



Dracula in Love by Karen Essex

Dracula in Love is a lush, sensual reimagining of Bram Stoker's classic, told through the eyes of Mina Harker. In Essex's version, Mina is no passive maiden besieged by darkness, but a woman divided between the life Victorian society demands of her and the dangerous, erotic, supernatural truth awakening inside her.

As Mina is drawn into Dracula's world, she discovers that desire, memory, and identity are far more complicated than the men around her will admit. The novel transforms the familiar tale of the vampire count into a story of female hunger, forbidden love, and the terrifying cost of self-discovery. At once gothic, romantic, and psychologically intimate, *Dracula in Love* asks whether the monster is truly the creature in the shadows, or the world that demands women dampen their own power.

With the dark romance and gothic atmosphere of Anne Rice, the feminist revisionism of *The Mists of Avalon*, and the erotic, mythic charge of *A Discovery of Witches* and *The Historian*, *Dracula in Love* is perfect for readers who love seductive historical fantasy, dangerous love stories, and classic tales retold from the woman's point of view.

For fans of Anne Rice, Deborah Harkness, Elizabeth Kostova, Madeline Miller, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, and readers who believe Mina Harker deserved the last word.

AND... for readers seduced by *Dracula in Love's* dark romance, forbidden desire, and awakening female power, Karen Essex's next obsession, *The Silk Rebellion, a romantasy series*, premieres November 10, 2026 with *The Empress's Cape*. In this glamorous dystopian saga, fashion is power, but obedience is secretly woven into every thread. Will Elissa Valeria, the Empress's chosen designer, continue to serve the woman who made her famous, or become the face of the rebellion that could bring her down?

Karen Essex is the national and international bestselling author of *Leonardo's Swans*, winner of Italy's prestigious *Premio Roma*, and of six acclaimed historical novels including *Kleopatra*, *Pharaoh*, *Stealing Athena*, *Dracula in Love*, and *Run, Darling*. Also an award-winning journalist and screenwriter, Essex has written for Netflix, James Cameron, and major Hollywood studios and streamers. A New Orleans native, she has also lived in London, Paris, and Los Angeles. Her novels have been translated into 29 languages.