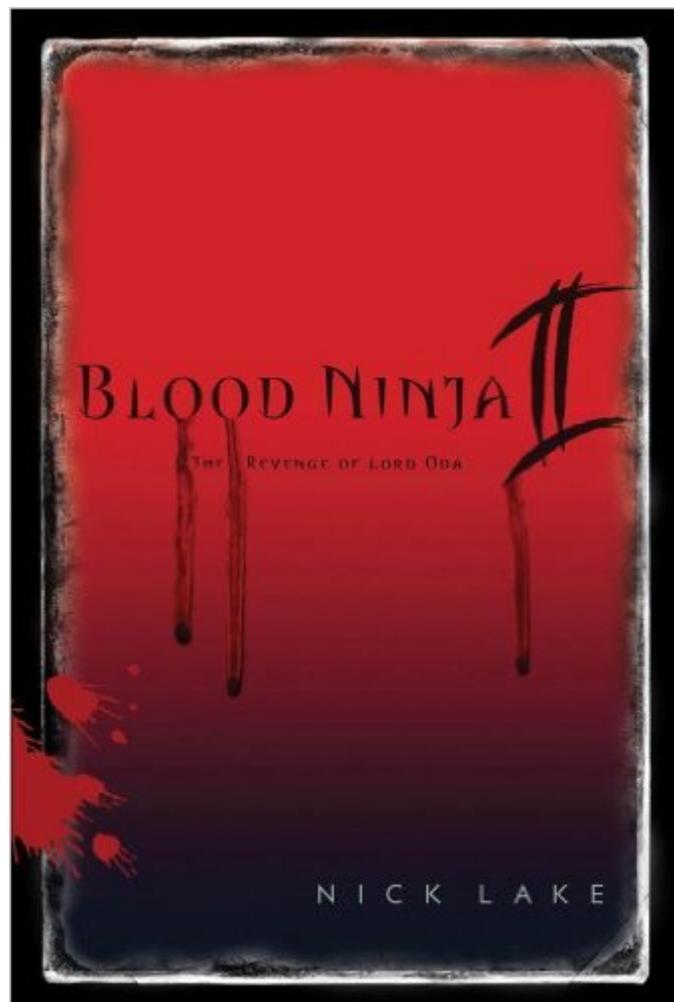


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Synopsis

Now that the vile Lord Oda is dead, Taro and his friends are safe in the mountain lair of the ninjas. Or so they think. When a homing pigeon arrives with news of Taro's mother's whereabouts, Taro sets out for the Tendai monastery - without stopping to consider why the pigeon, which was given to his mother months ago, took so long to arrive. Soon, Taro, Hana and Hiro find themselves in a trap, as strange new creatures invade their lives and familiar enemies surround them - and the most deadly enemy of all is their old friend Yukiko. In the end, despite his vampire abilities, Taro is helpless to prevent the death of his mother. Furious and grief stricken, haunted by her mute and beseeching ghost, he determines to recover the object which Lord Oda was so desperate to procure before he died: the Buddha Ball, source of limitless power. There are just two problems: first, Lord Oda is not dead. And second, the Buddha Ball is not where Taro thought. If Taro is to fulfill his destiny, he must face his arch enemy on an equal battlefield - for Lord Oda is a vampire now too. And then, to make peace with his mother, and recover the Buddha ball, Taro must go to hell and back...

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Customer Reviews

Review:I find Japanese culture and way of life quite fascinating. Having learned the language and

being adequately familiar with their culture are also the catalyst for me to always have interest and to at least check out books that take place or revolve around Japan, especially YA books since there is so few with a Japanese setting or plot elements. This is, actually, a real shame since there are endless possibilities to explore and write about. Luckily, there are some YA books already published or will be in the future, so I'm almost satisfied. For now. Blood Ninja II is the second book in the Blood Ninja trilogy. As the title suggests, it's an action-packed book with a familiar but still quite a unique premise - ninja vampires in historical Japan. What the book promises it also delivers, I was a big fan of the first book and the second has upped its game and leaves no space to hesitate. It's bloody, full of adventure and deadly situations, the setting of medieval Japan is detailed and perfectly created, it feels alive. The legends, folklore, traditions, etc. are all perfectly woven together with the plot and characters to form a fantastic and exotic historic YA read that not only young adults can enjoy. As much as I liked the book I would have liked to see more some humor or more lighthearted moments between the characters and a bit of breathing room. Everyone is constantly overly serious, which they of course have every reason to be, and there is constant action. I understand that fun and comedy doesn't always have a place in every book and Blood Ninja II is a book that means business and all the grave situations don't really seem a commonplace for humor, but there is nothing wrong in wishing there is.

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