian wilderness is visited by two mysterious strangers, offering them something they can't resist. Well plotted, unusual idea. But I didn't really like it. That's on me and not the fault of the story. I could see this developing into a full-length novel, telling the life stories of Eleazar and Rene. I would even read it, despite my two-star rating.* 2/5 stars. *The Collector: based on an idea of another short story. I had to look it up, as it isn't obvious, if you don't know Clive Barker. Nifty.* 4/5 stars. *Gabriel's Gargoyles, A Cainsville Universe Story: Another little boy and his life in and around Cainsville, nicely written, nice ending, not terribly exciting.* 3/5 stars. *Harbinger: Heroine sees dead people. Nicely done.* 3/5 stars. *V Plates, An Otherworld Universe Story: Werewolves and zombies. Liked the plot. Makes me want to pick up the original series again.* 4/5 stars. *Life Sentence, An Otherworld Universe Story: Rich guy with a terminal illness, searching for a way out... Wicked!* 5/5 stars. *Plan B: Nothing supernatural in this one. Murder, she wrote.* 3/5 stars. *The Hunt, A Cainsville Universe Story: Hunting. Extremely short, but creepy nonetheless.* 3/5 stars. *Dead to Me: Murder. Or not? I am actually not sure what I am supposed to think.* 2/5 stars. *Devil May Care, A Cainsville Universe Story: Fae. Excellent story, could be a great start to a series that I would like to read. Good world building, Patrick is a great character. Best story of the collection.* 5/5 stars.

Kurzbeschreibung Welcome to the many worlds of #1 New York Times bestselling author Kelley Armstrong (Otherworld, Cainsville). As her SyFy channel series, *Bitten*, enters its second season, Armstrong continues to breathe new life into city-dwelling vampires, werewolves, and zombies. Now travel even further with her, to a post-apocalyptic fortress, a superstitious village, a supernatural brothel, and even feudal Japan. In *Led Astray*, you'll discover the stories of new characters from within and outside Armstrong's popular novels. Here you will find two original tales from Cainsville, plus journeys to and beyond the worlds of *Darkest Powers*, *Age of Legends*, *Otherworld*, and more. Bold and humorous, passionate and heart-stopping, here is Kelley Armstrong at her versatile best.