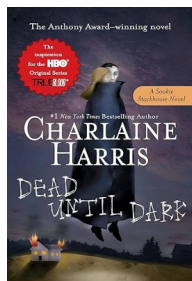




# Lambda Sci-Fi

## DC Area Gaylaxians



**Dead Until Dark**  
**By Charlaine Harris**  
*Discussed February 2009*

## Characters

| Humans                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Vampires                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <p>Sookie Stackhouse – Telepathic Waitress at Merlotte's</p> <p>Jason Stackhouse – Sookie's Brother</p> <p>Adele Stackhouse – Sookie's Grandmother</p> <p>Sam Merlotte – Sookie's Boss</p> <p>Lafayette Reynolds – Cook at Merlotte's</p> <p>Tara Thornton – Bartender at Merlotte's</p> <p>Arlene Fowler – Waitress at Merlotte's</p> <p>Rene Lenier – Jason's Coworker &amp; Arlene's Fiancé</p> <p>Hoyt Fortenberry – Jason's Coworker</p> <p>Sheriff Bud Dearborne</p> <p>Detective Andy Bellefleur</p> | <p>Bill Compton – Sookie's Boyfriend</p> <p>Eric Northman – Sherriff of Vampires in Area 5</p> <p>Pam – Eric's Business Partner</p> <p>Longshadow – Bouncer at Eric's Bar</p> <p>Chow – Bouncer at Eric's Bar</p> |

## Topics for Discussion

1. Universe Building
  - a. Borrowing from old mythology
  - b. Creating new mythology
2. Writing
  - a. Technical
  - b. Style
  - c. Horror
  - d. Mystery

### 3. Themes

- a.Love
- b.Death
- c.Family (biological and other)
- d.Hate
- e.Phobia
- f.Murder
- g.Acceptance

### 4. Reading Experience

- a.Enjoyment
- b.Annoyment

### 5. Comparisons

- a.Other seven Sookie Stackhouse Books
- b.HBO's True Blood
- c.Other Vampire Books – Vicky Nelson, Anita Blake, etc.